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Subject: how to find name of top level program

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Greetings IDL comrades!

I suspect this is an overly simple question but I'm stumped.....

What I would like to do is to find out the name of the top level IDL procedure so that I can put it via xyouts on the plots it produces:

```
pro junk,xxx
```

```
... various other routines and functions called to do one thing or
another ...
```

```
plot, some_vector
```

```
.... something magical happens here so that I have a variable (eg,
program_name)
    that tells me the name of the program that produced this plot
is "junk"
```

```
sub_xyouts,.1,.1,' name of program that produced this plot is
'+program_name,/normal
```

```
return
end
```

It seems like the help command would do this somehow, but darn if I can figure out how it might be done.

Thanks!

Mark

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