
Subject: idl.el and idl-shell.el for GNU emacs
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I have put updates of idl.el and idl-shell.el at the following locations:

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;; ftp://fermi.jhuapl.edu/pub/idl_emacs/idl.el
;; ftp://eos.crseo.ucsb.edu/pub/idl/idl.el

;; ftp://fermi.jhuapl.edu/pub/idl_emacs/idl-shell.el
;; ftp://eos.crseo.ucsb.edu/pub/idl/idl-shell.el
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idl-shell.el runs IDL within an emacs buffer. It provides for command editing and history as well as ".pro" debugging features.

idl.el is an intelligent editing mode used in GNU emacs for your ".pro" files.

The comments at the beginning of each file describe their operations, installation and customization.

idl-shell.el is at version 2.0. This version is only for use of IDL version 4.0 and beyond. You need version idl-shell.el 1.20 or earlier to work with IDL versions before 4.0. Our group has not committed yet to switching to IDL version 4, so I have not thoroughly checked out the new idl-shell.el but it appears to work.

IDL version 4 has fixed previous problems IDL had with breakpoints. This makes idl-shell behave more predicatably. This version of idl-shell was a quick fix to work with IDL version 4. There are no new features or bug fixes other than the benefits from the new IDL version. Eventually I would like to have all set breakpoints highlighted and improve breakpoint and syntax error tracking. I have not figured out how to use the new .trace command. idl-shell.el still needs work, but I find it invaluable.

idl.el is at version 1.22. idl.el can now use font-lock mode and I put back in the ability to capitalize keywords when indenting a line or region.

If you have any problems or find bugs please let me know.

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