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Subject: IDLWAVE Users of IDL v7

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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:

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

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.

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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