
Subject: emacs idl-shell: problem with setup
Posted by [asb](#) on Wed, 15 May 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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I am having trouble setting up the emacs idl-shell. I added the line

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(autoload 'idl-shell "~/emacs/idl-shell" "Run IDL as an inferior process" t)
```

to my .emacs file. When I typed

M-x idl-shell

I got the error message

Cannot open load file: idl.

I changed line 234 of idl-shell.el from

```
(require 'idl)
```

to include the complete path to idl

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(require '/home/apps2/idl_4.01/idl_4/bin/idl)
```

I now get the error message

Invalid read syntax: "#"

Does anyone know how to set it up properly?

Thanks.

Alan

Subject: Re: emacs idl-shell
Posted by [Carsten Dominik](#) on Thu, 02 Sep 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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>>>> > "AB" == Alan Barnett <asb@helix.nih.gov> writes:

AB> I'm running emacs 20.3.1 on an ultra 60. I want to use idl-shell

AB> to run idl 5.1.1. When I start up the idl-shell, I get the error

AB> message

AB> Process idl exited abnormally with code 1.

AB> The same configuration works on a different machine with idl

AB> 4.0.1. Anyone know what I should do to get the idl-shell to work?

Even though I have not seen this particular error message, the reason might be:

idl.el and idl-shell.el are obsolete (they do not work reliably with Emacs 20). Try the replacement modes idlwave.el and idlwave-shell.el.

<http://www.strw.leidenuniv.nl/~dominik/Tools/idlwave>

- Carsten

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