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Posted by [Jie Zhou](#) on Thu, 17 Oct 2013 08:37:24 GMT
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Subject: Re: Is a Class diagram of catalyst available ?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 17 Oct 2013 11:47:59 GMT
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Subject: Re: Is a Class diagram of catalyst available ?

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Thu, 17 Oct 2013 12:02:50 GMT

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Hi,

On 10/17/2013 01:47 PM, David Fanning wrote:

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What do you mean with that?

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 17 Oct 2013 12:23:22 GMT

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I mean that because IDL objects are implemented as named structures, which require UNIQUELY named fields, you can't inherit too many objects before you run into name conflicts. (There are only so many good names for an "image", for example.) This tends to keep object hierarchies extremely shallow in practice, unless the programmer has incredible and extraordinary foresight. :-)

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Subject: Re: Is a Class diagram of catalyst available ?

Posted by [Doug Edmundson](#) on Thu, 17 Oct 2013 22:33:58 GMT

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The IDL workbench has a "class hierarchy" window that lets one navigate
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jump around in the code.

To show the window, go to the Windows menu and select "Class Hierarchy".
Here are some docs on it:

<http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/ClassHierarchy.html>

Cheers,
Doug

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Posted by [Jie Zhou](#) on Fri, 18 Oct 2013 08:50:09 GMT

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What I mean is a Hierarchy Chart like MFC Hierarchy Chart given by Microsoft, you can link to:
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ws8s10w4.aspx>
I think it make things more clear, especially for a new learner.
Thanks.

Subject: Re: Is a Class diagram of catalyst available ?
Posted by [Jie Zhou](#) on Fri, 18 Oct 2013 08:54:13 GMT
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Wow, it's a good tool. But the tool only available after version 8.2, so I don't know about it before.
And in fact what I need is a Hierarchy Chart like this:
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ws8s10w4.aspx>
Thanks.
Jie

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Posted by [Jie Zhou](#) on Thu, 24 Oct 2013 18:23:33 GMT
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Subject: Re: Is a Class diagram of catalyst available ?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 24 Oct 2013 18:25:21 GMT
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No, lately I try to use the lab. So I check may code of the lib. Then I just explore all the class definition file.

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Posted by [Jie Zhou](#) on Mon, 03 Mar 2014 15:21:10 GMT

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I miss two objects: CATCOORD and MAPCOORD.

The updated one should be:

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