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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE Mac OS X

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Kenneth P. Bowman wrote:

> In article <1152758616.309618.91380@35g2000cwc.googlegroups.com>,

> wallabadah@hotmail.com wrote:

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>> On the subject of TextWrangler - it's also possible to use syntax

>> highlighting, which can be a big help.

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> Is there an IDL plug-in for TextWrangler/BBEdit? I have never been able

> to find one. They provide a software development kit for creating such

> things, but I don't know all (any?) of the technical bits required to

> make one.

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> Ken Bowman

TextWrangler/BBEdit use 'codeless' text modules, which are XML files containing the specs for a given language. No SDK or compiling required. They're documented in Appendix-C of the TextWrangler manual.

I've got a working version I can post here if people want - the only thing that doesn't work is 'function definitions', probably because all those begins and ends get a bit confusing (ie. 'end' is used in several ways, not just to end a procedure/function).

SubEthaEdit (SEE) uses different terminology for their 'Language Modes', although they're still defined in a set of XML files. SEE is a bit more flexible in that it allows you to define different types of keywords, with different highlighting - eg. System Procedures, System Procedures, Library Procedures, Library Functions, etc. TextWrangler just recognises a single type of keyword and only one style of highlighting. However, for some reason I can't recall right now, I never liked SEE much, and preferred TextWrangler.

I have working versions of the language modules for both programs, although they're probably not 100% up to date. Let me know if you want them, and I'll work out how to post them to the list...

Will Powell

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