
Subject: Re: idl and MS word

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 15:05:37 GMT

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elwood writes:

- > I'm running the new workbench under windows xp and teaching a
- > numerical physics class using it.
- > Many interesting features have popped up (but thats a story for a
- > different post)
- >
- > I know that ms word cannot be used to created idl .pros cuz it inserts
- > all sorts of wierd characters.
- >
- > But to convince my students of this fact, I was wondering if there was
- > a doc SOMEWHERE
- > in the idl help pages that states which editors are suitable for
- > creating idl programs
- > OUTSIDE the workbench.

Microsoft Word would work fine if you saved the files as Plain Text files (*.txt) and not regular (*.doc) or Rich Text Format (*.rtf) files. You don't need a help page. Any editor that saves plain text files can be used.

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 15:14:41 GMT

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That all being said, I find that it never fails that folks forget to use the save as text file and it causes all sorts of annoyance. I personally am an aquamacs on my mac guy but I find for windows and without all the crazy key bindings that notepad++ works well, is easy to understand, and just works well. You can get it at: <http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net/uk/site.htm>

Cheers,

Brian

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Subject: Re: idl and MS word
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Oh, well, if we are talking about our favorite text editors,
I *love* NoteTab Pro. I think it costs \$5 and has all kinds of
neat features. I use it exclusively to write my HTML code.
There is a free version, too.

Cheers,

David

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