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Subject: Re: IDL online help for v6.0 (sigh)  
Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 12 Mar 2004 19:49:37 GMT  
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Paul Van Delst wrote:

> 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.  
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> 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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Hi Paul,

I find that 99% of the time I use the HTML help system that is distributed with IDLWAVE (idlwave.org) even though I don't use IDLWAVE (yet). I find it very well organized and easy to navigate.

I put a link to funclisting.html on my browser bar (it's my home page, too)

Ben

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