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

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On Dec 6, 11:06 am, Spon <christoph.b...@gmail.com> wrote:

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

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>> 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.

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> 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.

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>> Any help is appreciated! Sorry if I missed earlier posts addressing  
>> these issues.

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>> Thanks a lot!

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>> -Larry

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> OK, a workaround:

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> \*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

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- > Not exactly intuitive, is it? :-(
- > Chris
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- > There's got to be a better way, no? And yet using help->search gives
- > little of any use that I can find

Yes, the index is definitely the way to go. The tabs (for index, etc.) are on the BOTTOM... arggh.

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