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

Posted by [Matt Haffner](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 22:34:38 GMT

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You don't have to download a version from the Eclipse website. They switched the "Workbench" to Eclipse in v7. Just run the IDLDE application and you'll be using Eclipse with the IDL extensions. It's specifically customized for IDL coding/debugging.

If you get interested in using Eclipse for other coding, I'd recommend downloading the Eclipse for C developers and add language modules as needed. It's a version or so ahead of the Eclipse used for IDL.

- Matt

On Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:02:04 AM UTC-5, AMS wrote:

> Hi Fabien,

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> Thanks for the info; auto-indent and so on are nice features. So maybe I should swap to that on the Windows machine.

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> But which download from these fourteen is the basic text editor I'd want to use?

<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/> And is the IDL highlighter included?

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> I thought maybe this one, although the page doesn't explain too much what is there:

<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/packages/eclipse-classic-42-2/junosr2>

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> (Note I don't use Workbench or anything, I compile/run from command line, and also only code in IDL/Fortran/C so don't need bells and whistles or things for other languages.)

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> Thanks (and sorry for the threadjacking),

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> Andy

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> On Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:53:13 AM UTC-4, Fabien wrote:  
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>> Hi Andy,  
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>> On 06/12/2013 03:37 PM, AMS wrote:  
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>>> what is it about Eclipse that means I would want to use it instead?  
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>> Sure, it's a valid question.  
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>> The first argument that comes to mind is that IDL (since V7) is using  
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>> eclipse as out-of-the-box workbench. That means that (at least) a few  
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>> people are thinking about how to integrate best the IDL features into  
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>> the workbench (I hope so;-)).  
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>> Second, Eclipse is Open Source and has been developed and used for many
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>> many other languages, so it is well known and still an active project.
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>> It is organized in "views" and "projects" and supports SVN (usually very
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>> easily but with IDL it is sometimes a pain :())
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>> Third, (this is where your own habits or tastes comes into the game), it
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>> has cool features and shortcuts. I like how fast I can navigate in the
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>> code using CTRL+F3 for example, I like auto-completion (CTRL+Space), I
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>> like the auto-indenting (CTRL+SHIFT+F), and many other small things.
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>> What Eclipse doesn't have is Emacs-Style programming (not to my
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>> knowledge, but possibly someone made something similar happen in eclipse
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>> too)
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>> The third point is where other people might find it faster to use
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>> another editor... But I always wonder why, so I am asking ;-)
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>> Fab
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