
Subject: Re: online help IDL 6.2
Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Fri, 04 Nov 2005 16:11:12 GMT
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Benjamin

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 04 Nov 2005 16:48:11 GMT
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Benjamin Hornberger writes:

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The index is fabulous if you know what you are doing.
Less helpful, I can assure you, when you are just starting out. I searched for 10 minutes just yesterday trying to find that darn function list. How else can you figure out what statistical routines IDL has?

Cheers,

David

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So, after fooling around for a couple of minutes, there are a couple of ways to get to these pages you use often.

First, you can always get back to the Home Page, which has a nice selection of topics by going to the GO menu and selecting "Home". Or Cntl-Home gets you there. From there what you looking for is usually less than a couple of clicks away.

Second, once you find the darn page, you can bookmark it, just like you would do in your browser. Then you can go directly there just by selecting the page from your bookmark list.

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Mon, 07 Nov 2005 19:40:29 GMT

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- > --
- > Reiner Hammer
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I often use
? from the idl prompt

IDL> ?plot

this goes directly to the page plot in the online help

For things I often looked on I have set a bookmark.

cheers
Reimar
