
Subject: Re: IDLWave Reference Card?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2003 17:57:18 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2003 18:03:23 GMT

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Yikes! I just found mine. 123 pages!!! Boy, do I have a lot to learn. :-(

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Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2003 19:19:31 GMT

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On Thu, 20 Nov 2003 10:40:10 -0700, Justin wrote:

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Thanks,

JD

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Posted by [Justin\[3\]](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2003 20:18:58 GMT

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Justin

JD Smith <jdsmith@as.arizona.edu> wrote in
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Posted by [Carsten Dominik](#) on Fri, 21 Nov 2003 07:37:42 GMT

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The Emacs reference card is done in TeX - the source is available
from the same website as the pdf and ps versions of the refcard.

<http://www.refcards.com/download/emacs-refcard.tex>

The easiest way to create a nice-looking refcard for IDLWAVE (great
idea!) will be to modify this TeX file. It also allows for easy
creation of 1,2, and 3 column versions of the reference card.

- Carsten