
Subject: Shortlist of IDL improvements

Posted by [Kristian Kjaer](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Martin Schultz wrote:

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> Working mostly on a Linux system and abhjorring the IDE (to me, it's
> just too cluttered, how can you live
> with three lines of 40 characters as an editor window?), I would very
> much like to see some more intelligence of the command line.

On windows we're stuck with IDLDE. It has some of the intelligence you ask for, as well as a few peculiarities.

I nominate the following for the shortlist of improvements:

* You should be able to paste more than one line into the cmd-line.

* To get focus on the log window or an edit window (so that you can copy from/to it using kbrd shortcuts) you have to click on the window with the mouse. None of the kbrd shortcuts for changing focus work. I'd like standard windows behaviour here, please.

- Kristian Kjær, Risø Natl. Laboratory, Denmark

> There
> should be an auto-complete functionality (TAB would complete a command
> or give you a choice of options), and one should be able to jump back
> and forth with CTRL-arrow, HOME, and END, so that you don't get sore
> muscles when you edit commands previously entered (and you want to
> change the first of twenty arguments).

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> Just a thought (and a new thread),

> Martin

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