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Subject: Re: Two new IDL Help Articles describing how to use the Workbench are made available now.

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Le mercredi 5 décembre 2012 18:28:21 UTC+1, santo...@gmail.com a écrit :

> David Starbuck and myself (Fernando Santoro) have put together two new Help Articles that describe the IDL Workbench.

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> The first article is called "IDL Workbench Guide" and it's based the Workbench chapter of Mark Piper's "Introduction to IDL" course manual. The Help Article also expands on it by adding some new sections and external links, including our YouTube videos. Please, take a look at it here:

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> <http://www.exelisvis.com/Support/HelpArticleDetail/ArticleId /5300.aspx>

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> The second article is a reference guide called "IDL 8 Workbench Reference". This article provides a description of the menus and views that form the Workbench that users can reference. Please take a look at it here:

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> <http://www.exelisvis.com/Support/HelpArticleDetail/ArticleId /5295.aspx>

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> We hope you will find these articles helpful!

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> Fernando

I agree with David Fanning that the IDL Workbench, starting from v7, was not a good idea, as far as you were using IDL on Windows.

Indeed, the v6.4 IDLDE was nearly perfect, because it was a complete and robust EDI, already allowing debugging, project building and profiling. In the same time, it was adapted to simple interactive calculation as well as to build complex programs. The present Workbench, even in v2.8.1, is very heavy, very slow to launch, and even unstable regarding debugger usage. The only plus is SVN (but who is, regularly, really needing it ?). I understand that ITT/Exelis choose Eclipse in order to avoid a new development in giving a decent EDI to Linux and MacOS users. Maybe a bad choice, in any case for Windows users.

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