Subject: Re: IDL6.0 and Mac OS 10.3
Posted by JD Smith on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 01:36:55 GMT

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On Mon, 21 Mar 2005 19:20:14 -0500, Chris Konig wrote:

>
>> Is there a reason you are so eager to use Carbon Emacs instead of
>> X11 (X)Emacs with IDL, which itself requires X11?
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> I really like Ctrl-Tab to switch between windows, e.g. between
> CarbonEmacs, Adobe Acrobat (Doc) and X11 (figures) and Terminal (shell
> so far). I know that I can use Ctrl-~ within X11 but I'm so used to
> Ctrl-Tab.

Aha. Control-F4 is pretty cool too (not Apple/command, which I think
is what you mean, but Ctrl).

>> One issue with Carbon IDLWAVE will be whether the idl sub-process
>> magically starts X11 for you when necessary (e.g. when you display a
>> plot, etc.)... haven't tested that yet.
>
> I tested it (right now) and it does not. But I have X11 open all the
> time anyway (it's small enough), so that (luckily) is not one of my
> problems.

Some programs use scripts to test for X11 and fire it up if
necessary... it's also probably possible to have IDLWAVE pass out to
the shell "open-x11 idl" to have X11 open when idl starts. You could
set idlwave-shell-explicit-file-name to "open-x11" and
idlwave-shell-command-line-options to '("idl") and see what happens.

> In the meantime (i.e. today) I stumbled over a (different? newer?)
> Carbon Emacs that runs the IDL shell just fine. It's even linked from
> apple.com:
>
> http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/unix_open_source/carbo nemacspackage.html

Very good to hear! Looks like this is a *much* more recent CVS build,
from this past February.

>
> Version is still given as 21.3.50 but somehow it works now.

That's the standard name for the development version of Emacs; i.e. it
is not a real version number at all but just signifies "not a release
version". Many years of development go on under that one version.

> Enjoy your new PowerBook, I love mine!

Thanks. I've been a closet Mac fan since I got my Mac SE with
expanded 20MB hard drive back in 1989. And of course before that my
Apple IIGS, with *twin* 3.5" floppy drives.

Now that I've got my Control key in its God-given location (i.e. where
Caps Lock is), I'm much more comfortable.

Thanks for pointing me to that updated Carbon Emacs... I'll give it a
try.

JD