Subject: Re: Open URL in external browser
Posted by Rob[2] on Wed, 17 Feb 2010 18:37:41 GMT
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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)
>> 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
>
> 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.