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Subject: Re: idl2matlab translate-o-matic

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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William Thompson wrote:

- > Well, I'm also a big emacs fan, but I wouldn't go quite that far. However, I
- > would recommend that one be able to use a user-defined editor. Editors are
- > always very personal things, and one should be free to use whatever editor one
- > wishes.
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- > Personally, I mainly use IDL on Unix workstations, and never use idltool--I
- > tend to feel it just gets in the way. I certainly would never use the editor
- > built into idltool except in desperation, even on a PC, simply because I'm so
- > used to using emacs. :^)
- >
- > My vote is for allowing a user-defined alternative editor.

My MO for IDL on UNIX is to edit my code with nedit (<http://nedit.org/>) in one window, and have an IDL command line running in another window below nedit. The editor stays open all the time, saving the program as needed to re-compile and re-run.

I should say however that in the last year or so I've been doing a fair amount of work in IDL for Windows, and I've grown accustomed to it's quirks. However the editor is pretty basic compared to nedit.

Cheers,

Liam.

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