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Subject: Re: Using Vi in the 7.0 Workbench

Posted by [MarioIncandenza](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 21:49:29 GMT

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On Dec 4, 5:28 am, James Kuyper <jameskuy...@verizon.net> wrote:

> Haje Korth wrote:

>> Scott,

>> I don't get it. Isn't vi that entirely user unfriendly editor from the unix

>> side where I have to hit "i" before I can even start inserting any text in

>> my document? I thought we are trying to get away from that toward more

>> usable terrain?

>

> Yes, vi is ancient, and has a horrific learning curve, and I would not

> recommend it new users. However, some of us have already climbed that

> learning curve, and I can do things with vi that are excessively

> difficult to do in any other editor I'm familiar with. As long as the

> viPlugin is an option, not mandatory, I think there's at least a few

> people like me who would appreciate having that option.

Six cheers for vi! Celebrate by taking an American-style date and feeding it to IDL as a julian day:

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:s/\([0-9]\{2\}\)[-V.]([0-9]\{2\}\)[-V.]([0-9]\{2\}\)/
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julday(\1,\2,1900+\3,0,0,0)/
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Will eclipse+vi tempt me away from emacs+viper+idlwave? A tantalizing possibility!

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