
Subject: Re: changing editors?

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 12 Jul 2002 08:46:28 GMT

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"M. Katz" wrote:

>
>> So this is most probably a stupid question, but why not chuck windows
>> and use one of the approximately zillion Linux flavors out there? You
>> seem to be using your win-box mostly as a u*x box anyways, so why not
>> just go that one last step?
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> I've got an even better UNIX box on my desk. It's called a Mac, with
> OS X.
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> Actually, I never realized that IDL for Windows doesn't have a
> command-line interface until I read this thread. How can you all
> tolerate the hassle this causes? (Now I understand why my PC
> colleagues use Matlab.) IDL's Classic Mac interface is a great joy to
> use, complete with command line (including command completion), a
> wonderful editor with syntax coloring (even on the command line), and
> loads of diagnostics. No need for bizarre kludges. I especially
> appreciate the way program errors or interruptions bring your cursor
> right to the offending line or stop point in an editor window.
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> With Classic support going away, the new Mac interface (now overdue)
> will be an Xwindows (XFree86, actually) implementation--which also
> runs beautifully on the Mac. I hope they can maintain some of the
> great features from the Mac IDL environment, it's a great time saver
> over programming in a Linux/Unix emacs/vi/whatever world.
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> With Linux, watch out of annoying, picky
> widget/window/color/graphics/font issues and inconsistencies. In my
> cross-platform life, I've spent days working out problems for Linux
> that don't exist on the Mac.
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> My 2-cents,
> M. Katz

Dear M.Katz,

I am waiting since a few years for a new IDLDE editor for unix.
A few years ago they have added color coding to idlde and have removed
this by idl5.4.

With the kde it should not quite complicated if you have a look at kate
to set up an environment which it's nearly the same functionality.

Someone who knows emacs and the many plug-ins available and the idl mode has much more functionality as the idlde can give.

With emacs you can directly exchange source with a cvs archive and show the differences.

This is one more feature the next idlde should have.

I don't know why they don't pay some money to some kde programmers to develop a really new idlde. Many things could be taken from kdevstudio.

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