
Subject: Re: chrome browser update

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I noticed the same problem these last few days (underlined blue text in IDL help, like a link) and today I cannot use IDL Help: all I get is a text file called "olh_anchor_redir.html" with the text below. I am using Chrome version 47.0.2526.80 m.

Cheers,

Nuno

<!--

This file was created by IDL to work around limitations of the Microsoft Windows ShellExecute() function:

- If you pass ShellExecute() a URL containing an HTML anchor, it strips the anchor off the URL and the browser never sees it.
- There are hacks involving the FindExecutable() function that can trick ShellExecute() into not stripping the anchor, but they have the unwanted side effect of starting a new browser instance for each such call.
- You can just skip ShellExecute() and talk to InternetExplorer directly, but that locks out other browsers and is fairly difficult as well. Plus, it won't track changes Microsoft may make to the browser.

In addition, it is used to work around a similar problem on Unix systems where a URL containing a pipe symbol '|' is interpreted by the shell and cannot be passed through to the Javascript interpreting the URL. The help symbol uses the string '|Firstpick' to indicate that the first topic found in the query should be loaded but this URL cannot be sent directly to the browser because the shell treats it as a pipe symbol to control i/o.

Alternatively, you can generate a temporary HTML file containing a refresh META tag, and pass the URL for that file to ShellExecute(). This is that file.

You can remove this file if you wish. IDL will recreate it whenever it needs it. The specific situation where that occurs is a call to ONLINE_HELP that specifies a non-NULL topic and which sets the BOOK keyword to the name of an HTML file.

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<html>

<!-- saved from url=(0014)about:internet -->

<head>

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<meta http-equiv="Refresh" content="0; URL='file:///C:/Program
Files/Exelis/IDL84/help/online_help/IDL/idl_CSH.htm#NULL'">
</head>
</html>
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