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

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JD Smith wrote:

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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)
>
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Finally taking the plunge and trying to learn this system.

I'm using a PC with xterm software on it to connect to my unix workstation. Trying to figure out how to use the Alt-TAB command inside emacs- Alt-TAB is a windows thing that lets you hop between running programs. I tried to use ESC-TAB but it does not seem to do the right completion. Instead, I get

Use symbol help mode:

and I am not sure what to do next. I've tried to find a way to bind a different key to be my ALT key but I haven't succeeded.

Any emacs users out there who can help me out here? As should be obvious, I have not used emacs before.

Thanks,  
Dick

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