

Windows Help Embedded Listbox
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Included Files:

WHLISTBX.DLL:	Embedded listbox driver file.
LBTEST.HLP:	This example and documentation help file.
LBTEST.HPJ:	WinHelp Project file to create LBTEST.HLP
LBTEST.RTF:	WinHelp Project source file to create LBTEST.HLP
LIST1.INI:	Baggage INI file for first listbox.
LIST2.INI:	Baggage INI file for second listbox.
LIST3.INI:	Baggage INI file for third listbox.

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Sample Listbox #1

Double-Click an Item

{ewc whlistbx.dll,whlistbx,list1.ini}

Sample Listbox #2

Double-Click an Item

{ewc whlistbx.dll,whlistbx,list2.ini}

Sample Listbox #3

Double-Click an Item

{ewc whlistbx.dll,whlistbx,list3.ini}

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Actual Documentation

This Winhelp file demonstrates the **WHListbx** control by Mark Gamber. It may be added to any Windows Help file with minimal effort by including the {ewx} statement in the Help source (RTF) file and providing an instruction file via a baggage file.

To add the control to the RTF file, simply include a reference to the control, specifying the baggage file it should use for initialization. For example, the first listbox in this file uses the file **list1.ini** so it's embedded into the help file using **[ewl whlistbx.dll,whlistbx,list1.ini]**. The second listbox is the same with the exception of the baggage file which is **list2.ini**. Note that the "ewl" command shown above has square brackets when, in fact, they should be "{" and "}". This was done only to prevent the listbox from appearing here. Don't use square brackets when you really want a listbox to appear!

Baggage files are used by the listbox to initialize themselves and are very easy to construct and include in the Help Project file (HPJ). A baggage file is an **INI** type file broken into three sections: Initialization, Items and Topics.

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Baggage Initialization Section

Each listbox uses a baggage file for initialization and control. The baggage file is an **INI** file which contains an initialization section (**INIT**) which much contain the following information:

[INIT]	Identifies this section as the initialization section
Xsize=#	Specifies the horizontal size of the listbox
Ysize=#	Specifies the vertical size of the listbox
FGColor=#	Specifies the foreground color (0-16777215)
BGColor=#	Specifies the background color (0-16777215)
Items=#	How many items specified in ITEMS section
FontHeight=#	Height of font to use in the listbox
FontWeight=#	Weight of listbox font (400-normal, 800=bold, etc)
FaceName=font	Name of font to use in listbox. (MS Sans Serif, etc)

For example, the **INIT** section for the first listbox in this file is as follows:

```
[INIT]  
Xsize=240  
Ysize=100  
FGColor=0  
BGColor=16776960  
Items=20  
FontHeight=8  
FontWeight=700  
FaceName=MS Sans Serif
```

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Items and Topics Sections

Each listbox uses a baggage file for item display and where to jump in the help file if an item is double-clicked upon. The first section, **ITEMS**, contains the text displayed for each listbox element, the number of elements specified in the **INIT** section by the **Items** identifier. When the listbox is created, it scans this section, reading each line and adding it to the listbox. The **ITEMS** list **must** start with **List1** and continue unbroken.

Along with the **ITEMS** section is a matching **TOPICS** section which tells the listbox where to direct the WinHelp file when an element is double-clicked upon. Each topic is identified by its Topic Mapping number, the map numbers defined in the Help Project file's **[MAP]** section. The **TOPICS** list **must** begin with **Topic1** and continue unbroken to the last topic number.

For example, here is the **ITEMS** and **TOPICS** sections for the first listbox appearing in the Windows Help file:

[ITEMS]

List1=Jump To Topic #1
List2=Jump To Topic #2
List3=Jump To Topic #3
List4=Jump To Topic #4
List5=Jump To Topic #5
List6=Jump To Topic #6
List7=Jump To Topic #7
List8=Jump To Topic #8
List9=Jump To Topic #9
List10=Jump To Topic #10
List11=Jump To Topic #11
List12=Jump To Topic #12
List13=Jump To Topic #13
List14=Jump To Topic #14
List15=Jump To Topic #15
List16=Jump To Topic #16
List17=Jump To Topic #17
List18=Jump To Topic #18
List19=Jump To Topic #19
List20=Jump To Topic #20

[TOPICS]

Topic1=101
Topic2=102
Topic3=103
Topic4=104
Topic5=105
Topic6=106
Topic7=107
Topic8=108
Topic9=109
Topic10=110
Topic11=111
Topic12=112
Topic13=113
Topic14=114
Topic15=115
Topic16=116
Topic17=117
Topic18=118
Topic19=119
Topic20=120

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{ewx} Windows Help Embedded Windows

A window such as this listbox control may be embedded within a Windows Help using a directive added to the RTF source text. The syntax of the command is as follows:

{ew[*lcr*] filename.dll,winclass,data }

lcr: Determines if the window is left, center or right aligned.

filename.dll: Filename of the DLL with the embedded window. In this case "whlistbx.dll"

winclass: Classname of the embedded window. In this case, "WHListbx".

data: Whatever data the author specified. In this case, the filename of the baggage file.

