
Subject: idl-shell for NT emacs ?

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Just curious as to whether anyone knows how, if at all possible, to get idl-shell mode running in NT emacs. I stuck the following lines in my .emacs file:

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----- --  
;; This is support for running idl as a subprocess of emacs  
;; as defined in the file  
;; c:\emacs_nt\emacs-19.30\lisp\idl-shell.el
```

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(defvar idl-shell-explicit-file-name "e:\rsi\idl40\idl32"  
  "*If non-nil, is the command to run IDL.  
Should be an absolute file path or path relative to the current  
environment  
execution search path.")
```

```
(autoload 'idl-shell "idl-shell" "Run IDL as an inferior  
process" t)
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----- ---  
  
and when I do: M-x idl-shell , here's what shows up in the  
message buffer:
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----- ---  
Loading easymenu...  
Loading easymenu...done  
Loading idl-shell...done  
Spawning child process: invalid argument  
----- ---
```

I looked through idl-shell.el but not being much of an elisp'er I didn't discover anything that would help.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. (If I can get this to work I may never have to quit emacs again !)

-- Karl young
