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Subject: Re: IDLDoc Bandwagon

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2010 21:12:39 GMT

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On 9/21/10 11:17 am, David Fanning wrote:

> Michael Galloy writes:

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>> Yes, you can put file-level comments at the beginning of the file, i.e.,  
>> comments between ;+ and ;- that are not immediately next to a routine  
>> header are "file-level." I generally put documentation about each  
>> routine in the header right next to that routine and file-level stuff  
>> about the whole file like what the "public" routines in the file are in  
>> the file-level comments.

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> OK, I'm getting to something I can live with, but I want to  
> move to the "rst" format. In this format, how can I put multiple  
> line examples into the documentation? For example, something  
> like this:

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> IDL> a = findgen(11)

> IDL> MinMax, a

> MinMax: 0 10

>

> Also, would it be possible to put these kind of code fragments  
> in some kind of "code" type font?

Yes, in "rst" markup this would be:

```
; The `MinMax` routine gives the range of a variable::
```

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;
```

```
; IDL> a = findgen(11)
```

```
; IDL> MinMax, a
```

```
; MinMax: 0 10
```

You need a blank line between the '::' and the code start as well as an indent for the code. You don't need text explanation if you don't want:

```
; ::
```

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;
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```
; IDL> a = findgen(11)
```

```
; IDL> MinMax, a
```

```
; MinMax: 0 10
```

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