Subject: Re: launching web browser?
Posted by Mark Guagenti on Fri, 21 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

All I know is that the default browser is stored in the registry in
windows systems. So you would have to call in external program that reads
that value from the registry and then executes that value.

Well that my 2 cents,
Mark

 On Thu, 20 Jul
2000, tb wrote:

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> Sooo.. any suggestions?
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-- Mark

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Cor. 1:3

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Posted by Mark Rivers on Sat, 22 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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  You spawn the command
"start <URL>" where <URL> is the Web page you want to display.
This is actually quite simple and elegant.
- The start command makes it run in the "background" so that IDL does not wait for the
browser to exit
- It launches whatever application is associated with URLs, i.e. the default browser. Note that the
browser must be correctly installed for this to work.
- If there is already a browser running it displays the page on that running browser. If there
is not already a browser running it will start a new one.
for example:
spawn("start http://cars.uchicago.edu/software/mca.html")

Mark Rivers