# Kepler - Bug #3169

# Cannot add documentation to a new actor from within Kepler

02/29/2008 11:40 AM - Dan Higgins

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## Description

If one instantiates a new actor, it can be added to the library or saved as a KAR, but there is no way to add documentation from within Kepler!

If there is no current documentation, the Documentation/Customize menu item does nothing. So there is no way to add documentation other than adding it directly to the actor moml.

Dan HIggins - 29 Feb 2008

#### History

### #1 - 02/29/2008 12:11 PM - Chad Berkley

Oops, I meant to add that feature but forgot. I'll add it now. Thanks for finding it, Dan.

### #2 - 02/29/2008 02:04 PM - Chad Berkley

I fixed a bug where the documentation would not show if a value in the moml was null. This fix was in the PTII tree so if you want to see the bug fix, you have to update ptII.

Dan, can you provide more information on how you made an actor without the KeplerDocumentation Attribute? Could you give me a step-by-step on what you did so I can reproduce it? thanks.

### #3 - 03/03/2008 09:31 AM - Dan Higgins

### Chad

Creating and actor without the KeplerDocumentation Attribute is as simple as creating a new Java coded actor and adding to a workflow using the Tools/Instantiate Component menu item. I originally did this with the AscGridValue actor, but I think Kirsten has now added the documentation.

Another actor(s) that you can load is/are the Python actors (which are currently in the Kepler src but not in the the actor library. From Kepler, you can just open a Ptolemy moml file to instantiate the actors. Open \$PTI I/ptolemy/actror/lib/python/python.xml. This should create a workflow with 2 actors - PythonActor and PythonSc ript. These actors have no documentation information.

I am particulatrly interested in these actors because I am hoping to add them to Kepler with documentation. (I have been getting better acquainted with Python/Jython and think that adding such scripting actors to Kepler would be useful for a lot of users.)

Dan Higgins - 3 Mar 2008

## #4 - 03/04/2008 01:08 PM - Chad Berkley

This now works. You can click customize and even if there is no current documentation, a blank documentation window will show up. I also added a kepler specific error message to the "display documentation" action to tell the user that there is no documentation specified and that they can click the customize option to create some.

## #5 - 03/27/2013 02:22 PM - Redmine Admin

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