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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE fontlock / fontify weirdness in Xemacs  
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In article <3A018A24.2C84D752@astro.cornell.edu>,  
"J.D. Smith" <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> wrote:  
> Martin Schultz wrote:  
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>> jrigler@Colorado.EDU wrote:  
>>>  
>>> I have Xemacs 21.1.12 (default with RH Linux 7.0 Respin), and  
updated  
>>> all of my packages to the most recent versions as of 10/31/00  
(which  
>>> means IDLWAVE 1.22...or a modified version 4.5 I assume).  
>>>  
>>> The problem I'm experiencing is in the fontification. For  
whatever  
>>> reason, all of a sudden every time I start a new line, or even  
modify  
>>> an old line for that matter, it all turns green (the color for  
>>> strings). this only really happens after a certain block in the  
code.  
>>> The possibly offending code (which works, and I see no syntax  
problems  
>>> with it) follows. Any ideas?  
>>>  
>>> ; Convert MJD to a YYYYMMDD (see -  
http://bowie.gsfc.nasa.gov/time/)  
>>> caldat,date\_beg+2400000.5,month\_beg,day\_beg,year\_beg  
>>> caldat,date\_end+2400000.5,month\_end,day\_end,year\_end  
>>>  
>>> month\_beg=string(month\_beg,format='(i2.2)')  
>>> day\_beg=string(day\_beg,format='(i2.2)')  
>>> year\_beg=string(year\_beg,format='(i4.4)')  
>>>  
>>> To clarify a little more, what happens is that I can type anything  
>>> before the line with the first "format" statement, and it works  
>>> perfectly. If I add, or modify anything after the "format"  
statement,  
>>> the whole line becomes green, as if IDLWAVE thought it were a  
string.  
>>>  
>>> I really don't like the IDLDE, so I sure hope there is a solution  
to  
>>> this.  
>>>  
>>> Thanks,

>>>  
>>> Josh  
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>> yes, I have seen a similar thing already in earlier versions of  
>> idlwave (presumably 3.12). I never succeeded in tracking down the  
part  
>> of the code that caused it but haven't tried to hard either.  
>> Interestingly, it sometimes appeared to work better once I exited  
>> xemacs and restarted again. Then again: sometimes this didn't help  
>> either.  
>>  
>> Cheers,  
>> Martin  
>>  
>> PS: I know, this was a terrible bug report ;-) But perhaps it helps  
to  
>> know that it occurred in earlier versions...  
>  
> I presume Carsten will weigh in authoritatively on this question, but  
I  
> just wanted to make sure you're using the latest IDLWAVE... version  
4.5,  
> available at <http://www.strw.leidenuniv.nl/~dominik/Tools/idlwave/>. I  
> presume you have your font-lock fontifier working, or you wouldn't  
know  
> to complain, but make sure you've set:  
>  
> (global-font-lock-mode 1)  
>  
> or some such in your .emacs.  
>  
> One other gotcha: if you've extracted this code fragment from a  
larger  
> file, the details of what's in that file are important. IDLWAVE  
> fontifies based on the entire buffer, not line by line. An example  
> screw-up:  
>  
> a='this is a string  
> b=a+c ; this isn't fontified correctly  
>  
> Here the closing quote is forgotten. IDLWAVE notices and tells you  
> about it after you leave the string, but if you leave it or load in a  
> file with this error, you'll see the fontification past there looks  
like  
> one big string, until you start typing and IDLWAVE does more local

> fontification. This is quite useful, since it gives you immediate  
> visual clues as to where the error occurs.  
>  
> JD  
>

I've made this mistake in the past, so it was the first thing I looked for. I can find no forgotten quotation marks, or mismatched single/double quotes. The segment of code I included is not the entire thing, but I included it because the problem systematically shows up when something is typed AFTER the first line with the format statement. If I type on any line before that, I get no errors. This problem does not go away if I restart Xemacs.

-Josh

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