



November Tip - Color Your World

This tip provided by Naveen Dronavalli from an original submission to search400.com.

Having a nicely commented program source sure can make life nice for the next guy who has to maintain your code. But if the comments are color coded, you can really make those that follow happy (plus it looks cool).

I have done this using DBU to put a hex code on the line or searching for a line already colored the way I want and copying it. Both of these are a total pain. Most people looking at my code would say they are very lucky to have comments, let alone putting in this kind of effort to color code them.

Naveen takes away the excuse of it being too much of a pain.

Here is what she suggests using Client Access:

1. Click on the "MAP" button
2. Click on any key, for example map ALT + R for red color
3. Click on R and type APL 28 in the box provided against Alt and save the settings
4. Now go to the source line, which you want to make in RED. Put your cursor just before the first word of the line and press ALT + R and enter, the source line will be displayed red in color.

For different colors follow this table:

APL 20 - Green
APL 21 - Green RI
APL 22 - White
APL 23 - White RI
APL 24 - Green UL
APL 25 - Green RI UL
APL 26 - White UL
APL 27 - ND
APL 28 - Red
APL 29 - Red RI
APL 30 - Blue
APL 31 - Blue RI
APL 32 - Yellow
APL 33 - Yellow RI
APL 34 - Blue UL
APL 35 - Blue UL RI

Nadeen also mentions that you can use this same technique for member text as well. Take option 13 from PDM and F4 for the member you want to change the color. Put your cursor just before the first letter in the text and press corresponding color key and press enter. Now you can see your member text will be displayed in different color.

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