Subject: Re: IDL 8 Workbench Question
Posted by Gray on Thu, 26 May 2011 10:30:57 GMT
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On May 25, 7:02 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:
> Folks,
>
> While I am contemplating the IDL 8 Workbench, I have a question.
> In fact, this may be this year's IEPA selection question.
>
> What random process is used to select the "recent" files
> that show up labeled 1-4 under the File Menu button?
>
> And a related question. When did "recent" come to mean
> "from several weeks ago"?
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> --
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Are you looking at the "recent files" menu after IDL crashed? When my
IDL 8 workbench crashes and I restart it, the command list and open
files revert to what they were at the *beginning* of the previous
session.

Subject: Re: IDL 8 Workbench Question
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 26 May 2011 12:10:57 GMT
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Gray writes:

> Are you looking at the "recent files" menu after IDL crashed?

Well, I admit this is highly probably, but no,
this time the Workbench had exited normally.
I just noticed again yesterday that whenever
I look for a recently opened file, it is *never*
in that list. Maybe if I get a chance I'll do
a more controlled experiment today.

I'm afraid the Workbench has become like that

troublesome child who gets blamed for
everything whether he has done it or not.

Cheers,

David

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Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 26 May 2011 13:08:12 GMT
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David Fanning writes:

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> I look for a recently opened file, it is *never*
> in that list. Maybe if I get a chance I'll do
> a more controlled experiment today.

I guess this is working properly. At least, as
I *open* files they get added to this list. Maybe
the problem is my style of work. I tend to have
a number of files open in the Workbench. I suppose
I am looking for the "last file I closed accidentally"
rather than the "last file I opened". Maybe I'll
have to learn to be more disciplined about working
on one file at a time.

I think when I am debugging a program I probably
open any number of files as I follow the program
execution through the file. The files I open are
not really the files I am interested in, but they
"take over" the recent file list. When I look for
the file I *am* interested in, it's not on the list.

Anyway, sorry for maligning the Workbench unfairly. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IDL 8 Workbench Question
Posted by Mark Piper on Fri, 27 May 2011 16:08:07 GMT
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Hi David,

To reopen an accidentally closed editor window, try the "Back" button in the WB menubar. This
has saved me a few times.

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Subject: Re: IDL 8 Workbench Question
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 27 May 2011 16:10:04 GMT
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Mark Piper writes:

> To reopen an accidentally closed editor window, try the "Back" button in the WB menubar. This
has saved me a few times.

Ah, good tip! Thanks, Mark.

Cheers,

David

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