
Subject: Re: Launching Another App. from IDL
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 05 Aug 2004 19:40:52 GMT
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M. Katz writes:

> I'm wondering if on Windows there's an easy IDL command that is
> capable of launching an external application. What I'd like to do is
> to have an IDL widget button be able to launch Internet Explorer (or a
> better browser) and direct it to a specific URL. There must be some
> kind of ActiveX thing that can do this, no? I don't want to have to
> write a big external library and all that hooley.

This seems to work in all versions of IDL for a local
web page:

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

David

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