
Subject: Re: open HTTP links from a widget
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 23 Sep 2004 00:55:28 GMT
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Benjamin Hornberger wrote:

> Hi all,
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> I saw that in the IDL demo they have links to the RSI website and other
> places, which open my default system web browser. Does anyone know how
> to do that? I would like a button in the Help menu of a widget program
> that opens the documentation on the web.

In principle, you could work this out by examining the demo source,
which is in

`<IDL_DIR>/examples/demo/demosrc`

but in practice this is difficult, as the demo system is somewhat
complicated and involves a menu system defined in XML.

But the answer is that they use the `ONLINE_HELP` command (in
`demoObj__define.pro`), with the `BOOK` keyword to define the HTML file.
This only allows access to a local file. To get out into the WWW they
use local HTML files with redirections, eg see the files in

`<IDL_DIR>/examples/demo/demourls`

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