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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!"

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>> 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 something 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

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