Reimar's list of IDLDE menu items pinpoints exactly one of the two
reasons why I never used .SKIP until a few months ago: I never found
it, it's nowhere in the IDLDE menus! So maybe you could add the
request for a menu item to your bug report?
cheers,
  Jaco

PS: The other reason: .SKIP is not in David's book. Of course it is
not,
him not needing it, writing only perfect code. Now as for his readers...

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>> You have never used .SKIP?! Well, it's very useful when you write a
>> line with a bug that causes your program to crash. People who write
>> IDL code without any bugs, of course, would have no need of this command.
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>> cheers,
>> Mark
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> Dear Mark,
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> if you have a real good development tool you will have some more or
> different tools as only stop and .skip.
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> In idlde for example I and I am sure David too we are using
> some icon-functions:
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> Step into
> Step over
> Step out
> Break
> Stop
> Toggle out
> Edit Breakpoints
>
> or some Run commands:
> Trace
> Run to cursor
> Run to return
>
> Profile helps a lot too.

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> The usage of breakpoints instead of stop is much better.
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> cheers
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