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Subject: Re: IDL Help on Mac OS

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In article

<f3755a83-f7d7-440c-b677-3ea69b403b9c@l35g2000pra.googlegroups.com>, wallabadah <write.to.wpowell@gmail.com> wrote:

> Ken - You should hardly be surprised the the IDL Help is "so un-Mac-  
> like" - the whole X-windows thing is pretty awful! I have the same  
> problem with the SWT/idlhelpserver remaining running (have to force  
> quit it), but I've never noticed it using a lot of CPU cycles.  
> I find the browser-based help to be fine - I can have one tab open  
> with IDL's documentation, and another open with comp.lang.idl-pvwave.  
> Haven't touched the whole idlde/eclipse thing in months - I prefer the  
> Terminal/text editor combination.  
>  
> Will

The Help system itself (inside the browser window) seems to work pretty well. I'm not complaining about it. It is the framework within which it exists that I find so irritating.

This is IDL 7.1 running under OS X 10.5.7. I think Help worked more smoothly even with IDL 7.0, but the Help has changed so many times that I can't remember.

Ken

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