On Wed, 25 Jan 2006 09:52:20 -0700, JD Smith put fingers to keyboard and
said:

> On Wed, 25 Jan 2006 08:45:09 -0500, Bruce Bowler wrote:
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>> On Tue, 24 Jan 2006 13:04:11 -0700, JD Smith put fingers to keyboard and
>> said:
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>>> On Tue, 24 Jan 2006 12:00:35 -0500, Bruce Bowler wrote:
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>>>> I probably ought to direct this to JD via mail, but this way everyone
>>>> can benefit...
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>>>> I'm currently running IDLwave 5.0 and IDL 6.1. I think it's time to
>>>> upgrade IDLwave to 5.6.
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>>>> What are the "gotchas" that I ought to look out for? Should I
>>>> uninstall 5.0 before I try and install 5.6?
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>>> The only real gotcha is if your old IDLWAVE is still installed, and
>>> Emacs find that one first. This is easy to see, since the version is
>>> printed when IDLWAVE starts up (also, C-h m will show the version).
>>> Normally, this is not a problem, if you are installing to the same
>>> place, it will just overwrite the old files with the new, and you
>>> should be good to go. You'll probably also need to grab and install
>>> the HTML help relevant for IDL 6.1.
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>>> That said, you could just wait for IDLWAVE 6.0, due out "any time now",
>>> which interfaces with the new IDL Assistant, and makes downloading any
>>> help unnecessary (since it comes bundled with IDL now). Lots of other
>>> nice improvements as well.
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>>> JD
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>> Done, and as predicted, painless...
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>> One question. One of my motivations for upgrading was that
>> IDLWAVE>>Documentation>>Launch IDL Help
>> didn't.
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>> I had assumed that it was because I was on IDL 6.1 and IDLWave 5.0 and
>> there was a "version mismatch" going on. Even after upgrading, it still
>> doesn't. Context sensitive help works, but Launch IDL help doesn't
>> work. Any clues about how to make it work would be most appreciated.

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> All that menu does, with IDLWAVE 5.6 and IDL 6.1 is attempt to call the
> command "idlhelp", which by default is defined by the IDL installers to
> launch the PDF version of the help (which I find somewhat useless). If
> such a command is not on the program search path available to Emacs, it
> won't launch. With IDLWAVE 6.0, that command will launch or raise the IDL
> Assistant, which is where context help goes by default as well, and so
> will be much more useful. A simple way to get the context HTML help in
> your version is just say M-? on any valid routine/statement/etc.
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> JD

[bcb@modis bin]$ which idlhelp
/usr/local/bin/idlhelp

So the shell knows how to find it. Is there something I can type within
emacs that might reveal clues as to why it's not being launched?

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1.207.633.9600 | least disappointing. - Bernard Baruch
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