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Subject: Re: Adobe Reader 7.0 in IDL ?

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Thu, 14 Apr 2005 23:22:36 GMT

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Sean Davis wrote:

> Hello,  
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> I am running IDL 6.1 under linux, and just upgraded to Adobe Reader 7.0.  
> Under the new Adobe Reader, the plugin rsiidl\_linux\_x86.api does not work  
> and I am therefore unable to access the IDL help index. Any thoughts on  
> this? I suppose RSI will get around to creating a plugin for Adobe Reader  
> 7 at some point.  
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> Cheers,  
> Sean

Well, the easy solution to to keep using the old Adobe Reader. But there is another way to skin this cat. I gave up using the PDF files long ago. Instead, I use xCHM (<http://xchm.sourceforge.net>) with the IDL Windows Help file. I like this much better than trying to navigate the PDFs. Just find the file idl.chm in a Windows distribution and copy that file to some convenient location on your Linux box. Install xCHM, if you don't have it already, and viola! you're reading a Windows Help file on Linux.

You can even go one step further by sending the Windows help file through a CHM -> HTML converter and putting the HTML pages online. That's probably a bit overkill, tho. ;-)

-Mike

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