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Subject: Re: iTools split personality (was Re: Subclassing from IDLitTool ??)  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Fri, 03 Sep 2004 20:03:50 GMT  
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On Fri, 03 Sep 2004 14:24:11 -0400, Wayne Landsman wrote:

>> David Fanning wrote:  
>> I've heard of people outside of RSI who \*are\* writing iTool programs,  
>> but they seem to be creating their own help files and documentation as  
>> they go. Maybe they will share it with RSI when they are finished. :-)  
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> I recently received an iTools brochure from RSI, which included the  
> following quote from a satisfied user.... ;-)  
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> "The iTools system is extremely well thought out. There is no question  
> that having an object framework like this will shorten the time it takes  
> to develop new Object Graphics tools"  
>  
> David Fanning, Fanning Software Consulting  
>

New iTools user: "Who is this straight-talking IDL wizard Fanning?  
Let's see what other good things he has to say about iTools... "  
[... google groups searching, Fanning+iTools ....]

"I have heard of people outside of RSI writing programs with iTools,  
but they have spent the past six months writing their own  
documentation so they can figure it out."

"Is anyone actually doing useful work with iTools? I don't  
personally know anyone who uses them. (Or at least has confided that  
fact to me.)"

"Of course, the price of this feature is an enormous increase in  
complexity, which I think makes iTools so complicated no one outside  
of RSI can use it. (Which, I have been thinking lately, must really  
be the Plan. :-)"

"Otherwise the one or two people who use those iTools (according to  
my recent informal survey) would be \*extremely\* upset. :^)"

Truth in advertising activists, alert ;).

