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Posted by Helder Marchetto on Sun, 13 Dec 2015 23:33:57 GMT

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Posted by doce on Mon. 14 Doc 2015 02:5

Posted by dg86 on Mon, 14 Dec 2015 02:55:25 GMT

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I tried disabling all chrome extensions and restarting - no change.

cheers, Greg

Subject: Re: chrome browser update
Posted by Nuno Ferreira on Mon, 14 Dec 2015 14:20:00 GMT
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I noticed the same problem these last few days (underlined blue text in IDL help, like a link) and today I cannot use IDL Help: all I get is a text file called "olh_anchor_redir.html" with the text below. I am using Chrome version 47.0.2526.80 m.

Cheers,

Nuno

<!--

This file was created by IDL to work around limitations of the Microsoft Windows ShellExecute() function:

- If you pass ShellExecute() a URL containing an HTML anchor, it strips the anchor off the URL and the browser never sees it.
- There are hacks involving the FindExecutable() function that can trick ShellExecute() into not stripping the anchor, but they have the unwanted side effect of starting a new browser instance for each such call.
- You can just skip ShellExecute() and talk to InternetExplorer directly, but that locks out other browsers and is fairly difficult as well. Plus, it won't track changes Microsoft may make to the browser.

In addition, it is used to work around a similar problem on Unix systems where a URL containing a pipe symbol '|' is interpreted by the shell and cannot be passed through to the Javascript interpreting the URL. The help symbol uses the string '|Firstpick' to indicate that the first topic found in the query should be loaded but this URL cannot be sent directly to the browser because the shell treats it as a pipe symbol to control i/o.

Alternatively, you can generate a temporary HTML file containing a refresh META tag, and pass the URL for that file to ShellExecute(). This is that file.

You can remove this file if you wish. IDL will recreate it whenever it needs it. The specific situation where that occurs is a call to ONLINE_HELP that specifies a non-NULL topic and which sets the BOOK keyword to the name of an HTML file.

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<!-- saved from url=(0014)about:internet -->
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Posted by Nuno Ferreira on Mon, 14 Dec 2015 16:36:44 GMT
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Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Wed, 16 Dec 2015 02:40:10 GMT
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We've been able to fix this in our help builds, but that won't be released for a few months.

In the meantime, I would suggest either using a different browser or using the online documentation:

http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/home.html

Cheers, Chris

Subject: Re: chrome browser update
Posted by Helder Marchetto on Thu, 17 Dec 2015 14:39:41 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 2:40:14 AM UTC, Chris Torrence wrote:

- > On Monday, December 14, 2015 at 9:36:52 AM UTC-7, Nuno Ferreira wrote:
- >> Sorry about this last message. I finally understood why the "olh_anchor_redir.html" text file was appearing it was related with the association of the ".html" file extension in my computer.

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>> Cheers,

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>> Nuno

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> Hi all,

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> There's no malware - this is a bug that Chrome introduced - apparently they decided to clamp down on something related to namespaces, which causes all of those hyperlinks to appear.

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> We've been able to fix this in our help builds, but that won't be released for a few months.

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- > In the meantime, I would suggest either using a different browser or using the online documentation:
- > http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/home.html

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- > Cheers,
- > Chris

Hi Chris,

thanks a lot for clarifying. Let us know when the new release is out.

By the way, it is unfortunately not possible (=allowed) to roll-back to a previous Chrome release.

Cheers,

Helder