
Subject: Re: Acrobat help in 5.6 not working
Posted by [thompson](#) on Tue, 06 May 2003 14:48:14 GMT
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When you say laptop, I suspect that you're using some version of Windows. When I use the ? on my Windows XP laptop, I get something called "HTML Help" which appears to be a Microsoft product. It seems to work just fine.

I get very different behavior on my Linux workstation. There, it's definitely Acrobat Reader which pops up. It seems much more primitive to me than either the Windows tool, or the old idlhelp tool, particularly in its search capabilities. One thing I wonder is whether Acrobat Reader on Linux is fully functional. In the release notes that came with the version on the IDL disk (which matches the version on the Adobe website), it says something about the search function not being implemented on Linux. I know that when I click on the link "Click here to search now!", nothing happens.

Major bummer!

William Thompson

mperrin+news@arkham.berkeley.edu (Marshall Perrin) writes:

> I've got a fresh install of 5.6 on my laptop, and IDL itself works fine.
> However, if I try to access the help on a function from the command line,
> (with ?somefunction) then acrobat opens, but does not go to that function,
> and IDL prints

> % IDL controller plugin for Adobe Acrobat Reader does not appear to be
> installed.

> Anyone else encountered this? A brief poking around on the install CD didn't
> reveal anything obvious to install.

> - Marshall
