
Subject: Re: release plans of idl
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 13:07:12 GMT
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Reimar Bauer writes:

> What is planned for 8.0?

Why ruin your weekend, Reimar? ;-)

More bells and whistles, basically. Programming via buttons that will duplicate, and mostly have the same function as, the buttons already on your task bar. There seems to be a concerted effort to fill the Workbench interface up with enough junk to shrink the edit window to the size of a postage stamp. The idea, I guess, is that if you can't even *find* the edit window, you might have no choice but to use iTools.

But this is probably just my cynical take on things. You would be better off to consult the source. I think the presentation ITTVIS made to the last User's Group meeting is available on the ITTVIS web site.

I'm sorry to say, but I think the person who is currently implementing the ITTVIS web page is the same person in charge of future IDL development at ITTVIS. At least the results feel similarly unusable to me.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Don't mind me. This has not been my very best week with IDL. After spending two days trying to get a simple top-level base widget to resize correctly on UNIX, and facing more of the same this morning, I would be content if the future direction of IDL just involved fixing some things I actually use. :-(

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

Subject: Re: release plans of idl
Posted by [jigga1206](#) on Sat, 01 Nov 2008 04:31:01 GMT
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I rarely post here, but proactively follow the IDL community. I must say I agree with David's overall take on the IDL situation, as judged from his current posts on the VM and the current release plans IDL 8.

I have recently been developing a commercial application with partners in the EU, and let me tell you that this is a PAIN! Having them download any IDL from outside the US has been difficult (the website is a mess), the licensing has been obtuse at best, and support from the sales department is...well lacking.

ITTVIS does a very poor job in general at explaining the differences and pricing options of run-time licensing vs embedded etc. I wish someone could explain it all to me. Not to mention, I wish IDL would REALLY focus on cross-platform compatibility. Suffice to say, I hope IDL 8.0 at least makes an attempt to address the issues so many of us seem to have.
