
Subject: Re: Help menu in 8.0

Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Wed, 16 Mar 2011 17:56:22 GMT

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On Mar 14, 9:25 am, Chris Torrence <gorth...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi all,

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

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> 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.

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> 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.

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> Cheers,

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> Chris

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One important point: If you're trying to use Google Chrome to view IDL
help, it won't work properly unless you add the following switch when
launching Chrome:

"--allow-file-access-from-files"

Apparently, Chrome has a strict security policy when viewing local
files, that prevents the WebHelp from working straight out-of-the-box.
There is a thread here about it:

<http://forums.adobe.com/thread/688697?tstart=0>

Cheers,

Chris

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