

Microsoft HTML Help Workshop 1.3 Web Site Document Specification

Overview

This document specification outlines the specific deliverables for Microsoft® HTML Help © 1.3 Web Site. The specification may be updated further based on administrative issues such as staffing, resource allocations, etc. This document specification does not outline the documentation team's responsibilities in the total documentation effort; for that information please refer to the HTML Help 1.3 Documentation Plan (under separate cover).

The HTML Help 1.3 web site will be produced from existing MSDN developer files. Many of the existing MSDN web sites will be transformed intact into the new website. Other content will be written as necessary by the documentation team.

Goals and Objectives

The objective of the HTML Help 1.3 Web Site is to:

1. Provide an Internet entry for the intended audience to discover features, functionality, and resources for Microsoft HTML Help 1.3.
2. Provide a kick off point to building HTML Help 1.3 applications.
3. Provide a portal for downloadable files connected with HTML Help 1.3.
4. Provide Internet access to support information for HTML Help 1.3 including a downloadable Word .doc manual, FAQs, and links to outside resources.
5. Provide information on how to convert old WinHelp files to the new HTML Help application.

Audience

There are two audiences for this print manual content. The primary audience is new users of HTML Help who are looking for help in creating new online help files. This User Guide is an introduction to the production process, and does not go too deeply into more technical matters.

The secondary audience consists of current users of HTML Help 1.3 who are looking for additional resources or support.

Required Development Resources

There are no required development resources for this documentation plan, since the HTML Help product is fully mature.

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Document Specifications

Document Title:	HTML Help 1.3 web site
Size:	5 1st level sites
	17 2nd level sites
	22 3rd level sites
Artwork:	Online graphic files
Format:	Internet web site
Production Tools:	Front Page
Delivery Vehicle:	World Wide Web

Document Table of Contents

Documents marked with one asterisk (*) currently exist in the MSDN HTML Help developers web site. All other material is new content unless otherwise stated.

Home Page

- About New Features in This Release*
- Install updates to HTML Help 1.3 now*
- New XML Help coming Fall 2002, find out more

Using HTML Help

The HTML Help Components*

- HTML Help Workshop*
- HTML Help ActiveX control*
- The HTML Help Viewer*
- Microsoft HTML Help Image Editor*
- The HTML Help Java Applet*
- The HTML Help executable program*
- The HTML Help compiler*
- The HTML Help Authoring Guide*
- Compressed HTML*
- Help project conversion*

Designing a Help System*

- The Big Picture *
- Learn About Accessibility and Disability Concerns*
- Start a Help System Design*
- Design Help*
- Design for a Web site*

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Creating Help*

- Project*
- Customize Help*
- Compile and Test Help*
- The Hook Up Help to a Program*
- Manage Large Document Sets*

HTML Help downloads

- HTML Help Workshop 1.31*
- HTML Help Installation and Update Package (Hhupd.exe) 1.32*
- Update the Help Viewer*
 - Download Hhupd.exe (716 KB)
- HTML Help documentation*
 - Download the HTML Help Authoring Guide (Htmlhelp.chm)
 - Download the HTML Help ActiveX control reference (Hhaxref.chm)
 - Download the HTML Help API reference (Api.chm)
- Help for the HTML Help Viewer.*
 - Download viewhlp.chm
- HTML Help API library file*
 - Download Htmlhelp.lib
- End-User License Agreement*
- Notes*

Support

- Downloadable manual
- FAQs

- Where do I get the HTML Help Workshop?
- Is HTML Help always going to be free on the Web?
- What's the best source of documentation for HTML Help?
- Do I need Internet Explorer to use HTML Help?
- Is there a registry key that enables me to find out if HTML Help is set up on my computer?
- How do I create pages for HTML Help?
- How do I link from a WinHelp topic to an HTML Help topic?
- How can I use Visual Basic with HTML Help?
- How can I use Word for HTML Help authoring?
- Where can I find out more information on the HTML Help API?
- How are full-text search hits ranked?

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- Why is there an "X" where my graphic should be in my help topic?
 - Using WinHelp I could create a formatted pop-up window. How can I do this in HTML Help?
 - How to enable the Next/Preview Browse buttons?
 - When I click the Index tab Help crashes. Why?
 - I changed the TOC icons but do not see changes after compilation?
 - How do I add Font Size toolbar button?
 - Can I create my own custom buttons?
 - How do I remove the Navigation pane?
 - Can I open a HH window open with Navigation pane initially closed?
 - Why can't I read the text in my Help file when using Windows 98?
 - What HTML Help functionality do I lose if I use Internet Explorer version 3.0 instead of later versions?
 - What if my user wants to use a browser other than Internet Explorer?
 - I'm using Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.x on a Windows 95 operating system. When I try to look at the help for HTML Help Workshop, I don't see anything. What's wrong?
 - What HTML Help functionality do I lose if I use Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.02 instead of later versions?
 - If there's an old version of Microsoft® Internet Explorer on the user's computer, will the HTML Help ActiveX control (Hhctrl.ocx) be updated?
 - I need to install an older version of Hhctrl.ocx on my machine. How do I set up an older version successfully?
 - On the Search tab in a compiled help file there is a Match similar words check box. What does this option do?
 - If I compile my HTML Help project using HTML Workshop, are all my internal links tested during compilation?
 - Why does my Compilation fail abruptly?
 - What files need to be distributed with my compiled HTML Help (.chm) file?
 - Why don't my graphics print when I print all topics under a heading?
 - What files make up the HTML Help client? Where are they installed? Are they registered?
 - Why does HTML Help Workshop sometimes "hang" when I edit the [ALIAS] and [MAP] sections?
 - Is it possible to open a specific topic from the Hh.exe command line?

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- How can I make the HTML Help window remain even though the calling process has been terminated?

Other resources

The Official Microsoft® HTML Help Authoring Kit

HTML Help Center

The Helpware Group

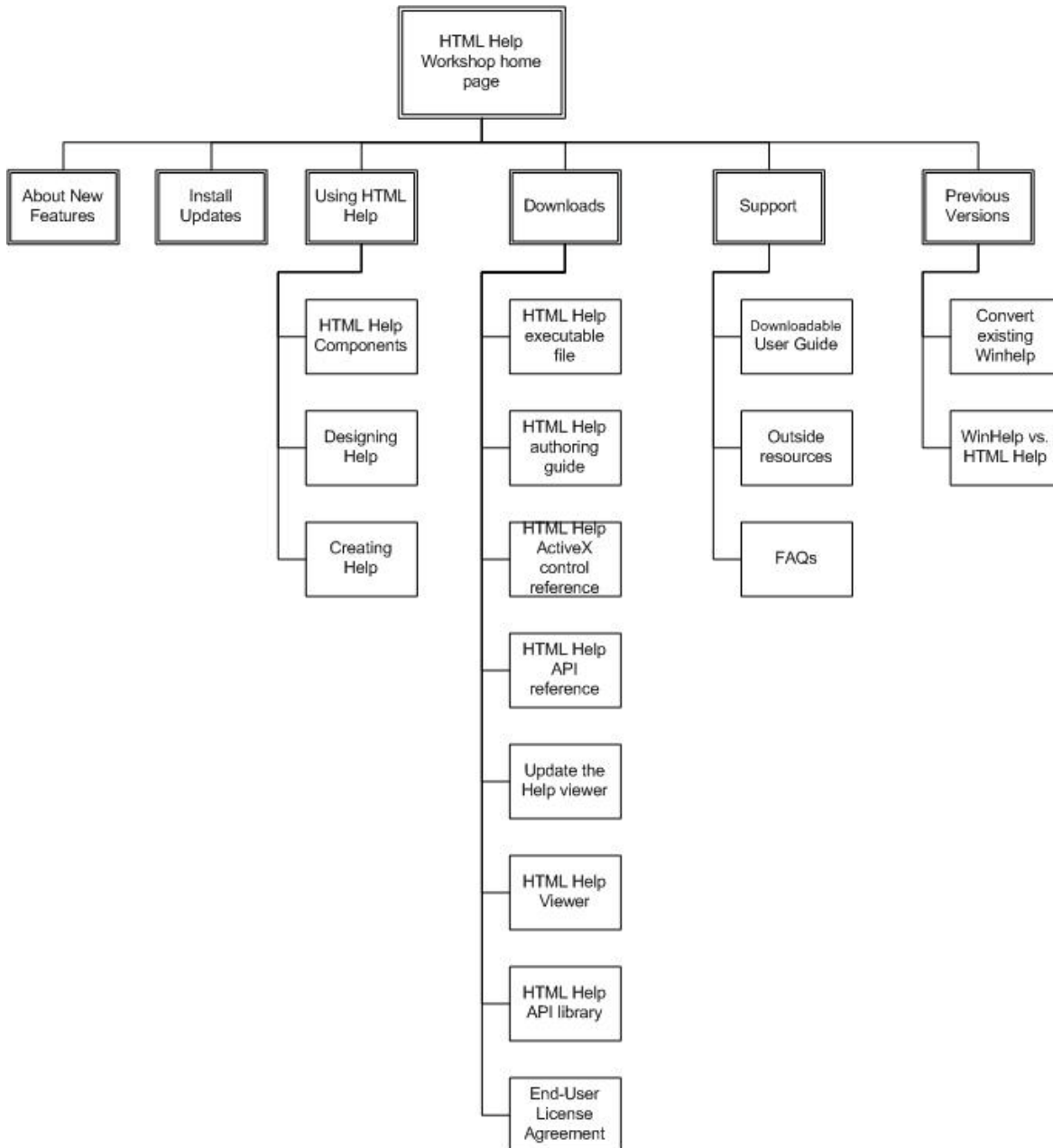
Previous versions

Converting Existing Help Projects*

WinHelp vs. HTML Help Files

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Web Site map



Accessibility Requirements

This web site will meet or exceed accessibility requirements as established in Microsoft's July 1995 accessibility policy. It will follow the accessibility accommodations of other MS web sites.

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Design Requirements

The HTML Help Workshop 1.3 online help document already exists. We will be adding new “Quick Start” material into the existing online help. “Quick Start” topics will be obtained from the User Guide document. Design requirements are that we follow the format and contents of the current online help file while transforming User Guide text to “Quick Start” topics.

Production

1. Create web site structure
2. Incorporate existing MSDN files into web site content
3. Create HTML Help 1.3 web site hero illustration
4. Write remaining content
5. Developmental and Copy edit first draft
6. Build web site
7. Technical edit (check links)
8. First Technical Review
9. Revise
10. Second Technical Review
11. Revise
12. Technical edit
13. Publish web site into existing Microsoft Internet structure(s)

Technical Review

The Technical Review will be done in two meetings. The first web site Technical Review will occur after the first web site build, and the second Technical Review will occur after the second web site build. All reviewers will receive a copy of the web site HTML files five days before the meeting date. All review participants should review the material in advance and bring prepared comments to the meeting.

The following representatives are required to attend the Technical Review:

- Lead and other Editors
- Program Manager for HTML Help new documentation campaign
- Marketing Manager for HTML Help new documentation campaign

During the Technical Review, the Program Manager and Marketing Managers will work synergistically with Writers and Editors to foster any improvements to the document. Comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the material when possible.

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Any changes produced in the Technical Review meeting may cause slippage of the web site production schedule. The HTML Help new documentation campaign has a tightly restricted budget. Any additional costs for the work slippage due to Technical Review will be suspended until additional resources are received by the comment originator

Schedule Milestones

Deliverable	Team Member	Deliverable Dates
Create web site structure	Writer 1	04/22/02
MSDN files assimilated	Writer 1	05/17/02
Create HTML Help 1.3 web site hero illustration	Documentation Team Staff	05/24/02
Content complete	Lead Writer, Writer 1	06/21/02
Developmental and copy edit	Editor 1	07/15/02
"Publish" web site	Documentation Team Staff	07/19/02
Technical edit	Lead Writer, Writer 1, Editor 1	08/02/02
Revisions	Writer 1	08/16/02
First Technical Review	Lead and other Writers, Editors, Program Manager for HTML Help, Marketing Manager for HTML Help new documentation campaign	08/23/02
Revisions as necessary	Writer 1	09/13/02
Second Technical Review	Lead and other Writers, Editors, Program Manager for HTML Help, Marketing Manager for HTML Help new documentation campaign	09/20/02
Revisions as necessary	Writer 1	10/07/02
Technical Edit	Lead Writer, Writer 1, Editor 1	10/21/02
Web site lock down date	Lead Writer	10/25/02
Publish web site in public Microsoft Internet portal.	(Hand off to Production Team)	TBD

See Other Files:

HTML Help 1.3 Documentation Plan

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