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Subject: Re: Emacs mode for IDL: where?  
Posted by [sjt](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 1994 12:58:40 GMT  
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Frank Robijn (robijn@Strw.LeidenUniv.NL) wrote:

: Hello,

: I've read in the IDL FAQ that there is an Emacs mode for editing  
: IDL programs at esrg.ucsb.edu. I've tried to login at esrg.ucsb.edu  
: for a week now without success. The connection is established but  
: esrg.ucsb.edu apparently does not support anonymous ftp. Is this  
: temporary? Any other sites that have the Emacs mode?

According to the file's header comments the FTP site is:  
;; /jaameri.gsfc.nasa.gov:pub/idl/idl.el

There is also an idl-shell.el file, I'm not sure what's in which.

You should copy them over and put them in the emacs lisp directory and  
also modify your .emacs file as described in the header.

: Frank

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"If all else fails--read the instructions!"

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Subject: Re: Emacs mode for IDL: where?  
Posted by [chase](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 1994 15:12:10 GMT  
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>>>> > "James" == James Tappin <sjt@xun8.sr.bham.ac.uk> writes:

James> According to the file's header comments the FTP site is: ;;

James> /jaameri.gsfc.nasa.gov:pub/idl/idl.el

Actually that is an older version of idl.el. I was told that I could no longer archive the current version at that site some time ago. The site esrg.ucsb.edu seems to be having problems. However, it was posted some time ago that you can use the following anonymous FTP location instead:

eos.crseo.ucsb.edu

in directory pub/idl. I had no problem getting the files from there. As an alternative, I could mail the files to you directly.

James> There is also an idl-shell.el file, I'm not sure what's in  
James> which.

idl-shell.el is an emacs mode for running IDL as a subprocess of emacs (like running a debugger, or the shell in an emacs buffer). It's a hack, but it does give you some limited debugging ability (the ability to set breakpoints at the line the emacs point is on in a source file).

Let me know if you have any problems with these. I try to fix bugs (I know of at least one in idl.el and I am sure there are many in idl-shell.el)

Regards,  
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Subject: Re: Emacs mode for IDL: where?  
Posted by [ghsu](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 1994 18:31:00 GMT  
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robijn@Strw.LeidenUniv.NL (Frank Robijn) writes:

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> for a week now without success. The connection is established but

> esrg.ucsb.edu apparently does not support anonymous ftp. Is this  
> temporary? Any other sites that have the Emacs mode?

I just went through that exercise a few weeks ago. Your FAQ is dated. And if you ask RSI, they don't know what you're talking about either. The ftp server at UCSB has been changed. The new server is now

eos.crseo.ucsb.edu

and you'll find all the .el files you want, and a few others goodies in /pub/idl. You should get both idl.el and idl-shell.el. They work very well. The thing I like the most about the idl-shell mode is how easy it is to debug an idl code. If you had experience with the old idltool that runs in sunview which used to have very convinient way to set and clear breakpoints. This is just as good.

The above information about UCSB ftp server was provided by the IDL FAQ maintainer Mike Schienle (8015@sbjse0.sbrc.hac.com).

# Guan-Hsong Hsu

# Protect intellectual freedom, use Free Softwares!

"Free" means that all users have the freedom to study, share, change and improve ..... Not "zero-dollar" ---- Richard Stallman

Subject: Re: Emacs mode for IDL: where?  
Posted by [8015](#) on Mon, 27 Jun 1994 17:33:17 GMT  
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In article <ghsu.772309860@nswc.navy.mil>,  
Guan-Hsong Hsu <ghsu@unstable.nswc.navy.mil> wrote:

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> The above information about UCSB ftp server was provided by the  
> IDL FAQ maintainer Mike Schienle (8015@sbjse0.sbrc.hac.com).  
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We had some kind of system renaming exercise around here recently. The system name sbjse0 no longer exists (nor an alias of any kind apparently). Try 8015@sbsun0010.sbrc.hac.com from now on.

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