
Subject: Re: SVN Question

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 20:37:00 GMT

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On Dec 10, 2:30 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> David Fanning writes:
>> P.S. I just opened my UNIX installation to see what the
>> Team pop-up menu says there. *Much* fewer options, but
>> one of those is "Apply Patch". Is there any chance at
>> all that selecting this option will make that sorry machine
>> faster?
>
> Ok, I just tracked down *another* source of confusion.
> (Which only begs more questions, but, hey, this can be
> as much a spiritual path as any other.)
>
> If I right click on files that are NOT under Subversion
> control in my Project Explorer I find that pesky "Apply Patch..."
> option, as well as a "Show Local History". Selecting the
> first asks me to locate the "patch" (What patch!? You asked
> me!). Selecting the second tells me I have "no local history".
> Thank God! I'd be VERY worried if I thought there was a
> paper trail.
>
> Of course, if I select a file that IS under Subversion
> control, I get all kinds of useful selections under the
> same menu. Significantly, "Apply Patch..." is not one of
> them.
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> I guess one of the things that bothers me about this
> interface (and iTools, too, come to think of it), is
> all kinds of options and buttons and things that you
> can safely ignore and don't pertain in the slightest
> to anything you probably want to be doing, but there
> they are, calling to you, begging you to understand
> them. And, of course, since it is ALL new to me, I
> don't understand the difference between something that
> can be ignored and something that is useful.
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> Reminds me of my trips to Munich, but without the good
> company and beer.
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> --
> 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.")

From the workbench users guide:

Working with patches

Patches allow developers to share work without storing it in a repository. This is helpful when a developer wants to contribute to a project that is shared through a repository but does not have write access to the repository. In this situation, the developer can create a patch and either e-mail it to a developer who does have write access or attach it to a bug in the bug reporting system used by the project, depending on the process defined by the project. A developer that does have write access can then apply the patch to the project and commit the changes.

You have to remember that the IDLDE is not the only thing going on here. The Eclipse environment was created for developers using things like Java and C/C++. So there are a lot of bells and whistles that we can ignore, no matter how tempting...
