



AHELP for CIAO 3.4

usage

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Synopsis

Generate a usage error

Syntax

```
usage (String_Type msg)
```

Description

The usage function generates a usage exception and displays msg to the message device.

Example

Suppose that some function plot plots an array of x and y values. The such a function could be written to issue a usage message if the wrong number of arguments were passed:

```
define plot ()
{
  variable x, y;

  if (_NARGS != 2)
    usage ("plot (x, y)");

  (x, y) = ();
  % Now do the hard part
  .
  .
}
```

See Also

slangrtl[traceback](#), [errno](#), [error](#), [fgets](#), [fprintf](#), [message](#), [printf](#), [time](#), [verror](#), [vmessage](#)

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