
Subject: Re: Adobe 7.0 in IDL

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On Wed, 19 Oct 2005 07:08:53 -0700, Steve.Morris wrote:

> Cheers all!
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> I use idl 6.0 on my suse linux. I have been updating my linux and got the
> adobe 7.0 that is not working anymore with the -supernasty!- idl online
> help (I know the topic has been already faced time ago)
>
> So I was thinking this as a good excuse to migrate to some sort of more
> clever way of using the online help, idlwave or whatever would be good.
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> I'm using emacs and I'm quite sure it already has idlwave features in it
> (ex: I call idl from it by typing ctrl-C-S) but I'm unable to see the
> online help provided with idlwave. What should I do? I have tried to
> Alt-X-idlwave- but then I don't have any help (only idlwave-hard-tab) as I
> would expect. What do I have to do in order to see it (if this is the
> right way of doing... !?!)
>
> I have also downloaded the html online-help (from idlwave.org) and add the
> following lines in .emacs
>
> (setq idlwave-html-help-location
> "/home/myusername/IDLWAVE/idl_html_help/") (setq
> idlwave-help-browser-function 'firefox-browse-url)
>
> but it seems not to work...

You probably have an old IDLWAVE bundled with emacs from long ago (the last real Emacs release was around 2001, I believe). You'll need to update your install (see idlwave.org) to use the new HTML help. Once that is done, I think you need to say just `"/home/myusername/IDLWAVE"`. It automatically appends `idl_html_help`. The default location is `/usr/local/etc`, so you could remove that customization and just place the html help directory there as well.

In the quasi-not-distant future, look for: 1) an new Emacs release which includes a much more modern IDLWAVE by default, and 2) a version of IDLWAVE which understands and drives the new IDL 6.2 help system.

JD
