
Subject: Re: retaining command buffer

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Ken Mankoff <mankoff@yahoo.com> writes:

> On Thu, 4 Nov 2004, Jim Braatz wrote:
>> I'd like to retain my command line buffer from one session to the
>> next.
>
> Not sure how to do it in just xterm, but The IDLWAVE emacs mode
> [<http://idlwave.org/>] does this for you.

From the xterm (and other flavours) it is not possible, once the IDL sessions ends the history is gone too! _UNLESS_ you take a look at the IDL help on journal command!

I use this (recovered from the net somewhere!) to keep separate files for each session I start. Then by looking at the time stamp on the file (sometimes I put comments with date in the on the command line too) I can figure out where I was and what I was trying to do. Occasionally I have to clear out the old stuff to recover disc space when `spring cleaning' dictates!

```
pro my_journal
; Opening a unique journal
openr,lun,'~/idl/.idl_journal_num',/get_lun
readf,lun,n_journal
n_journal = fix(n_journal)
close,lun
free_lun,lun
openw,lun,'~/idl/.idl_journal_num',/get_lun
printf,lun,n_journal+1
close,lun
free_lun,lun
journal,'~/idl/journals/mmg_journal'+strtrim(n_journal,2)+'. pro'
print,'Opening journal: journal'+strtrim(n_journal,2),'.pro'
end
```

The file .idl_journal_num contains just a number to start with then gets increased and at the end of my startup file I have my_journal

Then at least I can see what I have done before and then use the mouse to copy and paste it to the xterm.

HTH marcu.

P.S. IDLWAVE is a fabulous package for running IDL within emacs. If

you like emacs, after a day or two of using idlwave you'll wonder how you ever did without it!

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