
Subject: Re: Searching PDF help in IDL 5.6

Posted by [William Thompson](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2003 21:57:29 GMT

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

William Thompson

William Thompson wrote:

> Justin:

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> I don't know why you can't search under Solaris. I know that it's not
> possible under Linux. This line is found in the README file distributed
> with the Linux version of acroread

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>> Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0.7 Additional Information

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>> There is no search functionality available for the Linux version of the
>> Acrobat Reader.

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> Major bummer!

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> What I do is to go through the alphabetical index to find what I'm
> looking for, which is awkward, or simply fire up the IDL help from 5.4.

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> William Thompson

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> Justin wrote:

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>> Dear all,

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>> IDL 5.6, Solaris 5.9, Acroread 5.0.5

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>> We've just upgraded from IDL 5.4 to 5.6 (nothing like being on the
>> cutting edge). Now I'm really not keen on the PDF help (seems like a
>> way for RSI to make it easier for themselves and not the user) but I
>> think that discussion has already been had and so no need to resurrect
>> it...

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>> So my problem: I can't "search" the PDF help files, I can only "find"
>> in them. The "search" uses index files to speed things up. I've found
>> an index.pdx file in /opt/idl/idl_5.6/help, but when I add this to the
>> list of indexes in Acrobat Reader I get "index is currently
>> unavailable". Can other people search the documentation? Is it

>> Solaris, IDL, Acroread or bad-luck?
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>> I've just done a test and it takes 3mins 10sec (on my SunBlade 100) to
>> do a 'find' through just the IDL Reference Guide - though things are
>> quicker if you look for something at the beginning of the file. Not
>> really the speed I was after!
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>> Any hints gratefully received,
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>> Thanks, Justin
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>> PS I get a feeling that this might bring out the IDLWave evangelists!
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