
Subject: Re: Open URL in external browser

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 17 Feb 2010 20:38:08 GMT

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On 2/17/10 11:37 AM, Rob wrote:

> On Feb 17, 11:22 am, mgalloy<mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On 2/17/10 11:13 AM, Rob wrote:

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>>> Is there a native IDL method for opening a URL (e.g.

>>> [http://spidr.ngdc.noaa.gov/spidr/servlet/GetMetadata?param=i ono.WI937](http://spidr.ngdc.noaa.gov/spidr/servlet/GetMetadata?param=i%20ono.WI937))

>>> in a browser? I'm not looking for a "spawn" like executive solution.

>>> I'm building a tool that must work on many OS's including OSx,

>>> Windows, possibly Linux.

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>>> I looked into the "online_help" procedure which seems to work only for

>>> local (a la file://) content.

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>> Here's my solution:

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>> http://michaelgalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/mg_open_url.pro

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>> It is a "spawn" solution, but has separate cases for the different

>> operating systems. Mac OS X and Windows have nice (though different)

>> ways to open the default web browser on the URL. On other Unix systems,

>> a file dialog will come up to select your web browser. It will remember

>> your choice, so you only have to choose once (I suppose I should add a

>> keyword to force the choice so that you can change your mind later).

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> Awesome, thanks! I'm going to use this next week at the IDL/LASP

> workshop.

Cool, at the IDL User Group meeting at LASP? I will be there as well.

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