

## To create a text file for pop-up help topics

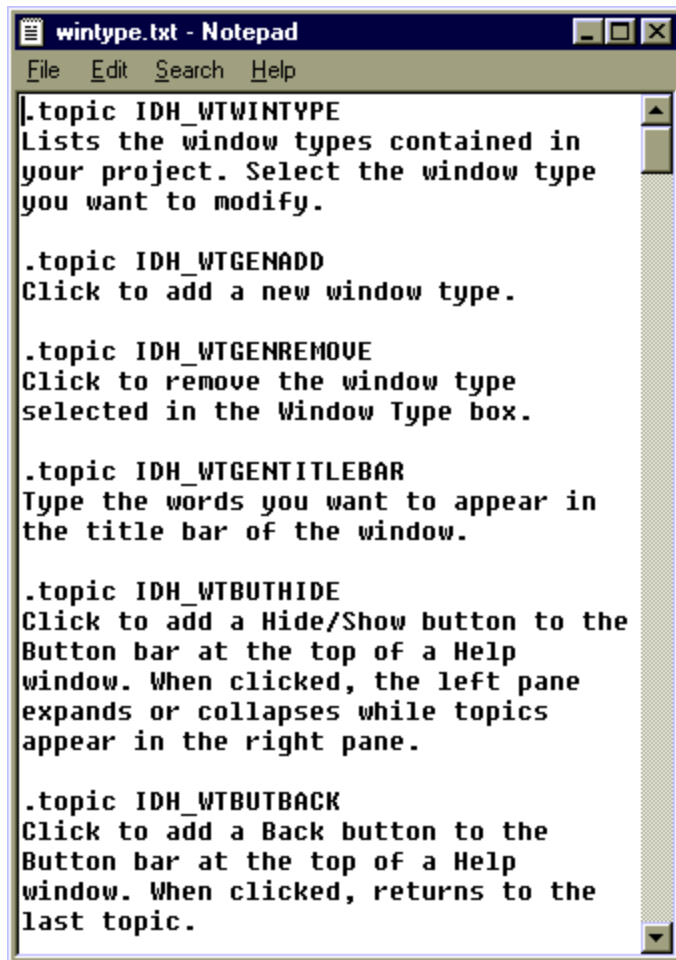
1. Open HTML Help Workshop.
2. On the **File** menu, click **New**, and then click **Text**.
3. Create an entry for each pop-up help topic, using the following format:

```
.topic topic ID  
help topic
```

Where `topic ID`, is the symbolic ID of a specific dialog box control, and `help topic` is the help text for the control.

4. Save the text file.

The sample text file, below, is taken from HTML Help Workshop:



### Notes

- If you use an `IDH_` prefix with the topic ID, as shown in the example above, HTML Help Workshop will automatically check that the topics mapped in your project file actually exist in your compiled help (.chm) file, and that your context-sensitive help topics are all mapped in your project file.
- The topic ID for each entry must be unique.
- To simplify file management, you can store help topics in multiple text files.
- You can also use Microsoft Notepad or any other text editor to create this text file.

 [Create a header file](#)

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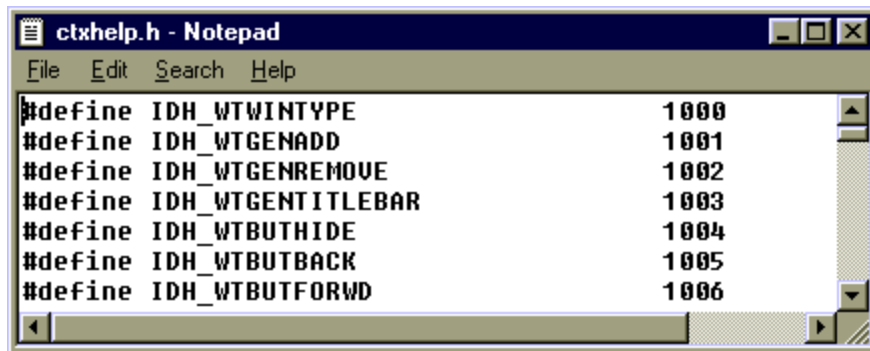
1. Open Microsoft Notepad or another text editor.
2. Create an entry for each symbolic ID, followed by its corresponding numeric ID, using the following format:

```
#define IDH_symbolicID    1000
```

Where `symbolicID` is the symbolic ID for part of the program (such as a dialog box or control) and 1000 is the numeric ID. The numeric IDs in the header file are used only by the HTML Help compiler. The compiler maps numeric IDs in the header file to help topics.

3. Save the file with a `.h` extension.

The following sample header file is taken from HTML Help Workshop:



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## To create a [TEXT POPUPS] section in a project file

1. Open a project (.hhp) file, and then click **HTML Help API Information**.
2. On the **Text Pop-ups** tab, click **Header File**, locate the header (.h) file that you created in [step 2](#), and then click **OK**.
3. Click **Text File**, and then locate the text file you created in [step 1](#).
4. Save the project.

 [Include a header file in a project file](#)

## To include a header file in a project file

1. Open a project (.hhp) file, and then click **HTML Help API Information**.
2. On the **Map** tab, click **Header File**.
3. Locate the header (.h) file you want to include.
4. Save the project.

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