
Subject: TextWrangler/BBEdit IDL Language module
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G'Day All,

This is probably only of interest to Mac OS X users...

TextWrangler has recently been updated to version 2.2 - in which changes have been made to codeless language modules (which are used for syntax highlighting). Regular expressions can now be used to identify functions and procedures within source code files - something that was lacking from previous versions.

I have written an updated version of the IDL language module which takes advantage of this feature. The old module provided syntax highlighting of strings, comments and keywords, but it's now also possible to identify the start and end point of functions and procedures, so TextWrangler can display them in its popup menu and allow you to use the 'Go to Function Start' and 'Go to Function End' menu commands. This allows you to navigate long source files which contain multiple routines much more easily. When used with BBEdit, you can also do Code Folding - which hides routines from view while you're not interested in them.

If you're interested in getting a copy of the language module, It's being hosted on Ken Bowman's site (http://idl.tamu.edu/mactips/syntax_coloring.php - thanks Ken!), or available directly from me (wpowell@els.mq.edu.au). I've only just sent it to Ken, so it might not be up for a bit.

If you've got comments, suggestions or bugfixes let me know.

cheers,

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