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Subject: Re: Calling Help Files

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Kerstin Voigt ([voigt@dlr.de](mailto:voigt@dlr.de)) writes:

- > does anybody know, how I can call a self created help file from within IDL
- > 5.0?
- > They have the standard Microsoft \*.hlp-format (PC environment).

To create an "authentic" IDL help file requires that you have a particular help file compiler, I believe. But since I always have a WWW browser open anyway, I've found it convenient to use HTML help for my IDL procedures. I simply use the `template.pro` file to create a template for my programs. (It uses the ";" and ";" convention to delineate a section of code used for comments.)

Then I just use the `MK_HTML_HELP` routine from the IDL library to construct an HTML file from my IDL procedures and functions. It is all done in one step. This, for example, is what I use to build the help files for the program files on my web page.

Cheers,

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