
Subject: Re: Cool Help!

Posted by [Richard Adams](#) on Mon, 08 Jul 2002 17:36:03 GMT

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Hi Ben, this looks very good. Thanks! Just a note from a Mac user - the help file name is one char longer than our Classic MacOS max filename length. I removed the last 't' and all works fine. Of course, when we get an OSX version of IDL.....

Cheers, Richard.

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> Hello,

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> You may recall a while back that I had a thorn under my saddle
> regarding the IDL online help (in particular for IDL 5.5 which was
> padded on as a PDF.) Some folk passed along ideas about what might
> be nice for future online help system, and I faithfully sent those
> ideas along to RSI. I hope I sent them to the right place but I have
> no idea since I received no response.

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> In the meantime, Andrew Cool had been cooking up a method for
> extracting the online help text (including that for IDL 5.5) via that
> neato IDL 5.5 HTML help files that David is hosting at his website. I
> still don't know who crafted that.

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> We have now wrapped Andrew's query routine with a GUI wrapper. The GUI
> provides an alphabetical index, a routine list, a 'See Also' list, and
> the help text for the queried routine. The GUI is object based but
> the object is stored in a system variable for easy access.

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> You can retrieve the three necessary files from...

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> www.tidewater.net/~pemaquid/coolhelp.zip

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> Simply unzip all three files into your !PATH and then
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> IDL> ch
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> or
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> IDL> ch, 'uniq' ;or whatever routine you would like to see
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> You might need to reset your session before it will work and you
> *WILL* need to have
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> (1) Martin Schultz's MGS_BASEOBJECT
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> <http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/index.html>
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> and
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> (2) David Fanning's COYOTE_PROGRAMS.ZIP
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> <http://www.dfanning.com/documents/programs/coyoteprograms.zip>
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> This package has been tested on WIN98 and Win2000. Please direct
> comments and suggestions to Andrew at andrew.cool@dsto.defence.gov.au
> or to me at pemaquidriver@tidewater.net.
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> Regards,
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> Ben
