

Expert Status Line Configuration

Sometimes, you might need to support completely different status line behaviors all in one game. For instance, I had to design a way for the Automap Hugo extension (which draws simple ASCII maps in the status line in [Glk](#) interpreters) to peacefully coexist with the NewConverse extension (which lists conversation options in the status window), on top of doing, ya know, regular status line stuff. To this end, I created a `printstatuslib` object, which Roodylib checks for children, using their `find_height` and `status_override` properties to determine which instructions should be followed on any given turn.

I won't go into the specifics of the system just now (it is all somewhat documented in [roodylib.h](#)), but here is an example `printstatuslib` object:

```
object mapwindow
{
  in printstatuslib
  find_height
  {
    return (call &FindMapHeight)
  }
  draw_window
  {
    return (call &DrawMapWindow)
  }
  status_override 0
}
```