
Subject: Re: idlwave help

Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2001 15:28:51 GMT

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On Thu, 25 Oct 2001, John-David Smith wrote:

> Ken Mankoff wrote:

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>> I would like to start using completion in the editing buffer, not just the
>> shell. I think this is bound to M-TAB (or ESC-TAB). When I hit that, I get
>> the following:

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> This is all covered in the INSTALL file you'll find in the distribution.

Hi JD,

I had done a custom location install before, as I dont have root
privileges on my main computer. I do on another one, and am now testing
this there. I have followed the INSTALL file verbatim, and here is my
.emacs:

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;(setq load-path (cons "~/local/idlwave-4.9d" load-path))  
(autoload 'idlwave-mode "idlwave" "IDLWAVE Mode" t)  
(autoload 'idlwave-shell "idlw-shell" "IDLWAVE Shell" t)  
(setq auto-mode-alist  
  (cons ('("\\.pro\\") . idlwave-mode) auto-mode-alist))  
(setq idlwave-help-directory "/usr/local/etc")
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If I do this, and emacs a .pro file, it starts in my default major-mode,
Text. However, even in text mode, ESC-TAB *does* bring up completions. But
obviously, font-lock-mode and other stuff does not work.

Also, the *Messages* buffer has this:

File mode specification error: (file-error "Cannot open load file" "idlwave")

If I change my .emacs so that the commented line above is uncommented,
then when I edit a file, I get loaded into "IDLWAVE Abbrev Fill" mode,
syntax is highlighted, and "C-c,?" brings up help, etc... In short,
everything works but the ESC-TAB. If I hit that, it says that 'tags are
not loaded'.

The confusing thing is that ~/local/idlwave-4.9d is where I ran
% make; su; make install-all

Ideally, I would like to run everything out of ~/local/idlwave, so that I
can have the same setup on all my computers, even where i am not root.

-k.

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