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Subject: Re: Error Handling Change in IDL 8  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 19 Oct 2010 18:51:20 GMT  
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Paul van Delst writes:

> I'm sorry.... "one-offs"? I associate that term with throwaway code.  
So, two things immediately spring to mind:  
> 1) does anyone really write "one-offs" anymore? :o)  
> 2) If they truly are "one-offs", what the hell are you doing worrying about error handling? Just use  
>     ON\_ERROR, 0 !!

Well, because of how much pressure I was feeling to produce a result TODAY, I sometimes wrote what I thought were one-offs. After that bit me in the rear about a dozen times, I didn't care HOW LONG it took to write the code, it would be reusable. I got a reputation as a slow programmer (at least the first time they wanted something done). After that, I was MUCH faster. Reminds me a bit of IDL, in that respect. :-)

I guess what I really mean is "casual code", code that is not really meant to be Library code, but code that is useful to me, nonetheless. Maybe it's code where I am exploring some kind of idea or approach to the problem. I'm not really interested in typing Catch paragraphs, but I do what to get meaningful error messages.

> But, regardless, I will ask my colleague if he has his perl script  
> lying around (since I can't find it in our svn repo).

Appreciate it!

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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