
Subject: ITTVIS code contribution site

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 10:44:57 GMT

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Thanks, --Wayne

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 13:50:27 GMT

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Cheers,

David

P.S. You do begin to wonder though, don't you, if people who use the word "improved" know what it means.

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Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 20:35:49 GMT

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On Dec 10, 3:44 am, wlandsman <wlands...@gmail.com> wrote:

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I wouldn't count on it. I've had trouble finding routines that I knew the name and author for the routine.

Mike

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www.michaelgalloy.com

Tech-X Corporation

Associate Research Scientist

Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site

Posted by [loebasboy](#) on Thu, 11 Dec 2008 10:54:13 GMT

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On 10 dec, 21:35, "mgal...@gmail.com" <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

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- > Mike
- > --www.michaelgalloy.com
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I had some troubles finding SCRM from Guillermo Castilla. But I found it by first clicking on ENVI and then searching for scrm. Eventually I found it though :)

Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site
Posted by guillermo.castilla.ca on Thu, 11 Dec 2008 16:41:38 GMT
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Yeah, plainly spoken, the user contributed library website sucks since they overhauled their entire portal in August. I complained at that time to ITTVIS that the previous site was way better, but received no answer. Some months later, in October, a colleague of mine who holds 50 ENVI licenses complained again, specifically about the lack of redirectioning for the old links (which happen to be cited in some scientific journals), the disappearance of the summary info that described each contribution and made easier to navigate the library; the reset of the information tracking the no. of downloads; and the funky search window, which instead of returning results would ask you to 'add a new item'.

He received immediate response with the best intentions to resolve all these problems, and a very convincing explanation about the source of the problems (that they tried to implement a google search mechanism for the web site, but it kept crashing on them). After two months, they have apparently solved the search issue, but the rest continues in a state that does not foster its usage or the addition of new contributions. Probably our only hope is that a military guy holding a big contract complains...

Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 11 Dec 2008 16:56:00 GMT
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guillermo.castilla.castellano@gmail.com writes:

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I would take issue with this. When I was searching for RevolutionIDL this morning I tried "revolution IDL" and came up completely empty. I finally discovered it on the third or fourth try with "revolution". It is, truly, one of the worst search engines I have ever used.

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Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 11 Dec 2008 17:29:42 GMT

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news:505c69a4-e2fa-4805-998d-4756e901b551@e18g2000yqo.google groups.com...
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Hey IDL guys, there is a google office just down the street.
LITERALLY.

you could walk there and ask them what's up with the google search.

cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 12 Dec 2008 09:20:30 GMT

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That sounds unbelievable. Why shouldn't they not be able to hire a student who does hack that in their application in a few days?

cheers
Reimar

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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 12 Dec 2008 15:45:47 GMT
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Good point. FWIW try this: <http://tinyurl.com/597old>

Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Fri, 12 Dec 2008 22:42:36 GMT
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I've half composed more diatribes on the suckiness of the RSI now ITTVIS website more times than I care to admit. Pretty much every time I visit the website or the topic comes up on this list I start typing. It astounds me. And with this latest go around it is worse! I'm guessing they have built it using iTools :)

But seriously ITTVIS, come on. Isn't more difficult to sell software when your competitors sites are far superior? It's time to scrap your current site and call in the pros. Given the current state of the US economy I'm sure you can find some experienced web developers cheap!

-Rick

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Subject: Re: ITTVIS code contribution site
Posted by [Robbie](#) on Mon, 15 Dec 2008 02:44:51 GMT
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This is a bit off-topic, but I've started using github.com. It took me a while to get my head around version control using git, but it was well worth the effort. I am just starting to use GitHub as a repository and distribution point for applications. I'm often a bit slow at merging changes, particularly when I make a change on a clients computer and I forget to commit them back to my home repository. With github this can all be done on the web.

Hopefully I will be able to show it all off when it is complete. It is taking some time to design a sensible build system which will generate pretty windows installers.
<http://github.com/retsil/nmastage2>

Robbie
