

NSHelpPanel

Inherits From: NSPanel : NSWindow : NSResponder : NSObject

Declared In: appkit/NSHelpPanel.h

Accessing the Help Panel

- + (NSHelpPanel *)**sharedHelpPanel** Creates, if necessary, and returns the NSHelpPanel object.
- + (NSHelpPanel *)**sharedHelpPanelWithDirectory:(NSString *)helpDirectory** Creates, if necessary, and returns the NSHelpPanel object. If the panel is created, it loads the help directory specified by *helpDirectory*. The help directory must reside in the main bundle. If a Help panel already exists but has loaded a help directory other than *helpDirectory*, a second panel will be created.

Managing the Contents

- + (void)**setHelpDirectory:(NSString *)helpDirectory** Initializes the panel to display the help text found in *helpDirectory*. By default, the receiver looks for a directory named ^aHelp^o.
- (void)**addSupplement:(NSString *)helpDirectory
inPath:(NSString *)supplementPath** Append additional help entries to the Help panel's table of contents.
- (NSString *)**helpDirectory** Returns the absolute path of the help directory.

- (NSString *)**helpFile**

Returns the path of the currently loaded help file.

Attaching Help to Objects

+ **attachHelpFile:**(NSString *)*filename*
 markerName:(NSString *)*markerName*
 to:*anObject*

Associates the help file *filename* and *markerName* with *anObject*.

+ **detachHelpFrom:***anObject*

Removes any help information associated with *anObject*.

Showing Help

- (void)**showFile:**(NSString *)*filename*
 atMarker:(NSString *)*markerName*
- (BOOL)**showHelpAttachedTo:**(id)*anObject*

Causes the panel to display the help contained in *filename* at *markerName*.

Causes the panel to display help attached to *anObject*.

Printing

- (void)**print:**(id)*sender*

Prints the currently displayed help text.