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Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???

Posted by [Spon](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 17:06:27 GMT

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On Dec 6, 4:38 pm, lark...@gmail.com wrote:

> I have a couple issues with the new help system.  
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> This may be a silly question, but the "old" help system on Windows had  
> this great feature: TABS.  
> I found this to be extremely useful, but I cannot figure out how to  
> open multiple tabs in the new  
> help system. This is very surprising given the basis for the new  
> IDE.

Yes, I've had a rant about this already (it's good to know I'm not alone!), but it's at the end of a long, long thread; probably would've been better off starting a new one :-)

Have a search for Ronn Kling's method of opening two help menus though.

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> Also the basic searching for the new help system does not seem very  
> helpful. For example,  
> if I enter "widget\_control", I do not get useful options as the result  
> of the search. Perhaps  
> I have missed something here.  
>  
> Any help is appreciated! Sorry if I missed earlier posts addressing  
> these issues.  
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> Thanks a lot!  
>  
> -Larry  
OK, a workaround:

\*deep breath\*

In the workbench, click on Help->Dynamic Help

Click on Index (at the bottom)

Type in your keyword, e.g. 'widget\_control' and open out the subtree it finds

Right-click on the helpfile you want to see and select 'Open help in Help Contents' (this is slow-ish on my machine)

Bingo

Not exactly intuitive, is it? :-(

Chris

There's got to be a better way, no? And yet using help->search gives

little of any use that I can find

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