
Subject: Re: Activating the text window.

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On Tue, 29 Jun 1999 15:51:27 -0400, Grady Daub
<gadZOOKS8371@garnet.acns.fsuMMER.edu> wrote:

>>> Is there a way to activate the text window? That is, once I've created a
>>> window, I want to be able to type answers to questions, without having
>>> to click on the text window with the mouse everytime a window pops up.
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>>> Is there a special WINDOW thing that opens a window without activating
>>> it?
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I assume that you are talking about the command line text box in the IDLDE. Every time you open a window, teh text box loses focus. This is true both on UNIX and Windows. As far as I know there is no way of making the command line text box keep the focus.

While we're talking about the IDLDE, there's a few things which really annoy me about it - little bugs whihc are really very silly. This is under windows, I can't comment about the others.

One is that if you edit the macros during a session, the run menu becomes the macros menu - great.

Regularly the text cursor jumps up from the command line to the program you're editing at the time, for no apparent reason.

The place where you select paths that you want to be in the IDL_PATH environment variableis very infuriating. Once you've selected a path, it puts the full path up in a text box. You then click okay. Later you want to add to it or move some of them around. However you've no idea what any of the paths are because the text box is so narrow that all you can see is the first bit of all the paths. There aren't any horizontal scroll bars so you have to just wipe all of them and start again.

There a quite a few other bugs which I know have annoyed me, but I can't think of them right now.

I realise that RSI must spend the majority of their time on IDL itself, but it would be nice to have bugs like that ironed out.

Cheers,
Phil
