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Subject: Re: IDL Workbench Nits

Posted by [Bob\[3\]](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 16:49:49 GMT

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

> Bob Crawford wrote:

>> On Jan 10, 3:43 pm, Abraham campbell <abra...@ittvis.com> wrote:

>>> 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.

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>>> 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.

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>>> The presence of a carriage return/newline character anywhere in the

>>> pasted text determines the difference between multi-line and single-line

>>> paste behavior.

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>>> Abraham- Hide quoted text -

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>>> - Show quoted text -

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>> If that is the case, then the copy/paste behaviour could be made more

>> intuitive/consistent if when there is only one carriage return/newline

>> character in the text (ie it's a single-line paste that just happens

>> to have a newline at the end) it gets stripped off before pasting.

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> I don't see how that follows. Sometimes I copy/paste single lines and I want the newline

> included. Other times I don't. It depends.

It was merely a suggestion on how to get the copy/paste function to work as intended (as given by Abraham's first paragraph description) by handling the case of accidental newline characters being copied on otherwise single-line copy/paste functions.

... and imho hitting the <enter> key after all single-line copy/pastes is much less hassle than having a single-line pasted command unintentionally execute (when I wanted to modify it).

> 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.

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

Bob.

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