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Subject: Re: IDL 7.0 Preview Review

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I agree that ITTVIS is definitely looking for future users that don't fit into today's demographics. But that isn't necessarily bad. Look at the bridge object that came out in 6.3. I am pretty sure that ITTVIS needed to create this so that Eclipse could call IDL, but I have been using it very effectively in the analysis I do. At the Users Group they said that they are striving for an outstanding "out of the box" experience for new users to IDL in future versions. Just think of all the problems they will have to solve to make this possible. Having the data show up in the right scope is just one example. Certainly we will be able to take advantage of their advances don't you think?

I am also hugely excited about their willingness to work with third party providers. I have been telling ITTVIS for years that they have the most intelligent users in the world and with just a little encouragement these people would expand IDL's capabilities for free. I believe that this has finally sunk in.

It was really great seeing everyone at the Users Group. I agree with Mike that we need to get ITTVIS to sponsor these things more often. It was absolutely worth the trip to Boulder from DC.

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