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Subject: Re: Adobe 7.0 in IDL

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OK, I have finally decided to bite the bullet and get idlwave running. The first problem is that I have used 'vi' all my computing life, and I'm having a hard time remembering all the commands for emacs. The second problem is that on my Mac, when I fire up emacs in an xterm, it does not have any widgets that I can use to learn the system, so I have decided to install Xemacs instead (version 21.4.9). I figured I could learn emacs this way, and then go back to plain emacs if necessary, once I learned the ropes.

So far so good. I have confirmed (I think) that the IDLWAVE package has been installed. However, when I try to load the tutorial.pro routine to see the magic that IDLWAVE can do, I get an error message:

File mode specification error: (void-variable browse-url-browser-function)

And there is no hint that it has heard of IDLWAVE mode.

Here is my

~/xemacs/init.el

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127 rfrench@telesto> cat init.el
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(setq load-path (cons "/usr/local/share/emacs/site-lisp" load-path))
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(autoload 'idlwave-mode "idlwave" "IDLWAVE Mode" t)
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(autoload 'idlwave-shell "idlw-shell" "IDLWAVE Shell" t)
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(setq auto-mode-alist
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(cons ("\\.pro\\\\" . idlwave-mode) auto-mode-alist))
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I'd be very grateful if someone could tell me how to get xemacs to recognize that this file is an IDL program and get into the proper mode for it.

Many thanks!

Dick French

PS I am running OSX10.4.3 and X11 1.1 - Xfree86 4.4.0 on a PowerBook G4

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