
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 fwm 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.
- >
- > 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 it'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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You can select any number of other browser options, including using an internal browser, I think. Anyway, worth a try. You can find the Web Browser preference under the General Preference tab in Preferences.

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.")

Subject: Re: painful IDL 7 online help

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

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

No setup one can place in STARTUP.pro or in an .Xdefaults file ?

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Subject: Re: painful IDL 7 online help
Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 15:32:17 GMT
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<nospam@mi.iasf.cnr.it> wrote:
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Subject: Re: painful IDL 7 online help

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 21:46:26 GMT

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On Jun 20, 11:32 am, Vince Hradil <hrad...@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Window->Preferences->General->Web Browser

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
