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Subject: Re: painful IDL 7 online help

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 21:46:26 GMT

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On Jun 20, 11:32 am, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> On Jun 20, 9:45 am, LC's No-Spam Newsreading account

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> <nos...@mi.iasf.cnr.it> wrote:

>> On Fri, 20 Jun 2008, David Fanning wrote:

>>> You can select any number of other browser options, including using an

>>> internal browser, I think. Anyway, worth a try.

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>> I saw some notes about "Solaris and some Linux versions not supporting

>> an internal browser" (but I wouldn't be able to retrieve them, it is

>> really too painful to navigate the help with one window coming up at

>> each click)

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>>> You can find the Web Browser preference under the General Preference

>>> tab in Preferences.

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>> Preferences OF WHAT ?

>> I assume you do not mean firefox Preferences.

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>> And the (first) help window which comes out invoking "?" has no

>> Preferences link at all.

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>> Note I type "?" in the linemode client (the script

>> /lnx/idl/idl70/bin/idl on our system, or the process with executable

>> /lnx/idl/idl70/bin/bin.linux.x86/idl).

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>> The linemode client, not the development environment (which I never use)

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>> No setup one can place in STARTUP.pro or in an .Xdefaults file ?

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>> nos...@mi.iasf.cnr.it is a newsreading account used by more persons to

>> avoid unwanted spam. Any mail returning to this address will be rejected.

>> Users can disclose their e-mail address in the article if they wish so.

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> No, he means eclipse preferences:

> Window->Preferences->General->Web Browser

OSX users are stuck with the external browser. It's fast and the content looks reasonable, but it opens a new tab or window every time help is invoked, and gets lost in a sea of other browser windows, with

no easy way to find it. Not ideal; I'll stick with the 6.X help for a while.

JD

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