
Subject: Re: colorcoding for emacs

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Wolfgang Weber - Fahr wrote:

> has anybody ever managed to get a decent color-coding in the idl-mode
> for emacs (like in the c-mode)?

(The expression for color-coding in Emacs is font-lock.)

Sure, most Emacs/IDL users only work this way. To see what a font-locked file looks like, I whipped up a useless example you can look at:

http://www.mpae.gwdg.de/mpae_RZ/software/idl/fontlock.pro.gif
Sorry it's so cluttered there is hardly any black left.

How is it done? You need install an idl.el file as explained on page

http://www.mpae.gwdg.de/mpae_RZ/software/idl/
and some of the first links (Customization, Font Lock).

All of these explanations were written at a time when I was using Emacs 19.34. They all still work with Emacs 20.3. (Recent Emacs versions have much more powerful and user-friendly customization possibilities which are not mentioned in my documentation.)

Successful Emacsing & IDLing!
Kevin

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