Subject: Re: IDLWAVE EMACS QUESTION Posted by JD Smith on Tue, 29 Apr 2003 19:07:17 GMT

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On Tue, 29 Apr 2003 11:04:08 -0700, Karthikayan Balakrishnan wrote:

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> Hello All,
       I tried the structure completion in IdlWAVE by adding
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  (add-hook 'idlwave-load-hook
       (lambda () (require 'idlw-complete-structtag)))
>
> in my .emacs file and then proceeded to add the
> idlw-complete-structtag.el file to /usr/local/share/emacs/site-lisp/
> where the rest of the idl*.el files are. Yet when I load up Emacs I get
> the following error:
> File mode specification error: (file-error "Cannot open load file"
> "idlw-complete-structtag")
> OS: Linux Redhat 8.0
> Emacs Version: GNU Emacs 21.2.1 (i686-pc-linux-gnu, X toolkit, Xaw3d
> scroll bars) of 2002-08-28 on astest
> IDL Version: 5.5
       Any suggestions? Thanks,
> Karthik.
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It's likely that you're accidentally using the Emacs-bundled version of IDLWAVE, v4.7. You can see by "C-h v idlwave-mode-version". If so, this means the stuff in /usr/local/share/... isn't being used at all. Many linux systems, for some reason, come with Emacs configured *not* to look in /usr/local/share/... for lisp files. You need to configure your load-path in .emacs to include this directory:

(setq load-path (cons "/usr/local/share/emacs/site-lisp" load-path))

You can view your load-path with "C-h v load-path". Now complete-structtag should work, and you'll be using the newest IDLWAVE version too.

JD