
Subject: Re: idltags?

Posted by [William Daffer](#) on Mon, 05 Aug 2002 19:17:42 GMT

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shawn@young.net (Shawn) writes:

> Hello,
> I am interested in getting something that makes a "tags" file for
> idl, the kind ctags makes. I have found references to idltags in the
> archives of this group, but am not sure that it is what I am looking
> for. I have tried to download it from the anonymous ftp site by
> following a link posted on the website,
> http://www.gsf.de/ILIAD/software/IDL/idl_www_sites.html. But the link
> is dead. So, does anyone know if this software is still available,
> and does it make a ctags type file that I can use with "Vim" (Vi
> Improved)?
> Thanks,
> Shawn

If you're an emacs user, look up idlwave-mode at <http://idlwave.org/>
It uses etags to generate a tags table. If not, but you're still a
unix user you might grab etags. The command that's called by
idlwave-shell to generate the tags file is:

```
etags --output=IDLTAGS --language=none \  
--regex='/[\\t]*[pP][Rr][Oo][ \\t]+\\([\\^ \\t,]+\\)' \  
--regex='/[\\t]*[Ff][Uu][Nn][Cc][Tt][Ii][Oo][Nn][ \\t]+\\([\\^ \\t,]+\\)' \  
foo.pro [... bar.pro ... etc.]
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where the newlines have been escaped for readability.

or

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etags --out...blah blah blah... ./dir1/*.pro [ ... ./dir2/*.pro ... etc.]
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whd

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CONTEMPT, n. The feeling of a prudent man for an enemy who is too
formidable safely to be opposed.

-- Ambrose Bierce: The Devil's Dictionary
