

## Re: VFP 6: Good Non-GUI Editor to Use

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Gene Wirchenko schrieb:

>>*Non-GUI: Selected text does not work well for me for block operations  
>>as I frequently do find start of text, mark start of block, find end  
>>of text, mark end of block, perform block operation. I need to be  
>>able to search between defining the start and end of the block.*

Easy in [G]Vim:

- Search begin: type `/begin_phrase`
- Mark start of block: type `"v` (for visual mode – Vims term for a marked section).
- Search end: type `/end_phrase` (or use any other keystroke/command for moving around)
- Mark end of block: type `"v` again
- Execute block operation (e. g. indenting according to your settings: type `">`)

>>*Inexpensive: shareware, freeware, public domain, or the like.*

Vim is free in both senses.

>>*Configurable keys: This would be very useful though not mandatory.  
>>Failing this, the editor should use control key combinations rather  
>>than function keys.*

Read about the map facility of Vim, esp. nmap (in Vim, just type `":help nmap`"). There's about nothing you can't map: automatic brackets, F3 for continuing search, etc.

> *And let me add: the ability to edit more than one file at a time.*

Easy:

- Open GVim and type the command `":args the_files_you_want_to_edit`", and move between the buffers by `":n`" and `":N`"
- Alternatively, open another file with the split command `":sp`

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file\_name" and move between the windows with CTRL-W UP|DOWN

>> *Why?*

Best text editor for Windows I could find :-)

Drawbacks: No Intellisense in VFP 8, and some minor catches with the integration into the VFP IDE.

>> *Where*

>> *is it available from?*

See my previous post. And somewhere in the net there's a syntax file for the highlighting; search for "foxpro.vim". You may also ask me, I've added some missing terms to it so far.

Addendum: If you've never used Vim before, you want to read a tutorial before even starting it. Look at the Vim site for one.

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