
Subject: Adobe 7.0 in IDL

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Cheers all!

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.

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

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(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...

Any suggestion and/or help?

Switching to another topic, I come across to this highly interesting message :

"just find the file idl.chm in a Windows distribution and copy that file to some convenient location on your Linux box. Install xCHM, if you don't have it already, and viola! you're reading a Windows Help file on Linux."

I have downloaded and installed idl6.2 for windows and searched for idl.chm, but unable to find it anymore!!! Is this another nice joke from IDL people? Or what? Should I rather use another file and if so, which one?

Thanks in advance everyone!
S.
