Subject: Re: Source code management with IDL Workbench Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 13 Dec 2007 18:55:59 GMT

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Paul van Delst writes:

> I would like to ask some possibly simple/stupid question:

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- > 1) Code that I use is typically scattered across several directories, organised in a
- > logical (to me at least) manner according to what it does. Does that mean I have to import
- > *all* my directories *every* time I want to create a Project?

I'm not sure this question makes sense in terms of the IDL Workbench. I suspect (because I have similar problems with "workspace") that your definition of a "project" and IDL's definition might be different.

You could open these directories as a "series" of projects, and yes, if you wanted to write a program that made use of IDL programs in these directories, you would have to do that. Or, you could just work in the normal way and put these directories on your path, but not make projects out of them. And, since you can save the file you are working on to any place you like, I don't see why you can't just use the Workbench in *exactly* the way you use it now. (But what would be the point of it? Might as well use all that RAM you bought to run the damn thing for something useful.)

I am slowly coming to the belief there is *some* logic in doing things the Eclipse way. At least I am more open to it than I was before. I am still wrestling with how to advise someone to go from what they had before to the new system. It confounds me at times.

> 2) What is the point of importing versioned code as a "Project"?

I guess I've spent a week working on it so I can manage it from within IDL. But, frankly, TortoiseSVN is such a nice application, that I am beginning to wonder why I would bother. It might be at the end of the day, people DON'T bother. They just go on using whatever they have been using. I don't see anything particular wrong with that. (Except, of course, that I *couldn't* go on using what I was using, because the Workbench would write the damn file anyway. But, I mean, if you were using something compatible.) Subversion seems OK to me. I think it will do what I want it to do. I don't write code that requires fancy build methods. :-)

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")