Subject: Re: IDL 7.0 Projects
Posted by Michael Galloy on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 02:32:45 GMT

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On Dec 5, 6:15 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
> Well, I'd love to get rid of the project browser, actually.
> I'd like a little space to, uh, you know, work. :-)

Interesting. I find the project browser just the thing for me.

> I have this configured so I have an editor, a console,
> and a command line. (I am thinking, pessimistically
> as it turns out, about how I would use this to teach
> an IDL course.) If I want to see the last 4-5 commands
> in the console, I can see exactly 16 lines in my editor.
> Not really enough to do any useful work. And this with
> a smallish font that I'm sure would not project well
> in a class or lecture situation.

Yes, I've thought about that problems with presentations. I think I
might create a separate "Presentation" perspective that would have a
minimum of views. Not sure how effective this would really be, though.
It would need to set font sizes too and I don't think that is
possible.

> I *have* figured out how to make the editor or console
> window take up the whole space and then shrink down again
> into this cramped configuration. That's a nice feature.
> But why are tabs and icon bars so damn HUGE? I figure
> nearly a sixth of my display is taken up with stuff I'd love
> to get rid of. (I used to think the Windows XP look
> was bloated.)

I'm not really sure what you mean. You can resize, temporarily
minimize, or eliminate everything you don't want. Here's a screenshot
of how I set up my workbench:

  http://michaelgalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/12/workbenc h-screenshot.png

I don't see where the extra stuff is.

> Combine this with the fact that I can't get my graphics
> windows forward without reaching for my mouse and that I
> don't have enough memory on my laptop to run this in a
> non-embarrassing way, and I'm pretty sure I won't be running
> off to show this to the rest of the world anytime soon.
> When did they say 7.1 was due out?

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).

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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