#1$2K3+4*HelpMaker 1.02*

There have been many macros and style sheets developed for Ami Pro to assist the user in creating RTF files used for creating Windows help files.   Being the average macro developer, I decided to undertake a project of developing something a little more to my taste.   Many of the others are very good ones.   HelpMaker just seems to suit me a little better.   I hope you enjoy it.   If there are any suggestions or requests for additions, please direct all questions to Cris Williams.

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#5$6K7+8*Getting Started*

This application expects you to know the specifics of developing Windows help files.   It doesn't go into detail about procedures and rules of help file authoring.   There are several sources of information that can be obtained via Compuserve.   Go to the WINSDK forum and browse through the WinHelp library for different files that relate to help file authoring.

I would first suggest that you use the menu to define some default settings.   Select HelpMaker/RTF Docs/Define RTF Path to specify where you want to store your RTF files.   Then, do the same for Project Editor and Help Compiler.

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5#GETTING_STARTED

6$Getting Started

7KGetting Started

8+0010

$\#_9\$_{10}K_{11}+_{12}$*SmartIcons*

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$9^{\#}$SMARTICONS
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11^{K}SmartIcons
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#13$14K15+16*New*

Creates a new untitled document using _HELPMKR.STY.   This style sheet should be in your styles directory and is packaged with HelpMaker.

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13#NEW
14$New
15KNew
16+0030

$\#_{17}\$_{18}K_{19}+_{20}$*Open*

Opens a saved RTF file.

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17$^{\#}$OPEN

18$^{\$}$Open

19^{K}Open

20^{+}0040

#21$22K23+24*Save*

Saves the current document to an RTF file in the defined RTF path.

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21#SAVE
22$Save
23KSave
24+0050

#25$26K27+28Topic

Topic #$K+

Creates necessary footnotes for the topic text of a panel.   Place your cursor on the same line with the topic, then click on this icon.   After creating the footnotes, it prompts you for the panel number.

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25#TOPIC
26$Topic
27KTopic
28+0060

$^{\#}{}_{29}\$_{30}K_{31}+_{32}$*Jump*

Jump

Creates cross references jump spots.   This function is more designed to work with a vertical list of jumps.   It will simply prompt you if you want to make the next line a jump spot or not.

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29$^{\#}$JUMP
30$^{\$}$Jump
31^{K}Jump
32^{+}0070

$\#_{33}\$_{34}K_{35}+_{36}$*Popup Mark*

Creates a popup mark that will be associated with the text on another page.   Just shade a word from left to right and click on this icon.

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$33^{\#}$POPUP_MARK

$34^{\$}$Popup Mark

35^{K}Popup Mark

36^{+}0080

#$_{37}$$$_{38}K_{39}$+$_{40}$*Popup Text*

Creates footnotes necessary for linking text to the mark using the Popup Mark icon.

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37$^{\#}$POPUP_TEXT

38$^{\$}$Popup Text

39^{K}Popup Text

40^{+}0090

#41$42K43+44Search Word

Adds words to the search list in a WinHelp window.   Just place the cursor anywhere on the page of the topic, then click this icon.

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41#SEARCH_WORD

42$Search Word

43KSearch Word

44+0100

$\#_{45}\$_{46}K_{47}+_{48}$ *Macro Footnote*

Creates a footnote with a WinHelp macro.   Some of these are easy, some will require a more extensive knowledge of developing help files.

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45$^{\#}$MACRO_FOOTNOTE

46$^{\$}$Macro Footnote

47^{K}Macro Footnote

48^{+}0110

$\#_{49}\$_{50}K_{51}+_{52}$*Macro Hotspot*

Creates a footnote with a WinHelp macro at a specified place.   Just shade some text and click the icon.

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$49^{\#}$MACRO_HOTSPOT

$50^{\$}$Macro Hotspot

51^{K}Macro Hotspot

52^{+}0120

$\#_{53}\$_{54}K_{55}+_{56}$*Blue Background*

On my particular system, the sequences of keystrokes that this function will send results in setting the page color in Ami Pro to dark blue.   It's helpful if developing a help file with a background color other than white.   This may not work the same on your system.   You can edit the macro to contain the appropriate keystrokes to accomplish this on your system.

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53$^{\#}$BLUE_BACKGROUND

54$^{\$}$Blue Background

55^{K}Blue Background

56^{+}0130

#57$58K59+60White Background

Same as Blue Background, except this function sets the page color back to white.

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57#WHITE_BACKGROUND
58$White Background
59KWhite Background
60+0140

#61$62K63+64*Help Project Editor*

Executes the specified Help Project Editor.

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61#HELP_PROJECT_EDITOR

62$Help Project Editor

63KHelp Project Editor

64+0150

$\#_{65}\$_{66}K_{67}+_{68}$Help Compiler

Executes the specified Help File Compiler.

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65$^\#$HELP_COMPILER

66$^\$$Help Compiler

67^{K}Help Compiler

68$^+$0160

#$_{69}$$\$_{70}K_{71}$+$_{72}$HelpMaker help

Obviously, this icon produces this help window.

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69$^{\#}$HELPMAKER_HELP

70$^{\$}$HelpMaker help

71^{K}HelpMaker help

72^{+}0170

#73$74K75+76*Exit*

Exits HelpMaker.

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74$^{\$}$Exit
75^{K}Exit
76^{+}0180

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77#CRIS_WILLIAMS