
Subject: idl and MS word

Posted by [elwood](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 14:58:37 GMT

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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.

Thanks Mucho,

More news later on the "workbench features"-urgh!

Subject: Re: idl and MS word

Posted by [jeffnetles4870](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:21:01 GMT

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Jeff

Subject: Re: idl and MS word

Posted by [izimine](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 04:36:06 GMT

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 29 Jan 2008 08:14:44 GMT
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seems it wasn't a joke, after I did Laughing Out Loud I got he may want to know some documents what he all can do with idleclipse.

I do miss something similiar to
<http://showmedo.com/videos/series?name=PyDevEclipseList> too.

cheers

Reimar

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I like vim too :)

and for those of you didn't tried it yet you should watch this nice
video about efficient vim usage

<http://video.google.de/videoplay?docid=2538831956647446078&am;q=engedu>

cheers

Reimar
