
Subject: Re: IDLWAVE 6.0 -- idlwave.org
Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Mon, 20 Feb 2006 13:57:13 GMT
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Bruce

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1.207.633.9600 | frontal lobotomy. - Albert Einstein
bbowler@bigelow.org |
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Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Mon, 20 Feb 2006 17:52:26 GMT
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There are a couple of options for those behind the times:

1. If you have an old IDLWAVE distribution working with HTML help, just install the new IDLWAVE 6.0. You'll get access to your old help, and some messages about not being able to find the assistant, etc, but everything will work as it used to. When you upgrade to a version of IDL with !DIR/help/online_help/ files, these will automatically be consulted.
2. If you've never installed IDLWAVE, you can install v6.0, but then download one of the "downgrade" kits, which includes the HTML help package, and the (now obsolete) routine info file idlw_rinfo.el. I'm not making any more downgrade kits starting with IDL 6.2 (since RSI is making them for us, in effect).

Note that, even though the Assistant is now the default browser, you don't *have* to use it. For example, you can use the new system-level help, or one of my old help packages, with w3, an Emacs-local browser (or any other browser for that matter). The Assistant is nice because it has a searchable index.

JD
