
Subject: Re: Adding libraries to online help
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David Foster wrote:

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Sorry, it's Monday. Here is the attached LHELP.PRO that I forgot in the previous post!

Dave

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> One alternative that might cause some controversy: we document our
> routines in .doc files which are located in the same directories as
> the .pro files. Then we use a program I wrote called LHELP.PRO which
> finds all such .doc files and allows you to choose from among them
> and display their contents. Text search capabilities make it easier
> to find topics. Also, you can use it to look at the source code.

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> This might not be an option for software you download from external
> sources, as you'd have to extract the headers and paste into .doc
> files for each routine, but I thought I'd mention it. I've been flamed
> for this method before, but it is **very** convenient.

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; LHELP.PRO 1-12-95
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; This routine allows the user to get help information on local
; routines written as general-purpose utility functions. The user
; enters LHELP, ROUTINE_NAME and the documentation file
; ROUTINE_NAME.DOC is displayed.
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; Alternatively, if no parameter is given then a list widget is
; displayed, from which the user can choose a documentation help
; file to display.
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; 10-25-93 DF Use EXPAND_PATH to find .DOC file in !PATH .
; 11-04-93 DF Keyword /ALL to display file listing available routines.
; 5-12-94 DF Add widget interface with list/choose capability.
; 7-15-94 DF Add text search capability.
; 10-31-94 DF Prevent selection of first element of list from crashing
; program (its just a title).
; 11-22-94 DF Calling LHELP with command-line argument will invoke
; LHELP widget with argument as current help file displayed
; (instead of XDISPLAYFILE as before). Add GROUP keyword
; for when calling from a widget.

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;-----
; Procedure LHELP_FIND_FILES
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; Procedure to create lists of help filenames, their corresponding
; names, .pro routines in directories where these help files exist,
; and their corresponding names.
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PRO lhelp_find_files
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common lhelp_common, d,help_files, proc_files, help_names, proc_names, text
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help_files = "
proc_files = "
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dir_list = EXPAND_PATH(!PATH,/ARRAY,COUNT=dirs) ; Find .doc files
FOR i = 0, dirs-1 DO BEGIN
filespec = dir_list(i) + '/*.doc'
found = file_find(filespec, files)
if (found gt 0) then begin
if (help_files(0) eq "") then help_files = files else $
help_files = [help_files, files]
filespec = dir_list(i) + '/*.pro' ; Find .pro files in

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found = file_find(filespec, files)      ; these directories
if (found gt 0) then begin
  if (proc_files(0) eq "") then proc_files = files else $
  proc_files = [proc_files, files]
endif
endif
ENDFOR

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if (help_files(0) eq "") then begin
  help_files = 'None found'
  proc_files = help_files
endif

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np = n_elements(proc_files)
proc_names = strarr(np)
for i = 0, np-1 do begin
  proc_names(i) = strupcase(filename(proc_files(i)))
  pos = strpos(proc_names(i), '.PRO')
  proc_names(i) = strmid(proc_names(i), 0, pos)
endfor
order = sort(proc_names)
proc_files = proc_files(order)
proc_names = proc_names(order)

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nr = n_elements(help_files)
help_names = strarr(nr)
for i = 0, nr-1 do begin
  help_names(i) = strupcase(filename(help_files(i)))
  pos = strpos(help_names(i), '.DOC')
  help_names(i) = strmid(help_names(i), 0, pos)
endfor
order = sort(help_names)
help_files = help_files(order)
help_names = help_names(order)

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return
END

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;-----
; Procedure LHELP_POSITION
;
; Procedure to position the text in the text widget.
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PRO lhhelp_position

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common lhelp_common, d,help_files, proc_files, help_names, proc_names, text

if (d.cur_line lt d.top_line or d.cur_line gt d.bot_line) then begin
line = FIX( ( (d.cur_line - (d.ypage_size/2)) > 0 ) $
  < (n_elements(text) - d.ypage_size/2) )
widget_control, d.page, set_text_top_line=line
d.top_line = line
d.bot_line = line + d.ypage_size - 1
endif

return
END

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;-----
; Procedure LHELP_HIGHLIGHT
;
; Procedure to highlight current text found.
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PRO LHELP_HIGHLIGHT

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common lhelp_common, d,help_files, proc_files, help_names, proc_names, text

chrs = 0
for i = 0, d.cur_line - 1 do chrs = chrs + strlen(text(i)) + 1
chrs = chrs + d.cur_pos
widget_control, d.page, set_text_select=[chrs, strlen(d.search_text)]

return
END

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;-----
; Function LHELP_SEARCH
;
; Function to search for a text string in the current listing.
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FUNCTION lhelp_search, NEXT=next, PREV=prev

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common lhelp_common, d,help_files, proc_files, help_names, proc_names, text

text_lines = n_elements(text)
lines_checked = 0
len = strlen(d.search_text)

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if (keyword_set(NEXT)) then begin
  line = d.cur_line
  last = text_lines - 1
  restart = 0
  incr = 1
endif else if (keyword_set(PREV)) then begin
  line = d.cur_line
  last = 0
  restart = text_lines - 1
  incr = -1
endif

while (1) do begin
  lines_checked = lines_checked + 1      ; Break if not found
  if (lines_checked eq text_lines + 2) then goto, NOT_FOUND
  text_uc = strupcase(text(line))
  search_text_uc = strupcase(d.search_text)
  if (line eq d.cur_line and d.searched ne 0) then begin ; Repeated searches
    if (keyword_set(NEXT)) then begin          ; in same line
      pos = strpos(text_uc, search_text_uc, d.cur_pos)
    endif else if (keyword_set(PREV)) then begin
      text_uc = strmid(text_uc, 0, d.cur_pos - (len + 1))
      pos = strpos_last(text_uc, search_text_uc, 0)
    endif
  endif else begin
    if (keyword_set(NEXT)) then begin
      pos = strpos(text_uc, search_text_uc, 0)
    endif else if (keyword_set(PREV)) then begin
      pos = strpos_last(text_uc, search_text_uc, 0)
    endif
  endif
endelse
if (pos ge 0) then begin
  d.cur_line = line
  d.cur_pos = pos
  lhelp_position          ; Reposition text in widget
  lhelp_highlight        ; Highlight search string found
  d.cur_pos = pos + len   ; Move past current selection
  goto, FOUND
endif
line = line + incr
if (line eq last + incr) then line = restart      ; Wrap to beginning/end
endwhile

NOT_FOUND:
beep & return, -1

FOUND:
d.searched = 1

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return,0
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END
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;-----  
; Procedure LHELP_EVENT  
;  
; Event handler.  
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PRO lhelp_event, event
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common lhelp_common, d,help_files, proc_files, help_names, proc_names, text
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name = strmid(tag_names(event, /structure), 7, 1000)  
widget_control, event.id, get_uvalue=value
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case (name) of  
"BUTTON": begin  
  case (value) of  
    "QUIT": widget_control, event.top, /destroy  
    "CLOSE": widget_control, event.top, /iconify  
    "PROCEDURE":begin  
      widget_control, d.list, set_value=proc_names  
      widget_control, d.list, set_uvalue=proc_files  
    end  
    "NEXT": begin  
      if (d.search_text eq " or text(0) eq ") then begin  
        beep & return  
      endif  
      widget_control, d.base, /hourglass  
      ret = lhelp_search( /next)  
      widget_control, d.base, hourglass=0  
    end  
    "PREV": begin  
      if (d.search_text eq " or text(0) eq ") then begin  
        beep & return  
      endif  
      widget_control, d.base, /hourglass  
      ret = lhelp_search( /prev)  
      widget_control, d.base, hourglass=0  
    end  
    "HELP": begin  
      widget_control, d.list, set_value=help_names  
      widget_control, d.list, set_uvalue=help_files  
    end  
  else:
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endcase
end
"LIST": begin
if (event.index eq 0) then return ; Cant select first element (label!)
routine = value(event.index-1) ; Get routine name
text = file_strarr(routine)
widget_control, d.page, set_value=text
d.searched = 0
d.cur_line = 0
d.top_line = 0
d.bot_line = d.ypage_size - 1
end
"TEXT_CH": goto, UPDATE_TEXT
"TEXT_STR": goto, UPDATE_TEXT
"TEXT_DEL": begin
UPDATE_TEXT:
widget_control, d.text, get_value=txt
d.search_text = txt(0)
d.searched = 0
if (name eq "TEXT_CH") then begin ; ENTER begins search (next)
if (event.ch eq 10B) then begin
if (d.search_text eq " or text(0) eq ") then begin
beep & return
endif
widget_control, d.base, /hourglass
ret = lhelp_search( /next)
widget_control, d.base, hourglass=0
endif
endif
end
else:
endcase

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END

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;-----
; Procedure LHELP
;
; Procedure to display documentation file, or allow user to choose a
; routine from a list.
;-----

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PRO lhelp, routine, GROUP=group

common lhelp_common, d,help_files, proc_files, help_names, proc_names, text

d = { base: 0L, \$; Main widget base ID

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list: 0L, $ ; Routine widget list ID
page: 0L, $ ; Info text widget ID
text: 0L, $ ; Search text widget
search_text: ", $ ; Search text
searched: 0, $ ; Has current text been searched (1=yes)
cur_line: 0, $ ; Current line of text
cur_pos: 0, $ ; Current position in current line
top_line: 0, $ ; Line number at top of text widget
bot_line: 0, $ ; Line number at bottom
ext: '.doc', $ ; Do you want '.pro' or '.doc' ?
max_lines: 5000, $ ; Maximum # lines in file
xpage_size: 100, $ ; Size of text page
ypage_size: 40 }

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if (keyword_set(GROUP)) then begin
  if (widget_info(group, /valid_id) eq 0) then group = 0
endif else begin
  group = 0
endelse

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LHELP_FIND_FILES ; Get filename lists
if (help_files(0) eq "") then message, 'No local *.doc files found in !PATH'

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; Initialize variables

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text = ""
d.bot_line = d.ypage_size - 1
help_names = ['< Overview >', help_names]
proc_names = ['< Overview >', proc_names]

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d.base = WIDGET_BASE(/row, xpad=5, ypad=5, title="Local Help", $
  group_leader=group)
d.list = WIDGET_LIST(d.base, /frame, ysize=d.ypage_size - 10, $
  uvalue=help_files, value=help_names)

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right_main = WIDGET_BASE(d.base, xpad=5, ypad=5, /column)
menu = WIDGET_BASE(right_main, xpad = 10, ypad=5, /row, /frame)
quit = WIDGET_BUTTON(menu, value=' Quit ', uvalue='QUIT')
clos = WIDGET_BUTTON(menu, value=' Close ', uvalue='CLOSE')

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excl = WIDGET_BASE(menu, /row, xpad=5, ypad=5, /frame, /exclusive)
proc = WIDGET_BUTTON(excl, value='Procedures', uvalue='PROCEDURE')
help = WIDGET_BUTTON(excl, value='Help Files', uvalue='HELP')

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junk = WIDGET_BASE(menu)
sear = WIDGET_BASE(menu, /row, xpad=5, ypad=5, /frame)
prev = WIDGET_BUTTON(sear, value='Prev', uvalue='PREV')
next = WIDGET_BUTTON(sear, value='Next', uvalue='NEXT')
d.text = WIDGET_TEXT(sear, xsize=24, ysize=1, /editable, /all_events)
d.page = WIDGET_TEXT(right_main, xsize=d.xpage_size, ysize=d.ypage_size, $
 /scroll)

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widget_control, help, /set_button
widget_control, d.base, /realize

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; Help info for only one routine (command-line argument)

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if (n_elements(routine) gt 0) then begin
  if (strpos(routine, '.doc') lt 0) then $
    routine = routine + '.doc'
  pos = strpos_last(routine, '/')
  if (pos ge 0) then $
    routine = strmid(routine, pos+1, strlen(routine)-(pos+1))
  file = find_procedure(routine)
  if (file eq "") then begin
    beep
    msg = 'Cannot find help file ' + routine
    message, msg, /continue
    if (keyword_set(GROUP)) then begin
      ret = ask(msg, 'Ok', parent=d.base)
      widget_control, d.base, /destroy
      return
    endif
  endif else begin
    text = file_strarr(file)
    widget_control, d.page, set_value=text
    d.searched = 0
    d.cur_line = 0
    d.top_line = 0
    d.bot_line = d.ypage_size - 1
  endelse
endif

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XMANAGER, "lhelp", d.base

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return
END

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