
Subject: Re: IDL program opens a Web page
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> If the web page exists locally, this works nicely:
>
> IDL> ONLINE_HELP, BOOK='C:/CoyoteGuide/index.html'
>
> You can open up PDF and HTML files this way in a
> machine independent way. I don't know about an
> external web page.

Thanks. On my Linux box this doesn't work for an external Web page but it may not be hard to modify. ONLINE_HELP calls a script online_help_html located in the /bin directory of the IDL distribution.

This script seems to be hard-coded so that only a URL representing a local file will work, e.g. if the browser is MOZILLA

```
mozilla -remote "openURL(file:$1)" 2>/dev/null
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so presumably 'file' could be replaced by 'http'.

--Wayne

P.S Sorry for the uninformative original subject name -- I hit SEND too quickly.
