
Subject: Re: IDL 7.0 Projects

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On Dec 6, 2:32 am, "mgal...@gmail.com" <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

> ...fairly well for me (except the help, I always want to quickly look
> something up, but it's never very quick).

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This is the one thing that's causing me problems with 7.0. As a newbie I need the help menu a lot, and as far as I can tell the reason it's so much slower to start on v7 than v6.4 is because it defaults to opening the 'search' tab, where v6 help started in the 'Index' tab. I like that index tab; usually I know the title of the helpfile I'm looking for (probably because I've spent so much of the past half year staring at IDL help files :-)) so I don't need to go to 'search' every time. And when I do (in the IDL6.4 help window), yes, it takes its time, but I don't mind because I'll only click that tab when I really need it.

Is there any way to make v7.0 help start in this way? I can see the index tab lurking right there at the bottom, so it hasn't just disappeared.

I guess it's no big issue really as I usually fire up IDL help before I start IDL (if I do it this way 'round the helpfile Doesn't Close when I exit IDL - or crash it again!) This means I can continue to use the helpfile for version 6 until I find out how to fix this.

Apart from that, I'm getting used to the new look IDL (after the initial "Why's it so darn bubbly an WinXP-esque?" shock...) and even this new workspace malarky isn't all that bad (I simply chucked my entire IDL programmes directory into \workspace\default and kept my own tree structure intact. Crude, but it works for me!)

I really like the 'fast tab' option, too. Now all I have in the window (à la Doug's idea) are the editor, command line and console. Even variable watch is consigned to the fast tab - though it never stays there for any length of time, as a rule.

Thanks to everyone for all the discussion since the new release, and particularly to the guys from ITTVIS who've taken the time to keep an eye on the newgroup and reply to the various queries!

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