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Subject: Re: Help menu in 8.0

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Hi all,

The help system in IDL 7.0 and 7.1 was based on the Eclipse help system, which was indeed sluggish in starting up.

In IDL 8.0 we switched to just using a browser-based help. Any slowness in starting up help is purely due to the browser itself, not IDL.

One suggestion - you can fire up the web browser separately, and just navigate to the the help file within <IDL\_DIR>/help/online\_help/IDL/idl.html. Then you can bookmark that page, and keep the help running all the time. Unfortunately, this doesn't have the convenience of using "?fft" from within IDL, but at least it will be faster for you.

Cheers,

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