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Subject: IDLWAVE Users of IDL v7

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Fri, 01 Feb 2008 18:25:14 GMT

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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.ittvis.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/.

JD

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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE Users of IDL v7

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 18:08:54 GMT

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On Feb 5, 9:36 am, "Dick Jackson" <d...@d-jackson.com> wrote:

> "JD Smith" <jdtsm...@gmail.com> wrote in message

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> news:7845b253-253d-449a-84c7-876e600b3500@q77g2000hsh.google groups.com...

>>> On Feb 1, 2:19 pm, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:

>>> On Feb 1, 12:25 pm, JD Smith <jdtsm...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> BTW - has anyone gotten idlwave to with emacs in windows? The command  
>>> line, I mean.

>> There was some recent action between Dick Jackson and an ITTVIS

>> engineer who had rolled a command line Windows IDL executable. Dick

>> reported some good success after a few rounds of iteration. I don't  
>> know the release status of the Windows shell, but in principle,  
>> IDLWAVE Window's users should soon be able to join the rest of us with  
>> real \*idl\* shell access.  
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>> JD  
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> Indeed, Abraham Campbell had posted a link to his 'wincl'  
program:<https://www.ittvis.com/codebank/search.asp?FID=536>  
>  
> A newer release that I received from Abraham is closer to being Emacs-ready.  
> One of us will be in touch soon. I think you'll like it.  
>  
> Cheers,  
> -Dick  
>  
> --  
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Good news! I'm looking forward to using emacs on windows - if only  
for the incremental search 8^)

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