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Subject: IDL Workbench or Eclipse?

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I've noticed that this newsgroup has almost become comp.lang.idl-workbench lately. Now I haven't taken the dive into IDL 7.x yet, so I have nothing substantial to contribute, but I wonder if anyone is using the eclipse docs to solve the workbench problems.

The IDL workbench seems to always be referred to as the "IDL workbench" - is that because it is so heavily modified that it is no longer recognizable as the eclipse workbench? One reason I'm considering looking at IDL 7 is that eclipse might look like it might be a good multi-platform and multi-language tool, but if the workbench is that different, I'm not sure it is worth trying to teach my old emacs-brain new tricks for just one language.

So I'm curious - has anyone had success with understanding the workbench using eclipse documentation? If students (without years of emacs-damaged reflexes) already have eclipse experience when they start with IDL, will it help them?

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