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Subject: Re: Using Vi in the 7.0 Workbench  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 17:35:16 GMT  
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James Kuyper wrote:

> Haje Korth wrote:  
>> Scott,  
>> I don't get it. Isn't vi that entirely user unfriendly editor form 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.

You could replace "vi" with "emacs" in the above sentence. Same dog, different leg from my perspective. Both are arcane with not insignificant learning curves. Having said that I have seen knowledgable people do quite amazing things using either of those editors (approaching speeds where their hands were almost a blur). Being a mere mortal, I use nedit. :o)

I also think IDEs are way overrated. Sort of like the word "synergy" - used too often where it shouldn't be and now it's all tired and worn out. :o)

Let the flames begin! :o)

cheers,

paulv

p.s. Just in case people weren't paying attention: :o)

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