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

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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.

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.

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

It needs to be both PC and MAC compatible.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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