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Subject: Ugly UNIX IDL Workbench

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 30 Jul 2013 23:48:07 GMT

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Folks,

An aesthetic question, because I know you love them. :-)

My Linux box was recently "upgraded" to Fedora Red Hat 18, with Gnome3 as the window manager. Gnome3 is, uh, a bit of a shock after using a few other window managers. But, I guess I can learn to love it, as much as I can learn to love anything Linux.

But, here is the thing. When I started the IDL Workbench it looked, well, anemic. I had to check which version of IDL I was running, because this really did look like that IDLDE back in the good ol' IDL 6 days. I mean, bad, really bad.

I presume this is NOT an IDL thing, because in whatever version of Red Hat we had prior to the new one, the IDL Workbench looked OK. I wasn't going to give up my Windows computer, that's for sure, but it looked enough like it I could function. But, this thing...

Does anyone have any experience with Gnome3 to know if it can be made to look, sort of, I don't know, normal?

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Ugly UNIX IDL Workbench

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David Fanning writes:

- > Does anyone have any experience with Gnome3 to know if it
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Is it possible some needed JAVA library didn't get installed here? Does IDL fall back on "generic" windows when it can't find the ones it wants?

Thanks,

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