
Subject: Re: Using IDLdoc to format documentation
Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2013 23:20:03 GMT
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Perhaps Mike (or someone else) can offer a different/better solution, but I usually do something like this:

```
; :Returns:  
; One of three possible values are returned::  
; -1 IF xUTC1 < xUTC2  
; 0 IF xUTC1 == XUTC2  
; 1 IF xUTC1 > XUTC2
```

Similarly,

```
; :History:  
; Modification history::  
; 21 Mar 2007 D. A. Gell Initial coding  
; 16 Apr 2007 D. A. Gell correct variable usage  
; 7 Aug 2007 D. A. Gell added Kepler (dust) ram direction
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On Tuesday, January 15, 2013 3:09:57 PM UTC-6, David Gell wrote:

> I've got a couple of questions about using idldoc to format file documentation. First, I've a function that can return a status code. The header is formatted as follows:

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>  
>  
>  
> ; :RETURNS:  
>  
> ; -1 IF xUTC1 < xUTC2  
>  
> ; 0 IF xUTC1 == XUTC2  
>  
> ; 1 IF xUTC1 > XUTC2  
>  
>  
>  
> The idldoc output concatenates the 3 lines:  
>  
> Return Value  
>  
> -1 IF xUTC1 < xUTC2 0 IF xUTC1 == XUTC2 1 IF xUTC1 > XUTC2  
>  
>  
>  
> Is there a way to insure that the line breaks are maintained.
```