
Subject: Re: Using Vi in the 7.0 Workbench
Posted by [sboin42](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 17:09:32 GMT
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On Dec 4, 8:54 am, "Haje Korth" <haje.ko...@nospam.jhuapl.edu> wrote:

- > David,
- > it had a more provoking effect without the smiley. And don't get me wrong, I
- > know the basics of using vi because on UNIX terminal you sometimes don't
- > have other choices. However, it never occurred to me that I would use it to
- > edit my code.
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- > I hope I am far enough away from the people I emotionally touched with my
- > comment. :-) (and I hope the smiley difuses any personal grudges.)
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- > Haje
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- > "David Fanning" <n...@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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- > news:MPG.21bf0320580a629598a124@news.frii.com...> Haje Korth writes:
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- >>> 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?
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- >> Whoops! Haje forgot the smilely face thingy. :-)
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- >> Cheers,
- >
- >> David
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- >> P.S. One thing I learned about working in a UNIX shop
- >> recently is that it's not generally a good idea to impugn
- >> someone's choice of editor, no matter how archaic it
- >> seems to you. And, anyway, I'm beginning to see a lot
- >> more value in the old than I used to see. :-)
- >> --
- >> David Fanning, Ph.D.
- >> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
- >> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>
- >> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Didn't mean to start an editor debate. I just mention this as an option that is available. There are those who are already learned in the ways of vi and can really be fast and productive with an editor that doesn't require removing your hands from their position

over the letters on the keyboard.

For some, not all, the ability to have vi plus the power of the
workbench (outline view, content assist, hover help,
open declaration, interactive debugger, etc...) is a huge plus.

Even if you are not interested in vi, this is an example of the rich
and diverse possibilities offered by the versatile Eclipse platform.

Scott Bolin
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