
Subject: Re: Impressions on IDL for Macintosh?

Posted by [Paul Woodford](#) on Mon, 03 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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General comments: I use IDL 5.3 on Macintosh, Linux, and, to a lesser extent, Windows. I prefer IDL on the Mac, partially because I prefer the Mac in general. The built-in IDL editor is clearly better on the Mac than on Linux or Windows. I find a whole host of HI annoyances in the Windows version, but people who like Windows may not.

I cannot think of any bug that I have found in the Mac version that has not also been present in Linux version. I have found two bugs (one HI, one numeric) in the Linux version that were not present in the Mac version.

The development environment in the Linux version of 5.3 is much less stable than it has been in previous versions, but I have not been able to figure out any clear pattern to its crashes. For now I have reverted to the terminal version and am hoping that 5.4 is better.

In article <bknaepenYYY-8FC0AE.11205403072000@news.ulb.ac.be>, Bernard <bknaepenYYY@ulb.ac.be> wrote:

> 4) Variable watch doesn't display anything if it was not left open the
> last time IDL was quit (it can be activated by defining a variable with
> the prompt line when the window is already active)

This bug is also present in IDL for Linux, so I don't think it's Macintosh-specific. I've not had an opportunity to test for this bug on Windows.

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