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Subject: Re: IDL Workbench Nits

Posted by [Abraham campbell](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 20:43:44 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

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>> Ah, here is this problem in a reproducible form.

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>> I read an interesting article on the IDL newsgroup

>> (probably not one of my own). I want to check it out.

>> So I cut a line of code from the newsgroup article,

>> and try to paste it into my Command Window. It goes

>> \*directly\* into the Console Window, and it gets

>> executed immediately. But, it never shows up in the Command

>> Line window.

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> Well, maybe this is normal. Not a good example, in

> any case. I'll have to keep looking. Something is

> weird here, but I can't put my finger on it at the

> moment.

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> Cheers,

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> David

There is a difference between multi-line paste and single-line paste.

When you paste multiple lines into the command line window, it immediately executes each line, one at a time, without displaying the lines in the command line, and without you being able to modify the command before it's executed. (NOTE: The last line of a multi-line paste is also executed immediately.) However, with a single-line paste, the command is left in the command line window, and not immediately executed, so that you can modify it before executing it.

What you might be running into is the case where you have a single statement, but you have also copied a newline character at the end of the statement. When you paste this into the command line, it will behave like a multi-line paste and immediately execute the (single) command and not give you a chance to edit the command before execution.

The presence of a carriage return/newline character anywhere in the pasted text determines the difference between multi-line and single-line paste behavior.

Abraham

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