
Subject: Re: Why Persist with the IDL Workbench
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"mgalloy@gmail.com" <mgalloy@gmail.com> writes:

>>> I like the Outline view. Makes it easy to navigate through
>>> your file.
>>
>> I don't use ctags with my editor, but that sounds like the same thing (would be nice in my
>> editor I'll admit) From what I understand, emacs does that quite well also (I've seen
>> people do things editing ruby source in emacs that blew me away)
>
> I've found ctags to be a bit of a pain to setup, but yes it's
> basically the same thing.

Well, I use speedbar for seeing overall directory structures of files
and their contained procedures and functions. But there's also a
quick folding if you just want to see what's in the file you're in,
try set-selective-display:

<http://emacs.wordpress.com/2007/01/16/quick-and-dirty-code-folding/>

"I often want to hide all function bodies in a file, to get a quick
summary of its contents. As it happens, you don't need any package or
extra configuration for that. Just go to any source file, type

M-1 C-x \$

and magic happens! As usual, it's white magic: C-x \$ will bring your
code back."

I won't get into everything, but for jumping to a function, or
procedure, idlwave-find-module bound to C-c C-v is the best invention
evah.

I suppose I'll stop using emacs when they stop supporting it. But I'm
betting I'd stop using IDL before stopping emacs.

Matt

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