## Subject: Re: *MOST* useful feature!
Posted by JD Smith on Mon, 09 Dec 2002 18:26:06 GMT

On Mon, 09 Dec 2002 09:18:13 -0700, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
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> Did you see what the elves brought us this Christmas!?
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> In IDL 5.6 Windows version you can grab a piece of code out of a window
> and paste the whole darn thing at the IDL command line! Hooray!!!
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> Productivity at my place has just gone up 178%.
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> P.S. If somebody opens their mouth and says they have been able to do
> this with their IDLWAVE emacs mode since 1986 I am going to scream. :-(

Well, to avoid the scream, I'll only say that in addition to this useful
feature, IDLWAVE also lets you "Run Region" on selected text.  What does
this do for you?  Try giving a regular piece of code like:

for i=0,1 do begin
 foo,i
endfor

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.

JD