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Windows Help Author Template
Modified for Word for Windows 6.0
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Release Info

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- 1) All of Microsoft's conditions of release are met.
- 2) You continue to include credit for my modifications.

Apart from that, I hope you too find this tool useful.

The original templates can be found in the Windows archive of **ftp.cica.indiana.edu**:
`/pub/pc/win3/programmr/WHAT.ZIP`

and the Windows Help Author Guide, in WinHelp format in:
`/pub/pc/win3/programmr/HAG.ZIP`

Introduction

I used the Microsoft WHAT templates for a while with Word 2.0 to assist in the creation of Windows Help files. But to my disappointment, the template refused to work when I upgraded to version 6.0.

Not wanting to lose the functionality of the template, I proceeded to upgrade the macros, and add a "Help Author" Toolbar as an extra productivity aid.

The template works quite well with the Help Project Editor that comes with WHAT.ZIP. Though there seems to be some incompatibility between HPE and Word 6.0, in that HPE can't start Word 6.0 successfully.

I also renamed the obscurely named styles, so that their use is more obvious.

I have seen a few mentions of WHAT6.ZIP. I have not yet had the opportunity to use it. It is apparently available on the MSDN CD-7. I do not know how it compares to DWHAT.

Installation

1. You will need WHAT.ZIP if you aren't using it already. It contains the Help Project Editor, and one of the help files that the HelpAuth template uses. The other file you should get is HAG.ZIP, which HelpAuth also can use. This contains a Windows help file about how to create a Windows help file
2. Copy **HELPAUTH.DOT** to your Word templates directory. I would copy it to **C:\WINWORD6\TEMPLATE**
3. Open the template file HELPAUTH.DOT using Word 6.0
4. You will have to change the path(s) that point to WHAT.HLP and HAG.HLP. Edit the two macros *HelpHelpAuthorGuide* and *HelpHelpOnWhat* so that the lines that refer to these files are correct.
5. Save the template, using **Save As**. Note that you have to change the document type back to a .DOT (for template) before pressing OK.
6. You should now be able to create a New document using the HelpAuth template.
7. Because I live in Australia, I have set the template language to default to English(AUS). If this is not your preference, change the Normal style, and the few other styles that define a language preference. This is only necessary if you spell-check your document.

I would be interested in any problems, bugs or comments that you have about my changes to the template.

-Dave