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Key Features of WinHelp Inspector



WinHelp Inspector allows you to easily browse through all Help files on your system and display statistics describing the files. The information you can display is not normally available to the user of a Help system. WinHelp Inspector reports: file information, topic titles, search keywords, fonts and attributes, startup macros, title, compression, compile date and time, and the copyright notice. You can even print a report listing the search keywords assigned to each Help Topic.

The WinHelp Inspector is useful when you want to look at Help systems on your computer and see how they were created. For example, you can find out what fonts were used, which startup macros are being invoked, and which DLLs are being called.

WinHelp Inspector is invaluable when it is time to test your Help system's Index. You can print a report of search keywords by topic, or a report of topics by search keyword. This allows you to easily see if you have added all the search keywords you need and will let you see if you have added similar versions of the same keyword.

Another use for the Inspector is to check for consistency in your Help systems. For example, you can check to make sure that you are using common fonts, that you have a copyright notice set for each and that each is compressed.

Software Requirements

To use WinHelp Inspector, you simply need to have Windows 3.1, Windows 95 or Windows NT on your system, plus some Help files to inspect!

Starting and Using WinHelp Inspector

To start the WinHelp Inspector,

1. Open the program group that contains the WinHelp Inspector icon then double-click the icon.
2. Select the Drive and Directory where the Help file is located. If necessary, you can use the **Network** button to enable searching on additional network drives.
3. In the File Name field, highlight the Help file name. The [statistics](#) for the Help file display.
4. To display the Help system in the Help Viewer:
 - Choose the **View File** button in the upper right corner to display the Contents topic.



- Choose the **View** button to the right of the Search Keywords field to display the Help topic containing the displayed keyword. If the keyword is used in more than one topic, the Search window appears so that you can select the topic to display.



- Choose the **Report** button if you would like a printed report of all Help topics and search keywords.



5. When you have finished viewing the statistics for the Help system you can choose another Help system or choose **Exit** to close the WinHelp Inspector.

Displayed Statistics

When you select a Help system in the WinHelp Inspector, the following statistics are displayed:

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Name | The name of the Help system. |
| Date | The system date of the Help file. |
| Size | The size of the compiled Help file. |
| Topic Titles | A list of the text strings that have been defined as "titles" in the Help system. You can scroll through the drop-down list to see all of the titles. One use for this feature is to easily detect any duplicate or very similar Topic entries. |
| Search Keywords | A list of the text strings that have been defined as "keywords" in the Help system. You can scroll through the drop-down list to see all of the keywords. |
| Fonts | A list of the fonts that are used to display text in the Help system. You can scroll through the drop-down list to see all of the fonts. The font name, size, font style, and color are listed. This makes it much easier when you are about to select the fonts and font attributes you want to use in your own help system. Also the Fonts combobox allows you to quickly check your Help system and check what font types, sizes and color combinations you have specified - allowing you to spot any unwanted fonts immediately. |
| Startup Macros | A list of the macros that are executed when the Help system is started. You can scroll through the drop-down list to see all of the startup macros. This allows you to look at any help file and see any secret DLLs that are being used. If you see an impressive Help system, this will allow you to see what is behind the magic. |
| Title | The caption that displays in the Help Viewer window when the Help system is accessed. |
| Compression | Whether compression was used when the Help system was compiled. By compressing a Help system, you save space on the installation diskettes as well as on the end user's system. Using the WinHelp Inspector, you can quickly check your own Help systems to see if compression was used. |
| Help File Generated | The day, date, and time the Help system was last compiled. This information is useful if you are comparing Help systems to find the most current version. |
| Copyright notice | If the Help system includes a copyright notice, the text of the notice is displayed here. You can use this as a quick check to be sure your copyright dates are current, as well as to check for correct wording. |
| Number of Search Keywords | The total number of keywords in the Help system. |

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Technical Support



Before contacting Technical Support, you should check your manual and the Help system. If you still can not solve the problem, you can obtain product support in several ways:

Email Help

Ask questions and receive answers from the Technical Support Department via the Internet. Just send email addressed to the account listed below. You will receive a reply via email.

- support@blue-sky.com

TechSource Immediate Response Email

You can receive immediate answers to many of your questions through TechSource, Blue Sky Software's automatic email response system. To receive a complete list of all available email answers send email, using "menu" as the subject, to:

- techsource@blue-sky.com

You will receive a menu of answers to frequently asked questions from which you can choose to have emailed to you.

BBS

Use the Blue Sky Software Bulletin Board to download samples or submit files.

Blue Sky Software Bulletin Board: 619-551-2495

Protocol: 2400, 9600 or 14,400 bps, 8 Data, 1 Stop Bit, No Parity

Fax

You can also fax your questions. You will receive a response via fax.

Blue Sky Software Technical Support Fax: 619-459-6366

Telephone

You can reach Blue Sky Software Technical Support by phone between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. When you call, you should be at your computer and have your documentation at hand. Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Product serial number used for registration.
- Product version number.
- The type of hardware you are using.
- The exact wording of any messages that appear on your screen.
- What happened and what you were doing when the problem occurred.
- How you tried to solve the problem.

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