
Subject: IDLWAVE and &\$ blocks
Posted by [cgguido](#) on Mon, 13 Jul 2015 19:19:43 GMT
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Hi all,

Does anyone know how to get emacs to add/remove a bunch of '&\$' at the end of a block of code, like C-c+; for commenting?

Also, how to force indentation to ignore said '&\$' and continue to indent code properly?

I tried looking through the docs, but I found nothing. Possibly cos I didn't search for the right terms...

Thanks,
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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE and &\$ blocks
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 16 Jul 2015 14:26:09 GMT
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On Monday, July 13, 2015 at 3:19:45 PM UTC-4, Gianguido Cianci wrote:

> Hi all,

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> Does anyone know how to get emacs to add/remove a bunch of '&\$' at the end of a block of code, like C-c+; for commenting?

Emacs, yes, IDLWAVE no.

You want to replace a regular expression

Type

M-x replace-regexp

(in case you don't know what M-x means, type the escape key, then the x key)

The regular expression you want to replace is,

&\$ *\$

and you replace with nothing, just leave the replacement blank. The file should automatically have all "\$&" strings at end of line replaced.

If you've never read regular expressions that must look pretty confusing. There is a method to the madness. The partial issue is that in regular expression notation, the dollar sign symbol actually means end of line. We have to use \\$ to indicate a literal dollar sign. So these are the meanings.

'&' = literal "&"

'\\$' = literal "\$"

'*' = any number of space characters

'\$' = end of line

So it replaces any sequence of "&\$" followed by zero or more spaces at the end of line. Thus

endeth the lesson.

Craig
