Subject: Re: IDL 7.0 .... any new functions?
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 29 Nov 2007 13:50:40 GMT

Haje Korth writes:

> I think you are being a little harsh here. Would you rather have spent the
> 500 bucks on yet another image processing tool, filter, etc. that you will
> never use?

Well, no. But I do have a (growing!) list of tools, filters,
etc. that I *would* use if someone where kind enough to
build them for me. I think I started this list back in the
days of IDL 6.1, if I remember correctly. I'm still waiting
to cross something off it.

> This DE thing was way over due, especially on Linux/Mac, where
> the old DE was completely unworkable.

No argument from me here. This will be a revelation to
legions of UNIX IDL programmes who find EMACS, uh, difficult.
I'm among them, and I can't even begin to tell you how
wonderful it is to have something like this on those machines.

I'm just saying, that unless ITTVIS is talking about
"growing" a cash crop (I find their web page confusing
on this issue), I'm not sure my next year of IDL
programming will look too much different from my last
year. I'm not a gadget sort of guy. A browser and a
newsreader are about all I need to keep me happy and
I'm pretty happy with what I use now.

At the moment, I find the Eclipse thing confusing and
getting in the way of doing my work. 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 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. :-)

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.

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")