
Subject: Can't seem to "Add routine comments" - IDLdoc?

Posted by [BLesht](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2014 18:25:39 GMT

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Thinking I'd try to be better about documenting new code I tried the "Add Routine Comments" from the "Source" menu to a new file but nothing happens. However, when I try to "Add File Comments," I get the expected insert the file I'm editing. I've looked at Preferences/IDL/IDLdoc and the templates for both the routine and file comments are there. Any idea why I can get one and not the other? The IDLdoc repository with its sub-directories is in my path. I'm running IDL8.2.3 on MacOS10.8.5 and using the IDLDE.

Thanks.

Subject: Re: Can't seem to "Add routine comments" - IDLdoc?

Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2014 21:10:29 GMT

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Hi,

for "Add routine comments" your cursor needs to be on a routine name, maybe compiled I don't know. It's very practical since it reads all your parameters/keywords

IDLdoc has not much to do with it, except that IDL/Eclipse adopted the rst format that Mike promotes

On 03.07.2014 20:25, Barry Lesht wrote:

> Add Routine Comments

Subject: Re: Can't seem to "Add routine comments" - IDLdoc?

Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2014 21:49:31 GMT

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Here's my template (Preferences->IDL->IDLDoc:

```
;+
; Description...What does this do?
;
; :Returns:
;   Does it return a value?
;
; ${parameters} : in, required, type=type
;
; ${keywords} : in, optional, type=type, default=default
```

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;
;
; :Uses:
;   OtherRoutines
;
;
;-
```

compile_opt idl2

When I right click-> Add Routine Comments _anywhere_ in the routine, my template gets added below the declaration (my preference). Works for subroutines, too.

Sometimes, I get funky things that happen in the Workbench (e.g., code folding not working). A restart of the Workbench seems to solve the problem.

I just tried this on a old routine that did not have doc, but was compiled. Worked fine. I'm also on 8.2.3, Mac 10.9.3.

Not sure if this helps, or just rubs salt in the wound :-)

Subject: Re: Can't seem to "Add routine comments" - IDLdoc?

Posted by [BLesht](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2014 22:11:10 GMT

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Ah! Thanks to you both. I completely misunderstood its use. I was just trying to get the doc header into a new file that I was starting to edit. Barry
