JD Smith <jdsmith@as.arizona.edu> writes:

> On Mon, 06 Feb 2006 10:37:57 -0700, David Fanning wrote:
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>> JD Smith writes:

> 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?

>>> D.Fanning scribed:
>>> So I think I am golden, and start to work through the
>>> IDLWAVE tutorial, and pretty much *nothing* works as
>>> outlined there. I can't select the entire buffer with C-x h,
>>> my END doesn't change to ENDFOR when I position my cursor
>>> at the end of END and hit the space key, and--most particularly--
>>> C-c C-s tells me IDL can't be found. :-(

I suspect something else was going on since one of the complaints was that
C-h didn't mark the buffer. That's not an idlwave problem.

David, here are four really useful commands:

1. 'describe-key-briefly' which should be bound to the keys <C-h c> This
let's you input a key command like "C-x h" and instead of performing the
operation, it gives you the command bound to that keystroke in the
minibuffer.

2. 'M-x apropos' - keyword search all functions and variable names. Useful
   if you want to know how to mark the whole buffer. 'M-x apropos <ret>
   buffer' gives you a huge list of commands and variable with the word
   buffer.

3. 'describe-function' -> 'C-h f'
4. 'describe-variable' -> 'C-h v'

   Both of these get you detailed information on the function, or variable
   you're interested in.

These 4 functions will get you started on a lifetime of loving emacs. Or at
least a little bit less frustration.

Hope this helps.

Matt

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