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Subject: Re: Custom formatting under version 7.0?  
Posted by [Pierre V.](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 18:06:27 GMT  
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On Dec 5, 9:09 am, Doug Edmundson <do...@ittvis.com> wrote:

> Pierre wrote:

>> On Dec 4, 2:40 pm, sboli...@gmail.com wrote:

>>> On Dec 4, 2:45 pm, Pierre <pierre.villene...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> I have been using the new eclipse-based DE for the past few days and  
>>>> overall I like what I see. One thing I can't figure out yet is how to  
>>>> modify the auto-formatting rules to force my code to line up with  
>>>> parentheses, like this:

```
>>>> res = my_func(arg0, arg1, $  
>>>>             key1 = key1, $  
>>>>             key2 = key2)
```

>>>> I would like the lines that follow an open parenthesis to  
>>>> automatically indent to that same column. I don't know if the above  
>>>> example will show it since it probably depends on viewing this post  
>>>> with a fixed width font.

>>>> Anyhow, does anyone know if this is even possible with the new DE?

>>>> Thanks!

>>>> Pierre

>>> Pierre,

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>>> Unfortunately, the auto-formatter is not that sophisticated at this  
>>> point in time.

>>> It will just identify an IDL line as a continuation of a previous

>>> line, and

>>> then indent by the amount dictated by the preference IDL->Editor-

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>>>> Displayed tab width

>>> -Scott

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>> Thanks for the reply Scott. Is it at all possible to modify the  
>> formatting rules from the user's end, or are they currently "hard  
>> coded" into the system?

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>> -Pierre

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> Hi Pierre,

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> Now might be a good time to bring up code templates. They don't resolve  
> formatting issues, but you might find them useful.

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> If you hit ctrl+space while focused in an editor, a context menu will  
> pop up. Normally this is used for word completion, but if you haven't  
> typed part of a word yet, the full list will start with several

> templates. The IDL Workbench has the following templates built-in:  
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> CASE, CATCH, FOR, FUNCTION, IF, PROCEDURE, REPEAT, SWITCH, and WHILE  
>  
> If you select one of those, code will be inserted for you. It's great  
> if you can't remember the syntax for if-then-else. Note that some of  
> them allow you to select text and then apply the template. For example,  
> if you have "a = 1", select it and apply "IF", that text will be put  
> into an IF statement.  
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> Note that if you type some letters and then press ctrl+space, the pop-up  
> list will trim the list of matches down.  
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> The on-line documentation goes into more of the details. One thing you  
> can do is create your own templates. A good use of this might be to  
> insert standard code, comments, copyrights, etc. For more templates, go  
> to Preferences > IDL > Templates. The little "?" in the lower left will  
> bring up the documentation.  
>  
> Doug

Hi Doug,

I had noticed the templates menu and I have started using them. I am always forgetting exactly how to set up case statements, and this has made it easier for me.

-Pierre

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