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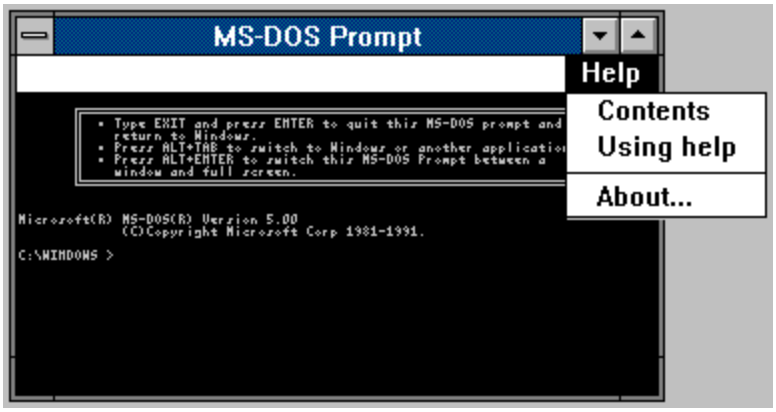
Overview



Help in a Dos Box provides Dos Applications with on-line Help Facilities. It adds a menubar to windowed Dos Boxes in 386 enhanced mode. This menubar has one menu from which you may choose either the Contents of a Help file applicable to the Dos application being run, the general Using Help help file or an About Box containing copyright information. If you select the first of these WinHelp is loaded with a help file which depends on the title of the Dos Box. You must use the Control Panel Applet to link help files with Dos Box titles. You may also need the Microsoft Help Compiler to produce suitable help files.

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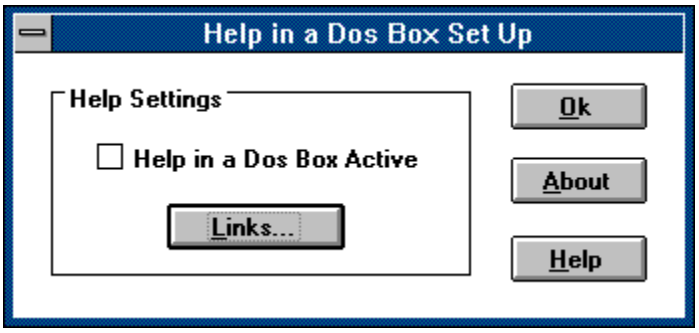
Control Panel Set-up



Use the Check-Box to switch the Help in a Dos Box on or off. You cannot switch Help in a Dos Box off if there are any Dos Boxes with help menus currently running on your system. Switching it on will only affect Dos Boxes created subsequently. Any Dos Applications running when you switch it on will not have Help Menus.

The Help Button reveals this screen.

The About Button reveals copyright information

The Help Links Button takes you to the Help Links set-up dialog.

Press the Ok Button to return to Control Panel

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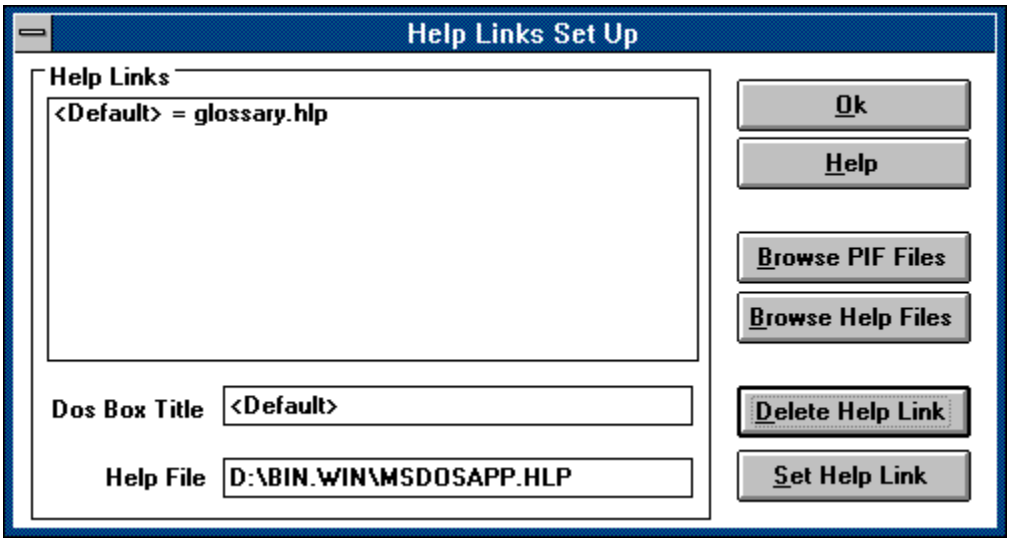
Help Links



Use this to link the titles of Dos Boxes with help files. Whenever the menu command Contents is chosen Help in a Dos Box looks up the window's title in a table, and if it finds it opens the linked help file, otherwise it opens the help file specified by the entry <Default>. The dialog allows you to edit this table.

Clicking on an item in the Help Links ListBox brings the Dos Box Title and Help File into the appropriate Edit Lines.

Pressing the Delete Help Link removes the selected Help Link. However you cannot delete the <Default> entry. Delete Help Link just resets this to the factory default value.

Pressing Browse PIF Files allows you to search the disks for a Windows PIF File, from which Help in a Dos Box can extract the Dos Box's title.

Pressing Browse Help Files allows you to search the disks for a Windows Help File.

Pressing Set Help Links adds the data in the Edit Controls to the Help Links ListBox.

Pressing Help brings you to this help topic.

Pressing About displays copyright information.

Pressing Ok returns you to the Set Up dialog.

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