
Subject: Re: IDL 7 bookmarks

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 12:51:27 GMT

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Haje Korth writes:

> 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.

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. I've even been using it to build projects for distribution on the Virtual Machine. (Although I'm still confused about how to add projects to projects. I don't think this works like it is suppose to yet.)

But I do like the way I can keep my data and resources together with the source code I am working on. I find that enhances the work flow, rather than detracting from it.

And I even find I'm using some of the multitudinous windows in the Workbench. I guess that's progress. I still use the IDL 6.4 Help, though. I can't wait the five minutes it takes the IDL 7 help to start up, plus the time it takes to configure the darn thing to show you the index instead of the content. Wish that could be fixed.

> Then again, the iTools are not either.

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

Cheers,

David

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