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Subject: Re: Best platform for IDL 6.2?

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Wed, 16 Nov 2005 22:35:58 GMT

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- > Sorry to quibble Michael, but what you're referring to, I think, is
- > IDL's lack of a \*console-mode\* executable on Windows (and I did mention
- > this lack, in connection with IDLWAVE integration).

Call it what you will (console mode or whatever), but we agree. I read over your previous comment without really processing it because it started with "Can't integrate properly with (X)emacs and IDLWAVE." Byt, yeah, we're talking about the same thing.

- > However it is not a console-mode program so it always opens a GUI and it
- > cannot interact with the calling process via stdin and stdout.

Exactly.

- > And by the way, people, please don't refer to the Windows console-mode
- > command-line and batch-file processor, cmd.exe as a "DOS prompt". OK,
- > Microsoft have been known refer to it in this way, but it has nothing to
- > do with DOS.

My, we're picky today, aren't we? ;-) It's just a name that got handed down from days of yore without being changed. It's like how we still "dial" phone numbers even though rotary phones disappeared quite a while ago.

-Mike

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