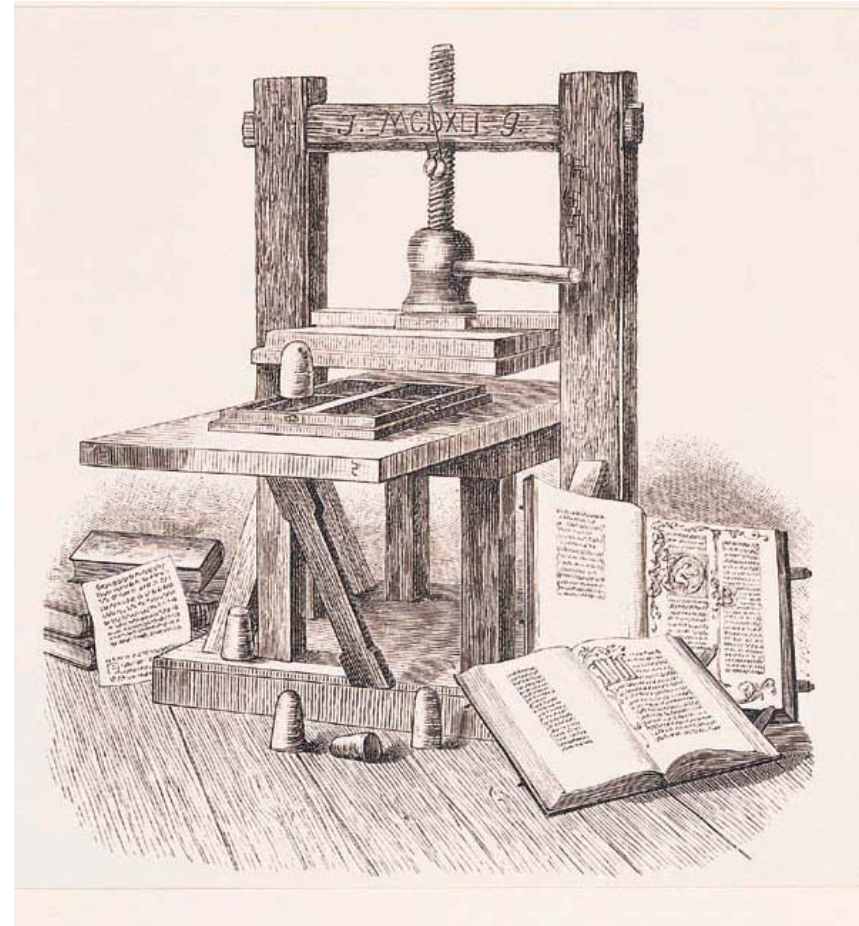


Quickly search IDL 6.2 help with “online” tool

- Previous versions of IDL had a very slow, basically unusable PDF system of documentation
- In IDL 6.2, a faster, easily searchable “online” help feature is available
- The best help feature yet
 - Better than paper books



paper books are so second millennium...

To invoke IDL help, enter "?" at prompt

- Enter "?" for general help
- Use "? topic" to jump to a topic
 - Great for looking up a routine

- Examples:

```
IDL> ? ; ; general help
```

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IDL> ? obj_new ; ; help for obj_new()
```

It's possible to make your own IDL help pages

- **The new IDL online help can call user-written help pages**
 - Pages must conform to a standard
- **Can be invoked from applications**
- **A way forward for application help**
 - Web help doesn't work on Linux
 - Will try this with next application "AutoTRANSP"