
Subject: Re: IDL Workbench Nits

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 17:55:38 GMT

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Bob Crawford wrote:

> On Jan 10, 4:45 pm, Paul van Delst <Paul.vanDe...@noaa.gov> wrote:

[snip]

>> All the c.l.i-p ng traffic about the Workbench would seem to indicate that letting the
>> application make the choices behind-the-scenes is just bad mojo of the 10ft pole variety.

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> I would agree with that generally - but in this case it's the user who
> may be inadvertently telling the Workbench the wrong intention - cr/nl
> characters being largely invisible and easily copied by accident (at
> least on Windows)

Ah, o.k. I live in the *nix world and 99.999% of the time it's very obvious if the cr/nl is included in a copy/paste; if the highlighted portion extends all the way to the right edge of the window or text box, then the cr/nl is included. If it just extends to the end of the selected text, then no cr/nl. Quite simple really.

But then, when I sit in front of a Windows machine, I'm (a) lost, and (b) dumbfounded how difficult these sorts of little things are (e.g. for default Windows behaviour at least, why on earth do I have to type ctrl-C to copy text when I just selected it? Isn't the act of selecting text enough to tell the system "Hey! Copy this into the buffer!" :o)

Maybe that is a fundamental issue with stuff like eclipse - to be a truly cross-platform GUI must it compromise on typical usage/interaction patterns and habits that people have with their system of choice?

cheers,

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