Subject: Re: painful IDL 7 online help

Posted by Peter Clinch on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 12:38:26 GMT

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LC's No-Spam Newsreading account wrote:

- > I find that accessing the online help interface (? command) has become
- > extremely painful.

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- > My environment is Linux Suse 9.2, and I use fvwm as window manager (with
- > two desktops with four workspaces each). Incidentally I have configured
- > the window manager so that my web browser (firefox) always opens in a
- > dedicated workspace.

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> And of course I usually run idl in another (any other) workspace.

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- > In the past when I typed? command in my idl session (runtime "idl"
- > command, no development environment!) it opened an online help window
- > in the same workspace. Now the help window is opened in the firefox
- > workspace. This is painful enough.

FWIW, in SuSE 10.2 using Gnome it's a non-issue: help opens in the workspace I'm using for IDL, whichever one that is.

- > What is more painful is that each time I click on a link in the help
- > pages, they open a new window each time.

And that doesn't happen to me either, links not opening new windows. So i's not a general linux or IDL 7 problem, probably something more explicit in your particular setup.

Pete.

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Subject: Re: painful IDL 7 online help

Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 12:51:18 GMT

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Cheers.

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/

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

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Posted by LC's No-Spam Newsread[1] on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 14:45:38 GMT

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And the (first) help window which comes out invoking "?" has no Preferences link at all.

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The linemode client, not the development environment (which I never use)

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Posted by JD Smith on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 21:46:26 GMT

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OSX users are stuck with the external browser. It's fast and the content looks reasonable, but it opens a new tab or window every time help is invoked, and gets lost in a sea of other browser windows, with no easy way to find it. Not ideal; I'll stick with the 6.X help for a while.

JD