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Subject: Re: emacs-snapshot and IDLWAVE

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Quoth Geoff Cureton:

> Hi all,  
> I have recently playing around with getting a  
> version of emacs with decent font support, so I could  
> use IDLWAVE without making my eyes bleed. I across a  
> package (I am using Kubuntu feisty) called emacs-snapshot,  
> maintained by Alexandre Vassalotti. After installing  
> emacs-snapshot (which looks great, gtk2 support), I  
> installed the IDLWAVE into wherever I could find a  
> "site-lisp" directory, and appended the relevant text...  
>  
> (autoload 'idlwave-mode "idlwave" "IDLWAVE Mode" t)  
>  
> ...etc to ~/.emacs as per the installation instructions.  
> I'm sure there is a site wide .emacs file that I should  
> copy the mode definition to, but I'm not sure where that is.  
> Unfortunately I have not been able to get emacs-snapshot  
> to start the IDLWAVE mode when I open a "\*.pro" file.  
>  
> I'd be interested to know if anyone has used the  
> emacs-snapshot package under linux ((K)Ubuntu or  
> otherwise), and what issues they may have had.

The "whereever I could find a "site-lisp" directory" part of your installation process seems the likely culprit here. Are you sure that emacs is even looking in that directory? There are explicit install instructions here:

<http://www.idlwave.org/#INSTALL>

which will put everything into /usr/local/share/emacs/site-lisp/. I haven't tried this with Kubuntu, but it works fine on my debian box, from which ubuntu was begot.

For site-wide .emacs files, look for site-load.el and site-init.el.

cheers  
chris

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