
Subject: Re: Some IDL8.2.1 Workbench related problems
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2012 16:13:52 GMT
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Paul van Delst writes:

> What is this "Workbench" thing people keep talking about? :o)
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> It's probably an obvious sign of my old-fartness (what with being a
> computer-y type back in the 70's when compucolors were the go, and
> various PDP 11-whatsits and DEC-whosamis in the 80's) but I've never
> warmed either to the idea or execution of IDEs.
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> I have always found them to be extremely limiting compared to just using
> the various tools as needed and are supplied on a regular system. And,
> when they don't work right you've got an additional degree of freedom in
> your bug detection, to say nothing of the time wasted spent figuring out
> why feature X of the IDE isn't working right (probably because your Java
> RTE install is busted, or old, or from the wrong vendor...).

>
> But that's just me. I guess I'm a dyed-in-the-wool command line guy (or
> is *nix my IDE? Hmmm....)

I have to admit there is something to this. I spoke to a woman this morning (phone rang at 6:15 AM!) who had four separate Workspaces open at the same time and STILL couldn't find her program!! She had accidentally hit a button (I guess) that caused some of her "views" to close. She felt like she was somewhere in the Matrix.

VERY hard to explain what's going on before you have had your coffee!

Cheers,

David

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