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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE takes over  
Posted by [Jack Saba](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2003 15:21:33 GMT  
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JD Smith wrote:

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> On Tue, 18 Nov 2003 06:14:17 -0700, Jack Saba wrote:
>
>> I am running emacs on a pc, and using ange-ftp to edit files on our unix
>> machines. We do not have idl on the pc's, and I do not like the editor
>> deciding where to put text, how to handle tabs, etc. I do like the
>> context highlighting, and that's the only part of idlwave that seems to
>> be usable in this situation that I really want.
>> ...
>> HOWEVER, since installing the latest version of IDLWAVE, a problem has
>> shown up. If I fire up IDL and edit a .pro file that is on the pc, emacs
>> enters idl-color-mode. When I connect to the unix machine and edit a
>> file there, emacs enters idlwave-mode, NOT idl-color-mode. After that,
>> it used idlwave-mode rather than idl-color-mode for any .pro files,
>> whether on the pc or on the unix box.
>>
>> Any suggestions for fixing this? Otherwise, I will go back to an older
>> version.
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> IDLWAVE taking over... I like the sound of that.
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> This is a simple case of "you can't please all of the people, all of
> the time". A request was put in to have ".pro" files enter
> idlwave-mode automatically when it's intalled as an XEmacs package,
> which gathers up these snippets and sets them automatically for the
> user. Hence
>
> ;;###autoload
> (add-to-list 'auto-mode-alist ('("\\.[Pp][Rr][Oo]\\." . idlwave-mode))
>
> was added. The problem is, your add-to-list is happening earlier than
> mine, and thus mine wins. You might get into IDL color mode once, but
> after that, IDLWAVE will win.
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> You can add to your .emacs:
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JD,

Thank you. In the end I decided to go with

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> (add-hook 'idlwave-load-hook
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> (lambda ()
>   (let ((list auto-mode-alist) var)
>     (while (setq var (car list))
>       (if (eq (cdr var) 'idlwave-mode)
>         (setcdr var 'idl-color-mode))
>       (setq list (cdr list))))))
>
> to go through and stamp out all instances of idlwave-mode in favor of
> idl-color-mode.
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I tried

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>
> (add-hook 'idlwave-mode-hook
>   (lambda ()
>     (local-set-key [tab] 'idlwave-hard-tab)))
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> This will give you all the power of IDLWAVE, except for the magic of
> the TAB key.
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but that did a couple of things I didn't like, such as using hard tab rather than text tab. I really DON'T want the program to do any of the alignment, or completion or .... Perhaps I could get used to that with time, but I find almost all of that extremely distracting.

I hit the SEND key on the original message before I intended to, so let me say now that, even with the minimal use I make of idlwave, I find it extremely useful, and very much appreciate the work Carsten and JD and others put into it.

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