
Subject: IDLWAVE: passing on the torch
Posted by [dominik](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2001 08:21:05 GMT
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So for two quite different reasons it seems to be about time for me to resign as maintainer. IDLWAVE will continue to be maintained and developed, stay tuned for the announcement by the new maintainer soon. I will still be around, helping to fix things, but also actually using IDL instead of writing Emacs code.

This whole thing has been great fun and I have certainly learned a lot. I hope IDLWAVE has been and will continue to be useful to many people here. Thank you all for your encouragement and feedback.

- Carsten

Subject: Re: IDLWAVE: passing on the torch
Posted by [William Daffer](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2001 22:46:05 GMT
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Carsten Dominik <dominik@astro.uva.nl> writes:

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Carsten;

I'd like to thank you personally for your marvelous work on
IDLWAVE. I can't tell you how much I depend on this package and I
sing it's praises to whomever I chat with about IDL and
Emacs. You've done a bang up job and if I could only develop a
tenth of your lisp skill, I'll count myself a happy man.

Echoing another's comment, if ever you make it to Los Angeles, lunch
and a beer are on me.

William Daffer

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ADAGE, n. Boned wisdom for weak teeth.

-- Ambrose Bierce: The Devil's Dictionary
