Subject: [Object IDL] self-documenting objects ...
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I have created a number of potentially useful objects that I wish
to share with others. Of course I have documented the code and
written a nice comment header but it would be nice to access help
online. Thus, I have adopted the convention of coding a "help"
method procedure for every object I write, viz.

```
 myobj = obj_new('myobject')
 myobj -> help
```

Rather than having to duplicate documentation in this method
and the code header, can I not simply display the source
header to the user? This approach has the benefit of encouraging
the IDL programmer to write well-documented code headers.
Comments on this convention?

Question: how can I locate the source file assuming that
I know the file name (myobject__define.pro) and that it
is located in the IDL_PATH? (IDL's filepath procedure
gives incorrect info for user written routines.)

Any help is much appreciated.

Cheers,
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