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Subject: Re: emacs-snapshot and IDLWAVE  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Wed, 02 May 2007 21:04:41 GMT  
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On Wed, 02 May 2007 21:44:27 +0800, Geoff Cureton wrote:

> 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.

IDLWAVE is distributed with GNU Emacs. I don't know about the pedigree of that emacs-snapshot, but I expect if it's an Emacs 22, you shouldn't need to do anything, and '.pro' support should be ready to go "out of the box", IDLWAVE included. This is certainly true of any recent Emacs 22 pre-release snapshots. Again, you shouldn't need this, but make sure you've got:

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(setq auto-mode-alist (cons '("\\.pro\\\\" . idlwave-mode) auto-mode-alist))
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in your .emacs. Does M-x idlwave-mode get you into the mode correctly? What version does it report?

JD

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