
Subject: Re: Who's up for breaking IDL?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2003 03:06:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: Who's up for breaking IDL?

Posted by [the_cacc](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2003 12:44:19 GMT

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Simple solution; NEVER USE CAPITALS.

Ta da!

Subject: Re: Who's up for breaking IDL?

Posted by [timrobishaw](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2003 13:25:25 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2003 13:52:09 GMT
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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2003 21:27:49 GMT

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Never use capitalize characters in file names. I am sure the reasons are described in our book and in several other books too. Because I tell this every lesson to the people.

This is an old well known problem. Some closed software Operation Systems can't distinguish between upper and lower cases in file names.

Whatever are the the reasons are
I prefer this definition as it is too.

Because I am able to imagine what happens if mixed chars are possible. PLOT is then different from PLOT. I think all of us won't like this or ?

Reimar

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

Subject: Re: Who's up for breaking IDL?

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 12:44:47 GMT

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I'm probably taking my life in my hands, but I'm gonna say its a bug.

If the operating system allows case sensitive filenames, then IDL should be able to work with them. I view the "never use captials" in the same way I would view " never use the letter m in a filename".

(assuming the OPs description is correct. This "bug" does not exist on my win2000 idl 6.0, i haven't bothered to check it out on linux.)

Having said that, i do agree that is insane to have case sensitive filenames.

I do use legacy c code on the *nix platforms that take advantage of the liberal use of capitals, drives me freakin crazy.

Cheers,
bob
