
Subject: Re: How to comment out large section of codes in IDL?

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<fullyu4@gmail.com> wrote in message

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> As title. In C/C++, we can comment out many lines at once by /* */,

> but in IDL, it seems the only way is to put ";" in front of every

> line. Is there a better way?

Block comments have been mentioned (under the edit menu in the IDLDE).

Also, many editors have "column mode" where you can select

row 1, for multiple columns and paste in the ";" (ultra edit can do this).

Another way, it to programatically make a IF block.

```
dothispart = 1
```

```
if dothispart then begin
```

```
...
```

```
endif
```

That is actually pretty handy to do, especially if you are in an exploratory mood looking through data. I also use this to switch between screen graphics, and postscript graphics for instance.

Cheers,
bob
