Subject: Re: IDL help in alternate browser
Posted by Haje Korth on Wed, 21 May 2014 13:54:50 GMT

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The functionality is broken. Below is what I received from tech support five months ago.

Me: I have tried to change the web browser to Firefox in the settings, but apparently the changes are ignored. No matter what the settings are, the help goes to chrome instead of firefox. Is this just me or is this a bug?

Support: This is occurring because IDL will always use the default browser to open the IDL help. I think one should be able to change the browser in which it is open using Window> Preferences > General > "Web Browser".
However, this doesn't seem to work with IDL 8.3. Therefore, I have filed another bug report about this issue (IDL-69010).

If you want to switch the Help to use Firefox, there are two options:

1) Make Firefox the default browser on your system.

2) Do the following suggestion:

FWIW, if you would like to open the IDL 8.3 help in a non-default web browser application, you might consider creating a workbench macro to spawn that browser with an argument that cause the an IDL help page to search for a selected string in your IDL editor window. For example:

    SPAWN, 'START "" "C:\Program Files (x86)\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe" -url "
file:///C:/Program%%20Files/Exelis/IDL83/help/online_help/ID L/idl.htm#s
earch-%S"', /NOWAIT

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014 3:42:36 AM UTC-4, Helder wrote:
> On Sunday, December 12, 2010 8:37:44 PM UTC+1, Paulo Penteado wrote:
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>> On Dec 12, 9:10 am, Gordon Farquharson <gordonfarquhar...@gmail.com>
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>> wrote:
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>>>> Go to Preferences->General->Web browser in the Window menu.
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>>> I tried that, but the help pages still open in Firefox regardless of
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>>> what options (internal/external) I select.

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>> One option is to set it by an environment variable. For instance, in

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>> bash syntax:

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>> export IDL_ONLINE_HELP_HTML_BROWSER=opera

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> Sorry for picking up an old post, but I've tried changing preferred browser in IDL under Window->Preferences->General->Web Browser and setting Chrome (instead of Firefox). I also tried activating Use internal/external web browser with no change in the behaviour.

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> I also tried using the "windows" option for export and typed in the command line:

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> set IDL_ONLINE_HELP_HTML_BROWSER=chrome

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> or

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> set IDL_ONLINE_HELP_HTML_BROWSER="C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application\chrome.exe"

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> neither worked. Pressing F1 on a command will always result in firefox opening.

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> Has anybody else tried this?

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> Thanks,

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> Helder

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> PS:

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> IDL> !version

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> {
>
>    ARCH: "x86_64",
>
>    OS: "Win32",
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>    OS_FAMILY: "Windows",
>
>    OS_NAME: "Microsoft Windows",
>
>    RELEASE: "8.3",
>
>    BUILD_DATE: "Nov 15 2013",
>
>    MEMORY_BITS: 64,
>
>    FILE_OFFSET_BITS: 64
>
> }
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