
Subject: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???

Posted by [larkn10](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 16:38:36 GMT

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Also the basic searching for the new help system does not seem very helpful. For example, if I enter "widget_control", I do not get useful options as the result of the search. Perhaps I have missed something here.

Any help is appreciated! Sorry if I missed earlier posts addressing these issues.

Thanks a lot!

-Larry

Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 17:25:20 GMT

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On Dec 6, 10:38 am, lark...@gmail.com wrote:

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You could always open help in firefox. Then you can have as many tabs as you want.

Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???
Posted by [larkn10](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 21:47:06 GMT
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On Dec 6, 12:25 pm, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Thanks for the valuable suggestions! But sorry to David, some of the problem is real!

I noticed the Firefox option, but it seems like I am stuck with one help-system per tab in Firefox instead of one help-system with multiple tabs. Maybe that has the same utility and I am just cranky because I have to adapt to a new system when I liked the old one. :-)

Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 22:01:03 GMT
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I've explored the crankiness theory, but a PCA analysis of the data shows that crankiness per se explains less than 10 percent of the variability in the data.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???
Posted by [larkn10](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 22:21:26 GMT
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Thanks for making me feel better David!

The index tab at the bottom is really useful, and now I feel like I am a little closer to where I was before. Using the index and Firefox will get me by for now.

What about the "Bookmarks" button that looks a lot like the new tab button? Does anyone know where do those bookmarks go?

Also, is anyone facile with Eclipse plugins? If so, is it possible to do all sorts of Eclipse plugin applications to make up for the initial perceived shortcomings?

Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???
Posted by [larkn10](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2007 22:25:51 GMT
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Oh, duh. One of the tabs at the bottom of the help system beside the index tab is a "bookmarks" tab. You can have all the bookmarks you want there. That replaces the tab functionality from before.

Thanks ITTVIS! I feel better now!

On Dec 6, 5:21 pm, lark...@gmail.com wrote:

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Subject: Re: IDL7.0 Help System Tabs???
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2007 14:41:29 GMT
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David Fanning writes:

- > At least in Windows XP, with 4 MByte RAM

Now that I think about it, I think this machine has a
little more RAM than that. :-)

I can remember, though, when I *did* have about that
much RAM and MacPaint seemed like a BIG application!

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
