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Subject: Re: IDL Workbench Nits

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 21:45:16 GMT

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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.  
>>  
>> 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- Hide quoted text -  
>>  
>> - Show quoted text -  
>  
> 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.

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.

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.

Then again, maybe it's because eclipse was created by and for the software industry. IDL users have a goodly number of scientists in their ranks. Maybe the thought processes of the two groups are just too antipodal.

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cheers,

paulv

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