
Subject: renaming idl-mode.el for GNU Emacs

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Hi everyone,

I am in the process of becoming maintainer for the GNU Emacs mode for IDL and WAVE CL files. I am planning to rename the mode and would like to discuss this here.

idl-mode currently does not work well on X/Emacs 20 when any C files are being edited at the same time. The reason for this is a name clash with the "other" IDL Mode. cc-mode.el, which is part of the Emacs and XEmacs distributions defines a mode `idl-mode' for the 'Interface Definition Language' as part of the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA). This messes up the keymaps and font-lock-keywords when both C and IDL .pro files are being edited.

The only clean solution for this problem is to rename "our" idl mode. This is unfortunate since it requires every user of the mode to update his/her customization related to the IDL mode. However, there is no other clean solution.

I therefore propose to change the prefix of all idl-mode and idl-shell-mode related variables and functions from `idl' to `idlwave'.

Any comments/vetos/better-name-suggestions?

- Carsten

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