
Subject: Re: IDL Help on Mac OS

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2009 18:05:09 GMT

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In article <MPG.24abfa0d38deee0798a6fb@news.giganews.com>,
David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

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>> The whole thing is a continuous irritation. Has anyone found
>> another way to use Help that is not so intrusive?

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> OK, scratch the Mac from my list of potential new
> computers. :-(

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> Cheers,

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> David

What's so jarring about the IDL Help is that it is so un-Mac-like. Mac applications generally coexist peacefully and all operate in pretty much the same way. No other Mac application I know of operates like this.

I wouldn't mind having an IDL Help application in the Dock if it actually did something, but this weird arrangement where there is an application with no real user interface, while the actual help window is in the browser, is very unintuitive to long-time Mac users.

Mainly I want to be able to hide the IDL Help 99% of the time and not have it in my face every time I switch to my web browser.

Ken
