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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0 observations

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Yet some more, albeit minor, complaints (again for NT 4.0). Why can't I save the geometries of the log window and the status of the tool bars? I can change and set the overall size of the main window and IDL will remember both where and how big it was, but if I extend the log window from 10 lines to say 20 lines, that setting will not be remembered. Similarly, I want to get rid of the "Macro Toolbar" and I can turn it off via the menus, but if I exit and then reenter IDL those stupid macro tools are back. I'd also like to be able to customize the tool bars as well (like I really need to have a tool handy to run the demo program!). I did figure out how to delete items from the macro menu. Is the solution for this to move or rename the macro file in the IDL50 tree? How about being able to turn off the "splash screen" that advertises IDL during the start-up sequence?

Hey, shouldn't we be able to double click on a procedure or function call in the edit window and have the online help pop up with the reference guide entry for that function? Maybe this is something we could add with a macro (double click on a function name then hit a macro button as can be done with variables) if so does anyone have a working macro for this?

The more I work with 5.0 the more potential I see here. Potential is fine, but kinetics (actions) are better.

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