
Subject: Re: HELP adding entries to MAN_PROC
Posted by [knight](#) on Thu, 04 Feb 1993 21:51:31 GMT
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In article <1kqqq6INN4h3@maz4.sma.ch>, oet@sma.ch (Thomas Oettli) writes:
|> In article <107906@netnews.upenn.edu> mark@ginger.biophys.upenn.edu (Mark Elliott) writes:
|> >
|> > DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW TO ADD ENTRIES TO IDL'S ON LINE HELP PROGRAM, MAN_PROC?
|> ... (omitted text) ...
|> >
|> Try mk_library_help:
|>
|> EXAMPLE:
|>
|> IDL> mk_library_help, !DIR+'lib/userlib', !DIR+'help/test.help'
|>
|> IDL> ?
|>
|> You will now have description of all procedures in the subdir userlib
|> on the button 'test'.
|>

I use this method also, and it helps the novice as well as the expert, who wants to review a routine's action or parameter list. In addition, I build into each routine a /help keyword to print its header. For example,

```
myroutine,/help
```

produces the header via the doc_library routine. The only things needed in the code are:

```
pro myroutine, help=help, ...  
...  
if keyword_set(help) then begin & doc_library, 'myroutine' & return & endif  
...
```

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