
Subject: Re: IDL 7.0 any new functions?

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David Fanning wrote:

> Haje Korth writes:

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> At the moment, I find the Eclipse thing confusing and

> getting in the way of doing my work.

I had the same experience with the Eclipse plugin for Fortran95 (photran). I found eclipse non-intuitive to use. And slow (but that was over a year ago now).

I guess I'm more of an old fart than I thought. I never experienced a serendipitous moment with eclipse, just frustration since it wasn't giving me any new functionality

(FWIW, the whole "integrated with subversion/cvs" as one reason for using eclipse is lost on me. Hasn't everyone been using version control software for the last decade or so already?)

> I expect this to

> improve as suggestions from younger users pour in here.

> Meanwhile the iPod my youngest son insisted I HAD to have,

> sits over there on the corner of my desk, unused. I can't

> even remember how to access the menu. Strange things

> happen when I move my fingers across it. Magic! :-(

I explicitly asked my wife *not* to buy me an iPod for birthday/chrissie/whatever. Just what I need - something else that would encourage muggers on the Metro.

It's official: I'm a curmudgeonly old fart. :o)

>> I believe ITTVIS did the right thing

>> with this move. This step back to clean up an old mess was absolutely

>> necessary. I can definitely hear myself swearing less since eclipse came

>> into my life. :-)

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> Cleaning up noise pollution is a worthy goal. And I applaud

> them for that. But certainly one of the jobs of a software

> company is to fix and improve software. I'd like to see some

> of that, too.

+1.

An official version of a *simple* plotting tool with rubber band box-zoom capability (ala your ZPLOT, or my WPLOT) would still be a nice addition. It wouldn't be difficult to do and sometimes a regular ol' hammer is the right tool for the job - not a pneumatic nailer complete with its own air compressor.

BTW, are there any licensing issues I should be aware of if I commit the entire Coyote library into our subversion system here? People check out my IDL scripts and a bunch of my code falls in a heap coz the scripts use various and sundry Coyote IDL programs that are in my local path, but not in other people's.

cheers,

paulv
