
Subject: Re: function/procedure/keyword list for use in creating an editor syntax description

Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 14:02:04 GMT

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Hi Fabien,

Thanks for the info; auto-indent and so on are nice features. So maybe I should swap to that on the Windows machine.

But which download from these fourteen is the basic text editor I'd want to use?

<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/> And is the IDL highlighter included?

I thought maybe this one, although the page doesn't explain too much what is there:

<http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/packages/eclipse-classic-42-2/junosr2>

(Note I don't use Workbench or anything, I compile/run from command line, and also only code in IDL/Fortran/C so don't need bells and whistles or things for other languages.)

Thanks (and sorry for the threadjacking),

Andy

On Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:53:13 AM UTC-4, Fabien wrote:

> Hi Andy,

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> On 06/12/2013 03:37 PM, AMS wrote:

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>> what is it about Eclipse that means I would want to use it instead?

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> Sure, it's a valid question.

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> The first argument that comes to mind is that IDL (since V7) is using

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> eclipse as out-of-the-box workbench. That means that (at least) a few

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> people are thinking about how to integrate best the IDL features into

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> the workbench (I hope so;-)).

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> Second, Eclipse is Open Source and has been developed and used for many
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> many other languages, so it is well known and still an active project.
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> It is organized in "views" and "projects" and supports SVN (usually very
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> easily but with IDL it is sometimes a pain :())
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> Third, (this is where your own habits or tastes comes into the game), it
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> has cool features and shortcuts. I like how fast I can navigate in the
>
> code using CTRL+F3 for example, I like auto-completion (CTRL+Space), I
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> like the auto-indenting (CTRL+SHIFT+F), and many other small things.
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> What Eclipse doesn't have is Emacs-Style programming (not to my
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> knowledge, but possibly someone made something similar happen in eclipse
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> too)
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> The third point is where other people might find it faster to use
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> another editor... But I always wonder why, so I am asking ;-)
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> Cheers,
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> Fab
