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

Here's my solution:

   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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