
Subject: Re: Who have an electrical book of IDL in English?

Posted by [Braedley](#) on Thu, 18 Jan 2007 00:01:33 GMT

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As far as I'm concerned, the online is useful when you know there's a function or procedure that does what you want, but you don't know the name of the function or the calling sequence, or if you're interested about some keywords to some of your procedure calls. As an example, XLOADCT wouldn't teach you much about colour systems in IDL. I don't think any single section in the help file can teach you as much about colour as the chapters in David's books, or the section devoted to colour on his web page. No, the help files are great for reference, but the learning curve with them are too steep to be useful as the only source for beginners.

Braedley

On Jan 11, 10:25 pm, tia...@gmail.com wrote:

> I think you should really learn the most things from IDL's online help
> documents. They are designed for beginners, with a lot of examples. Try
> them, and you will learn a lot.

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> Best,

> Tian

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> zhuang...@gmail.com wrote:

>> The help document of IDL 6.3 is not suitable for learning from scratch,

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>> I need an English book step by step, but in my country I can't find

>> Who can send me an electrical edition, or give me an address to

>> download?

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>> Thanks for your help.
