
Subject: Re: How to specify which exact version of a subroutine to use....

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On Mar 17, 4:42 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

> George Millward writes:

>> Incidentally, the coyote library is really a victim

>> of it's own success in this regard.... whenever I

>> get given an idl project to work on it almost always has it's own

>> built in copy of coyote, so I can end up with half a dozen

>> coyote directories - and that's before any links into solarsoft or

>> anything.

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> This is my experience, too. Almost any time I deal

> with a UNIX user, they have at least 4-5 versions

> of the Coyote Library on their path. Apparently,

> I'm not giving the right sort of directions

> to people. :-(

I never included Catalyst or Coyote in my programs that use them, I only put a link the website. And still some users end up with multiple copies, just as they end up with multiple copies of my libraries.

For that reason, in some of my programs I found it useful to put a version identifier, either showing in the GUI, or as a property in the object. That way the version can be read from running the code, avoiding the issue of the user looking at a version in the source code (which shows the latest number) which is not the same being executed.
