
Subject: Re: Help for non-RSI libraries under IDL 4.0
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thompson@achilles.nascom.nasa.gov (William Thompson) writes:

...
> The modern standard for hypertext is HyperText Markup Language (HTML) as used
> in the World Wide Web. RSI should consider moving to this standard as this
> will be what their customers will be most familiar with.

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I agree that HTML should be used for help. Something like netscape should be able to do pretty much everything that the new IDL 4.0 help does. The 4.0 help cannot be copied from the help window and pasted into IDL (or anywhere else). HTML does not have this problem.

If HTML were used for help adding your own help would be as easy as making your own top level HTML page and including a link to the IDL HTML help page. A system variable could then be set to point to your own help page.

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