On Monday, July 13, 2015 at 3:19:45 PM UTC-4, Gianguido Cianci wrote:
> Hi all,
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> Does anyone know how to get emacs to add/remove a bunch of '&$' at the end of a block of code, like C-c+; for commenting?

Emacs, yes, IDLWAVE no.

You want to replace a regular expression
Type
  M-x replace-regexp
(in case you don't know what M-x means, type the escape key, then the x key)

The regular expression you want to replace is,
  &\$ *$
and you replace with nothing, just leave the replacement blank. The file should automatically have all "$&" strings at end of line replaced.

If you've never read regular expressions that must look pretty confusing. There is a method to the madness. The partial issue is that in regular expression notation, the dollar sign symbol actually means end of line. We have to use \$ to indicate a literal dollar sign. So these are the meanings.
  '&' = literal "&"
  '\$' = literal "$"
  ' *' = any number of space characters
  '$' = end of line
So it replaces any sequence of "&$" followed by zero or more spaces at the end of line. Thus endeth the lesson.

Craig