
Subject: Re: IDL Comments

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In the olden days IDL used the ;+ and ;- markers to delimit the header text for making .help files.

In the lib/obsolete directory you will find mk_library_help.pro to convert a directory of .pro files into an special (offsets and topics first) file with the bodies. Then mp_widget.pro was used to display them. HTML and PDF have obsoleted that. It did not support help on the basics and internals of IDL, e.g., + or FLOAT.

I improved mp_widget to use a list for a large number (~200) of topics but did not square subscripts nor add no_block. (I use a special xmanager that does not block inside other widgets, circa 1991 and potentially in the main program to allow it to be in the event loop for variable creation.)

; 1-Aug-1995 KAK Monospaced font for list widgets.

; 1-Aug-1995 KAK Handle empty .help elements of HELP_PATH.

; 1-Aug-1995 KAK Buttons columns auto-sized based on area. (later irrelevant)

; 11-Dec-1995 KAK remove STRLOWCASE because my Unix path has upper.

; 11-Dec-1995 KAK make it 2 lists and the text, only a quit button.

; 25-Mar-2004 KAK make routine width 15, text box 30 not 45.
