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Subject: Re: Use IDL Workbench with other languages?  
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David Fanning wrote:

> jeffnettlles4870@gmail.com writes:  
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>> I don't have IDL 7 yet, so i haven't seen the new Workbench. I have,  
>> however, been reading the myriad of posts about it here on the  
>> newsgroup, and am both exciting and afraid of getting it :) I know  
>> that the Workbench is based on Eclipse, which, I think, is a java  
>> development platform that can be used for developing in many languages  
>> (other than java). So, if I get IDL 7, am I going to be able to use  
>> it for development in other languages (say, PERL)? Or will I have to  
>> separately download, install, and (gulp) configure the "real"  
>> Eclipse? I'd love to have one development environment for all the  
>> languages i routinely use.  
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> Jeff, did you get an answer to this question? I've been  
> asked this several times myself, and I don't know. I expect  
> it is something people will WANT to know.  
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> Cheers,  
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> David

Also the reverse situation.

I already have Eclipse installed, and it is used extensively for other language development. Would installing the IDL 7 workbench interfere, or merge with, the Eclipse which is already installed and configured?

Installing Eclipse is trivial. Getting the necessary plugins to make it work with non-native languages (Python, PHP, etc.) is mildly taxing. As you have already discovered, making it talk to an SVN server is quite entertaining... But as I've already done this it would be a nuisance to have to do it all again for the IDL workbench, and even more annoying to have to maintain two separate (possibly conflicting) Eclipse installations.

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