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This is a sample WhizNote file to demonstrate the use of WhizNotes commands to enhance your help text. If you are not using WhizNotes for generating Windows hyper text help then this file is of no use to you. You can come back to this file later when you get the Microsoft Help compiler and want to generate the help.

HOW TO USE THIS HELP FILE:

First, read the discussion of WhizNotes commands in the Main WhizNotes help topic "More help generation commands".

Then try "Tools - create help" menu function on this WhizNote file. Then use menu function "test help" to see how it was generated.

Then look at each of the topics in this file to see how they are formatted. Do your own experimentation and you are ready to go.

A NOTE ON PARAGRAPHS:

You must understand that in order to create effective help you must have the word wrap feature on (which is the default). Do not press returns in the middle of your paragraphs. Let them wrap around the boundaries of the window.

AN EXERCISE FOR YOU:

This topic was purposely left unformatted. After understanding WhizNotes commands in the rest of the topics, try the following to change the generated help for this file:

Make the subtitles in this topic bold. They are currently all CAPS.

Convert the discussion "How to use this sample file" above into a bulled list.

A referenced topic

The text here will be presented in a popup window when referenced from Topic name 1.

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Sample topics

Topic name 1

Topic name 2

Since we created this "Contents" topic it will become the contents of the generated help. If it were absent then WhizNotes will create a contents for you but the topic names will be inserted in the order that they appear in the List Of Topics. By making our own contents we get the flexibility to format and sequence the contents that we want.

If you want to see the default contents created by WhizNotes just delete this topic and then create help.

Example of bold and italic text

You can have a whole paragraph stand out as bold if you want. For example take a look at this one.

Or, you can insert **bold text** anywhere in your documentation.

Italics work in a similar fashion.

You can have a whole paragraph stand out as italic if you want. For example take a look at this one.

Or, you can insert *italic* and **bold** text anywhere in your documentation.

WhizNotes command like .. are case insensitive as you can see by the last example.

Example of indentations

You can indent all the following text one step by using ~INDENT commands.

For example, the following two paragraphs are indented one step:

This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph.

This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph.

Next paragraph is indented one step further.

This is a sentence of a paragraph. This is a sentence of a paragraph.

Now we go back one step.

This paragraph is at the same indentation level as the first two.

If you want to reset indent to the default value, which is no indent, at any time, then just use a 0 (zero) instead of + or -.

So we are back to the original indentation level.

Notable point

If you do not reset the indent to the original default value then in the generated help the following topics will remain indented at the last specified indent level.

Please also note that this indent command has to be on a separate line by itself. It can not be embedded.

If you want to use indentation for bulleted lists then do not use this command. It is easier for you to manage bulleted lists and lists within lists by [WhizNotes list commands](#).

Topic name 1

This is a test sentence. This is a test sentence.

Please also see [Topic name 2](#). <- This jump statement was created by dragging "Topic name 2" from the WhizNote window on to this topic. You could have typed it in instead of dragging.

What follows is an example of a reference statement. Please see [A referenced topic](#). <- this popup behaviour appears when you choose to insert a reference instead of a Jump.

WhizNotes list commands

WhizNotes list commands are very convenient. To start a bulleted list, all you do is to specify ~STARTLIST on a separate line by itself.

Then before each item use ~ITEM command. Note that your items can be as large as you want. Even one or more paragraphs.

Finally when you want to end the list, use the command ~ENDLIST.

Here is an example of a bulleted list:

- This is the first item.

This is the first item. This is the first item. This is the first item. This is the first item. This is the first item. This is the first item. This is the first item.
- This is the second item.
- This is a list within a list.
 - Inner list item 1.
 - Inner list item 2.
- Last item of the original list.

