
Subject: Re: Custom formatting under version 7.0?
Posted by [sbolin42](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 22:40:45 GMT
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Posted by [sboilin42](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 00:34:38 GMT
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There is not a way to expand/define the formatting rules. But, I'll record your suggestion for consideration in a future release. Thanks for the input.

-Scott

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Posted by [Doug Edmundson](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2007 17:09:40 GMT
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Hi Pierre,

Now might be a good time to bring up code templates. They don't resolve formatting issues, but you might find them useful.

If you hit ctrl+space while focused in an editor, a context menu will pop up. Normally this is used for word completion, but if you haven't typed part of a word yet, the full list will start with several templates. The IDL Workbench has the following templates built-in:

CASE, CATCH, FOR, FUNCTION, IF, PROCEDURE, REPEAT, SWITCH, and WHILE

If you select one of those, code will be inserted for you. It's great if you can't remember the syntax for if-then-else. Note that some of them allow you to select text and then apply the template. For example,

if you have "a = 1", select it and apply "IF", that text will be put into an IF statement.

Note that if you type some letters and then press ctrl+space, the pop-up list will trim the list of matches down.

The on-line documentation goes into more of the details. One thing you can do is create your own templates. A good use of this might be to insert standard code, comments, copyrights, etc. For more templates, go to Preferences > IDL > Templates. The little "?" in the lower left will bring up the documentation.

Doug
