
Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.2 released

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2013 00:24:17 GMT

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Mark Piper writes:

> I empathize with the problems that we've created in recent releases by tromping on established routines like LEGEND, COLORBAR and now BOXPLOT and TIMESTAMP, and others. However, I assert that since we (VIS) make IDL, we own the primary
> namespace. I think this is necessary to continue to move the language forward.

I don't argue with this. I just think it would be nice if it were done in a more neighborly way, with some advance notice so library providers don't have to drop everything they are doing to make their customers whole on a moment's notice.

One summer I was looking out the bank of window's on the back side of my house at the tall trees and Long's Peak in the distance, when I noticed all the big trees in front of my view being felled. They were replaced with a tall, white concrete block wall. I still don't speak to that neighbor, and no one in the neighborhood invites them to the block parties we have on the Fourth of July. They, too, owned the biggest, most expensive house on the block. :-)

Cheers,

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