
Subject: Re: IDLWAVE: passing on the torch
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Carsten Dominik <dominik@astro.uva.nl> writes:

> Dear Emacs users,
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> It's been more than two years (April 1999) since I took over the Emacs
> IDL mode, now called IDLWAVE. After a hot initial phase with a full
> overhaul of the entire package, lots of new features added and old
> bugs removed, things have slowed down recently. Those of you who have
> sent me bug reports or feature requests will have noticed, that reply
> and bug-fixing action has been slow if happening at all. This is
> certainly an unsatisfactory situation.
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> On the other hand, a few milestones have been reached. Some weeks ago
> Emacs 21 was released with IDLWAVE as an integrated package and the
> default mode for all ".pro" files. Most importantly, IDLWAVE made it
> into David Fannings marvelous collection of useful IDL tips
> (http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/idlemacs.html) and even has been
> "Tip of the Month"! Now, *that* seems hard to top.
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> So for two quite different reasons it seems to be about time for me to
> resign as maintainer. IDLWAVE will continue to be maintained and
> developed, stay tuned for the announcement by the new maintainer soon.
> I will still be around, helping to fix things, but also actually using
> IDL instead of writing Emacs code.
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> This whole thing has been great fun and I have certainly learned a
> lot. I hope IDLWAVE has been and will continue to be useful to many
> people here. Thank you all for your encouragement and feedback.
>
> - Carsten

Carsten;

I'd like to thank you personally for your marvelous work on IDLWAVE. I can't tell you how much I depend on this package and I sing it's praises to whomever I chat with about IDL and Emacs. You've done a bang up job and if I could only develop a tenth of your lisp skill, I'll count myself a happy man.

Echoing another's comment, if ever you make it to Los Angeles, lunch and a beer are on me.

William Daffer

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ADAGE, n. Boned wisdom for weak teeth.
-- Ambrose Bierce: _The Devil's Dictionary_
