
Subject: Re: commenting

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:17:35 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:43:26 GMT

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Select region. Enter [C-c ;] to toggle commenting. Requires
emacs+IDLWAVE. The lazy man's delight.

jd

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Posted by [Christopher W. O'Dell](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2001 16:51:33 GMT
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Subject: Re: commenting
Posted by [Paul Woodford](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2001 19:04:50 GMT
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In the Macintosh version of IDL, select the block of text you would like to comment, then select "Comment Lines" from the Edit menu or type Command-M. You can also Un-Comment Lines (Command-), Shift Left (Command-[]), or Shift Right (Command-[]).

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Posted by [Alex Schuster](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2001 12:54:29 GMT
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Yes, the secret delimiters are 'GOTO, EndOfComment' and 'EndOfComment:'.

Alex

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Subject: Re: commenting

Posted by [jeyadev](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2001 17:59:52 GMT

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Come on, David, it is bloody elegant! I stumbled across this
in the days of Fortran II, with a GO TO statement to boot. Now,
that was a lot less elegant!

And, if you use vi, here is something I do:

```
:l1,l2s/^./;&
```

where l1 and l2 are the line numbers delimiting the block of interest.
And, you undo it with

```
:l1,l2s/;/
```

Voila!

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Posted by [marc schellens\[1\]](#) on Thu, 22 Feb 2001 18:56:10 GMT

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Hmmm, with that way you can only comment out lines not containing syntax
errors.

In emacs you can use idl-wave mode, mark a region and then type C-c ;
but who uses this mode will already know...

:-) marc
