RC2HDK - Resource To HLPDK Help Template Generator

RC2HDK is a program that takes Windows RC (Resource Description) files, and creates a HLPDK help template from it.

Resources are used to describe the part of the program the users see, in here we define Menu entries, Dialog boxes, Key Accelerators and more. Since the users need to see help on the program's interface, more than anything else, the place to look for the help template for your windows programs - is in the resource file.

RC2HDK takes that file, and creates the template for you, saving you time, and helping you with the design of your help system. HLPDK is used to convert the output of RC2HDK to winHelp source files, or - you can even create the template for your text and wordprocessor documentation from this same output.

This version of RC2HDK supports Menu and Accelerator resources.

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System Requirements

In order to use RC2HDK you need :

- This Package
- The RC sources for your windows programs
- The Help Development Kit Sound & Vision Edition (10.0) or later.
- The HC31 or HCP program that came with your Language Compiler.
- A PC capable of running DPMI programs.

Optional :

- Help Compilers/Linkers to specific targets.

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List of files available with the RC2HDK package :

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RC2HDK.EXE      - The RC2HDK help template generator.
RC2HDK.DOC       - RC2HDK Documentation File.
RC2HDK.HLP      - This File.
RC2HDK.REG       - HLPDK+RC2HDK Registration File.
RC2HDK.EDU       - HLPDK+RC2HDK Registration File/Education discount.
PROGRAMS.TXT      - HyperAct Inc. shareware products description.
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OPERATION

In order to use RC2HDK do the following :

1. RC2HDK inpfile.RC

2. Edit the output inpfile.HDF to include your custom help according to the
   template generated.

3. Use HELPC to create the target help database requested.
     e.g. - HELPC /W31 INPFILE
              HC31 INPFILE

HLPDK - The Help Development Kit

The Help Development Kit is the hypertext package that is needed in order
to compile and use the output of the RC2HDK system.

HLPDK includes a help compiler that accepts sources in the .HDF (HLPDK Help Definition
Format), and creates help databases to the HLPDK help engines, or sources to other help
engine targets, such as Windows winHelp, OS/2 IPF, DESQVIEW/X help system, Borland's
TVHC and THELP, Turbo Power's PopHelp, Microsoft's QuickHelp, Microsoft Multimedia
Viewer, World Wide Web HTML and can even create text documents and word processors
documents. (This document was created using HLPDK).

The HLPDK system includes 2 Royalty Free Help Engines, that can be distributed free with
help databases that were created by the help compiler.

HLPDK suports the following features :

Topics, PopUps, Links, Keywords, Text Formats, Navigational and
Structural facilities, Target Code insertion, Multiple module files,
Automatic Pascal/C/C++ reference generation, Exception handling,
Multiple file target databases, Graphics, Sound, Groups, Application
Launch, Automatic exports creation, User defined link templates,
trigger actions and more.

Programmers that want the help engine's sources, can purchase it and modify
it to their specific needs.

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