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Subject: Color in emacs IDL mode  
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I can't seem to get color working in emacs. I think I have turned on the font-lock mode, but the only indication is that string constants are underlined. Perhaps I need to set something in my .Xdefaults file? I am new to customizing emacs and would appreciate any help.

Thanks,  
Gwyn

Emacs version:  
GNU Emacs 19.28.1 running on DEC Alpha

My .emacs file:

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(put 'downcase-region 'disabled nil)
(add-hook 'text-mode-hook 'turn-on-auto-fill)

(setq auto-mode-alist (append '(("\\.pro$" . idl-mode)) auto-mode-alist))
(setq idl-abbrev-start-char ".")
(add-hook 'idl-mode-hook
  (function
    (lambda ()
      (font-lock-mode 1)          ; font-lock mode
      (idl-auto-fill-mode 0)      ; Turn off auto filling
    )))
(defvar idl-file-header
  "/usr/local/idl_tools/local/dev_tools/short_template.pro")
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(autoload 'idl-mode "/usr/local/idl_tools/local/dev_tools/emacs/idl"
  "Major mode for editing IDL/WAVE CL .pro files" t)
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(autoload 'idl-shell "/usr/local/idl_tools/local/dev_tools/emacs/idl-shell"
  "Run IDL as an inferior process" t)
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