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Subject: Re: I for Interactive Programming? (was: widget\_control and group\_leader)

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JD Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:

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> Hear Hear! I've got something even better (from Carsten, of course).
> I'm not sure if this has been put into IDLWAVE yet as a more palatable
> form (I vote for it), but if you have version >4.7b (meaning when 4.8
> comes out, if you're leary of alpha's) you can simply use in your
> .emacs:
>
> (add-hook 'idlwave-shell-mode-hook
>   (lambda ()
>     (set (make-local-variable 'comint-input-ring-file-name)
>         "~/idlwhist")
>     (comint-read-input-ring)))
>
> (add-hook 'idlwave-shell-sentinel-hook 'comint-write-input-ring)
>
> I.e. just set up a "comint input ring filename" to ~/idlwhist (or
> whatever you like), and ensures it is read in when the shell starts (in
> the idlwave-shell-mode-hook), and written out after it exits (in the
> idlwave-shell-sentinel-hook).
>
> This way, you always get all of your input history (which is actually
> maintained by comint, not IDL), between sessions, etc. Now restarting
> IDL is not nearly so painful. The commands are still right there, at
> your fingertips.
>
> Never wonder where your command history went again. And for the really
> brave, try:
>
> (setq comint-input-ring-size 1024)
>
> outside of your idlwave-shell-mode-hook (since comint runs before
> idlwave-shell). Now you'll have the silly command you tried 3 weeks
> ago, somewhere in there. By the way, try [C-c C-l] to see your entire
> history in another buffer, with ability to scroll through it and click
> on the command you're after (or cut and paste between many such
> commands). .idlwhist is a plain file, which you can search through
> using grep or a pager or however you like, if you don't want to load
> IDL.
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> Good luck,
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> JD

Man! I have to put you on my Christmas Card list!

Thanks!

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