
Subject: Symbol's value as variable is void: idlwave-sys-dir

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Hi All,

I am a new idlwave user, and having just got out syspeople to upgrade idlwave to the current version 5.6 I am keen to make the most of it. It all seems to work, except when I open the idlwave shell anew in an emacs window with C-c C-s, the first time I always get this error:

Symbol's value as variable is void: idlwave-sys-dir

while on the second C-c C-s the shell does open.

I believe this error is caused by the fact that we were unable to upgrade idlw-shell.el, so this was removed from LISPFILE list in the idlwave-5.6/Makefile and the rest was upgraded. The error that occurred while running gmake on the original Makefile was:

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jobrien@magpie idlwave-5.6/> gmake
emacs -batch -no-init-file -l lpath.el -f batch-byte-compile idlwave.el
idlw-help.el idlw-rinfo.el idlw-shell.el idlw-toolbar.el
idlw-complete-structtag.el idlw-roprompt.el
Wrote /home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlwave.elc
Wrote /home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlw-help.elc
Wrote /home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlw-rinfo.elc
Loading
/usr/local/libexec/emacs/21.4/sparc-sun-solaris2.9/fns-21.4. 1.el
(source)...
While compiling toplevel forms in file
/home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlw-shell.el:
!! Symbol's value as variable is void
((fume-function-name-regexp-alist))
Wrote /home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlw-toolbar.elc
Wrote /home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlw-complete-structtag.elc
Wrote /home/jobrien/sysman/idlwave-5.6/idlw-roprompt.elc
Done
gmake: *** [lisp] Error 1
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Looking through our emacs distribution we saw that we have a file func-menu.el which is more than 10 years old. Is this the cause of the problem? If so where can we get an upgrade from. And is it likely to effect any other emacs modes, or is it for idlwave only?

We still have a lot of idlde users here, who I think dont know what they're missing with idlwave. But it would be good if I can fix this error first.

Thanks for your help,
Jess
