
Subject: IDL7 IDLWAVE help problem

Posted by [Chad](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 16:00:16 GMT

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Any ideas?

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(Also, a warning to anyone who is trying this, the 'bin/idl_assistant' that comes with IDL7 is hard linked to 'bin/idl', so blindly copying and overwriting will profoundly break your installation. Delete the IDL7 idl_assistant before copying in the 6.4 version.)

Thanks

Chad Bender

Subject: Re: IDL7 IDLWAVE help problem

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 21:20:13 GMT

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On Jun 11, 12:00 pm, Chad Bender <chad.ben...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Yep, IDLWAVE isn't working with the pre-release Emacs 23 yet, due to some bugs on their part which have just been sorted out. Many are

using this method with Emacs 22 (the current release).

JD
