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Subject: Re: Command line history in IDLWAVE shell  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 2005 01:53:32 GMT  
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On Wed, 02 Nov 2005 16:11:26 -0800, Ed Hyer wrote:

> Currently set to a paltry 32 lines. Can't find a setting in the IDLWAVE  
> manual to change this, sure of course that one exists. Using an older  
> version of IDLWAVE right now, when I see the Unix guys they haven't had  
> their coffee yet, and I'm not going to ask them until they do, if you know  
> what I mean. But if the buffer exists, I'm sure the setting exists, too, I  
> just can't find it.

This is actually a setting of comint. I use:

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(setq comint-input-ring-size 1024)
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in my .emacs.

JD

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Subject: Re: Command line history in IDLWAVE shell  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 2005 02:20:28 GMT  
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Ooh I love it when you talk geek!

setq? comint? input ring? .emacs?

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Subject: Re: Command line history in IDLWAVE shell  
Posted by [Mariolncandenza](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 2005 16:45:01 GMT

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Thanks JD. That would have taken me quite a few guesses. I'm glad I'm not the only one who thinks they might need 1000 lines of history!

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Subject: Re: Command line history in IDLWAVE shell  
Posted by [Mariolncandenza](#) on Fri, 16 May 2014 18:39:53 GMT  
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On Wednesday, November 2, 2005 6:53:32 PM UTC-7, JD Smith wrote:

- > This is actually a setting of comint. I use:
- > (setq comint-input-ring-size 1024)
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- > JD

Next Q: The behavior I am used to is that the command-line history persists within an emacs session. I can 'exit' IDL and come back to it, but as long as it's within the same emacs session, I keep my history. But working on a new machine, I discovered that IDLWAVE is now saving the history into ~/.idlwave/idlwhist, and it is persistent across emacs sessions. I don't think I want this, because 1) the most important thing I do with the history is redo my initialization, which means "initialization for this day's work on this project," not "whatever I happened to be doing 1000 lines ago." Also, 2) I don't know what would happen if I was running two IDLWAVE sessions (happens all the time).

How can I get back to the old behavior where the history was only retained within a single emacs session?

--Edward H.

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