
Subject: Re: *MOST* useful feature!

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Mon, 09 Dec 2002 23:59:49 GMT

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On Mon, 09 Dec 2002 12:50:00 -0700, Alex Schuster wrote:

> david@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

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>> JD Smith (jdsmith@as.arizona.edu) writes:

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>>> to the IDLDE shell. Does it like it? Probably not. IDLWAVE will

>>> take that code, slap an END statement at the end, and .run it as a

>>> \$MAIN\$ level routine. Excellent for trying out individual pieces of a

>>> routine, complete with real control blocks, at a time.

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>> Oh, I knew it ... :-(

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> Some time, I _will_ learn Emacs.

Try:

<http://jeremy.zawodny.com/emacs/emacs.html>

or

<http://bioinformatics.weizmann.ac.il/~lvssso/emacs/guide.html>

or even better yet, start Emacs, then hit "Control-h" then "t".

This advice written in 1985 from a tutor of Emacs may help:

EMACS is the name of a text editor that everyone around here, sooner or later, learns how to use. (So far the longest hold-out has been about three months.) Learning to use EMACS is exactly the same as learning to ride a bicycle. It is awkward, counter-intuitive, frequently painful, and the documentation is no help at all. Bicycles are optimized for efficient use by those who already know how; they are not optimized for the learning period. Neither is EMACS. One of the most painful parts of learning to ride a bicycle is enduring the snotty condescension of those who go whizzing by no-hands, bragging about how easy it is. Be prepared to have that happen as you struggle with EMACS as well.

At least the documentation is better now:

http://www.gnu.org/manual/emacs-21.2/html_chapter/emacs_toc.html

JD
