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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE Users of IDL v7

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 20:55:18 GMT

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On Feb 1, 2:19 pm, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> On Feb 1, 12:25 pm, JD Smith <jdtsm...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> This message is for those IDL 7 users of IDLWAVE, whom David hasn't  
>> lured away to the Workbench with his tales of splendorous delight ;).

>> ITTVIS made some significant changes to the help system with IDL 7,

>> which break IDLWAVE's integration with help, and it's ability to find

>> the routine information shipped with IDL. You can find out more at

>> this Tech Tip:

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>> <http://www.itervis.com/services/techtip.asp?ttid=4323>

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>> The workaround outlined there is to install 6.4's help system in

>> place, so you get the old Assistant. This isn't ideal, but some of

>> the features of IDLWAVE's help system are no longer possible with the

>> Workbench-based help, the largest one being direct linking to help on

>> individual keywords. ITTVIS is working to resolve these issues, so

>> for now, this is the best approach. Also, since very little changed

>> in the language, it's not as silly as it seems.

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>> Unfortunately, moving the XML routine information file from help/

>> online\_help to help/ has had larger consequences; since IDLWAVE

>> expects to know where that file is for many things. If you'd like a

>> simpler workaround, and don't mind going without the help system for

>> now, simply link or copy the file idl\_catalog.xml from idl/help/ to

>> idl/help/online\_help/.

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>> JD

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> BTW - has anyone gotten idlwave to with emacs in windows? The command

> line, I mean.

There was some recent action between Dick Jackson and an ITTVIS engineer who had rolled a command line Windows IDL executable. Dick reported some good success after a few rounds of iteration. I don't know the release status of the Windows shell, but in principle, IDLWAVE Window's users should soon be able to join the rest of us with real \*idl\* shell access.

JD

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