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Subject: Re: emacs, fedora 8, idlwave and IDL7  
Posted by [Douglas G. Dirks](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2008 21:33:21 GMT  
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Bruce Bowler wrote:

> I've got a "default" IDL7 installation and am using the RPM flavor of  
> emacs on fedora 8. As a result of that, I get emacs version 22.1.1, which  
> includes idlwave version 6.1\_em22.  
>  
> Whilst editing a pro file, from the menubar, I select  
> IDLWAVE>>external>>Launch IDL help and I get the following error message.  
> This is 100% repeatable.  
>  
> open-network-stream: make client process failed: connection  
> refused, :name, IDL\_ASSISTANT\_SOCKET, :buffer, nil, :host,  
> localhost, :service, 0  
>  
> Anyone have a thought on how to fix this? (I'm sure it's some stupid  
> configuration option I missed somewhere along the line...)  
>  
> Thanks!  
> Bruce  
>

Hi Bruce,

JD Smith addresses this on the idlwave.org web site. There was also  
a thread here in the newsgroup at the beginning of February. Stealing  
from JD's message then:

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.ittvis.com/services/techtip.asp?ttid=4323>

We're \*hoping\* to have everything working again by the next IDL release.

Regards,  
Doug

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