
Subject: Re: IDL Emacs Modes Kidnapped
Posted by [Kevin Ivory](#) on Tue, 09 Dec 1997 08:00:00 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

- > Phil Williams ...
- > ... has lost access to his web and ftp sites. He
- > has also lost the ability to post to newsgroups temporarily.
- > Since Phil is the temporary keeper of the idl and idl-shell
- > emacs modes, he wanted to me alert you to his situation.
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- > He is also looking for someone else to host these emacs
- > files. He says its a pretty easy job and really only needs
- > an ftp site.

I can't supply a ftp site at the moment, but I do already have the files on our WWW server. For the time being, you can get the files from

http://www.mpae.gwdg.de/mpae_RZ/software/idl/

In the Emacs section you will find the original and a patched version of idl.el (1.38 and "1.39") as well as the Jul 97 patched version of idl-shell.el (patches for IDL 5.0 by Chris Chase and David Feynes). Unfortunately, the original, unpatched version of idl-shell is not there.

With GNU Emacs 20.2, I have noticed that the IDL mode in Emacs refuses to font-lock (=colorize) the text and also gives an error message about not being able to support lmenu if (and only if?) the Emacs C-mode has loaded in any other buffer. Quite annoying if you are a C programmer as well as IDL programmer. I have never programmed any lisp except my .emacs initialization file, so I haven't been able to look into the problem.

Best regards
Kevin

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