
Subject: Re: Stupidest IDL code: my entry
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 1998 07:00:00 GMT
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> In article <MPG.fe07069789b867d9897ce@news.frii.com>,
> davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:
>
>> P.S. I think we should have a contest to see who can write
>> the lousiest IDL code. (Or the code which most resembles
>> C code, which often amounts to the same thing.) Bonus points if
>> the user can't figure out *what* it is suppose to do!

...or how about stupidest IDL code? Once I was having a particularly bad day, one of those days when you should not be coding *anything*, when I needed an array of handles so I could access some data. So trying to be as clever as I possibly could be, I used:

```
handle_array = replicate( handle_create(), 10 )
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While I was running the program, I was having all kinds of really strange behaviors where it seemed like data was disappearing or changing types. It took me about 30 minutes (on this very bad day) to track down the problem.

Dave

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