
Subject: Re: Continuing Linux Education

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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. :-(

Cheers,

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