Lesim-Mode: Edit Learning Simulator Scripts in Emacs

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Lesim-Mode is an Emacs major mode to write and run Learning Simulator scripts. To learn more about the Learning Simulator, see this short article and the online documentation.

Lesim-Mode does not understand the full Learning Simulator syntax. That is a job for Superman, that is, Learning Simulator chief software architect Markus Jonsson.

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###
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summary: Just to show off lesim-mode
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m_subjects = 1
mechanism = sr
behaviors = response, no_response
stimulus_elements = background, stimulus, reward
start_v = 0
start_v = 0
alpha_v = 0.1
u = reward:10, default:0

@phase training stop: stimulus==10
START_TRIAL stimulus | response: REWARD(.5) | NO_REWARD
REWARD reward | START_TRIAL
NO_REWARD background | START_TRIAL
erun training
@figure v(stimulus->response)
@subplot 111 {'xlabel':'exposures to stimulus', 'ylabel':'v-value'}
@yplot stimulus->response
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Figure 1: Sample screenshot

1 Installing

Install from here for now, hopefully from MELPA later.

2 Using

- Syntax coloring is enabled automatically. It also highlights some errors, line unassigned parameters.
- C-c C-c runs the script in the Learning Simulator (see 3), highlighting any errors.
- C-c C-v in a phase block aligns the block and highlights misspelled stimuli, behaviors, and phase line names.
- C-c C-v in a parameter block aligns the block.
- TAB and Shift-TAB in a phase block move between fields. Elsewhere, they move by word.
- C-c C-t inserts a template script (see 3).

3 Configuration

Using M-x customize-group lesim you can configure:

- The command used to run the Learning Simulator (default: lesim.py).
- The key binding to run scripts.
- The key binding to align and validate code.
- The key binding to insert a template script.
- Whether to insert a template script automatically upon opening an empty .les file (default: nil).

4 Planned features

- Look up parameter definitions and default values in lesim.py source online.
- Parse assignments to highlight syntax and content errors.
- Highlight and validate plotting commands.
- Add Lesim menu.

Please suggests features as issues on Github.

5 Bugs

 $\bullet\,$ The content of multiline comment blocks is highlighted as regular script text.

Please report bugs as issues on Github.