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Dear Mr. Eglen:

I am a user of your iswitchb-mode for Emacs. It’s cool and I rely on it every day.

However, I have a lot of files whose filename are in Chinese characters instead of English. So when I press C-x b to switch between buffers, I should activate Chinese Input Method Editor (IME) first. The process is very dispirited.

Many Windows applications use pinyin (the official system to transcribe Chinese characters into Latin script) of Chinese characters to ease filename matching, such as the famous Listary and QuickSearch eXtended of Total Commander.

To add pinyin matching support to iswitchb-mode, I re-defun iswitchb-get-matched-buffers of iswitchb-mode.el. I only change one line of it to replace string-match with a function that supports pinyin matching. They accept the same arguments.

Although this approach works, it’s a hack. If you change the implementation of iswitchb-mode someday, my code breaks.

I hope you can add an option to allow users to specify the function to do string-match.

Please! Thank you very much!

Best regards,

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