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

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2012 16:57:59 GMT

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Wayne writes:

- > Thanks for posting this. I was about to suggest more documentation for the Workbench.
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- > I am a big fan of the workbench (especially working
- > with Subversion) but I have to admit that I am still
- > clueless about window management. How does one create a new window?

Window menu -> Show View -> Other, etc. etc. They are scattered around a bit randomly. :-)

- > When one selects a view, which window does it go into?

Who cares? If you don't like where it goes, just drag it somewhere else by grabbing its tab and moving it. This is, I have to admit, the best part of the Workbench, although it took me most of a day to figure out how the whole thing works!

- > For example, I seem to only be able to have the IDL console
- > in the bottom right of my four windows.

Click the Console tab and drag it up and drop it on the Project Explored Tab. Now you have it somewhere else! The only place you can't put it, probably, is in the Editor window.

- > Can one have two files open at the same time?

Open two files in the text editor. Then click on the tab of one and drag it over the the right-hand edge of the Editor window. You will see an outline. When you release it, you will have two files open in the Editor window at the same time.

- > If so, with which file is the outline window associated?

The one that is the "current" one in the Editor window.

- > Fortunately, whenever I screw up the windows I know I can
- > hit the "Reset Views" button to get me back to my four windows.

This has saved untold numbers of people who try to use key combinations and accidentally delete their Console window! ;-)

Cheers,

David

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

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