
Subject: ascii templates & also IDL from emacs
Posted by [noymer](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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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?

Also: Has anyone had success calling IDL for Windows as a sub-process of NT-Emacs?

Thanks,
Andrew.

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Subject: Re: ascii templates & also IDL from emacs
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan wrote:

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> In article <37613B83.D976FEA6@dfanning.com> Dick Jackson
> <djackson@dfanning.com> writes:
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>> noymer@my-deja.com wrote:
> [...]
>>> Also: Has anyone had success calling IDL for Windows as a
>>> sub-process of NT-Emacs?
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>> [...] But it *sure* would be nice to have `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_RPCEExecuteStr`). Voila, and you've created your

> own tty-input version of IDL.... I think.

I'm afraid I don't have what it takes to give this a try right now,
but it sounds plausible, and I bet there would be heaps of gratitude
from more than just me, if someone could try this in Windows NT.

(Off-topic: if someone did get this working, and idlwave-shell worked
under NT-Emacs, and I finally convinced David of the True Path of
Emacs, we might all be treated to his inimitable insights... ;-)

Cheers,

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-Dick

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