Subject: Re: Bug in IDL 4.0 hypertext help makes PICKFILE crash
Posted by geomagic on Sat, 09 Sep 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <42p8v9$rnv@griffin.ccc.nottingham.ac.uk> Anne Martel
<anne.martel@nottingham.ac.uk> writes:

> I've found a bug in the new hypertext help facility in IDL 4.0. so I
> though I'd try to save everyone the fustration I went through before I
> managed to track it down!
>
> If you call help from within idltool by typing '?', then any subsequent
> calls to PICKFILE will cause idltool to freeze up. This happens on
> SGI and HP workstations - I don't know if it affects anything else.
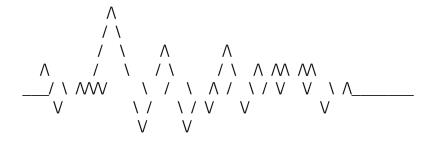> This is easy to get around, just call idlhelp from a UNIX shell and
> not from idltool.
>
> So if you are suddenly finding that PICKFILE is crashing, perhaps it's
> because you used the help facility at sometime during the session (it
> still crashes even if you quit from help first)

IDL 4.0 would produce segmentation faults on our HP's in a variety
of situations. Since loading 4.0.1, I haven't crashed yet. It's
one of the know bugs fixed in 4.0.1 for HP.

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"We do custom earthquakes (for food)"
            or
"Just more roadkill on the information superhighway"

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FIAT: Oozing rust from every pore, it disintegrated across the floor...
(Proud owner of auto-recyling FIAT)
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