
Subject: Re: Online Help ideas

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I tend to learn by example. Thus I spend a lot of time looking at other people's code. Early on, I never really spent much time poking around the "Examples" directory. There is some good stuff in there and not just the obvious.

In the example section, there could be links to example .pro files. Obviously many functions and procedures don't need further explanation, but many do (thinking object graphics). There could be other ways to do this but the idea is to make the example code more accessible.

An example (maybe not the best) is the MSDN Visual Studio Documentation.

-Rick

If there exists an example program that
"Ben Tupper" <btupper@bigelow.org> wrote in message
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> Howdy,

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> I have recently done some work in Labview from National Instruments
> (www.ni.com). It's really nice software - but the thing I was most
> impressed by was the online help. ****Very very**** nice. NI provides
> fantastic hyper-help as well as hosting seemingly endless
> tips/code/howto/user_contribution web pages.

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> It occurred to me that I really wish IDL had decent online help (well,
> duh!) I think this might be a great time to develop a wish list for
> RSI as it heads toward the next release of IDL. I think we all know
> how limited the present system is; so we don't need to drag up old
> stuff. Rather, I invite readers to offer suggestions for a
> constructive wish-list. If you email me your ideas (as well as
> posting them here) I will assemble them all and deliver to RSI. Email
> address is pemaquidriver@tidewater.net

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> So here's the question:

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> What would you like to see for online help resources from RSI?

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> Here's mine... place links to related topics at the *top* of the
> hyperhelp page. Once I have read the description of the
> function/procedure I usually know if I need to keep looking. It
> would be handier to have the links available without having to scroll
> down the page.

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> Thanks!
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> Ben
