
Subject: Re: commenting

Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Fri, 02 Mar 2001 19:09:50 GMT

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Any GOOD editor will allow you to do things in a vertical block of text, such as duplicate, fill, or delete. Duplicate column 1, fill the new column 1 with ; to comment code out. Select column 1 and delete it to uncomment the code.

I have a macro in KEdit (my favorite Windows editor) that allows me to do what I call a "Column cursor" -- i.e., I can select a 1 character column across multiple lines, and can perform the same operation on each line. These operations can be insert, delete, overwrite, etc. KEdit also has a REALLY nice feature of allowing you to display just lines matching a certain pattern. So, for example, I can have it search column 73 on, find all lines that contain anything, insert a carriage return, 5 blanks, and a continuation character in FORTRAN codes with just a few keystrokes. Of course, that's not very elegant, and F90 eliminates the need for this most of the time, but...

This combination of features (operating only on selected lines using a column cursor) is so powerful that it's kept me from converting to emacs or any other editor, and often allows me to do jobs in 2-3 minutes that it would take others literally HOURS of editing to accomplish.

Phillip

"Christopher W. O'Dell" wrote:

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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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> Chris
