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wesley.hall@xxxxxxxx wrote:

nobody has yet mentioned anything remotely resembling a URL for it, and it should be fairly obvious that a google search with the query "ant" is unlikely to produce anything relevant here.

Clearly you didn't even try.

Of course I didn't. A three letter query with a different, mainstream dictionary meaning is far too likely to fail to be worth considering.

Yes, it integrates easily with eclipse and any other serious IDE. It is a tool for scripting your build process so, while there is a slight overhead in writing the script (and it shouldnt be more than an hour or two, infact, probably far less time than you have already spent arguing the toss on this newgroup), once the script is written it will significantly improve your build and testing cycle as you can use it to automate your build, run your tests, generate your documentation, create a Java webstart archive for your software, deploy it to an app server (although this seems not to be required for your software) etc etc.

There are a number of notes regarding the above:

1. An hour or two? I'll need some proof it can easily do something amazing you can't easily do with Eclipse on its own before that looks like a worthwhile investment of time.
2. Webstart? This is a standalone app, rather than an applet, servlet, or some kind of specialized client/server thing. Are you sure this recommendation isn't based on a misapprehension of the nature of what I'm doing? It's quite possible that your suggestion is well suited for developing some kind of web app and rather less so in the case of a standalone one...
3. False dichotomy. You presuppose I have a choice to *\*either\** use this tool *\*or\** argue here. In fact, the choice is to argue here, or to use

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the tool \*and\* argue here. My choice not to argue here vanished the moment the first insult was slung. Now it is necessary to defend myself and my choices in front of the same audience you're trying to convince of my guilt/stupidity/whatever it is that you think.

You will also be able to set up an use a continuous integration server that will periodically check out your code (assuming you are running a version control system like CVS and subversion... and if not, you should be)

For a one-person project? You're joking. It would take me weeks to learn to use such a complex tool, and then I have to operate some kind of a server, then some kind of equally unfamiliar client ... that even has \*security\* implications, since I have to make sure that the server isn't visible to the outside world if I start running a server of some sort.

And I thought some other people here were suggesting swatting flies with bazookas. This is closer to disinfecting a dirty toilet with a thermonuclear bomb.

and run the build and tests, emailing you if there are any failures so you find out about integration errors quickly and efficiently.

What the devil do you think is going on here -- a complex multiperson operation with three or four large racks of servers, a LAN, and Christ alone knows what else? It's a guy with a couple computers working largely on his own. I certainly don't need my own computer emailing me when I can just have it pop up a tray notification or whatever. :) And if you think I'm going to run any kind of remote administration tool you're dreaming. Not without most of that stuff I don't have -- LAN, hardware firewall, 24/7 technical staff, racks of servers and backup tape machines recording night and day, and the substantial lotto winnings that would be required to finance all of that stuff.

I can assure you that if you take on contract work, or work on any serious established product, you WILL come across this tool eventually. You seem to be underestimating how ubiquitous it actually is.

Another case of "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it".

To be honest, given the arrogant tone of your first two reply sections, and your requirement that others do all the legwork for you (down to

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actually doing the google search!)

What? In the very first post to the thread, I mentioned having googled something myself. Later, I mentioned having googled some more. Nowhere did I ask anyone to do any "legwork"; at most, to divulge things they clearly already knew and therefore could not have to go find.

You must be replying to the wrong person here. There isn't any other explanation for the astonishing stuff suggested by the paragraph I just quoted.

I am not even sure why I am even bothering to reply. In any case, I am done with this thread

Oh goody.

you will either take the good advice provided here and move forward, or continue in your (false) belief that you are the smartest and most experience Java developer around.

Increasingly, it looks like faulty logic is surprisingly common in this group. I'm surprised you can program anything with flow control more complex than "hello, world" if you believe the false dichotomy above.

How about I take option number three, instead, in which I may take or leave some or all of the advice provided here while continuing to not believe I'm anything of the sort?

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