
Subject: Re: Command input window in Windows: why only one line? Why, generally does the windows handling not work?

Posted by [Kristian Kjaer](#) on Sun, 14 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Bigorna wrote:

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> and Linux versions: it is not possible to paste multiple lines of code
> into IDL!

If it is any consolation, I completely agree with you.

There are several other flaws in the (5.x) windows port which are perhaps somehow related:

-) It is not possible, using the keyboard, to change focus to any open *.pro file. You have to use the mouse.
-) It is not possible, using the keyboard, to change focus to the output log. You have to use the mouse.
-) Worst, during long computations (or long whatever) the IDL window is not updated. This means that if, during the long computation, you have covered the IDL window by another window, then if you try to put focus back on the IDL window, you don't get to see any output that IDL may have produced in the meantime and which might help you to decide whether or not to let the computation continue.

And, if you've programmed something like "Press key 'N' to Not continue", then after changing focus away from IDL, you cannot get into a state where you can get IDL to listen to your 'N'.

BTW, IDL4 for windows didn't have these problems.

- Kristian

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Posted by [Kristian Kjaer](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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> Kristian Kjaer <Kristian.Kjaer@Risoe.Dk> wrote:
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Jonas wrote:

> ctrl+tab
> or
> f6 shift+f6
>
> Jonas

Thanks, Jonas, this is what I'd normally do in any other windows program.

However, try this:

ctrl(W) ; puts focus on command line: Works.

IDL> .ed prog1

IDL> .ed prog2

IDL> .ed prog3 ; Now focus is in the prog3.pro window, and you can move the cursor around in it with the arrows, highlight with shift(arrow), copy with ctrl(C), etc.: Fine

ctrl(W) ; puts focus back on the command line: Works.

ctrl(tab) ; Apparently changes focus between the editor windows, but you don't have the cursor there. It is still on the command line, so you cannot highlight with shift(arrow), copy with ctrl(C), etc.: Not so good.

Also, strangely, the output log is not a 'window' on a par with the other windows. To get focus on it, you have to click in it with the mouse. Only then can you manoeuvre in it with the keyboard.

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Posted by [Jonas](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Jonas
