

Re: from Danny's chat – 11/19

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"Kevin Berry" <kevin@berry_REMOVETHIS_ware.com> wrote in message
news:41c83da1\$1@newsgroups.borland.com...

> *Captain Jake wrote:*

>> *Design by contract results in a nice clean syntax when it is built into
>> the language, but it isn't anything you can not implement using asserts.*

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> *One of the benefits of DBC is that unit testing can be automated better.*

> *If you have a set of pre and post-conditions you can have some kind of*

> *automated tool that uses this information to generate test cases. At*

> *least that's the way I understand it. I've never used DBC in practice so*

> *it's all just theory to me, but the theory sounds good...*

This all sounds like something you would never want implemented in a release version. I can imagine the user delight upon encountering a cryptic error message like "Precondition x > 300 violated".