
Subject: Help system

Posted by [keltor](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2012 10:16:54 GMT

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Hi everyone,

I am trying to decide whether to go with the usual CHM files for documenting my programs, or instead use the Topic++ system. I'd rather go for the second since I find it more convenient, however there is at the moment a lack of documentation in this respect.

I would like to do something similar to what the TheIDE help does: a menu with tree-like TOC, previous-next buttons, search, and so on -- I think we are all quite familiar with it. I know I could try and follow the Topic++ and TheIDE code itself; however, the code is also not annotated, so that too would be difficult.

Has anyone managed to do something similar? Can you give me some tips to guide me in the right direction?

The other alternative, using CHM files, is certainly easier for me. So far I am simply doing `system("filename.chm");` but this solution pops up an ugly cmd aside from the help. Is there a better command that hasn't got this side effect?

Thanks,

Kel

Subject: Re: Help system

Posted by [BioBytes](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2012 17:23:15 GMT

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Hi Keltor,

I really prefer Topic++ functionality as there is no need to deal with help files to add with installation exe. However sometimes softwares for designing help system are really creative and permits some additional features.

Did you try Sstart from SysExec module ? I use this function in my application to allow the user to start MySql administrator.

Regards
Biobytes

Subject: Re: Help system

Posted by [keltor](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2012 18:59:44 GMT

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That really did the trick. I was unaware of the SysExec package, now I see that it does exactly what I was looking for. I had, however, to invoke hh.exe (the Windows Help viewer) instead of calling the CHM file directly:

```
SysStart("hh.exe", "helpfile.chm");
```

I guess for now I will stick to the ordinary CHM help system. Thanks Biobytes!
