

Creating Windows Help

To obtain a Window Help file, .HLP, you must create one or more RTF files following a standard syntax for link and pages. Typically you have one RTF file only, that contains more pages. This file must be “compiled” with the HPC, the MS Help Project Compiler.

It is very simple to transform an iPer hypertext in a WinHelp one. You need only to select “File >Export pages...”. Choose “RTF WinHelp” in the combo on top, then press “Export” button. The first time you use this function, be sure to define the path of HPC compiler with the “Options” tab in “File >Export pages...” window.

Note that you can distribute same hypertext either in WinHelp, or Html, for Internet. Furthermore, you can distribute it in native format.

If you own the RTF source of a WinHelp, you can import the hypertext in iPer. iPer can join more RTF files in one AEH.

```
docum1.rtf          {bmc   project1.aeh
docum2.rtf          frDxGial
                    la.bmp}
```

To do the import, use "File >Import pages...", and choose "RTF WinHelp" as format, in the combo on top.

These functions available in some iPer releases only.

iPer capabilities in short

#

```
#BuildWindowsHelp_3
$Build Windows Help
#CdRompublishing_4
```

##CdRom publishing

CdRom publishing of an hypertext may be a complex topic. If we suppose we know how to store on the Cd the reader program and the auto-installer, what about licenses and royalties?

With iPer PRO all is clear: with “Publish >Cd-Rom...” you start the Publishing Wizard, that helps you to create a group of files ready to be transferred on the Cd-Rom. iPer PRO includes unlimited redistribution license for this group, so all problems are solved.

The file format used for the Cd is the native format, the AEH, that can handle most common Html looks and more. On same Cd-Rom you can store many iPer hypertext.

A short example is available.

This function available in some iPer releases only.

iPer capabilities in short

#

##Index

Following examples are the fastest way to learn *iPer* capabilities. You can edit them with “Hypertext >Read only”.

- [iPer capabilities in short \(html, help and cd-rom publishing\)](#)
- [iPer fast start](#)
- [text styles](#)
- [simple links](#)
- [images and clickable areas](#)
- [tables](#)
- [frames and frame sets](#)
- [forms](#)
- [multimedia - applet - custom - DB](#)
- [header and footer](#)
- [slides](#)
- [special \(extended\) links](#)
- [opening windows](#)
- [javascript](#)
- [html](#)
- [advanced functions summary - tech info](#)

Good work from *Visual Vision*.

#

\$Index

#Internetpages_2

##\$Internet pages

Internet pages consist of HTML files and GIF, JPG images, stored on a Internet-linked computer that runs a *WWW server* software.

If you don't own a computer like above, you can rent it, or rent a space on it. Then you can transfer files by using an *FTP client* software on your computer, that interacts with the *FTP server* on the WWW machine. iPer has a built-in FTP client to manage transfers.

Instead of many editors, iPer stores a whole hypertext in only one file, with .AEH extension ("File >Save", "File >Save as...", "File >Open", "File >New"). This avoid hundreds of HTML, GIF,... files.

index.htm	{bmc	project1.aeh
pag1.htm	frDxGial	
pag2.htm	la.bmp}	
image1.gif		
image2.gif		

This facility give you the chance to think about the *content* of your work: you don't have to worry to handle file naming and linking, and to keep order in the disk. Furthermore, if you need to send your work by email, or need to transfer it on a disk, you can do this simply by copying the .AEH file.

However, you can see the Html code each time you want (for example to preview pages with your browser, "Publish >Browser preview").

When you want to publish an hypertext on the Internet, iPer automatically creates all HTML, GIF,... files needed, and automatically handles the publishing process. Only modified files are transferred, thanks to an automatic release control ("Publish >Internet - Ftp >Publish on the Internet...").

project1.aeh	{bmc	index.htm
	frDxGial	pag1.htm
	la.bmp}	pag2.htm
		image1.gif
		image2.gif

Before first time publishing, you need to insert some information, i.e. you must tell to the computer all significant parameters of the FTP server, in "Publish >Internet - Ftp >Setup...". If you rent a WWW space, you must ask your provider for.

If the *iPer Server Extensions* are installed on the WWW server computer, you can publish directly in .AEH, with "Publish >Internet - iPer >Publish hypertext on the net...". You need to see "Publish >Internet - iPer >Setup..." first.

Html pages naming is automatically handled by iPer. In the editor, page title (high level naming) is used instead "file name" (low level naming). If needed, you can specify a low level file name as alias for a page.

Low level naming is fixed and optimized to reduce amount of file transfer when using Ftp. With this facility, if (for example) you change a high level name for one page, then you publish it, iPer must transfer only one file, because other files that may link to this page will always reach it by using the low level name, that never changes.

\$Internet pages

Remember that in order to use these facilities, authors have to archive their hypertexts in the native format, the AEH.

See [browser compatibility](#).

iPer capabilities in short

#

##Multi format

Internally, iPer stores your hypertexts not in Html, nor in Rtf, but in a meta-format, open and expandable.

Thanks to this choice, Html and Rtf are used only as page languages, like Postscript or Hp-Pcl. In other words, when and if in the future the most popular format will change from Html to something else, iPer is ready to go. To adapt your hypertexts to new browsers and new languages you will only need to install some filters, and to redo publishing / export of your iPer works (two or three clic, like what at present happens for iPer 2.0 users), while other editor users will have to convert one page at a time...

iPer capabilities in short

#

##\$
#

\$Untitled
#iPercapabilitiesin_1

##\$iPer capabilities in short

iPer is useful to build Internet pages, CdRom hypertexts, or Windows Helps:

- Internet pages
- Windows Help
- CdRom publishing

All these functions are available in “PRO” release, for other releases see the comparation table.

iPer is a multi-format editor.

Index

#

##\$iPer fast start

Most popular iPer functions are available with the colored buttons. Each button does exactly what it seems has to do.

iPer can work in two modes: normal and read-only. In "read only" ("Hypertext >Read only") it works like an Internet browser. In normal mode the *clic & browse* is active: with the double clic, with F9, or with right mouse button, you can browse links *while* you modify the text.

With the "Insert" menu, you can insert all object, even those without an own button. For some link, you may have to take a look to "Insert >Special link". The "Hypertext" menu groups all function related to the hypertext, instead to the page. With "Format" you can edit page properties, and advanced frame sets properties (you can handle frame sets also by dragging left and top border).

Index - iPer in short