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Subject: Re: Reading HTML (web) page through socket

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 09 Apr 2008 19:34:46 GMT

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rhyme2ri2 wrote:

> Hello all,

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> I want to read an html(web) page. I am able to do this using socket

> but the problem is that i don't know the size of the page. Is there

> any possible way to know the size of page before reading it using

> sockets. The size is needed as i need to allocate buffer on the basis

> of this size.

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> Or, if there is a better way to read an html(web) page in idl then

> please let me know.

>

> Thanks & Regards

> -Ritu

If you have IDL 6.4 and up, you can use:

```
url = 'http://www.google.com'
```

```
ourl = obj_new('IDLnetURL')
```

```
content = ourl->get(url=url, filename = outName)
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```
obj_destroy, ourl
```

the whole page (and HTML code) is saved in the variable content, no matter what size it is!

Jean

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