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#!/bin/bash
# This UNIX shell script makes graphical Vim use one instance where possible.
# Save this script as /bin/qvim, make sure it's executable and you're off!
# Configuration variables.
GVIM=/usr/local/bin/gvim
WMCTRL=/usr/bin/wmctrl # <- try 'sudo apt-get install wmctrl'</pre>
DEBUG=no # yes or no
# Look for command—line arguments that aren't filenames and
# if one is found then fall back to Vim's regular behavior.
for ARG in "$@"; do
  if echo "$ARG" | grep -q '^note:'; then
   # Don't consider "note:..." as non-file argument (this is a
   # hack to make my note taking plug—in work with this script).
   continue
 elif [ ! -f "$ARG" ]; then
   # Replace the wrapper with Vim itself.
   [ $DEBUG = yes ] && echo "Process $$: Executing $GVIM $@" >&2
   exec $GVIM "$@"
   exit # <- shouldn't be reached!</pre>
  fi
done
# Check if Vim is already running.
if ! pidof $GVIM > /dev/null; then
 # It's not: Open file(s) in new instance.
  [ DEBUG = yes ] && "Process $$: Executing $GVIM -p $@" >&2
 exec "$GVIM" −p "$@"
else
  [ $DEBUG = yes ] && echo "Process $$: Requesting server list" >&2
 $GVIM --serverlist | grep '^GVIM[0-9]*$' | while read VIM_SERVER_NAME; do
   [ $DEBUG = yes ] && echo "Process $$: Raising selected Vim server" >&2
   $WMCTRL -xa $VIM_SERVER_NAME
   # Pass any pathname arguments on to Vim?
   if [ $# -ge 1 ]; then
     # Open files on command—line in existing Vim window.
     [ $DEBUG = yes ] && echo "Process $$: Executing $GVIM --servername '$VIM_SERVER_NAME' --remote-tab-si
     exec $GVIM --servername "$VIM_SERVER_NAME" --remote-tab-silent "$@"
   fi
 done
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