
Subject: Re: C syntax for IDL

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Charles Martin wrote:

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>
> I program mostly in IDL, but every once and a while I program in C. I find
> the switch to be unnecessarily painful. What I would really like is an
> alternative syntax for IDL that would be C-like. For example:
>
> for i=0,10 do begin
>   x(i)=i
> endfor
>
> Could become
>
> for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
>   x[i]=i
> }
>
/* a few lines later */
>
> Charles Martin
> University of Texas
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You took the words right out of my mouth ...

As a (mainly) C programmer it always takes me a while to switch to IDL.

(And if you do some perl in between, you may go crazy)

My tip:

Copy & Paste the HandiGuide (using a copy-machine and some glue) to your needs.

If someone will ever change the syntax, please please be
consistant. If degree to radiant is !DTOR , then
why is the reverse !RADEG (and not !RTOD) ?

But nevertheless, if you once get used to the syntax (and
you have the HandiGuide at your fingertips)
you have a fantastic product ;-)

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