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Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Sadly, not in windows, of course. But then, there's always Linux ;)

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Subject: Re: Top 10 for young farts

Posted by [Steve Hartmann](#) on Fri, 04 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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I agree that emacs is a better editor in most cases. I think the fact that so many people use a third party editor should be a big concern for RSI. The interface is a major part of the software in my opinion, and it's dissapointing that RSI's version is not the best (or even an acceptable) choice for many of us. I do like the new Windows version, which allows the creation of projects. It's similar to MS Visual Studio, which I also use, so it's easy to switch back and forth.

So my point is that I wish IDL's editor was improved to the point we didn't need to use emacs. To me, it's very close, and my biggest

complaint is that you can't paste more than one line of code into the command line.

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<jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> wrote:

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I hear, I hear. Now what do we learn from this: why doesn't RSI adopt (x)emacs as their official editor and IDE -- as far as I know, there isn't even a license fee on it. And if they had just one person dedicated to linking IDL and Emacs even closer together and providing a consistent port to Windows and Mac, they could

- (a) get moral gummibears for contributing to a GNU project,
- (b) let Unix users feel that they are an important fraction of the customers,
- (c) improve IDL's look and feel drastically.

But if they don't want to do this, it still wouldn't hurt to improve the command line just a little bit. There are still folks in the world who are happy with vi. And if I dial in from home, I can't open X windows, so I am stuck with terminal type tools.

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Subject: Re: Top 10 for young farts
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Carsten Dominik wrote:

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> All this (and much more) is available under Linux if you use Emacs
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> with the IDLWAVE package. Jump ship!

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I have missed in the past the debugmode in emacs like I have it in the IDLDE.

How did you debug with the emacs?

Reimar Bauer
