Subject: Re: IDL source editor alternatives?
Posted by Benjamin Hornberger on Tue, 14 Jun 2005 13:08:35 GMT

Craig wrote:
> Hi all,
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> Is there a better alternative to using the IDLDE source code editor (in
> v6.1, Windows XP)? I'm finding that tabs don't always go to the same
> place, so lining-up
> bits of code becomes a matter of fiddling with additional spaces on
> each line, rather than just highlighting a block and using tab or
> shift-tab. I'd really like to be able to just highlight a block and
> press ctrl-I (like in Matlab), so that all of the indentation is done
> automatically. Maybe I've been spoilt, but it doesn't half make
> understanding someone else's code a lot easier! Of course, any
> alternative will need to be downloadable free of charge :-)
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> TIA,
> Craig
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I use Emacs / IDLWAVE on Win XP. You have to switch over to IDLDE to
compile and run your code though. You also have to live with the
annoyances that IDLDE opens every file you compile in the editor, that
the cursor sometimes jumps from the command line to the editor window
and that IDLDE pops up windows saying that your source code has been
changed from outside IDLDE. These things are inconvenient, but it's
still better than using the IDLDE editor, I think.

Benjamin