
Subject: Re: IDL (8.6.0) Help not working after update to MacOS Sierra 10.12.5
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Thu, 01 Jun 2017 01:36:33 GMT
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On Monday, May 29, 2017 at 3:21:57 AM UTC-6, Markus Schmassmann wrote:

> On 05/24/2017 08:32 PM, Barry Lesht wrote:

>> Just got this from the technical support folks:

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>> "We have an existing bug report about this issue in our system (IDL-69794). I have added a note to the bug report that you are also encountering this issue. Hopefully, this issue will be fixed in a future release of IDL.

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>> If you have access to the internet from the environment in which you are using IDL, a possible workaround might be to use the on-line help system. This can be found using the link below:

>> https://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/using_idl_home.html"

> Have you tried entering in your browser address bar

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> file:///opt/idl/idl_current/help/online_help/IDL/idl.htm#cs hid=routine

>

> with the path changed to your path?

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> I know this is not so convenient, but it might work as a short term

> workaround.

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> Markus

Apple broke this in their latest update. Python has the same issue:

Python 3.5.1 |Anaconda 2.4.1 (x86_64)| (default, Dec 7 2015, 11:24:55)

[GCC 4.2.1 (Apple Inc. build 5577)] on darwin

```
>>> import webbrowser as wb
```

```
>>> b = wb.get(None)
```

```
>>> b.open('http://www.google.com')
```

```
0:37: execution error: "http://www.google.com" doesn't understand the "open location" message. (-1708)
```

```
False
```

It's actually a bug with AppleScript:

```
MacBook:~ chris$ osascript <<EOF
```

```
> open location "http://www.google.com"
```

```
> EOF
```

```
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<http://bugs.python.org/issue30392>

It sounds like it might be fixed in macOS 10.12.6 public beta (version 2), but I don't have access to that so I can't test it.

In the meantime, I'll see if I can get a workaround into IDL.

-Chris
