hello,

Paulo Penteado wrote:
> On Dec 14, 2:06 pm, Paul van Delst <paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:
>> Philosophically, I'm a "just because you can extend a class doesn't mean you should" type of guy.
>> Pragmatically, I'm a "just extend the damn class!" fellow. :o)
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> Similarly, for such a small change, I might make a derived class for
> local use, but would be reluctant to use it in general, stand-alone
> routines (as opposed to programs that already comprise many files), as
> the benefit of the method would be outweighed by the hassle of
> carrying the extra file around.

Yes, the approach I usually take is to put the desired functionality in a subclass, and then use the subclass for
everything. But, as you said, for such a small change .... I'm not sure what the best approach is. Put in a feature
request to ITTVIS? :o)

> Which is why I mentioned I intend to put it into the class I started
> writing (have not had the time to touch it in weeks) to provide
> several missing things - most importantly, the ability to assign to
> elements in arrays contained in lists and hashes (http://
> groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse_thread/t hread/
> 89ad055656bf6798).

I know I'm taking the other scripting language analogies waaaay too far, but it would neat if IDL had a better mechanism
for sharing user developed code -- like one does with ruby gems (see http://rubygems.org). Or python eggs.

cheers,

paulv