
Subject: Re: IDL 8.2.2 released

Posted by [Mark Piper](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2013 16:55:39 GMT

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On Thursday, February 7, 2013 9:20:55 AM UTC-7, Matt wrote:

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> I understand the curse of a single namespace, what are the blessings? This
> is actually a serious question. I can see no advantages to a user that we
> are stuck with a single namespace. Is there any remote hope of this in the
> future?

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Hi Matt,

I'll quote Wayne Landsman (from a thread I linked to above):

"IDL is often used for quick and dirty analyses, and for these cases a function or variable that is easy to type has its virtues."

though this may be less of an issue with command completion in the Workbench and IDLWAVE.

One of our developers has adapted the concept of a package for IDL, and it's backward compatible. It's still in the skunkworks, but I want to let people know that we're thinking about this.

mp
