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Subject: GETHELP function -- where can I find it?  
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Last week I posted asking about a way to get HELP info on a variable returned as a string array:

> Does anyone know if I can get the normal HELP info on  
> just a simple variable back similarly, as in:

> help,var=var or maybe help,/stru,struct=some\_struct

I found my own answer, in the GETHELP function, in 3.6.1.

HOWEVER, it won't run. Does anyone have a working GETHELP function?

The documentation says I can do this, but:

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IDL> a=gethelp()
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% Syntax error.

```
IDL> print,filepath('gethelp')
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% Compiled module: FILEPATH.

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/opt/idl/gethelp
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```
IDL> $ls /opt/idl/gethelp*
```

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/opt/idl/gethelp*: No such file or directory
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The 4.0 beta help system says the file is in "the lib subdirectory of the IDL distribution". I can find no source file for GETHELP \*anywhere\* on my machine.

Does anyone have a copy of it I can get?

Thanks much,

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