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Subject: Re: User HELP files from IDL 3.6.1 to 4.0  
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In article <42pgol\$15u@rdsunx.crd.ge.com>, rigby@crd.ge.com (Wayne Rigby) writes:

> In article 8le@upsn2.u-psud.fr, Richard Gispert <gispert@ias.fr> () writes:

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>> With IDL 3.6.1 it was possible to add

>> help files for our routines to help files distributed by IDL.

>> It was very convenient because developpers had just to write

>> a header beginning by ;+ and ending by ;- in each routine.

>> Then by using MK\_LIBRARY\_HELP it was very easy to prepare such .hlp  
>> files.

>> With IDL 4.0 we got hyperhelp which is very beautiful and convenient

>> BUT we lost the previous facility for personal help files.

>> Who has the solution ?

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IDL 4.0.1 has MK\_HTML\_HELP which reads the standard documentation headers and builds an HTML help file which you can view with Mosaic, Netscape, Lynx, etc. I find this very nice.

I REALLY wish RSI would put the main IDL help in HTML format as well, then we could all read it from any platform. That includes text based terminals, using Lynx. Right now I can't get help on any built-in IDL stuff when I work from home on a VT/Tektronix emulator.

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