
Subject: Re: User HELP files from IDL 3.6.1 to 4.0
Posted by [djackson](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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If you still have the help files in the same place, calling WIDGET_OLH will bring up the help as before. IDL 4.0.1 provides a way to make HTML files, much as MK_LIBRARY_HELP made .hlp files, which can be browsed with an HTML browser, such as Netscape.

Hope this helps,
-Dick

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"And I told him my dream was to live for all time
In some perfect refrain, like the man who wrote 'Danny Boy'.
- Joe Jackson, from the album _Night_Music_, 1994.

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Salut -

MK_HTML_HELP is now "officially" in the 4.0.1 update version of IDL and can be used to create help documents in the new format, and ONLINE_HELP, topic can be used to call the help application.

Hope this helps,

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IDL 4.0.1 has MK_HTML_HELP which reads the standard documentation headers and builds an HTML help file which you can view with Mosaic, Netscape, Lynx, etc. I find this very nice.

I REALLY wish RSI would put the main IDL help in HTML format as well, then we could all read it from any platform. That includes text based terminals, using Lynx. Right now I can't get help on any built-in IDL stuff when I work from home on a VT/Tektronix emulator.

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