

QGIS Application - Feature request #9483

Replace help with pages from the manual

2014-02-03 11:09 PM - Paolo Cavallini

Status:	Feedback	Resolution: Copied to github as #: 18075
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:	Richard Duivenvoorde	
Category:	Documentation and Help	
Pull Request or Patch supplied:	No	
Easy fix?:	No	
Description Translating help files in GUI is always the most painful part, and I am convinced it is not the most useful one, as the content is often obsolete and not aligned with the manual. My suggestion is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- remove the help- replace it with the relevant manpage, either including it or adding a link to the manual- ship the manual together with the package (problem: shipping all the languages will be very heavy).		
Related issues: Duplicated by QGIS Application - Bug report # 8564: context_help strings huge		
		Closed 2013-09-03

History

#1 - 2014-06-23 08:57 AM - Paolo Cavallini

Duplicated in #8564

#2 - 2017-05-01 12:47 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- *Easy fix?* set to No

#3 - 2018-01-27 08:24 AM - Alexander Bruy

- *Status* changed from Open to Feedback

- *Description* updated

IMHO now addressed in master: Help buttons open corresponding web-pages.

#4 - 2018-01-27 12:05 PM - Paolo Cavallini

Huge improvement, thanks.

One crucial point is not fully addressed, however: when offline the user has to add the path to the manual by hand; probably it would be good to prefill the path and install the manual as an installation option.

#5 - 2018-01-27 01:50 PM - Richard Duivenvoorde

The offline help mode is some more work:

- we need to have a download service (per language a zip of around 170Mb) and build/upload these every day fresh on something like:

<https://docs.qgis.org/download/3.0/en> etc?

- we could create a button near the input of the settings dialog where you can add url's?

- we need to think about where to save/unpack this zip, as installs can be very diverse. A normal user for example cannot save such zip in the install dir. OR we could/should make it part of the install scripts? Packaging for Linux?

Some other issue is that a fresh profile does not link to the right url (the setting is not picked up if you do not save your settings at least once): #17670

#6 - 2018-01-27 02:04 PM - Paolo Cavallini

Well understood, thanks Richard for the analysis.

I suggest to leave this ticket open for future reference.

#7 - 2018-03-06 06:56 PM - Paolo Cavallini

- Assignee set to *Richard Duivenvoorde*

It seems to me that this is fixed. Please Richard decide whether to close it.