
Subject: Re: Linux vs Win95

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"R.Bauer" <R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de> writes:

(snip original question about pc .vs. unix development options)

> I am using a unix system and a PC too. In the past I have written a lot of
> sources with emacs and idl mode. As the idl developmet comes to the windows
> platforms I am myself switched more and more to this development. The
> difference to emacs on the unix is that it is not color coded but on the PC it
> is.
> This colorcoding of procedures, functions, own procedures and own functions is
> very helpfull.
>

I'm a little unclear what you're saying here.

If you're saying that the emacs development environment doesn't allow for color coding of procedures, functions and other syntactically significant strings in IDL you should check out font-lock mode (font-lock.el) used in conjunction with idl-mode. Font-lock mode color codes the items which idl-mode.el defines as syntactically significant (strings like PRO, FUNCTION, GE, LE, THEN, BEGIN...)

I do all my development, and 90% of my running, of IDL from within an emacs buffer. None of the other development packages I've seen are as flexible or as fast, for me.

If you want more information on this, send me some email and I'll forward you my .emacs file, to show you how to set it up.

If I've misconstrued your statement, forgive the interruption.

> It seems momentanly to me that's some features if neccessary or not are only
> builded for the windows platforms e.g. a widget_builder
>

In answer to the original question: personaly, I'd opt for the Linux version, which I have at home. About the only thing that might tempt me into switching to a windows development env is the widget builder, but only if I was doing a lot of production code. At the moment, I

don't do that, I write mostly analysis routines and do command line data analysis. Most of my widget development is easily done by hand (inside the emacs/idl-mode development env) That being the case, the power of the unix environment tips the balance heavily in it's favor.

> R.Bauer
