Subject: Re: Is IDL 8.1 Useable!?
Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Mon, 12 Sep 2011 14:25:31 GMT
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alx wrote:

- > On 11 sep, 21:52, Craig Markwardt <craig.markwa...@gmail.com> wrote:
- >> On Sep 8, 11:32 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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- >>> Paul van Delst writes:
- >>>> The biggest issue I have with NG is that it is so agonisingly slow.
- >>> I find I have a LOT easier time restarting my machine
- >>> if I can catch the crash early and hit the re-boot button
- >>> as soon as possible. But, I am having a difficult time
- >>> telling if the machine has crashed, or the graphics are
- >>> just taking a LONG time to show up! ;-)
- >>> Cheers.
- >>> David
- >>> P.S. Let's just say if the delay is over 10 seconds and
- >>> the fan kicks on, it is probably a crash.
- >> I think ITT could use this as the new slogan for their IDL marketing
- >> materials.

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- "IDL 8: finding new ways to reboot your computer faster!"
- >> >> Craig

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>> P.S. Meanwhile, I could be the testimonial for IDL version 5.

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- > My experience does not suggest that NG graphics is the actual cause of
- > sudden IDL 8 crashes. NG is not easy to use, but this is another
- > discussion.
- > As I describe in previous messages, the crashes I have seen may occur
- > in any situation (by executing a complex graphics statement as well as
- > just moving the mouse while editing), but ALWAYS while using the
- > Workbench and during a LONG interactive session. I even would say that
- > long Workbench session makes the crash inevitable!
- > This experience is limited to configurations mixing Windows and NVIDIA
- > hardware. I could also test that changing hardware to software
- > rendering had no obvious effect.
- > Then, I would rather suspect some bug in Eclipse/Java on Windows or
- > Eclipse implementation by ITTVIS.

i don't use the idlde/workbench but, fwiw, if it makes anyone feel better, i'm always beset by java crashes when i use

java based tools. last week it was the pgi debugger gui. it used to work but now throws all manner of java exceptions. i

assume it's because my os upgrades get somthing java-y out-of-order. in general, for me where admin of my work computer

is out of my hands and subject to all manner of IT security restrictions, java-based tools appear to be so unreliable as

to be mostly useless. the red tape mountain that must be overcome to make it not be so is not one i feel inclined to scale.

luckily, my computer never actually crashes (which, for all i know, may be due to all the above-mentioned IT restrictions i frequently grouse about :o)

cheers,

paulv