Subject: Re: "?" help-command in linux
Posted by Sean Davis on Wed, 20 Apr 2005 00:13:57 GMT
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Good point.

I'm actually straddling the fence between IDLDE and IDLWAVE. I should
probably jump off and go completely into IDLWAVE territory. There are
still a few things I haven't gotten used to or figured out how to do yet.
The html help is nice though.

Thanks for the help!

JD Smith wrote:

> On Mon, 18 Apr 2005 15:53:49 -0600, Sean Davis wrote:
>
>> Hello
>>
>> Does anyone know how to control what happens when you use the "?" command
>> in idl on a linux machine. ...As in...
>>
>> IDL> ? OPLOT
>>
>> the default for idl 6.1 is to open up adobe acrobat, which, of course,
>> sucks
>> for reading the online help. I have the html help installed (for
>> idlwave),
>> and also xchm (http://xchm.sf.net). I would ideally like xchm to open
>> with the correct entry whenever I use the ? command.
>
> I presume you're not using IDLWAVE? If you are, you could:
>
> IDL> OPLOT [C-c ?]
>
> and the HTML help would popup for OPLOT. In fact, you could try:
>
> IDL> OPLOT, [Tab]
>
> get a list of keywords, and right click on any of them to have the
> HTML help queued up to the correct section documenting that keyword.
>
> What else can IDLWAVE give you help on, either in the HTML help pages,
> or directly in the source code of a relevant routine? Here's the
> list:
>
> Routine name   The name of a routine (function, procedure, method).
> Keyword Parameter   A keyword parameter of a routine.

> System Variable   System variables like !DPI.
> System Variable Tags System variables tags like !D.X_SIZE.
> IDL Statement   Statements like PRO, REPEAT, COMPILE_OPT, etc.
> Class name   A class name in an OBJ_NEW call.
> Class Init   Beyond the class name in an OBJ_NEW call.
> Executive Command   An executive command like .RUN. Mostly useful in
> the shell.
> Structure Tags   Structure tags like state.xsize
> Class Tags   Class tags like self.value.
> Default   The routine that would be selected for routine
> info display.
>
> JD