Subject: Re: my online_help works with 7.1 but not with 8.0
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 24 Jan 2011 21:34:59 GMT

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Subject: Re: my online_help works with 7.1 but not with 8.0
Posted by Jean[2] on Tue, 25 Jan 2011 14:04:23 GMT

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Oh, "socket". Shoot. I was thinking this thread had
the potential to be pretty interesting. ;-)

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Subject: Re: my online_help works with 7.1 but not with 8.0
Posted by penteado on Tue, 25 Jan 2011 17:18:31 GMT

On Jan 24, 7:20 pm, Jean <jeanbilh...@gmail.com> wrote:
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Subject: Re: my online_help works with 7.1 but not with 8.0
Posted by Jean[2] on Tue, 25 Jan 2011 19:44:11 GMT
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On Jan 25, 12:18 pm, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:
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menu and the right part contains the various html pages. Doing so give
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Jean

Subject: Re: my online_help works with 7.1 but not with 8.0
Posted by Jean[2] on Wed, 26 Jan 2011 20:50:32 GMT
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In case someone is wondering about how to fix that issue, I contacted
ITT and IDL 8.0 does support anymore the .adp files. html is the way
to go now.