
Subject: IDLWAVE: no sympathy for the devil (vi vi vi)
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Hi brilliant people,

I covet IDLWAVE. For instance, I'm tired of typing

`if(n_elements(n) gt 0) then begin`

But, my transition to Emacs has been rocky. Well, it's perhaps better described as "quite smooth but also quite incomplete." I use VIPER, which, if you don't know, stands for "Vlper is a Package for Emacs Rebels." (http://theory.uwinnipeg.ca/gnu/emacs/viper_toc.html). It seems I just can't give up intuitive keystrokes like `:.+.5s/^;` , although I'm sure there is an equivalent stream of gibberish that accomplishes that in native Emacs.

I work in two modes: I use Xemacs on my windows box, and I use Xemacs on a Linux box through Reflection, using the windows box as a terminal.

So, basically, Windows denies me the ALT key, and Viper denies me the ESC key.

Is there any trickery I can employ to get around this?
