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Subject: Re: function/procedure/keyword list for use in creating an editor syntax description

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Hi Andy,

On 06/12/2013 03:37 PM, AMS wrote:

> what is it about Eclipse that means I would want to use it instead?

Sure, it's a valid question.

The first argument that comes to mind is that IDL (since V7) is using eclipse as out-of-the-box workbench. That means that (at least) a few people are thinking about how to integrate best the IDL features into the workbench (I hope so;-)).

Second, Eclipse is Open Source and has been developed and used for many many other languages, so it is well known and still an active project. It is organized in "views" and "projects" and supports SVN (usually very easily but with IDL it is sometimes a pain :())

Third, (this is where your own habits or tastes comes into the game), it has cool features and shortcuts. I like how fast I can navigate in the code using CTRL+F3 for example, I like auto-completion (CTRL+Space), I like the auto-indenting (CTRL+SHIFT+F), and many other small things. What Eclipse doesn't have is Emacs-Style programming (not to my knowledge, but possibly someone made something similar happen in eclipse too)

The third point is where other people might find it faster to use another editor... But I always wonder why, so I am asking ;-)

Cheers,

Fab

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