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Posted by Haje Korth on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 19:40:13 GMT
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Posted by abraham on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 21:18:34 GMT
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If you've been good boys and girls this year, Santa may leave
something in your stocking.

Haje, you surmise correctly. Using the OPS (out-of-process server) to
separate IDL from the front-end gui, has, indeed, opened up many doors
of opportunity.

Abraham
