
Subject: Re: User HELP files from IDL 3.6.1 to 4.0
Posted by [gurman](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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In article <42pgol\$15u@rdsunx.crd.ge.com>, rigby@crd.ge.com wrote:

> In article 8le@upsn2.u-psud.fr, Richard Gispert <gispert@ias.fr> () writes:
>
>> 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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> This was posted a while back. Hopefully RSI will see the light
> and officially restore this capability.
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> From mcghee@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu (Colleen McGhee)
> Newsgroups: comp.lang.idl-pvwave
> Subject: Re: Tapping into IDL help??
> Date: 4 Jun 1995 22:45:23 GMT
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> Here is a response from RSI to one user about the lack of help:
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> A solution does exist. IDL 4.0 still includes MK_LIBRARY_HELP
> (undocumented.) It also still includes the old online help viewer,
> WIDGET_OLH (also undocumented.) If the ".help" files created with
> MK_LIBRARY_HELP are in the help path (in the "help" subdirectory,
> for example) then the call "widget_olh" will display them.
> We're looking into better ways for the user to create their
> own help files.

Salut -

MK_HTML_HELP is now "officially" in the 4.0.1 update version of IDL
and can be used to create help documents in the new format, and
ONLINE_HELP, topic can be used to call the help application.

Hope this helps,

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