Subject: Re: IDL 7.0: what are projects and workspaces for?
Posted by Allan Whiteford on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 18:54:14 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:
> Allan Whiteford writes:
>
>> Can you please expand on this and/or supply a reference? Is support for
>> widgets being removed or significantly changed?
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> Personal communication at a public meeting. The plan,
> as I understand it, is not for them to be either
> removed or significantly changed. The plan is for
> them to be abandoned for something "WAY BETTER".
> (If you have heard this story before, I apologize.)
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> The idea would be to have...I'm not sure what to call
> them...GUI Units, I guess... that work identically on
> all platforms and require a single code base to maintain.
> This is unlike the current widget infrastructure, which
> requires a great deal of effort, especially for Motif,
> and over the years has evolved functionality that is different
> on different platforms.
>
> At the same time as these new "whatchies" are being
> developed, a GUI Builder will be created that can
> create GUI programs that do not involve jumping through
> a lot of hoops to pass data around, etc.
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> All of this is a "long-term" goal, which in the context of
> the meeting, meant sometime in the next 5 years or so.
> I think you can rest assured that your widget programs
> will still run far into the future. However, I think you
> can abandon hope that you will ever have a TABLE_WIDGET
> that works well.
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> Cheers,
>
> David

David,

Thank you, I'll be able to sleep tonight now!

Allan