
Subject: IDLWAVE takes over

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I am running emacs on a pc, and using ange-ftp to edit files on our unix machines. We do not have idl on the pc's, and I do not like the editor deciding where to put text, how to handle tabs, etc. I do like the context highlighting, and that's the only part of idlwave that seems to be usable in this situation that I really want. Therefore, thanks to Carsten, I have the following in my .emacs file:

;;;From Carsten: how to get only syntax highlighting. Posted to comp.emacs in
;;;response to my request.

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(define-derived-mode idl-color-mode text-mode
  "(IDL color mode)"
  "IDLWAVE syntax-highlighting only mode"
  (require 'font-lock)
  (require 'idlwave)
  (set (make-local-variable 'font-lock-defaults)
       idlwave-font-lock-defaults)
  (set-syntax-table idlwave-mode-syntax-table)
  (turn-on-font-lock))
(add-to-list 'auto-mode-alist '("\\.pro" . idl-color-mode))
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HOWEVER, since installing the latest version of IDLWAVE, a problem has shown up. If I fire up IDL and edit a .pro file that is on the pc, emacs enters idl-color-mode. When I connect to the unix machine and edit a file there, emacs enters idlwave-mode, NOT idl-color-mode. After that, it used idlwave-mode rather than idl-color-mode for any .pro files, whether on the pc or on the unix box.

Any suggestions for fixing this? Otherwise, I will go back to an older version.

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