Subject: Re: New IDLDE

Posted by Michael Galloy on Thu, 08 Mar 2007 20:04:08 GMT

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

As someone who uses Eclipse regularly for development in other
languages this brings up a couple competing issues for me:

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?

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?

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).

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