Subject: Re: Searching PDF help in IDL 5.6
Posted by William Thompson on Thu, 31 Jul 2003 21:35:40 GMT
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Justin:

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

> Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0.7 Additional Information
>
> There is no search functionality available for the Linux version of the
> Acrobat Reader.

Major bummer!

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.

William Thompson

Justin wrote:
> 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
> cytting 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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