
Subject: Re: S: catching the output of help,/mem into variable-programm ???

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On 28 Jan 1997, HSR Sys-Admin wrote:

> I want to catch the output of help,/mem in an variable...
> is that possible...
> ???

Yes, it's possible, but you have to be really, really keen...

HELP,/MEM doesn't even write its output to a JOURNAL file, so the only way I can think of to catch its output is to redirect stdout when you start IDL, e.g., `idl > delete.me`

Then you'd have to open delete.me (read only) and search for and parse HELP,/MEM's output. (It might help to PRINT something just before you issue HELP,/MEM, to make its output easier to find. Also, setting !QUIET=1 might help to reduce the amount of junk to search through.)

I mean, it's a daft solution, but there it is.

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