

## Re: Where is code for F1 Help text?

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Hi Juancha,

In Windows applications, F1 Help text is normally stored in compiled form in .CHM or .HLP files. Access applications may use either of these or a "home-brewed" system to respond to F1.

HLP is the older format, used by the WinHelp system that's vbeen included in Windows since the early 1990s if not before.

CHM is used by the more modern HTML Help system, which in turn is used by almost all current Microsoft software.

Inspect the form's HelpFile property. If it points to a HLP or CHM file, that's where the help text is stored. If possible, get the developer to provide the source file for the compiled HLP or CHM file: this is normally in RTF or HTML format. Otherwise, search the web for decompile CHM or some such.

If the HelpFile property is empty, F1 help is being provided some other way. Maybe there's a form in the database to display help, with a table where the help text is stored.

On Fri, 10 Nov 2006 11:11:02 -0800, juancha <[juancha@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:juancha@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I am translating forms which use Status bar and F1 Help text for screen readers to make forms accessible to persons who are blind. I also use a CAT tool called DVX which retains formatting of the base form by filtering English text out and replacing with my translated text. Since much of the Help text repeats the form labels for the benefit of the screen reader, I would only have to translate once IF I could access the Help text with my CAT filter. Where is code for these entries? What is it written in? Any suggestions? Is it possible to export Help text or manipulate in any way?

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TIA

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