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Posted by David Foster on Thu, 27 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Phil -

This may not be what you're looking for, but I thought the code
might help a bit if you end up writing something yourself. For
local documentation, I've written a program LHELP that allows the
user to select from all .doc files within IDL's !PATH. There are
search capabilities within each document as well. As for firing
up the help with a context specifier (eg. text string or place-holder)
that's on my wish-list.

You can get LHELP and support files from:

 ftp://bial8.ucsd.edu/pub/software/idl/share

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For unix you need the hyperhelp development to produce your own hyperhelp
help.
It was to expensive for me so I did documentations in latex and converted
them
to html by latex2html. Then you have a very good printable ouput and as
well a good hypertexthelp.

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