
Subject: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [Eric Williams](#) on Tue, 11 Feb 2003 14:48:27 GMT
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I really dislike using Acrobat Reader to browse help in IDL now. Is there an option to get the old hyperlinked help back (last version before this I used was 5.3)? It was just a quicker, easier to use interface I feel. Everyone of my users has complained about this also.

Thanks for any tips.

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Eric

Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Wed, 12 Feb 2003 20:34:47 GMT
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Has anyone had a problem with the MacOS X version of IDL/ENVI opening those PDFs in Preview (which does not support hyperlinking, or other Acrobat features)? I can't get it to stop doing this, so it makes the help nearly useless for me unless I copy the help files to my desktop and run them manually...

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Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [Eric\[1\]](#) on Wed, 12 Feb 2003 21:01:09 GMT
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In article <BA6FEFD4.1368E%greenberg@ucdavis.edu>, Jonathan Greenberg
<greenberg@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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I don't have this problem. Have you set the default tool to open PDF
files as Acrobat on your system?

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Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Wed, 12 Feb 2003 23:20:14 GMT
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No, I don't think so -- but I remember having problems with print preview
the last time I fooled around with the PDF problems (my print previews
started showing up in Preview, not in Acrobat) -- how did you modify this
setting?

--j

On 2/12/03 1:01 PM, "Eric" <radvelmanAT@netscape.net> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Thu, 13 Feb 2003 14:31:53 GMT
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Jonathan Greenberg <greenberg@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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Select a PDF file. Do "Get Info". Under "Open with", change the
application to Acrobat Reader, then click the button to change the
default application for all PDF files.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [Jonathan Greenberg](#) on Fri, 14 Feb 2003 02:58:52 GMT
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Two problems:

1) the pdf files are all in /usr which means I can't see them from the
Finder.
2) I copied those pdf files to my desktop, and lo and behold they were
acrobat files on my desktop. Weird, huh?

--j

On 2/13/03 6:31 AM, in article k-bowman-86C3B6.08315313022003@news.tamu.edu,
"Kenneth Bowman" <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Fri, 14 Feb 2003 14:48:44 GMT
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In article <BA719B59.13711%greenberg@ucdavis.edu>,
Jonathan Greenberg <greenberg@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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> Finder.

The magic incantation to make all unix files visible in the Finder is

`defaults write com.apple.Finder AppleShowAllFiles YES`

at a terminal prompt. This makes all "dot" files visible, including
some Mac-only clutter that would be better off left invisible. To turn
it off use the same command with NO at the end.

I keep meaning to write an AppleScript to toggle this with a button
click.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [<jajvj](#) on Sat, 15 Feb 2003 03:22:08 GMT
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<greenberg@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

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You can see /usr in the Finder using "Go to Folder..." in the Go menu.

Subject: Re: Is PDF the only help option in 5.6?
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 27 Feb 2003 19:03:32 GMT
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"Alexander Rauscher" <e9121161@stud4.tuwien.ac.at> wrote in message
news:Pine.GHP.4.32.0302271101470.14096-100000@stud4.tuwien.ac.at...

- > ...it was about both the help and about the non existing
- > backwards compatibility of atan (and probably many
- > other functions)

"Non-existent backwards compatibility"? "Probably many other functions"?

Yeah right.

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