
Subject: Re: Is there a way to get bold font in the IDL prompt?

Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 15:21:26 GMT

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On Wed, 2 Nov 2005, Oilhead Beemer wrote:

> JD Smith wrote:

>> One way would be switch to IDLWAVE, which colors your prompts for you:

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>> http://idlwave.org/screenshots/emacs_21_bp.gif

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>> If you'd prefer to stick with the shell, something like:

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>> !PROMPT='\033[1;34mIDL> \033[m'

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>> in your IDL startup file should do it for most terminal programs.

>> Just replace the "\033" in the above with a real Escape character (C-q

>> ESC in Emacs would do that for you).

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>> JD

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> Thanks JD,

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> Does this work on your system? I don't seem to be able to get this to

> work. The IDL shell doesn't interpret the escape characters from the

> underlying shell it seems. So if I do:

> !PROMPT='\e[1m aaa \e[0m '

> in an IDL session that is started from bash I get this prompt

> literally. I do get the correct 'aaa' in bold in the shell itself when

> I change \$PS1. Same behaviour in tcsh.

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> Best,

> oilh

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Hi,

the escape character is 27b, and

!PROMPT=string(27b)+'[1;34mIDL> '+string(27b)+'[m'

works on linux/xterm.

regards,

lajos
