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Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 is a Piece of Work

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Oct 2011 16:41:38 GMT

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Paul van Delst writes:

- > I know nothing about the windows environment, and I don't use the IDE, so your IDL experience may be normal (anyone?
- > anyone?)
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- > But maybe your computer has a virus? Or something.

Or, something. :-(

I suspect this problem is the same problem that causes the WShow command to occasionally cycle through all the applications open on the machine. (The WShow command worked about a third of the time while I was teaching last week. This is the most it has *\*ever\** worked, so there is some improvement there, for whatever reason.)

- > Regardless, while I empathise with your frustration, I sure do appreciate the effort you're expending to exercise the
- > function graphics routines and, just as importantly, document that effort.

Well, sometimes I describe myself as a Luddite, but in truth I think my record shows that I am usually an early adaptor of new technology. I just usually prefer that the new technology improves my life instead of making it more frustrating. I was a little late to this bandwagon because I couldn't get IDL 8.0 to run on my computer at all. I guess running badly is also an improvement. :-)

- > p.s. So, um, are ITTVIS paying you yet for this testing of IDL in the field? :o)

Yeah, hundreds of thousands of dollars. I'll soon be rich. ;-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say if they offered me some kind of a retirement package, I would be sorely tempted. :-)

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

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