

ToolBook Script

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This is a first cut at creating a ToolBook app to print scripts in a book. I'm sure there may be some problems that you may encounter that I didn't happen to code for, but it seems to work for all the books I've tested.

Only buttons which have a solid background can be pressed. The hashed ones will just beep. First, select the BOOK you want to start with. A dialog box will appear to select the book. Once a book has been selected, you can then print all the scripts for the entire book by pressing the PRINT button (see below). Pressing the SCRIPT button will print only the script at the Book Properties level. Pressing the PAGES button will display a list of all the pages in that book. Select a specific page from the book or select ALL to process all pages in the book. The same goes for the BACKGROUND button. If PAGES or BACKGROUND has been selected, you can print the scripts for the selected page(s) or background(s) by pressing the SCRIPT button or drill down to objects in each by pressing the OBJECTS button to select specific objects.

The PRINT button will first ask for a name of a file to create. This file is a standard Ascii text file and will be created in the currently displayed directory unless the whole path of the output directory is specified as part of the file name. The default output file to be created is "script.txt" in the current directory. You will then be asked whether you would like to have a page print for all the selected objects or only those that actually have scripts associated to them. Selecting the YES button will print a page for every selected object regardless of whether it has a script. This can produce a large amount of pages. Selecting the NO button will only print pages for those objects that have scripts. Once you select one of the options, the hourglass cursor will appear until the process is complete. Once the pointer cursor returns, the print has completed and can be read into any text editor or word processor that can import standard Ascii text. The only code that gets added to the script in the printout is a 5 line header to explain what object the script is for, and a form-feed at the end of each script.

Notes: If you are trying to access a book which has a password to enter the author level, you will still need to know this password. Also, the book that is being processed does not have to be open in another window, but there is also no problem if it is. The SCRIPTPR book uses a DLL called TBKOPEN.DLL that was downloaded from the Asymetrix BBS.

If you have any questions or find any problems or think an enhancement would be useful, send me a message at 76424,2427. I did not do this app to make money, but to learn ToolBook and to help myself by having a tool to print my scripts out. By the way, this ToolBook application took only 4 days to complete. Hope it is useful.

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