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Subject: Re: Adobe 7.0 in IDL

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On Mon, 24 Oct 2005 14:46:37 -0700, Steve.Morris wrote:

> I'm not actually quite sure I'm doing things properly :((  
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> I have completion only if I open IDL in my emacs,i.e. I have to hit C-c  
> C-s and then for a given command in the IDL command line I get a  
> completion or a list of possible completion. But not in the emacs file  
> right away. Also, nothing happens when I hit M-? or C-c ? (is  
> possible because in my keyboard ? is called with shift+  
> combination???)  
>  
> In any case, if from the idl command line (open by C-c C-s I right  
> click on one of the possible combination, nothing happens but I get the  
> following message Wrong type argument: listp, firefox-browse-url).  
> However, if in .emacs I set the following way  
> (setq idlwave-help-browser-function 'w3m-browse-url)  
> a new emacs window pop-up, with the title \*IDLWAVE Help\*, but nothing  
> is displayed and the message Wrong type argument: listp, w3m-browse-url  
> still appear.  
>  
> I feel really like a stupid but I fear I'm missing something very  
> basic, indeed.... :(  
>  
> Here is my .emacs as it looks right now

Having trouble following you here. Try this. Open a file named foo.pro.  
In it, type:

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a=convol(
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and with the cursor after the "(", hit M-?. You should have a browser  
popup to the CONVOL page, or a message about problems Emacs is having  
opening a browser. Have you actually installed w3m? It doesn't come with  
Emacs by default (and requires an external command-line tool). You  
can configure your default browser like M-x customize [RET]  
browse-url-browser-function [RET] and try the various methods until you  
find one which works. Then just "save for future sessions" and you should  
be good to go.

JD

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