
Subject: Tapping into IDL help??

Posted by [schieb](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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I'm getting the impression that we will no longer be able to add our help items to the general IDL help under the new 4.0 like we could under 3.6. This is very disheartening. Using the old help for our stuff and the newer help for everything else is not acceptable. There **must** be a way...and short of paying huge royalties to MASTERGRAFX (?) or whatever PC-type software company built the help. Does anyone know of any solutions for adding your help? I was hoping the new version would make things better, not worse...

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Subject: Re: Tapping into IDL help??

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Here is a response from RSI to one user about the lack of help:

A solution does exist. IDL 4.0 still includes MK_LIBRARY_HELP (undocumented.) It also still includes the old online help viewer, WIDGET_OLH (also undocumented.) If the ".help" files created with MK_LIBRARY_HELP are in the help path (in the "help" subdirectory, for example) then the call "widget_olh" will display them. We're looking into better ways for the user to create their own help files.

Subject: Re: Tapping into IDL help??

Posted by [Eric Deutsch](#) on Sun, 04 Jun 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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I, too, was hoping version 4.0 included improvements, and was disappointed. The answer, of course, is to badger RSI directly (assuming you're on support) and make it clear how you feel about this. I've done my share of pestering and RSI claims that there are plans to make improvements for the next release. If you feel strongly about this or have suggestions about what you'd like to see, let them know! They have no obligation to respond to anything that gets posted here, but they will respond to direct communication with them (if only to reply that they're taking your thoughts into consideration.)

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