Subject: IDL modes for Emacs
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The IDL modes for Emacs idl.el and idl-shell.el still need a competent
maintainer. If you know some Emacs Lisp, you might want to give it a
try.

Two things I have noticed with newer versions of Emacs (I use GNU Emacs
20.2) are:
* There is some conflict between the C-mode distributed
  with Emacs and the current IDL-mode: If C-mode is loaded in any Emacs
  buffer, IDL-mode refuses to font-lock (=colorize) the IDL code and
  also gives an error message about not being able to support Imenu.
* Emacs 20 does not fontify common blocks the way Emacs 19 did.
  (with reference and variable fonts)

Even if you do not want to maintain the modes: If you know enough
Lisp to fix the problems, I would be glad to patch the files.

I recently gave both modes a higher version number, since I updated the
comment information about no maintainer and about the current source
code availability.

idl-shell.el version 2.5
   has no changes in the executable code. (comment changes only)
idl.el version 1.40
   adds support for editing, running the file from Emacs in Idlde.
   (Thanks to Lubos Pochman <lubos@rsinc.com> from RSI.)

The current versions are available at:

   ftp://pivory.mpae.gwdg.de/pub/idl/emacs/
   http://pivory.mpae.gwdg.de/idl/emacs/
   http://www.mpae.gwdg.de/mpae_RZ/software/idl/emacs/

   ftp://ftp.rsinc.com/pub/user_contrib/emacs/
and soon at (their mirroring seems to have failed)
   ftp://ftp.creaso.com/pub/user_contrib/emacs/
The files were also contributed to the Emacs Lisp archive of Ohio State
university, but they only seem to update once a year.

Happy editing & computing,
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