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Subject: Re: IDL online help for v6.0 (sigh)  
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 12 Mar 2004 21:18:03 GMT  
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Paul Van Delst wrote:

Dear Paul

I have not tried yet but I read about it in the german linux user magazine.  
<http://gnochm.sourceforge.net/>

This tool is able to read the windows help files.

If this works fine we should do a feature request.

Reimar

> Hello there,  
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> Well, I just got meself a new computer with Redhat Enterprise 3.something  
> and IDL 6.0. IDL works fine (so far), but the online help requires  
> acroread. Typically this wouldn't be a problem, but the powers that be  
> tell me that acroread is not available for RH Enterprise (whether for  
> technical and/or legal/political reasons I don't know). I've tried  
> substituting in open sourced readers like xpdf, but IDL insists on using  
> acroread (and, anyway, when I do use xpdf on the actual help files, I  
> don't have a lot of functionality).  
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> I know this was all hashed out in this newsgroup when the online help  
> change occurred, but since I had old versions, I really didn't give it  
> much thought. Now, however, I have a brand spanking new version of IDL,  
> but no online help.  
>  
> Can some kind person out there tell me what my options are? Will acroread  
> v5.0 run on RH Enterprise? Or can the help files be converted somehow for  
> use in a regular browser like mozilla? (I recall something about this when  
> this was previously discussed.)  
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> Thanks for any info.  
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> paulv

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