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- 9 threads 12 - ahelp and the threads. 13 - The threads are fantastic 23 - The threads are really spectacular. 27 - again, what CIAO documentation? 28 - Threads and ahelp files are usually fine. 30 - the universality of ahelp 32 - The threads are incredibly useful. 38 - It has to be the threads and ahelp -- once they are correct of course, which many times does not seem to be the case 39 - Almost everything is there in the document. 40 - analysis threads 43 - ahelp files are good for details when you already know what to run (though the see also seems to list too much) multiple formats; sometimes I like to browse, sometimes I like to print and markup (so the pdf version is a nice feature) 47 - The threads are very useful for unfamiliar tasks. 49 - Ahelp pages on any ciao command. 51 - data products guide 58 - ahelp's ease of access, apropos capability, uniformity. 59 - Threads! 60 - It is easy to obtain the documentation. 63 - The threads are really nice. 64 - I like the ease of getting to tool description quickly in ahelp. I wish there were about 4 times as many examples included in the ahelp, and more thorough descriptions of each parameter (including multiple examples of possible values). 67 - The Theads web page is very useful to get started in CIAO-based Chandra data analysis.
- 69 The threads are very useful, and what I have looked at most often

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after the ahelp pages. I suspect I would have used the Analysis Guide a lot more had it existed when I first started working on chandra data.

- 70 Threads.
- 75 threads for common user tasks
- 80 The manuals on the website, particularly the threads since they are very succinct
- 81 threads are the most effective documentation component
- 82 Threads
- 83 threads
- 84 examples
- 89 Threads
- 90 ahelp seems to be very complete.
- 99 threads and ahelp, as mentioned above.
- 103 ahelp is still the best way to get info.
- 105 The presence of examples, the remainder to related problems and/or analysis aspects.
- 106 The threads
- 108 threads
- 113 Threads
- 115 none of them
- 119 very well organized for on-line use I like the threads section
- 121 ahelp
- 124 Threads are OK, but they need more real-world examples. They often do a simple example (which is good, gets you started), but then don't do any more realistic examples. For example: lightcurve filtering (1 chip). Real world example: I have an ACIS observation with 6 chips: how do I lightcurve filter on each chip separately and recombine the results?

Similarly for dealing with sky background: how do I construct sky background datasets for all the chips, merge everything back into a single event list, and have all the GTI's, etc., set up correctly? I think there need to be many more examples like the step-by-step multi-chip exposure map thread. Lots more examples of how to do it with more than one of whatever it is.

126 - The threads are quite good.

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^{125 -} Threads

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