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

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On Tue, 01 Nov 2005 07:41:22 -0800, Oilhead Beemer wrote:

> Hi,
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> I'm running IDL from the command line on Linux. I've been playing with
> !PROMPT, but do not seem to be able to get bold in my prompt. Is this in
> any way possible?

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

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

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

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

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).

JD
