
Subject: Re: [Object IDL] self-documenting objects ...
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Here is the germ of a method to include with your object definitions:

```
pro myclass::help, extra=_ex
  r = routine_info('MYCLASS__DEFINE', /source)
  openr, source, r.path, /get_lun
  s = "
  repeat begin
    print, strmid(s,1)
    readf, source, s
  endrep until strmid(s,0,1) ne ';' or eof(source)
  free_lun, source
end
```

Ensure that your object source files begin with a semicolon. Calling the help method should dump the source header (minus the leading semicolon) to your screen.

It will serve my purposes for now although I can immediately think of some issues/improvements:

- all objects should be callable with only the object name. With req'd parameters, you need to know the usage before you can access the help method - catch22.
- "help" should likely be its own object, taking a MYOBJ__DEFINE string as a keyword parameter.

Comments?

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