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Subject: Re: User HELP files from IDL 3.6.1 to 4.0  
Posted by [rigby](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 1995 07:00:00 GMT  
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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 ?
- >

This was posted a while back. Hopefully RSI will see the light and officially restore this capability.

From mcghee@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu (Colleen McGhee)  
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Here is a response from RSI to one user about the lack of help:

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.

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