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Posted by davidf on Fri, 03 Mar 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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- >> do it much nicer in perl...

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- > Uh, just so you know, it's going to take 1000++ if
- > you want somebody competent. Take my word for it. :-)

You know, Martin, I was thinking...

My son just found out yesterday he won a scholarship which will allow him to spend the next year studying in Germany, and I've been learning German in preparation for our upcoming German trip this summer. I'll bet you *could* find a competent programmer for 1000+. I know my German IDL courses just got a *whole* lot more reasonable than they were, say, the day before yesterday. :-)

Auf Wiedersehen,

David

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Subject: Re: Webmaker for IDL available Posted by Martin Schultz on Fri, 03 Mar 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Mirko Vukovic wrote:

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> Impressive.

thanks!

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- > I am not placing an order, but have a suggestion. And I hate making
- > what may sound as a negative comment to the author after all the hard
- > work, because I am not trying to be negative.

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> So here is the comment.

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- > Webmaker name should be reserved for a more general purpose routine that
- > accepts higher level constructs (title, index, sectiontitle, etc), and
- > converts them to HTML.

Well, you never know how these programs evolve... If I receive 1000+ orders, this might well be the future of webmaker. And in this case I already reserved the name :-)

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- > Finally, did you consider actually using Perl for this kind of a job
- > (I've never done anything in Perl). I can see one reason why not
- > to do it in Perl, and that is if you know IDL and don't know Perl (Valid
- > in my opinion).

I did consider this, but very briefly. You state the most important argument (I just don't know enough perl for this), but I had other reasons, too (they might be fake as perlians could point out): although this is not in the current version, there are provisions to check module dependencies which requires some knowledge of internal IDL procedures and functions, and I thought the best way to get hold of these is to use IDL itself.

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Cheers, Martin

Subject: Re: Webmaker for IDL available Posted by Mirko Vukovic on Fri, 03 Mar 2000 08:00:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

In article <38BFBECD.E08B3822@dkrz.de>,

Martin Schultz <martin.schultz@dkrz.de> wrote:

> Dear IDLers,

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- > I am happy to announce a new tool for automatic generation of
- > web pages with IDL programs, i.e. IDL library browser pages.
- > Check out

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- > http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/webmaker/index. html
- > if you want to see sample pages generated by webmaker 1.0, read the
- > documentation, or purchase a license. Since this is a highly
- > specialized (yet very flexible) tool, I am not going to give it
- > away for free. On the other hand, the shareware concept doesn't
- > seem to gripe in this community, so I decided for a different approach:
- > I let you see the result (the sample pages) and the
- > documentation, but if you want to use the program, you must contact me
- > and purchase a copy (for only US\$20 or Euro 20). You will then
- > get full access to all source code, and I offer relatively generous
- > support. This includes free upgrades (at least until a new major release
- > is produced), help in getting it to run or changing the appearance of
- > the web pages you generate with webmaker.

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As always with commercial software, here a few highlights that

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shall
> wake your appetite:
> Webmaker
> * provides a setup tool and allows easy configuration via one
 include file
> * scans one or several program libraries (directories) with IDL
 routines
> * finds duplicate routine names
> * automatically extracts the program category and description from
 the program header
> * uses an alias mechanism to organize categories
> * generates all web pages through HTML template files, i.e. no
   change in the webmaker IDL code is required if you want to change
   the appearance of your web pages.
> * produces an extensive log file which will help you in case of
   errors
> * runs on Windows and Unix (Linux) machines
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    http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/webmaker/index. html
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> Cheers.
> Martin
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Yiippee! Yeah, way to go, Martin!

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- > away for free.

Booooooo, hissss. :-(

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Uh, huh. Good luck with this. Let me know. :-)

> I offer relatively generous support.

Did you check with your wife about this? This may be a big mistake.

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My check's in the mail! :-)

Cheers.

David

P.S. Nice job. I can't wait to see the source code. No common blocks I hope for that price. :-)

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