
Subject: Re: Workbench - copy and past to Word
Posted by [russell.grew](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 23:34:32 GMT
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Alternatively, paste the text into notepad (or your favorite text editor) and then into word. The problem stems for the copy command in IDL taking the text formatting (font, color etc) into consideration.

Cheers.

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 23 Sep 2008 17:21:35 GMT
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RussellGrew wrote:

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Jean

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 23 Sep 2008 17:55:23 GMT
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The real problem with infinite choice is that it raises your expectations to unrealistic levels. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Workbench - copy and past to Word
Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 15:03:14 GMT
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On Sep 23, 1:21 pm, Jean H <jghas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca> wrote:

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Mike

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 20:22:58 GMT
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Thanks Mike...

if others wonder, in Word 2003, I had to be a bit more tricky:
in normal.dot, create a macro with the following procedure:

```
Sub EditPaste_noFormat()  
    On Error Resume Next  
    Selection.PasteSpecial DataType:=wdPasteText  
End Sub
```

Then put an icon on the toolbar that links to it, and assign the key
ALT+V (unassigned) to it... so you are not losing the formatted paste!

Alternatively, if you call the function "EditPaste()", then doing
"paste" or "CTRL+V" will paste without formatting... and you must go
through "special paste" to keep the formatting!

Jean
