
Subject: Re: Continuing Linux Education
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2006 16:13:56 GMT
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On Mon, 06 Feb 2006 10:37:57 -0700, David Fanning wrote:

> JD Smith writes:
>
>> As far as the tutorial, the IDLWAVE which is bundled with Emacs is
>> ancient: 4.7 or something. Almost 4 years old (which is about how old
>> the current Emacs is, sadly). It probably even pre-dates the tutorial,
>> and is missing many features. You should upgrade your IDLWAVE; see
>> [idlwave.org](#). My recommendation is to wait for the IDLWAVE 6.0
>> announcement which will be going out soon, and upgrade then. Then the
>> HTML help RSI supplies with your IDL 6.2 will work "out of the box", and
>> you won't need to do anything more to configure your context help. By
>> the way, Emacs 22, when it ships, should have a nice modern version of
>> IDLWAVE, so the need to upgrade will be much reduced.
>
> Shoot. And I am getting so used to doing clean installs and then
> downloading everything again and again. It will be a shame to lose all
> those skills. :-)
>
> Anyway, now I have a good version of IDL, Emacs and IDLWAVE all working,
> more or less, together. But here is a suggestion for the Tutorial. It
> would be **extremely** helpful to me to know what lines of gobbledegook goes
> into my .emacs file to make the tutorial work as advertised. I've had to
> cherry pick things from here and there and at the moment it is a godawful
> mess. :-(
>
> I'm progressing, but sometimes the pressure gets to me and I have to
> retreat to vi. :-(

Hmmm... I'm not aware of anything in the tutorial that requires
gobbeldy-gook in .emacs, other than the lines mentioned in INSTALL:

```
(autoload 'idlwave-mode "idlwave" "IDLWAVE Mode" t)
(autoload 'idlwave-shell "idlw-shell" "IDLWAVE Shell" t)
(setq auto-mode-alist
  (cons ("\\.pro\\\\" . idlwave-mode) auto-mode-alist))
```

Even these are unnecessary for pre-installed IDLWAVES (which won't be that
useful until Emacs 22 ships). Can you let me know what you had to add to
get things working and how?

JD
