
Subject: Re: Adobe 7.0 in IDL

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On Mon, 24 Oct 2005 04:46:09 -0700, Steve.Morris wrote:

>> 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.
>
> I have followed the instruction and now I get `idlwave-help-....` from
> my emacs. However I feel still a dummy, cos I haven't yet manage to
> call help for a certain command.
> In acrobat I was doing `ex ?ftarr` what should I do here in emacs?
> I have tried to select `idlwave-help-menu`, but nothing happens :(

menu IDLWAVE->Documentation->Info

then visit topic "The IDLWAVE Major Mode"->Online Help. This will tell you what you need to know. Briefly, IDLWAVE gives context based help. Just hit M-? with the cursor in a variety of places (functions/keywords/system variables/etc.) and you'll be queued up instantly. Also available from context help or completion (just right click anything blue).

I should probably remove the "Launch IDL Help" menu item, or change it to launch the home page of the IDL HTML help. It was created when IDL's help system was a papyrus parchment roll with charcoal drawings.

JD
