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

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Tue, 11 Feb 2003 17:50:44 GMT

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Pavel A. Romashkin wrote:

> Eric wrote:

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>> I would also comment to David that sometimes users are loathe to change

>> for a good reason. User interface is a big deal to some of us and this

>> really appears to be a step backwards. Unfortunate.

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> Oh, what are you talking about! It is so simple to convert PDF to HTML

> and back. Takes no more than 200 lines of code. Not that I want to try

> it on IDL help. It is perfect as it is.

> Cheers,

> Pavel

If one is really interested, just google for pdf2html.

IMHO pdf is the standard for documentation/ebook/etc.

Submission to journals, or proposals for funding often require pdf format.

One advantage is that users cannot (easily) modify the document, so RSI can maintain control of the help files better than easily-edited html files.

Cheers,

bob

(for fun I go onto my colleagues computers and grepily remove all "not"s from their documentation. BWAHAHAHAHA!

Its called job security, ma'am.)

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