Subject: Re: Readline and/or easy command line history access
Posted by Keflavich on Mon, 27 Apr 2009 15:31:00 GMT
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On Apr 27, 7:30 am, sav...@nsidc.org wrote:
> Adam,
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> Keflavich <keflav...@gmail.com> writes:
>> Is there any sort of readline support in IDL more advanced
>> than a simple command history? I can hit 'up' at the command line to
>> retrieve old commands, but this is tedious and sometimes difficult in
>> large interactive sessions.
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> I'm not sure what you're using either the IDE or idlwave-shell, but JD Smith
> wrote idlwave-shell routines for exactly this. Just drop these into you
> .emacs file.
>
> Hope this helps.
>
> Matt

Thanks Matt, but I use the command line only. I'm a VI user in
general, so the learning curve to get emacs running would be a bit
extreme.

Mike, the link you posted didn't have any code posted, but it linked
to something called 'tecla' that appeared to have something like what
I wanted. However, I tried it and it doesn't work as advertised. It
also dies on a keyboard interrupt, making it pretty useless.

Where can I find out more about callable IDL? It sounds pretty
interesting, but a quick through the help only told me what it was,
not how to use it. Do you think it's feasible to use, e.g., the bash
command line as a frontend for IDL using callable idl? That seems
like the ideal situation, though I'm not sure it makes sense in terms
of keeping variables accessible to a session.

And yes, my intent is to have an IPython equivalent for IDL, though
even the default python terminal includes readline support.

Adam