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This help file has been created with the aid of <u>RTFGEN</u>. It is a sample by Todd T. Snoddy to demonstrate the use of RTFGEN to create a help file.   It is intended to be distributed freely with the <u>Windows Programming Journal</u>.

RTFGEN is a free program by David Baldwin, Compuserve ID 76327,53. Its purpose is to convert a standard ASCII text file into a RTF file for use with the Windows help compiler.

If you use RTFGEN for your help files, please contact the author with your comments to encourage him to continue to make fine utilities like this in the future.

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Creating a Windows Help File

To create a help file for Windows, you will need a RTF input file and the Windows help compiler.

- **The RTF File**

The RTF file can be generated by a word processor capable of saving a file in that format, or by a utility like <u>RTFGEN</u>.

- **The Help Compiler**

The help compiler is usually provided with the Windows language compilers from various software vendors.

Viewing a Windows Help File

As you already know if you're viewing this, you need the file WINHELP.EXE to view Windows Help Files.   This file is included with Windows.

You can also use Microsoft's Multimedia VIEWER.EXE file to view Windows help files.