
Subject: Re: commenting

Posted by [jeyadev](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2001 17:59:52 GMT

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In article <3A92A095.EB03CCA4@cmb.physics.wisc.edu>,
Christopher W. O'Dell <odell@cmb.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:
> that is BEAUTIFUL. perfect. Now my repetitive motion injuries
> may begin the long healing process!

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> Thanks,

> Chris

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> David Fanning wrote:

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

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>>> 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.

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>> It's wishful thinking.

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>> 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

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>> ... code to ignore here...

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>> 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. :-)

Come on, David, it is bloody elegant! I stumbled across this
in the days of Fortran II, with a GO TO statement to boot. Now,
that was a lot less elegant!

And, if you use vi, here is something I do:

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:l1,l2s/^./;&
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where l1 and l2 are the line numbers delimiting the block of interest.
And, you undo it with

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:l1,l2s/;/
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Voila!

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