Subject: Re: 8.0 Developer Documentation
Posted by Doug Edmundson on Mon, 02 Aug 2010 15:42:12 GMT

On 7/30/10 4:34 PM, Erik Rasmussen wrote:
> On Jul 30, 9:00 am, Doug Edmundson<do...@ittvis.com> wrote:
>> A lot of this has been moved into .../itt/idl/idl80/help/pdf/. If you
>> still can't find what you're looking for, let me know and I'll relay it
>> to the docs group.
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>> Cheers,
>> Doug
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>> On 7/30/10 6:45 AM, Haje Korth wrote:
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>>> Ugh, indeed, a lot of help has gone MIA. Also, the IMSL_ routines are
>>> no longer listed. The PDFs are are still in the distribution, but who
>>> wants to use the pdfs???
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>>> On Jul 29, 6:34 pm, Paulo Penteado<pp.pente...@gmail.com>   wrote:
>>>> Indeed, it seems that a lot of the help has disappeared, not only
>>>> regarding the iTools. Which is a serious problem. It seems that the
>>>> contents that used to be in several of the "guides" has disappeared.
>>>> If it is there, I could not find.
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>>>> For instance, if I now search for DLM, all I find are the help pages
>>>> for dlm_load, dlm_register, and make_dll. In the old help, there used
>>>> to be a lot more, under
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>>>> IDL Programmers' Guides>   External Development Guide>   Part III:
>>>> Techniques That Use IDL's Internal API
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>>>> I also searched and browsed the new help, and could find nowhere the
>>>> description of the IDL_VARIABLE structure, which is in the 7.1 help. I
>>>> was particularly curious about that subject to find out how the
>>>> reference count got included into the pointers and objects while
>>>> keeping compatibility with the older versions.
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>>>> I have the same question as Erik: Where did those go? How do we get
>>>> them back (and updated)?
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>>>> It seems it is just a problem with the transition in the documentation
>>>> to the new format, since it is not specific to the iTools - and even
>>>> direct graphics are still around and present in the help.
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> Hi Doug,

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> I understand that the documentation is still being transitioned from
> the last system to the new one.
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> I wonder if there is some way that ITTvis could make available a
> collection of html that comprises the 7.1 documentation as a temporary
> fix? Or perhaps is there some way to launch the 7.1 Help server
> without having the 7.1 Workbench running?
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> For example, in the old system, I could use just about everything that
> showed up under IDL API Reference Guides -> IDL Reference Guide ->
> Part II: Object Class and Method Reference. If I had a folder with
> those html files, I would be in much better shape than now.
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> Thanks...
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> Erik

Hi Erik,

I've forwarded your idea on to the docs group. I talked to them last
week about the issue and I think they'd like to know which PDFs people
are using most. Are folks still heavy into iTools, dataminer, the EDG,
etc.? That info will help them gauge priorities.

The 7.1 help system should work on its own, sans workbench. It should
be in .../itt/IDL71/idlde/. Sorry if I'm misunderstanding your question.

I don't know if this'll help much, but note that on Mac one can open
multiple PDFs at the same time in Preview, as if they're all a chapter
in one big book. That might make searching a bit easier. Links should
work for the most part. I just tried Adobe Reader on Windows and am
feeling a bit of pain... ;-)

Cheers,
Doug