
Subject: "\$Id:" field at top of procedure
Posted by [rmp116](#) on Mon, 20 Oct 2014 21:15:30 GMT
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Hi all,

My apologies in advance for the very simple question, but I just can't find an answer anywhere else. What does the "\$Id:" at the top of an IDL procedure do?

Thanks,
Robert

Subject: Re: "\$Id:" field at top of procedure
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 20 Oct 2014 21:31:48 GMT
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rmp116@gmail.com writes:

> My apologies in advance for the very simple question, but I just can't find an answer anywhere else. What does the "\$Id:" at the top of an IDL procedure do?

It identifies the version of the file that was checked out of the version control system. It is probably of no interest to you and you can just ignore it. It would be of great interest to someone who was trying to fix a problem with the file.

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.
Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: "\$Id:" field at top of procedure
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 20 Oct 2014 21:32:44 GMT
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On Monday, October 20, 2014 5:15:33 PM UTC-4, rmp...@gmail.com wrote:

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Good question. It doesn't "do" anything. It's purely informational for developers.

That's a string used by developers to track versions of software as they are developed and checked in to a code repository. The ID portion uniquely identifies a revision. Programs like CVS or SVN insert the version information automatically. If you are writing your own IDL code, you do not need to use an Id at all.

Craig

Subject: Re: "\$Id:" field at top of procedure
Posted by [rmp116](#) on Mon, 20 Oct 2014 21:54:16 GMT
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On Monday, October 20, 2014 11:15:33 AM UTC-10, rmp...@gmail.com wrote:

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Thank you both! That's been bugging me for a while.

Robert

Subject: Re: "\$Id:" field at top of procedure
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2014 16:24:47 GMT
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On 10/20/14 17:15, rmp116@gmail.com wrote:

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> can't find an answer anywhere else. What does the "\$Id:" at the top
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Others have answered. Here's the link to how subversion documents the
"standard" keyword substitution.

<http://svnbook.red-bean.com/en/1.7/svn.advanced.props.special.keywords.html>

cheers,

paulv

p.s. And yes, it's very handy (to folks that distribute code) to allow the tracking down of **exactly** what revision of a file is causing problems.
