
Subject: IDL 5.3 on NT newbie annoyances
Posted by [Richard Tyc](#) on Tue, 08 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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I recently ported my IDL work to Windows NT from an SGI unix box. In the process, I also upgraded to IDL5.3.

A few hings annoy me so far which I hope some have solved:

1. In Unix I was able to highlight text with a mouse in one window, move the cursor to a new location, right click mouse and voila - copied instantly. I didn't have to highlight, right click-copy, move cursor, right-click paste. Can Windows NT be configured to act like a unix box (Motif) in this way ?

2. Further to this point regarding IDL. If I wanted to copy a mult-line IDL command separated by \$ from say the program code window to the command line using the mouse, in unix you could do directly that, hit enter and the command successfully ran. In Windows, it seems to only paste the first line up to the \$ sign ??

3. I notice during long command executions, the mouse does not turn to hourglass in Windows NT (or is this a 5.3 thing - I never ran 5.3 on Unix only 5.2.1)

4. Anyone have any good code samples on handling fonts on both unix and Nt platforms properly to make the app look the same in both ??

Rich

Subject: Re: IDL 5.3 on NT newbie annoyances
Posted by [Michael Asten](#) on Fri, 11 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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<!doctype html public "-//w3c//dtd html 4.0 transitional//en">
<html>
&nbsp;
<p>Liam Gumley wrote:
<blockquote TYPE=CITE>Richard Tyc &lt;richt@sbrc.umanitoba.ca> wrote in
message
<br><a href="news:87pqtt$b27$1@canopus.cc.umanitoba.ca">n</a>
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<br>> command successfully ran.&nbsp; In Windows, it seems to only paste
the first
<br>line
<br>> up to the $ sign ??
<p>Ditto.
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<p></blockquote>

<p>
As a poor second best to what you want to do, you can execute a series of commands concatenated with the & sign, to give a single line of text of very long length, which is processed as a sequential set of commands by the Windows version of the idl commandline processor.

Regards,

Michael Asten

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