
Subject: Re: Open webpage

Posted by [Wout De Nolf](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2010 09:09:23 GMT

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On Mon, 23 Aug 2010 08:30:54 -0600, Michael Galloy <mgalloy@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 8/23/10 4:50 am, Wox wrote:

>> Hi All,

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>> I used to open a webpage from within IDL using online_help like this:

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>> file='link.html'

>> URL='http://www.dfanning.com'

>> openw,lun,file,/get_lun

>> printf,lun,'<HTML><HEAD><META HTTP-EQUIV="refresh" CONTENT="0;

>> URL='+URL+'"></HEAD>If this page does not refresh, click<A

>> HREF="'+URL+'">here.</HTML>'

>> free_lun,lun

>> online_help,book=file

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>> This doesn't seem to work anymore in IDL8.0 Any ideas for a

>> cross-platform way of opening a webpage in a webbrowser from within

>> IDL?

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> Try MG_OPEN_URL:

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> http://lib.idldev.com/net/mg_open_url.pro

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> Should work nicely on Mac and Windows; on Linux, you will be asked on

> the first use to locate your preferred browser, after that it should

> work automatically.

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> Mike

Thanks for the tip. However, I figured out that it works when you do:

online_help,book=file_search(file,/full)

I didn't test on MAC but this seems to be a platform independent way of opening webpages.
