
Subject: Help with help files.

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Hi all,

I was wondering how people handle on-line documentation in IDL. We have developed about 8 different applications in IDL that we distribute to our user base of about 40 people at various locations and each of these applications has associated with it one or more online "help" files. Currently, we ask our users to define their "IDL_PATH" so that IDL can find the various tasks to execute and we have them define a directory called "IDL_DOC" that we reference whenever we call "xdisplayfile" from an application, i.e.

CASE event OF

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'help': BEGIN
  xdisplayfile,'$IDL_DOC/example.hlp'
END
```

Does anyone know a way to somehow use "IDL_PATH" to find this documentation rather than using a separate environmental variable? Or perhaps someone has a better approach to IDL on-line documentation?

Thanks in advance,

-Dyer

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