

# SmartDoc



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# What Does SmartDoc Do

## Introduction

SmartDoc is a simple utility with two functions:

- n It will allow you to extract all the text from a Windows Help file and put it into a plain-text file which you can load into your favourite Word-Processor for further processing.
- n It will allow you to print a complete Windows Help File.

## SmartDoc's Approach

SmartDoc achieves the text extraction or printing by starting the Windows Help Engine WINHELP.EXE and loading the requested help file. It then cycles sequentially through the topics either copying the text to the clipboard and then writing it to the output text file, or issuing the command to print the topic. A 'new page' marker is placed between each extracted Topic in the output file if the text is extracted.

## Some Caveats

- n SmartDoc extracts the text from the help file, or prints the topics, in the same order as the topics are physically stored within it. This may not always be the order you would expect, and depends entirely on the way the original help file was written.
- n When the Help Engine copies text to the clipboard it places carriage returns at the end of each line that was physically visible in the help window. There appears to be no way to change this behavior. SmartDoc always extends the help window to the fullest width possible with your screen resolution before extracting text, but there will nearly always be some carriage returns where you wish they weren't. You will probably need to remove them with whatever Word Processor you use to process the text, perhaps with the help of a macro.
- n If you interrupt SmartDoc while it is driving the Help Engine you will usually be OK. SmartDoc will wait until the Help Window again becomes the active window before resuming. Simply clicking on the Help Window will normally start the process again. However, if you click on a menu-item in the Help Window and cause a menu to drop down SmartDoc may get confused. In this case you will need to Exit SmartDoc and start again.
- n Printing a large help file, particularly if it contains graphics, can take some time. It might be best to let it do its thing overnight or while you go and do something else.

# The Buttons

There aren't that many buttons on the SmartDoc control Window, and they should be fairly obvious. They are described below.

## ***Input***

Pressing this button brings up a standard 'File Open' dialog box to allow you to navigate to and select the input Help File.

## ***Output***

Pressing this button brings up a standard 'File Open' dialog box to allow you to select the output Text File. If you select an already existing file a normal 'overwrite' warning dialog will appear

## ***Extract Text***

This button is only enabled after you have selected an input Help File and an output Text file. Pressing the button causes the extraction process to start. Once the extraction process has started it is usually best to leave your PC alone until the process completes.

## ***Print All***

This button is only enabled after you have selected an input help file. It causes SmartDoc to cycle through all the topics in the Help File, issuing the command to cause each of them to print. Again it is usually best to leave your PC alone while the Help File prints. It can be a slow process, especially if the Help file contains lots of graphics.

## ***View Result***

This button is only illuminated when an output Text file has been selected. It provides a simple means to start the Windows Write applet to view the output Text file. Obviously if you try to view a file that has not yet been created Write will complain!

## ***Registering***

The most important button of all! It allows you to access an Order form to get your full registered copy of SmartDoc.

## ***Help***

Causes the Windows Help Engine to display this help file.

## ***Exit***

Terminates the SmartDoc program.

# Registering



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