Subject: Re: Tapping into IDL help??

Posted by Eric Deutsch on Sun, 04 Jun 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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schieb@shark.gsfc.nasa.gov (Brian D. Schieber) wrote:

- > I'm getting the impression that we will no longer be able to
- > add our help items to the general IDL help under the new 4.0
- > like we could under 3.6. This is very disheartening. Using
- > the old help for our stuff and the newer help for everything
- > else is not acceptable. There *must* be a way...and short of
- > paying huge royalties to MASTERGRAFX (?) or whatever PC-type
- > software company built the help. Does anyone know of any
- > solutions for adding your help? I was hoping the new version
- > would make things better, not worse...

I, too, was hoping version 4.0 included improvements, and was disappointed. The answer, of course, is to badger RSI directly (assuming you're on support) and make it clear how you feel about this. I've done my share of pestering and RSI claims that there are plans to make improvements for the next release. If you feel strongly about this or have suggestions about what you'd like to see, let them know! They have no obligation to respond to anything that gets posted here, but they will respond to direct communication with them (if only to reply that they're taking your thoughts into consideration.)

I get the impression that none of the developers at RSI have their own private libraries or non-RSI libraries (why would they?) so they may not realize how important support for searching and using non-RSI libraries can be. Let them know!

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