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Subject: Re: ascii templates & also IDL from emacs  
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noymer@my-deja.com writes:

> Thanks to those who responded to my previous query; this seems like a  
> friendly group.  
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> I am wondering about the gooey routine `ascii_template`, as in:  
> `myTemplate = ASCII_TEMPLATE(myfile)`  
>  
> Is there a way to specify a template by hand, in a template file,  
> without going through the darn gooey? For one thing, it doesn't seem  
> to save the template, so each session I have to redo it. Maybe that's  
> because I have the student version?  
>

I haven't used `ascii_template` that much. It returns a structure,  
which you then pass to `read_ascii` via the 'template=' keyword, right?  
If you're reading files that have the same structure, you can just  
save the template to a save set (using `save,variable,file=filename`)  
which you restore when required. If you're talking about creating the  
template on demand, either you go through the Gui, or you prize apart  
how the structure works and fill the fields by hand. Then return to  
the previous step.

> Also: Has anyone had success calling IDL for Windows as a sub-process  
> of NT-Emacs?  
>

Don't know.

> Thanks,  
> Andrew.  
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> Sent via Deja.com <http://www.deja.com/>  
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