

CFEclipse Annoyance

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Several years ago I had a major hard drive crash, and lost my former "big name" IDE. After asking around to see what was available, I was repeatedly referred to [CFEclipse](#) . While it took some getting used to at first (what "new" thing doesn't?), I have been off and running with it ever since.

A couple of weeks ago I had a motherboard failure, and ended up with a new install of CFE. I was able to quickly import all of my snippets and libraries (thank God for backups). However, I noticed that there was a brand new totally annoying behavior:

As I typed, even entering a space would pop up code hints - only they weren't exactly code hints.

Rather, it was a listing of variables that I had declared. Hit [enter] as a normal course of typing, and you end up with stupid ass variable names being inserted. Talk about aggravating! It sucked even more when I didn't notice it and tried to run code.

After spending quite a bit of time going through all of the preferences searching for what might be causing this incredibly absurd "feature", I finally found it.

Window > Preferences > CFEclipse > **File Parser**

Make sure that "Parse Variables as you type" is *un* checked.

I guess I can see why this setting is in the File Parser category, since it's about parsing, but since the variables pop up as code hints, it would seem much more intuitive to me if it were with the code hint settings. Better yet, just delete the stupid SOB from CFE. :-)

That said, I think that [Mark Drew](#) (et al) has done a masterful job with CFE, and I am *very* thankful that it exists. This is actually the first time I've ever really had a bitch with it. Hopefully it'll be the last.

Mark, seriously, thank you very much for all you do with CFE and the community in general. Can't wait to have a few drinks with you in May at [cf.Objective\(\)](#) . Last year was damn sure a blast; I suspect that this year will be at least as awesome. :-)