Subject: Re: XDR format files
Posted by Helder Marchetto on Mon, 22 Oct 2012 09:19:58 GMT
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Cheers,
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Posted by sid on Tue, 23 Oct 2012 09:29:37 GMT
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Posted by wlandsman on Tue, 23 Oct 2012 13:01:07 GMT
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David Fanning, Ph.D.
Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

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Posted by Craig Markwardt on Wed, 24 Oct 2012 05:24:52 GMT
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I'm trying to find that in my distribution. Is Fervent Prayer new with IDL 8.2?

Craig

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Ups, I got that one completely wrong... My browser auto-corrects the inputs depending on my
usual research field queries!
Anyway, if you want to switch to xrd files, they seem easier to read :-)

Cheers,
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