
Subject: Re: Automatic Debug Persepective
Posted by [Doug Edmundson](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 21:10:49 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
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> One of the things I've read is that when an error occurs
> in an IDL program you are "automatically thrown into the
> Debug perspective". Unfortunately, that doesn't appear to
> be the case with me. Is this because I am catching errors
> and handling them myself? If so, is there a way I can
> force the Workbench to change my Perspective programmatically?
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> Cheers,
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> David

Hi David,

When IDL execution suspends, the IDL Workbench will ask if you want to switch to the debug perspective. You can answer "yes" or "no" and also have it remember your decision. If you've already clicked "no" and had it remember your decision, then this could be why it isn't automatically switching. Those decisions can be reset via the preferences. (In the preferences dialog, search for "debug" and then go under the "Perspectives" page.)

If you catch your errors, you'll have to put in a "stop" or something to get the interpreter to suspend. Perhaps do a conditional "stop" if some debug flag is set?

There's no way to have an IDL program issue commands to the IDL Workbench. Hmmm. That sends my mind reeling!

Cheers,
Doug
