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NAME

cli.datatype - data type for launching extern programs and displaying the command's standard output

FUNCTION

This datatype launches an extern command and displays the standard output of that command. This is useful to view the contents of a archive like lha or tar archives without writing a complete datatype. The standard output is placed in a temporary file in "T:", because the text.datatype can't handle pipes.

PREFS

The cli datatype is configured by a preference file "cli.prefs" in "PROGDIR:Prefs/Datatypes/" or "Env:Datatypes/".

The file is parsed using ReadArgs() with the following template :

```
"DATATYPE/A,COMMAND/F/K/A"
```

DATATYPE - specifies the datatype

COMMAND - specifies the command to launch for that datatype, a "%s" in the command string is replaced by the real filename.

EXAMPLE

```
; cli.datatype preference file
Lha      COMMAND=lha v %s
Tar      COMMAND=tar tvf %s
```

METHODS

OM_NEW - create a new object and launch the extern command

OM_DISPOSE - delete the object

TAGS

none

SEE ALSO

text.datatype, ascii.datatype
