
Subject: IDLWAVE mode for emacs

Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Mon, 22 Oct 2001 21:50:13 GMT

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I just went looking for the IDLWAVE mode for emacs (looking at <http://www.strw.leidenuniv.nl/~dominik/Tools/idlwave/>), and found that the host was not reachable. Is it just down temporarily, or has it been moved? Does anyone know? And if it's just down, is there a mirror somewhere that I can use to get the mode from?

Thanks.

Phillip

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Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Mon, 22 Oct 2001 22:29:25 GMT

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This does happen on occassion, but is usually cleared up within a few hours (I think it's a name server problem). I assure you the site is still there, and might even sometime soon have a partial workaround for the lack of true v5.5 manuals within IDLWAVE context help, routine info, and keyword/routine completion. I see the gap widening.

Try again, and if you still have no luck, try:

<http://isc.astro.cornell.edu/~jdsmith/files/>

Here you'll find the tarballs for version 4.9.

JD

P.S. GNU Emacs 21 was officially released today, and will offer a bundled IDLWAVE. While I haven't used it yet, I know there are some features (like glyph marking of break-point lines), which will work in IDLWAVE for the first time (at least on GNU Emacs). As always, see Carsten's site for the latest and greatest.

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Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Mon, 22 Oct 2001 23:31:31 GMT
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JD;

Thanks for the older version. I'm trying out IDLWAVE mode on a windows machine :-(because that's what I have to work on right now. I have a Linux box elsewhere that I play on as well, and I'm hoping to use it there in the future. I thought I should get used to it.

But, as I'm trying it out, I'm quickly discovering that under Windows, it doesn't DO much :-(

I guess that's the price we pay for having a highly integrated GUI development environment.

Phillip

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Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Tue, 23 Oct 2001 03:10:33 GMT
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That's actually the current release, which is a few months old.

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The only thing IDLWAVE doesn't do under Windows is run IDL as a sub-process. All of the editing, keyword/routine completion, syntax coloring, help lookup, shadow detection, etc. stuff is available, as far as I know. For someone used to IDLDE, it doesn't have as much of the functionality "up front" (and in your way). Maybe you need to read the tutorial? That said, you will be happier playing with it on your Linux box. Certain features rely on interacting with the IDL shell (such as, "which routines are compiled", etc.).

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Posted by [Phillip David](#) on Tue, 23 Oct 2001 08:33:16 GMT
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> compiled", etc.).

I wasn't seeing most of those things. In particular, I wasn't seeing the colored syntax, and couldn't use keyword completion. When I tried the tutorial that had been posted on the newsgroup, it wouldn't complete my "endfor" statement. I'll look into this more tomorrow.

Again, thanks for the help.

Phillip

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