
Subject: Re: 8.2 documentation?

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On Monday, July 16, 2012 11:52:13 PM UTC-4, riegel. d wrote:

> Does anyone know where I can find *real* documentation for 8.2's new features? My code from 7.0 has all broken because (apparently) the UNIQ function is no longer present. No idea what else is broken when I get past that. Plus, the advertising I find online promises me new overloaded operators and a FOREACH toy, but no syntax or explanation about what they are exactly...

If you have IDL 8.2 (which it sounds like you do since it is giving you problems) then the online help is easily accessible, e.g. with the `idlhelp` system command, or by typing "?" or `ONLINE_HELP` at the IDL prompt, or clicking the `HELP` button in the IDLDE, or by pointing your browser to (for a Mac) to `file:///Applications/help/online_help/IDL/idl.html`. If you don't have IDL 8.2, then Exelis makes it hard to study the new features since they don't have the online help available online. (This contrasts poorly with Mathworks which keeps all the MATLAB documentation on its public website.) However, you can always download a trial version of IDL 8.2. Even though IDL will be limited to the 7 minute demo mode, the documentation should be fully readable.

The FOREACH operator was introduced in IDL 8.0

The UNIQ() function is certainly present in IDL 8.2. Perhaps you don't have your `!PATH` set correctly to include `$IDL_DIR/lib` ? -Wayne
