

# GENERATING WINDOW-LEVEL HELP PROCEDURES

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to describe procedures for the generation of window-level help from the steps in the *[manual]*.

### 1.2. REFERENCES

*[Manual]*

### 1.3. OVERVIEW

This document includes three (3) sections: "Introduction", "General Description", and "Procedures". "Introduction" explains the document itself. "General Description" provides a brief summary of the task and any additional information, such as file structure or conventions. "Procedures" describes the various procedures for the generation of window-level help from steps.

## 2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Generating Window-Level Help procedure explains how to import steps from the *[manual]* into RoboHELP and create the window-level help.

### 2.1. FILES

The *[help]* directory contains the following files created using RoboHELP:

- *[help file]* - the Help project file for window-level help
- *[steps file]* - the Help document generated from steps
- *[windows file]* - the Help document containing all of the steps topics for each window

The *[manual]* directory contains the following files created using Microsoft Word for Windows:

- *\*win.doc* - steps documents

### 2.2. NAMING CONVENTIONS

The following conventions are used for the context strings in *windows.doc*:

Window context strings            Object name from functional specs in lower case, no spaces or slashes (*/*)

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### 3. PROCEDURES

#### 3.1. GENERATING WINDOW-LEVEL HELP PROCEDURE

The templates for RoboHELP have been set up to correspond to the documentation template (*doc.dot*).

##### 3.1.1. EXTRACTING THE STEPS FOR WINDOW-LEVEL HELP

- 1) Open Winword.
- 2) Select File | New and select the Doc template.
- 3) Extract steps tables with appropriate headings from the *[manual]* documents and copy to the new file.
- 4) Save the document as *steps.doc* and exit Winword.

##### 3.1.2. IMPORTING THE STEPS

- 1) Open RoboHELP.
- 2) Select the *[help file]*.
- 3) Select Tools | Import Documentation and import the *[steps file]*.
- 4) Click the Styles button and add the List Heading and Heading Popup styles. Click OK.
- 5) Highlight the two new styles in the scrolling list of styles.
- 6) Clear the Prompt Before Saving File checkbox under Convert Document Graphics to Disk Files box.
- 7) Clear the Prompt Before Creating Each Topic checkbox under Create Help Topics From Document Styles box.
- 8) Click OK.

##### 3.1.3. CREATING THE JUMPS

- 1) Create a new Help document *[windows file]*.
- 2) Setup a topic for each window.
- 3) Create jumps to all of the context strings that contain steps for performing an action in that window. The jumps should display in the *steps* Help window.

##### 3.1.4. AUTOMATICALLY GENERATING MAP FILES

- 1) Open *[help file]*.
- 2) Select Project | Setup.
- 3) Select the Special tab in Help Project Setup.
- 4) Check the Automatic map file generation check box.
- 5) Click OK.
- 6) RoboHELP prompts whether you want to turn map generation on for all documents. Click No.

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- 7) Select Project | Open File from... and open the *[windows file]*.
- 8) Select File | Document Properties.
- 9) Click the More button.
- 10) Check the Automatic map file generation check box.
- 11) Click OK.

### 3.1.5. COMPILING STEPS FOR WINDOW-LEVEL HELP

- 1) Choose the Make button on the toolbox.
- 2) RoboHELP prompts whether you want to save the document and rtf files. Click Yes.
- 3) Click the Make button on the dialog box.

### 3.1.6. HANDING OVER THE MAP FILES

- 1) Strip out the comments at the top of the map file.
- 2) Strip out the "#define " (be sure to delete the space after the word "define") text from the map file.
- 3) Hand over the map file to Development.