
Subject: Re: IDL6.0 and Mac OS 10.3

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> Is there a reason you are so eager to use Carbon Emacs instead of
> X11 (X)Emacs with IDL, which itself requires X11?

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.

> 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.

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/carbonemacspackage.html

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

Enjoy your new PowerBook, I love mine!

Chris
