
Subject: Re: Embedding a PDF (or similar) display window in an IDL widget

Posted by [CLM](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2013 17:43:25 GMT

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On Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:41:38 PM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

> CLM writes:

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>> I am building an IDL object widget to display help information, modeled after the IDL online help (?). I have a table of contents base containing a widget tree on the left. I have a blank window on the right, in which I'd like to display the related help information. I know how to display a text document, but I'd really like to have the ability to display a PDF file or Word file or something similar - with embedded graphics, nicer fonts, colors, and the like.

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>> I can not figure out how to do this. I have found the `ONLINE_HELP` intrinsic routine, but that spawns a new pdf viewer, and I can not figure out how to embed this within my existing widget.

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>> It does not have to be a pdf, but a file format that I can save existing Word documents to is preferable.

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>> It needs to be both PC and MAC compatible.

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>> Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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> Try Matlab. ;-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Haha. Funny. Too late for that. This is to be the help document for over a million lines/ hundreds of programs of existing IDL code.
