
Subject: Re: IDL program

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2004 20:05:14 GMT

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Wayne Landsman writes:

> 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

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.

Cheers,

David

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