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Subject: Re: OSX: syntax coloring?

Posted by [Bernard Knaepen](#) on Fri, 13 Dec 2002 22:58:18 GMT

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In article <MPG.18640f6a17639410989a6a@news.frii.com>, David Fanning  
<david@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Bernard Knaepen (bknaepen@ulb.ac.be) writes:

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>> Just by curiosity, what makes implementation difficult? IDL 5.5 on  
>> MacOS Classic has color syntaxing and as far as I can tell from the  
>> documentation Windows also has it. Does it have to do with X11?

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> Apparently not, since EMACS can use color syntaxing.

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> You are new to the group, so you probably don't know  
> I make up all my "facts" about RSI, but I can imagine  
> that if I were there I wouldn't want to work on an  
> impossibly thank-less task like writing a feature that  
> the IDLWAVE mode is going to handle better anyway.

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> I think RSI is just being realistic. Why invest time  
> and money in something no one is going to use. (Well,  
> INSIGHT comes to mind, but that's another story.)  
> Everyone I know (including every developer at RSI  
> I ever knew) uses the IDLWAVE EMACS mode. I think  
> that's the bottom line. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

Well, I thought it was going to be an unproductive friday afternoon  
for me today but it isn't. I installed emacs from the fink distribution  
(OSX) and then the standard IDLWAVE EMACS mode. Everything wen't  
smooth (not a systematic experience for me when I enter the Unix world)  
and voila, I have an editor that interacts with IDL and that looks very  
nice. That feels good...

Cheers,

Bernard.

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