
Subject: Re: Mac editors / development environment
Posted by [Gary Swift](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 20:57:32 GMT
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Doug Rowland wrote:

>
> I'm starting a new IDL project on Mac OS X and was wondering if anyone
> can help me with suggestions for a good development environment / editor.
> [snip]...
> My background is mostly amateur software development, using vi and IDL
> on Solaris.
> [snip]...
> Mostly, I want a "mainstream" editor that knows about IDL, at least as
> far as syntax coloring.

Hello Doug,

If you are a vi user you should love vim and its GUI version, gvim.
A syntax file to color code IDL code in gvim is available called idlang.vim.
When I first installed vim/gvim I believe I had to go looking for an IDL
syntax file, but I gather from the current FAQ that idlang.vim is now
included in the distribution (with ~200 other syntax files). If you get
vim/gvim and it doesn't have idlang.vim, let me know and I'll throw a copy
over the wall to you. Vim/gvim are also on the "Companion" (freeware) CD
in the Solaris distribution. I would think these would qualify as "mainstream"
because they work just like vi, only better.

See:

<http://www.vim.org/>

Mac versions aren't on the Vim ftp site, but pointers to OSX versions here:

<http://www.vim.org/download.php#mac>

--gary

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