
Subject: Re: Using IDL Help on Mac OS clients
Posted by [mankoff](#) on Sun, 04 Apr 2010 18:30:32 GMT
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On Apr 4, 7:19 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

>
> I expect that this is some sort of permissions problem, but I have
> the feeling that ITTVIS does not have a Mac configuration like this,
> so the problem is new to them. We have been waiting a while for a
> response, and it is cutting into our productivity to not have
> access to Help.
>

Can you launch the help app via any combination of command line calls?
If so, write a procedure that does this and tell users to run the
procedure rather than the "?" command.

I have the following alias to launch the IDL Helper.app from the unix
(not IDL) command line. It does not bring up help for a specific
procedure, but the search field is highlighted so I just type a few
characters, hit enter, and then I'm viewing the procedure. Note also
that "doc_library" might be a good temporary substitute to get help
for a specific procedure.

```
alias idlhelp='/Users/mankoff/local/itt/idl64/bin/bin.darwin.i386/  
idl_assistant.app/Contents/MacOS/idl_assistant -server -profile /Users/  
mankoff/local/itt/idl64/help/online_help/idl.adp &'
```

-k.
