
Subject: Re: start external application?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 21 May 2003 12:38:17 GMT

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Ingo Salzmänn (ingo.salzmänn@vorzeichen.at) writes:

- > is it possible to start an external application, like a web browser
- > displaying a certain html file from within an IDL 5.4 application? This
- > would be nice to use, say for a help file.

Use the SPAWN command. For example, I just start my browser to look at the on-line help for my Coyote Library programs by doing this:

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IDL> Spawn, 'Start C:\coyoteguide\programs\doc.html'
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Cheers,

David

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