Subject: Re: commenting

Posted by davidf on Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:17:35 GMT

Christopher W. O'Dell (odell@cmb.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

> This is probably wishful thinking, but is there any way to
> comment out a large section of code as in C,
> where you don't have to insert a ';' on every line of code,
> but you can use a beginning and ending comment delimiter?
> I have this idea that there might be secret delimiters that
> i have not yet heard about in IDL. And I'm very lazy and
> have often longed for this feature.

It's wishful thinking.

But you can always temporarily wrap code you want to ignore
in an IF statement:

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  ignore = 1
  IF ignore NE 1 THEN BEGIN

     ... code to ignore here...

  ENDIF ; of code I am ignoring
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It's not elegant, but if the code you want to ignore
consists of a lot of lines, it cuts down on repetitive
motion injuries. And you can easily go back and forth
just by setting the ignore flag. :-)

Cheers,

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