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Subject: Re: idl-pvwave-mode on Emacs: prompt is locked text  
Posted by [Mariolncandenza](#) on Tue, 26 Jan 2016 18:48:34 GMT  
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On Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 10:37:59 AM UTC-8, Edward Hyer wrote:

> Hi IDL Wizards,  
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> I'm going to post this question to Stack Overflow too as it's maybe an emacs question, but this is making me crazy.  
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> The symptom is this: when you copy text out of the \*idl\* buffer into a file buffer, and include the 'IDL> ' prompt (as you must if you want to copy multiple lines), the lines are set to read-only in the file buffer. The 'IDL> ' cannot be deleted, nothing can be changed.  
>  
> This is new behavior from emacs, and since it's emacs, I'm sure there's a lisp command to turn it off, but I don't know what it is.  
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> Am I the only one still using the idl-mode in emacs? Has anyone seen this?  
>  
> --Edward H.

OK, lots of discussion on this. If anyone cares, I found a potential solution, and a cheap workaround.

The potential solution is to add to .emacs:

(add-to-list 'yank-excluded-properties 'read-only)

The cheap workaround is save+revert, which will replace the text in the buffer with what can be saved in the file (text properties cannot be saved in the file, and so are stripped out).

--Edward H.

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