
Subject: Re: IDL help in 8.3

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 16:05:42 GMT

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For what its worth, I never call help from the command line or IDLDE prompt, or even using the idlhelp command. Instead I have a button on my browser pointing to the IDL help, e.g. on my Mac it points to

file:///Applications/exelis/idl83/help/online_help/IDL/idl.htm

I like the IDL 8.3 help which seems to have new and easier search methods than IDL 8.2 did. On the other hand it also seems a bit slower. --Wayne

On Tuesday, January 7, 2014 10:08:45 AM UTC-5, Haje Korth wrote:

> On Tuesday, January 7, 2014 9:24:35 AM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

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>> Haje Korth writes:

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>>> superchromix: If I had to use an old help system it would be that of IDL 6.4. That functionality, especially the search, has yet to be matched by the Eclipse help system.

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>> Yes, I often pine for good ol' IDL 6.4. IDL 7 offered support for 24-bit

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>> PostScript output, which has been extremely helpful. And the IDLDE

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>> interface, despite the fact that it changes on you with every update, is

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>> helpful for those of us who can't train our fingers to use EMACS. I

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>> don't think I use anything from IDL 8.
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>> Did anyone provide a reason for getting rid of the help browser?
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>> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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>> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
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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.")
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> I was not told why the internal help is no longer present, but, in fairness, I also did not ask.
Maybe we get a developer to comment? :-)
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> Cheers,
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> Haje
