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Subject: Re: Searching PDF help in IDL 5.6  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2003 22:09:28 GMT  
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On Thu, 31 Jul 2003 14:57:29 -0700, William Thompson wrote:

> By the way, does anybody know if the PDF help is still there in 6.0? Or  
> has RSI come to their senses?

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Still there, as far as I know (they hadn't finished the manuals in time for the beta). IDLWAVE of course solves many of these problems nicely for you, especially in the new version, which includes on each HTML help page simple but extremely useful links to various important places (like alphabetical, categorical and contents listings). While it doesn't provide the complete index, searching the full table of contents in one shot is very helpful. For those of you averse to Emacs and too old of a dog to learn new tricks, you might be interested to know that the "help package" available at [idlwave.org](http://idlwave.org) in the download section is nothing more than a large directory of fully-formed HTML help files, converted directly from MS HTMLHelp source. I'll leave it at that.

JD

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