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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE Users of IDL v7

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 19:19:22 GMT

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

> 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

BTW - has anyone gotten idlwave to work with emacs in windows? The command  
line, I mean.

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