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Subject: Re: IDL Comments

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 08 Apr 2004 18:38:58 GMT

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Michael Wallace wrote:

> This might be a dumb question, but my curiosity has gotten the best of  
> me. Why is it that the main comment block in RSI's IDL code (as well as  
> David's) always begins with ';'+' ? Is the '+' on the end some sort of  
> marker RSI uses to indicate what comments to use when they crank out new  
> documentation?

Yep. Well, sorta. The ";" and ";" delineate the comment fields when you use the

`MK_HTML_HELP`

procedure. It produces a somewhat natty html file containing all your documentation. I altered the IDL code to allow me to do the same for my Fortran90 code. I get nice pages I can direct people to when they ask questions that clearly indicate they haven't read the documentation. E.g.

[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~paulv/Fortran90/Emissivity/Emissivity\\_Define.f90.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~paulv/Fortran90/Emissivity/Emissivity_Define.f90.html)

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