On Dec 5, 7:48 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
> Mike Galloy writes:
>> Here's a screenshot of how I set up my workbench:
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>> http://michaelgalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/12/workbenc h-screens...
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> Wow, yes, I don't have that kind of real estate on my machine.
> What kind of screen resolution is this?

15" laptop: 1440 by 900.

>> I don't see where the extra stuff is.
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> I have about 8 inches of useable space (vertically)
> on my display. A useless status bar at the bottom takes
> up 1/2 inch, an icon bar at the top (which you don't have)
> takes up 1/2 inch, and each tab (there are three) takes
> up 3/8 inch. So, more than 2 of 8 inches is wasted space
> on my display. (Might be the KDE window manager, I guess,
> although these look like JAVA widgets to me.)

Wow. I removed the icon bar since it didn't seem to offer much (I
always stay in debug mode and I use keyboard shortcuts for all the
toolbar buttons). I would consider removing the status bar if I could
figure out how.

>> I guess that $100 for extra memory was well worth it because it runs
>> fairly well for me (except the help, I always want to quickly look
>> something up, but it's never very quick).
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> I looked into memory, but my machine (admittedly an old one,
> relatively speaking, but not as old as the puppy) is memory
> limited at 512 MBytes.

Memory is well worth the money unless you're planning on ditching that
machine.

>> I guess this is all predicated on the fact that I only use the
>> Workbench for just over 50% or so of my work with IDL. I'm glad I
>> don't have to use Windows any more...
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> Well, I'm still using IDL 6.4 if I have any real work to do. :-)

I understand.

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