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Subject: Re: IDLDoc Question

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 11 Nov 2010 21:54:55 GMT

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On 11/11/10 2:19 PM, David Fanning wrote:

> I've been making an effort to use Mike Galloy's IDLDoc  
> program for all my program documentation in new programs  
> I am writing. It is going reasonably well, but I keep  
> running into things I just can't quite figure out how  
> to do. I can use some help. I am using the 'rst' markup  
> style.  
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> I am writing a wrapper for another routine. I am adding  
> a few of my own keywords, but most of the keywords I  
> expect will be keywords for the routine I am wrapping.  
> I can gather these up and pass them along with \_EXTRA,  
> of course. But a few of the "extra" keywords I care about  
> because my wrapper handles them in slightly different  
> ways and because I want my wrapper to define some of  
> these keywords in case they \*are not\* used.  
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> I don't necessarily want to "define" these keywords.  
> The user knows what they mean and how they are used.  
> There is no point in documenting them.  
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> But I need to define them on the wrapper procedure  
> definition line, or I can't fish them out of the  
> "extra" structure and use them the way I want to use  
> them. Naturally, since they are defined there, these  
> "keywords" show up in my final documentation. Is there  
> a way to "hide" keywords I don't want to document?

You you can make a keyword "private", i.e.

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; :Keywords:
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;   my_secret_keyword : in, optional, private, type=boolean  
;   I don't want this description to show up in the documentation
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You can also make a keyword "hidden" in the same way: private items will show up in "developer" documentation (i.e., when you run IDLdoc without the /USER keyword set) and hidden items \*never\* show up.

The private/hidden status can also be set on routines, files, and directories.

Mike

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