
Subject: Re: Custom formatting under version 7.0?

Posted by [Doug Edmundson](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 17:09:40 GMT

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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

Hi Pierre,

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

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:

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.

Note that if you type some letters and then press ctrl+space, the pop-up list will trim the list of matches down.

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
