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Here's a utility for VB Developers who need to write HELP files for their apps.

PERSONAL HELPER allows you to IMPORT YOUR PROJECT FILES into a MS Access database, creating a context id for the project itself and all the controls in each form in the project. You can then write scripts for each control for which you want text, create popups and jumps to other contexts, etc. It allows you to view the context you're working on, or to create the whole helpfile. It also creates a VB basic subroutine, located in a file named the project name.HBA, which you can merge into your main form of the project. Invoke this subroutine, called GET\_HELP, in you FORM\_LOAD procedure for your main form, and help is F1 away. What could be easier?

NOTE: In order for you to use this version, you must be running from the same directory you install the program in (e.g., c:\pershelp), in order for the app to find the database .MDB. The easiest way to make sure this works is to create a program item for pershelp, and set the default directory in the program item setup dialog box.

You must also have HC31.exe, the Microsoft Help Compiler, in your path or default directory, in order to have the help files compiled from within the program.

If you have any suggestions, comments, criticisms, etc., I would truly love to hear them. If you find this program useful, and would like the latest version including contributions from others, please send \$15 to

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Merry Xmas, Happy New Year, etc.

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