
Subject: new iTools

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Hello All,

I have been tinkering with the new iTools. I am impressed (maybe overwhelmed is a better word for it) by all I see. I have been able to add a simple data operation tool to the operation menu without too much trouble. But the whole shebang raises a couple of questions for me. I am interested in knowing what some of the experts and/or beta-testers (who have had a head start) are thinking...

(1) It appears that each data operation object performs just one task - that is, it can only have one EXECUTE method. I think this means that if I wanted to add two similar operations (edge detectors SOBEL and ROBERTS for example), I would build two different data operation objects (ala `myToolitOPSOBEL__Define` and `myToolitOPROBERTS__Define`) each with its own EXECUTE method. Am I interpreting this properly? If not, how does one bundle similar functionality in one object?

(2) I have been in the habit of building a data processing object and then creating a companion GUI-based object that inherits from the data processor. This arrangement permits me to interactively setup parameters for data processing - but later do the data processing in a non-interactive fashion (command line, batch file, etc.) Does the iTool paradigm fit this model? Will I be able to access the underlying data processing hierarchy in an objecty-way without the interactive GUI? If so, how do I access it?

Thanks,
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