
Subject: Re: IDL program

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 21:15:49 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Wayne Landsman writes:

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>> Anyone have any suggestions on a machine-independent way to have an IDL
>> program open a Web page? (For example, a HELP button on widget that
>> makes reference to a Web page.) Presumably, I would need to SPAWN to
>> some utility... Thanks, --Wayne Landsman

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> If the web page exists locally, this works nicely:

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> IDL> ONLINE_HELP, BOOK='C:/CoyoteGuide/index.html'

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> You can open up PDF and HTML files this way in a
> machine independent way. I don't know about an
> external web page.

Hmm.

IDL> online_help, book='~/MyWebStuff/Fortran90/Instrument_Information/SpcCoeff /Main.html'
IDL> /usr/local/rsi/idl_6.0/bin/online_help_html: line 104: netscape: command not found

Is there any way to specify a different browser? I'd check the online help, but acroread
for linux doesn't have a search plugin. :o(

paulv

p.s. I was reading "Hope's Horizon" on the metro last night and there's a whole chapter in
there mostly dedicated to the idea, and, tangentially, the embodiment, of the Coyote, the
littel Trickster.
