mgalloy@gmail.com wrote:
> On Mar 8, 10:20 am, Kenneth Bowman <k-bow...@tamu.edu> wrote:
>> Is Eclipse in the future for IDL?
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>> There's a story at the Reg titled "Developers tell Eclipse why it sucks".   ;-)
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>>   http://www.regdeveloper.co.uk/2007/03/08/eclipse_sucks/
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>> Ken Bowman
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> As someone who uses Eclipse regularly for development in other
> languages this brings up a couple competing issues for me:
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> 1. Eclipse is complicated for new users. There are perspectives,
> views, editors, workspaces, projects, etc. and it is not intuitive (at
> least for me when I started) exactly what they are and how they
> interact. Everything is part of a project (which is part of a
> workspace), so what happens to the scientist who just wants to edit a
> single file, run the program, and discard it?
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> 2. Eclipse is powerful for experienced users. But will it be difficult
> to take advantage of that because ITT VIS installs their own Eclipse
> and/or disables functionality (to streamline the process for new
> users) instead of using my system installed version?
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> I'm hoping that the IDLDE can both be easy to use for beginners and
> play nice with other plugins for developers who want to use Eclipse
> beyond what ITT VIS provides (but I have my doubts).

I tried to use Eclipse with the Fortran (Photran) plugin. After about a day mucking about
I'm back to not using it. I achieve the same functionality with a good editor and
judicious environment variable declarations. I find GUI IDEs to be more of a hindrance
than a help.

cheers,

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