
Subject: Re: Where is GUI builder in IDL7?

Posted by [Doug Edmundson](#) on Wed, 27 Feb 2008 16:59:30 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> jigga1206@gmail.com writes:

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>> I'm probably going to get slammed for bringing this up, but why did

>> ITTVIS remove the GUI builder?

My colleagues have volunteered me to reply. ;-)

David is right about the onerous nature of cross-platform development. In the case of the GUI Builder, it was Windows IDE only and couldn't be plugged into Eclipse. Rest assured, it's not that we think GUI Builders are inherently a bad idea or not for a typical IDL customer. The IDL Workbench is an ongoing, long term project and will continue to evolve.

>> I lately get the feeling

>> that the novice or non-power user of IDL is getting left more and more

>> in the dust, as IDL seems to be transitioning from an easy to learn

>> programming environment for some light-to-somewhat-heavy data

>> analysis, to a very complex programming language with much overhead in

>> which to be trained, IMHO.

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> Your guess is as good as mine as to who ITTVIS thinks its

> customers are. I can't make heads or tails of it. But I'm

> pretty sure I'm not in that demographic any more. :-)

Maybe it's a left brain, right brain thing which determines how you see it. ;-) (Anyone see the "spinning dancer" test to see if you're left or right brained?)

Cheers,
Doug
