

## man egg

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Access the CHICKEN manual from within the REPL  
Extension for Chicken Scheme  
Version 2.2

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# 1 About this egg

## 1.1 Version history

- 2.2       Adapted to SRFI-69 compatible hash-tables
- 2.1       Bug fixes and small enhancements
- 1.1       Added some information about the file format
- 1.0       Initial release

## 1.2 Usage

Load this egg like so:

```
(require-extension man)
```

## 2 Documentation

This extension searches and displays entries in the CHICKEN User's Manual

### 2.1 Procedures

`man:load` [procedure]

`(man:load [FILENAME])`

Loads adoc file that has been previously prepared with the `chicken-man` program. If no filename is given, it defaults to `chicken.man`. The optional argument for `man:load`, a file, contains a list of items representing the documentation of an object. Each item (also a list) has the following format: ("OBJECT NAME" "PROTOTYPE" "DESCRIPTION")

Example:

```
((("foo" "(foo FOO-ARG)" "My 'foo' procedure.")
  ("bar" "(bar)" "This is the 'bar' procedure."))
```

`man:help` [procedure]

`(man:help SYMBOL)`

Displays the description for the string or symbol `SYMBOL`.

`man:search` [procedure]

`(man:search PATTERN)`

Looks up any items that match the regular expression `PATTERN`

`man:search-desc` [procedure]

`(man:search-desc PATTERN)`

Looks up any items whose descriptions match the regular expression `PATTERN`

### 2.2 Creating prepared documentation from arbitrary texinfo files

You can use the `chicken-man` program to convert a `.texi` file into a document that can be searched with `man:help`:

```
$ chicken.man foo.texi
$ csi -quiet
#;1> (man:load "foo.doc")
#;2> (man:help ...)
```

### 2.3 Using man from Emacs

Put this code into your `.emacs` file to view the manual section for the current word (there must be a `*scheme*` buffer running somewhere):

```
(defun chicken-help ()
  (interactive)
  (let ((func (current-word)))
    (if func
        (process-send-string "*scheme*" (concat "(man:help \"" func "\"\n")))))
```

```
;; Binds F1 to chicken-help in the scheme-mode  
;; (add-hook 'scheme-mode-hook (lambda () (local-set-key [f1] 'chicken-help)))
```

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