
Subject: Re: Coyote Library Updates

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 16:22:13 GMT

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Hello,

On 01/28/14 15:18, David Fanning wrote:

> Helder writes:

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>> given the fact that I have no idea what is happening when I daily
>> execute my svn checkout, it seems like I was using a different command
>> and things were working. So, I'm using:
>>
>> svn checkout <http://idl-coyote.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/coyote>
E:\Where_I_Put_My_Stuff_On_My_PC
>>
>> Now the question is: Should I use the address:
>> http://idl-coyote.googlecode.com/svn/tags/coyote/coyote_library_6.0
>> or
>> <http://idl-coyote.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/coyote>
>>
>> I have implemented this operation in my task scheduler not to forget checking for updates.
>
> No, you are doing things exactly right. :-)
>
> You start your day the way I do. (Of course, we have good and bad days,
> but hopefully more good than bad.) Paul wants a "stable" release. I'm
> never sure exactly what that means, because I update these files
> frequently (at least once a week and sometimes several times a day).

I want something that I can tell other people about. E.g. "before you can use this software I gave you, you need to install vX.Y.Z of the coyote library. Here's the URL..."

The tag specifies that release snapshot. It specifies it today. And it specifies it a year from now. However, the trunk, sans a specific, non-people-friendly revision number, is whatever the latest version that has been committed (which may or may not work right. You're very good, David, but, as you say, not perfect :o)

> But, if a few days go by and I haven't made any changes and Coyote
> remembers to remind me, I make a tagged release.
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> I do try very hard to have the main repository in good shape at the end
> of every day. I'm not perfect, but my score is pretty high.
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> I know it annoys people to have a lot of these files "retired". But, it
> is a lot of work to get all the documentation changed over to the IDLDOC

> style that I can have on my web page. I do it a little at a time now,
> and only when I find I am using a particular program. Name space is
> getting crowded, and I would like to have all my programs with the "cg"
> prefix. Eventually, I might get there. When I do make a change, I make
> sure all my Library files reflect the change and all the articles on my
> web page reflect the change. This is a BIG job, which is another reason
> I'm not anxious to do it often. Even a simple change to a routine that
> is not used much takes an hour or so to effect. Most changes take most
> of an afternoon. Mistakes can be made. I typically wait a couple of days
> to make a tagged release after a major upset. I've learned the hard way
> to test documentation headers before I commit the files. :-)

It's hard work maintaining software. "Eight is a lot of legs, David"

ha ha.

cheers,

paulv
