
Subject: Re: Open webpage

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 23 Aug 2010 14:30:54 GMT

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Try MG_OPEN_URL:

http://lib.idldev.com/net/mg_open_url.pro

Should work nicely on Mac and Windows; on Linux, you will be asked on the first use to locate your preferred browser, after that it should work automatically.

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Posted by [Wout De Nolf](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2010 09:09:23 GMT

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Thanks for the tip. However, I figured out that it works when you do:
online_help,book=file_search(file,/full)
I didn't test on MAC but this seems to be a platform independent way
of opening webpages.
