
Subject: Re: ascii templates & also IDL from emacs
Posted by [Vapuser](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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noymer@my-deja.com writes:

> Thanks to those who responded to my previous query; this seems like a
> friendly group.
>
> I am wondering about the gooey routine `ascii_template`, as in:
> `myTemplate = ASCII_TEMPLATE(myfile)`
>
> Is there a way to specify a template by hand, in a template file,
> without going through the darn gooey? For one thing, it doesn't seem
> to save the template, so each session I have to redo it. Maybe that's
> because I have the student version?
>

I haven't used `ascii_template` that much. It returns a structure,
which you then pass to `read_ascii` via the 'template=' keyword, right?
If you're reading files that have the same structure, you can just
save the template to a save set (using `save,variable,file=filename`)
which you restore when required. If you're talking about creating the
template on demand, either you go through the Gui, or you prize apart
how the structure works and fill the fields by hand. Then return to
the previous step.

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> of NT-Emacs?
>

Don't know.

> Thanks,
> Andrew.
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> Sent via Deja.com <http://www.deja.com/>
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Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Of course you can still use Emacs as your editor, then ask IDLDE to reload it after each save you do from Emacs. But it **sure** would be nice to have idlwave-shell...

Cheers,

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-Dick

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Subject: Re: ascii templates & also IDL from emacs

Posted by [steinhh](#) on Sun, 13 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <37613B83.D976FEA6@dfanning.com> Dick Jackson
<djackson@dfanning.com> writes:

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It looks like running IDL as an RPC server isn't possible for non-unix platforms, but Callable IDL should be ok, no?

What I normally do is to run a slightly modified version of the `idl/external/rpc/example.c` program as a command line input loop, passing all input on to the `idlrpc` process. For most practical purposes (other than interrupting operation with Ctrl-C, and using multi-line commands) it looks as if I'm running the normal, tty input IDL under `idlwave-shell`).

Now, it shouldn't be too difficult to make a Callable IDL version of this setup, simply writing a main program that initializes IDL, and sends all input to the `IDL_ExecuteStr` (instead of `IDL_RPCExecuteStr`). Voila, and you've created your own tty-input version of IDL.... I think.

Regards,

Stein Vidar
