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Subject: Re: Problem with the HELP window on UNIX.  
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT  
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Andry William Ratsimandresy wrote:

>  
> Hi there,  
> I am having a problem with the HELP window on UNIX.  
> I installed IDL 5.2 on 2 Sun running Solaris 2.6 and my  
> problem is that the Help window from IDL gives on both computer a  
> problem, it just fires me from the X-window.  
> I would ask somebody running IDL on SPARC Solaris 2.6 to do the  
> following and tell me if the problem is on my computer or my  
> intallation.  
>  
> Run IDL  
> ? (to get the help window)  
> click on "contents"  
> click on "index"  
> Type "device"  
> Choose "DEVICE procedure"  
> on the small window, choose "Table of IDL devices"  
> once you have that help in the window, go to the top and click on  
> "Keywords Accepted by the IDL Device"  
> Choose ENCAPSULATED or (PS) next to ENCAPSULATED.  
>  
> On 2 of the computers (different installation) I have access, after this  
> last choice, it just got me out of X-window and prompt me to the Login  
> one.  
>  
> Has anybody had similar problem?  
>  
> Thanks for your help.  
>  
> Regards,

Andry -

I followed these steps with no problems, both on IDL 5.1 (Solaris 2.6) and on IDL 5.2 (Solaris 2.7). It may be the combination of Solaris 2.6 and IDL 5.2.

I would suggest installing the latest Recommended Patch cluster from Sun, as this looks like an X windows bug:

<http://sunsolve.sun.com/pub-cgi/patchclusters.pl>

Good luck!

Dave  
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