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Subject: IDLDE -> IDLWAVE Newbie FAQ  
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Hi Folks,

Seeing as how there is no IDLWAVE newsgroup, and how abominable (for us unix/linux users) IDLDE is, I propose we compile an IDLDE to IDLWAVE transition guide (or FAQ) for newbies. Such a guide would be separate from the IDLWAVE documentation/tutorial, and could provide answers to questions for IDL users who are used to IDLDE, and want to know how to perform similar tasks in the IDLWAVE environment.

I myself am in the process of making the transition, and stand to learn alot by posing (and answering) these types of questions. ...So here is a start. ...I would encourage everyone to add questions to this thread. ..I will be happy to compile all of the questions and answers into a single document to pass on to the folks at IDLWAVE.org (if they are interested):

Here's a list of questions I have (that I don't know the answers to), in no particular order.

1. Can one open \*.prj (project) files in IDLWAVE mode?
2. Help! I really like the "Recent Files/Projects" listing in the IDLDE File Menu. Is there anything similar in IDLWAVE?
3. Is there a way to see a listing of the currently defined variables, like in IDLDE?
4. In IDLDE, when I type ".compile myprogram", the IDLDE editor automatically opens up the program in the development window. Is there a way to do this in IDLWAVE?
5. In IDLDE, when I open up a project (\*.prj) file, IDL automatically lists all the .pro files I previously had open in the Window Menu. Is there any way to have IDLWAVE "remember" which .pro files I had open in a previous (x)emacs session, and restore them by default when I start x(emacs).
6. I just want to push a button to run a program like I do with that blue botton (or F5) in IDLDE. How do I do this?!?
7. Wheww... I'm sure I have some more questions, but can't think of any right now.....

Cheers,  
Sean

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