David Fanning wrote:
> Haje Korth writes:
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>> That's what I thought when I got my first beta for IDL 7. But I have a
>> problem with adding complexity to my work flow where it si really not
>> needed. Hey, I think it is great the functionality is in there for those who
>> need it. It is just not for me.
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> Actually, when you finally get the PATH stuff sorted
> out (and the latest update removes the most egregious
> problems with PATH-shifting), the Workbench is not too
> bad.

You realise, of course, that a rudimentary search of this newsgroup's archives of your
recent posts will reveal that not to be the case. You'd better start reporting more of
your Workbench success stories to up the SNR. :o)

> Alas, I still don't know how to work an iTool. I keep hoping
> Ken is going to write a book about it.

<my quick retort morphed into a mini-rant. Sorry.>

I've finally gotten used to the iSurface tool and the horrendously arcane visualisation
browser[+]. The easy rotation of surfaces I find *very* useful. Unfortunately it is
impossible to obtain a good quality PS of any iTool figures. And, if it is, ITTVIS has
quite effectively buried the functionality to do it well beyond any eShovel I have. Grrr....

I use iTools to visualise stuff - but to get publication plots I have to replicate
everything in direct graphics where I actually have control over PS output. Yesterday I
spent 30minutes replicating the intersecting surface plots in direct graphics so I could
create a PS file for import to a document. What took about 30 seconds in iTools took 30
minutes in DG (which is not too bad, really). Next time I have to do that, I'm going to
spend the 30 minutes combing the building for someone with a Matlab license (which I now
know exist since some Mathworks guys dropped by and gave a quite amazing presentation a
couple of weeks back).

cheers,

paulv

[+] That there is no way to adjust axis ranges by clicking on them (you have to select
"Data Space" in the vis browser) just makes me shake my head and sigh. The computing
science division of ITTVIS must work on separate floors from the cognitive psychology

division. (ha ha)

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