
Subject: Re: IDL workbench & windows

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 03:33:57 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

elwood writes:

> Could someone clarify the difference between workspace and initial
> working directory?

The workspace would be (in a perfect world) the directory that contains all your project directories. It is not a perfect world, because IDL allows project directories to exist outside the workspace, but even so, the workspace knows about them (via the .metadata folder inside the workspace). So, it is the container that holds your project.

The initial working directory is the directory that IDL changes into when it starts up. It *could* be the workspace directory, but it could also be a project directory, or it could be the default "home" directory that is operating system dependent, if you don't tell it otherwise:

http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/startdir.html

If you have the "Change on Open" preference on, as you open files the "working" directory will change to the directory containing the file you opened.

Cheers,

David

--

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
