

TXDB-125 Hypertext, electronic publishing in CompuServe

- (1) Please copy all files into a DOS-Directory,
e.g.: C:\TXDB
- (2) The file HELP.DOC can be printed as reference-card,
- (3) on a desktop PC or Notebook with color-screen use "START2.BAT",
on the HP200LX, or monochrome screen use start with "START.BAT",
In Windows or OS/2 environment: start TXDB in two or more DOS
windows parallel, navigate easy on more paths at the same time.
- (4) After program start read the short 2 page introduction and
continue with your own hypertext in only 10 minutes!
- (5) Optional conversion to HTML format (only for INTERNET browsers):
start the HY-HTML.BAT file. All *.TXT files in the current DOS
directory will be converted to *.HTM files (originals not changed).
The HTML conversion is optional, for the most IBM compatible PC user
is the TXDB format easier to handle, extend...
- (6) International: for other languages please read: TRANSLAT.TXT
- (7) TXDB Version 1.25 is FREEWARE, please read REGISTER.DOC for Version 1.3

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>> Advantages of TXDB, also on Palmtops, HP200LX or Notebooks

Other hypertext-systems don't allow to change the text or the
connections easily, and you have to use a compiler, like for
Windows Help-Files the HELP-COMPILER.

- > TXDB is a hypertext-interpretter, you can change the texts,
- > new connections are very simple to make, no compiler needed,
- > the format for authoring or reading the text is identical!
- > own connections in the text = greater motivation for the reader

Palmtop user: Other hypertext-systems must be controlled
by a "Mouse", use 80*24 screens and need much more memory.

- > TXDB is optimised on keyboard-control,
- > select directly and press a key to continue
- > Zoom: The HP200LX-Zoom can also be used:
e.g. texts with 60 columns, 18 rows.

TXDB is a very compact hypertext-system. The EXE-File uses
only ca. 70 KB (RAM-Disk) and only 190 KB MS-DOS-Memory are
needed to start the program, optimal for the HP-200LX!

Without editor the EXE-file uses only 50 KB (RAM-Disk).

With the ACE Flash-RAM-Card and Stacker, normal hypertexts are
packed up to 8:1 (!); Stacker is optimal for small text-files!

Examples and international versions

There are some text-pages included as hypertext-example and these can be modified, or deleted if you want to have room for your own files at your discretion.

More examples in CompuServe, GO HPHAND, Library 21, NETSEMI.ZIP - Network-Seminar from Dr. K. Terplan, ELEKZTG.ZIP - Magazin on disk example.

TXDB-HP.ZIP - german language version of TXDB
for other languages please read: TRANSLAT.TXT.

Cursor of the internal Editor

The cursor is in the upper left corner after the editor is started, sometimes difficult to see (light conditions, zoom). Just move the cursor down and right.

You certainly are able to edit with the HP-200LX built in editor. The TXDB editor should only be used for smaller corrections, ideas and notes. Longer texts can be edited with any Editor, also with your favourite editor or wordprocessor - offline.

Problems with too less memory on HP200LX Palmtop computer

The function <key-F2> call for the external editor should only be used on HP200LX, if the free DOS-Memory is greater than 400 KB and if AppMgr (200) has not been loaded in the AUTOEXEC.BAT, only MS-DOS is present in the memory. Otherwhiles you use the TXDB internal editor with (F9). The external editor is called with the DOS-SHELL function.

Attention(!),

too less memory on the HP200LX (e.g. DOS-SHELL-call in order to start the external editor) can cause a reset!

If a start with Ctrl+Sh+On (coldboot) is needed then answer on RAM-Disk initiate with "N" = no!

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