
Subject: Re: Command input window in Windows: why only one line? Why, generally does the windows handling not work?

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Bigorna wrote:

> I find one irritating feature in IDL for Windows, relative to the Unix
> and Linux versions: it is not possible to paste multiple lines of code
> into IDL!

If it is any consolation, I completely agree with you.

There are several other flaws in the (5.x) windows port which are perhaps somehow related:

-) It is not possible, using the keyboard, to change focus to any open *.pro file. You have to use the mouse.
-) It is not possible, using the keyboard, to change focus to the output log. You have to use the mouse.
-) Worst, during long computations (or long whatever) the IDL window is not updated. This means that if, during the long computation, you have covered the IDL window by another window, then if you try to put focus back on the IDL window, you don't get to see any output that IDL may have produced in the meantime and which might help you to decide whether or not to let the computation continue.

And, if you've programmed something like "Press key 'N' to Not continue", then after changing focus away from IDL, you cannot get into a state where you can get IDL to listen to your 'N'.

BTW, IDL4 for windows didn't have these problems.

- Kristian
