
Subject: Re: IDL Workbench or Eclipse?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 07 Apr 2008 13:33:18 GMT

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Mike Miller writes:

- > So I'm curious - has anyone had success with understanding the
- > workbench using eclipse documentation?

Eclipse has documentation!? I thought it was one of those things that was so intuitive as to be obvious. ;-)

Cheers,

David

Subject: Re: IDL Workbench or Eclipse?

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 07 Apr 2008 13:47:44 GMT

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Michael A. Miller wrote:

- > I've noticed that this newsgroup has almost become
- > comp.lang.idl-workbench lately. Now I haven't taken the dive
- > into IDL 7.x yet, so I have nothing substantial to contribute,
- > but I wonder if anyone is using the eclipse docs to solve the
- > workbench problems.
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- > The IDL workbench seems to always be referred to as the "IDL
- > workbench" - is that because it is so heavily modified that it is
- > no longer recognizable as the eclipse workbench? One reason I'm
- > considering looking at IDL 7 is that eclipse might look like it
- > might be a good multi-platform and multi-language tool, but if
- > the workbench is that different, I'm not sure it is worth trying
- > to teach my old emacs-brain new tricks for just one language.
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- > So I'm curious - has anyone had success with understanding the
- > workbench using eclipse documentation? If students (without
- > years of emacs-damaged reflexes) already have eclipse experience
- > when they start with IDL, will it help them?

Most of the main concepts and terminology of the Eclipse platform are used by the IDL Workbench: everything is in a project, perspectives, views, etc.

Note that it is possible to run the IDL plugins in a standard Eclipse install i.e. the "FrankenDE". It is also possible to install plugins

made for Eclipse into the IDL Workbench.

Mike

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