
Subject: Re: Anyone using insight, or idlde?

Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <33B9A4A9.1565@magellan1.rutgers.edu>,

Axel Schweiger <axel@magellan1.rutgers.edu> wrote:

>
> In my view, INSIGHT is a complete joke. It is extremely slow and
> very cumbersome to use. I was looking forward to a point and
> click interface that would let me plot, modify and annotate graphs
> interactively. This kludge of sliders and buttons at best seems
> 10 years behind.
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> I would have put it in the demo applications box.
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> As a user of IDL who uses it mostly for scientific
> processing and analysis, the graphic objects interface doesn't help
> me one bit (At least not that I can tell).
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> Axel
> Increasingly disgruntled IDL user.
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> David Fanning wrote:
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>> Matt Phelps writes:
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>>> Is anyone using insight or idlde yet (5.0 graphical interface
>>> tools)? I'm interested in impressions of others to see if I'm
>>> crazy or not. I find insight EXTREMELY slow and unresponsive.
>>> One of our users also reports random disappearing acts for
>>> idlde.
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>> I agree with your impressions of INSIGHT. I find I don't have
>> the patience to use it.
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>> But I couldn't do without the IDLDE, at least in its Windows
>> incarnation. I think along with the chromochome editor that
>> this is one of the best things RSI has ever created. It's slick.
>> It works. It makes programming a pleasure. I like it a LOT!
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>> Cheers,
>>
>> David

I was at a local idl presentation (in the bay area) and was pretty
impressed with insight. It is indeed slow now, but wait 18 months, and I
bet the cpu's will start catching up. I also liked very much the
live_surface function. It is usefull in data analysis and visualisation.

regarding the editors on win95, emacs with font-locking is also very nice. I use it as my main editor.

mirko

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