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OpenHelp

OpenHelp [flags] fileNameStr

The OpenHelp operation opens the specified help file.

The OpenHelp operation was added in Igor Pro 7.00.

Parameters

The help file to be opened is specified by *fileNameStr* and /P=*pathName* where *pathName* is the name of an Igor symbolic path. *fileNameStr* can be a full path to the file, in which case /P is not needed, a partial path relative to the folder associated with *pathName*, or the name of a file in the folder associated with *pathName*. If OpenHelp can not determine the location of the file from *fileNameStr* and *pathName*, it returns an error.

If you use a full or partial path for *fileNameStr*, see **Path Separators** on page III-451 for details on forming the path.

Flags

/INT[=interactive] Controls whether opening the help file is interactive or not.

/INT=1: If the help file being opened needs to be compiled, OpenHelp presents a dialog asking the user whether the file should be compiled. During the compile, a progress dialog is displayed. Any errors are presented to the user in an error dialog. This is the default behavior if /INT is omitted.

/INT=0: If the help file being opened needs to be compiled, OpenHelp compiles it without presenting a dialog. Compilation errors are not presented to the user but are reflected in the V_Flag output variable.

/P=pathName Specifies the folder to look in for the file. *pathName* is the name of an existing Igor symbolic path.

/PICT Scans the compiled help file for pictures and stores information about all pictures in a semicolon separated list into the S_pictureInfo output string. If the help file needs to be compiled but compilation fails, S_pictureInfo is set to "".

/V=visible Controls help window visibility.

visible=0: The help window will be initially hidden.

visible=1: The help window will be initially visible. This is the default if /V is omitted.

/W=(left,top,right,bottom)

Specifies window size and position. Coordinates are in points.