
Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?

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Eric Williams wrote:

> I really dislike using Acrobat Reader to browse help in IDL now. Is
> there an option to get the old hyperlinked help back(last version
> before this I used was 5.3)?

I never used the PDF help until I was forced to in V5.6, but now I must admit that I like it better. One of the nice features for me is being able to type

?procedure_name

at the IDL prompt, to quickly view the documentation, e.g.

IDL> ?congrid

IDL> ?replicate

(This would sort of work in the old IDL help, but it would open a new window each time, and wouldn't take you directly to the documentation.)

Tastes differ but there are lot of options the user can set in their PDF preferences.

--Wayne Landsman

P.S. Though I don't miss the old help format, I still would like an HTML version of the documentation (which stopped appearing after V5.1), since this is the only type of online help available for user procedures.
