
Subject: Re: Adobe Reader 7.0 in IDL ?

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Thu, 14 Apr 2005 23:22:36 GMT

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Sean Davis wrote:

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Well, the easy solution to to keep using the old Adobe Reader. But there is another way to skin this cat. I gave up using the PDF files long ago. Instead, I use xCHM (<http://xchm.sourceforge.net>) with the IDL Windows Help file. I like this much better than trying to navigate the PDFs. Just find the file idl.chm in a Windows distribution and copy that file to some convenient location on your Linux box. Install xCHM, if you don't have it already, and viola! you're reading a Windows Help file on Linux.

You can even go one step further by sending the Windows help file through a CHM -> HTML converter and putting the HTML pages online. That's probably a bit overkill, tho. ;-)

-Mike

Subject: Re: Adobe Reader 7.0 in IDL ?

Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Fri, 15 Apr 2005 00:52:31 GMT

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If you want the IDL help in HTML, you can get it with IDLWAVE. You don't have to be an emacs and/or IDLWAVE user. Just take the help files and view them in your favorite browser, which might just be w3m.

You might even be able to override the "?" command (or make a new command) that opens the correct file in your browser.

-k.

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