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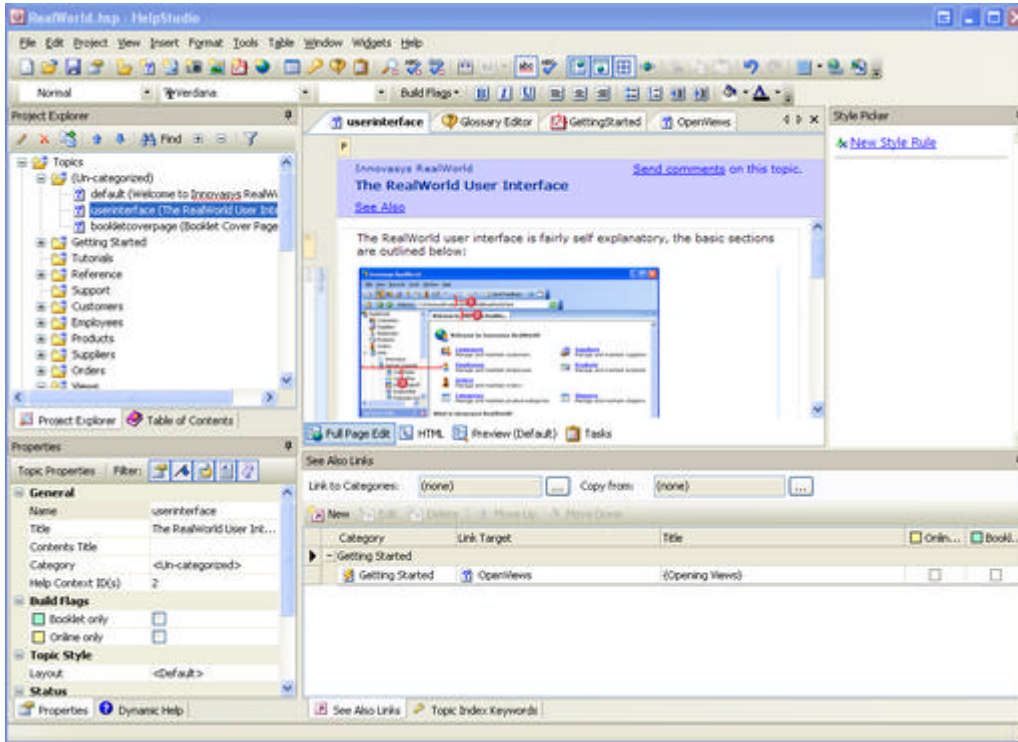
This Product Data Sheet provides information on Innovasys HelpStudio v3, released on 6th April 2007.

Full product information can be found on the HelpStudio product pages at:

<http://www.innovasys.com/products/helpstudio.asp>

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1 Innovasys HelpStudio 3 Screen Shot



2 Innovasys HelpStudio 3 Product Overview

You have worked hard to create your application; analyzing requirements, designing the user interface and feature set. HelpStudio can help you make sure that your applications help system is as impressive and effective as your application.

HelpStudio is the fastest, easiest way to create and publish help systems and integrate them with your desktop or web based applications or components, including .NET. Generate help output in cross-platform plain HTML, HTML Help, Help 2.x or printable PDF. Built in localization support means that you can take your help system to a global audience if required.

HelpStudio seamlessly combines a feature packed WYSIWYG authoring environment, HTML based layout templates and customizable Content Widgets to make it simple to create consistent, professional looking help systems with the minimum of effort. Help Authoring just got a whole lot easier.

Inside HelpStudio

The HelpStudio user interface is intuitive and full of time saving and productivity features designed to make Help Authoring an enjoyable experience. Creating the Table of Contents or Glossary, adding Index Keywords and See Also Links, capturing screenshots, adding drop down sections or tip boxes to content and designing PDF booklets are all fully integrated and simply achieved using a few clicks or drag and drop.

Find and Replace, Spell check and Hyperlink verification can be run on the entire project, ensuring that your help systems need never ship with spelling errors or broken links. Build flags (conditional content) can be used to mark content, files or table of contents nodes in order to create multiple versions of a help system (perhaps a 'Lite' and a 'Professional' version) from the same project. A single project can contain multiple languages, making it simple to take your help system to a global audience. Full unicode support means you can handle even complex languages including Japanese, Chinese and Arabic.

The features don't stop there. Additional tools include an image editor, integrated screen capture, a unique user interface screenshot markup tool, a popup help designer and help context id mapping Add-in for Visual Basic, integrated task management, a customizable content helper library (for automating the creation of common help content) all add up to the only Help Authoring toolset you will ever need.

Who can use HelpStudio?

HelpStudio provides you with an effortless way to create great help systems, which means that anyone who can use a word processor or HTML editor will be comfortable authoring help with HelpStudio. HelpStudio has been carefully designed to maximize your productivity whilst not requiring any knowledge of the technical aspects of help file compilation. You get to concentrate on pure content creation, saving time and money on every project.

HelpStudios unique Content Widgets make it possible to create complex content such as expand in place images, drop down sections and colorized example code with no knowledge of HTML or Javascript. The available Content Widgets can be extended to build a library of content that you can share with your colleagues and re-use in multiple projects.

What makes HelpStudio different from other products?

We know that you have a choice and encourage you to evaluate other help authoring products to discover for yourself the unique features that make HelpStudio an obvious choice. There are several critical features that we believe distinguish HelpStudio most:

- **User Interface:** The HelpStudio user interface includes advanced features such as collapsible dock windows, customizable toolbars and a Tabbed MDI document area. The Tabbed MDI as implemented in HelpStudio allows you to split the document area into Tab Groups in order to work with multiple topics or other document windows side by side - that's a feature you may not find elsewhere.
- **The Template Concept:** HelpStudio leverages HTML based page templates so that common page elements

such as page header and footers are automatically generated. This feature is a crucial time saver, and ensures that as you evolve the look and feel of your help systems you don't have to go back and rework individual topics.

- **Project Tools:** HelpStudio can verify links, check spelling and Find / Replace across an entire project.
- **Content Editor:** The HelpStudio content editor provides powerful authoring functionality including table editing (row, column or cell cut/copy/paste, resize), unlimited undo, hyperlink designer and build flag highlighting.
- **Content Widgets:** Delivering great help content often requires a trade off between the time invested in creating dynamic content and the benefits it brings to the users of the content. With HelpStudio, you no longer need to compromise - Widgets allow you to deliver dynamic content (e.g. drop down sections, enlarge in place images, colorized example code) without requiring any manual authoring effort and with no need to have HTML or Javascript knowledge. Simply drop a pre-defined Widget in your content and HelpStudio will take care of the rest.
- **Multi Language Authoring:** HelpStudio allows you to work with any number of additional languages in addition to the primary language of your project. Define the project structure and Table of Contents just once and then localize for the additional languages. Easily switch between locales, track the localization status of any project item and work with 3rd party translation providers using the HelpStudio XML Import / Export Wizard.
- **Dynamic Help SDK:** HelpStudio allows you to integrate a Dynamic Help window (as implemented in Visual Studio.NET) into your application. The Dynamic Help SDK includes an integrated Dynamic Help editor and a redistributable Dynamic Help control. You can also create content for integration in the Visual Studio.NET dynamic help window.
- **Automation and Extensibility:** HelpStudio includes a comprehensive automation and extensibility API. Automate help system builds and extend the HelpStudio IDE - the possibilities are endless.
- **Team working:** Working in a team and want several members to contribute to or review the help system? HelpStudio has fully integrated support for Source code Control systems (Visual SourceSafe, Team Foundation Server, SourceGear Vault as well as other source control systems implementing an MSCCI interface). Unlike other Help Authoring tools, HelpStudio does not require that you check the project in and out as a whole - individual team members can independently work with different Topics, even the Table of Contents and Glossary in the same project - simultaneously. The source control functionality is integrated directly into the HelpStudio user interface.

3 Innovasys HelpStudio 3 Feature Summary

Output

Feature	
Pure HTML Output	For cross-platform help or where a browser based help system is required, HelpStudio delivers the same level of functionality you would find in a compiled help system including index, table of contents and full text search (with search term highlighting).
PDF Booklets	HelpStudio can generate PDF Booklets natively. Adobe software or a PDF printer driver are <u>not</u> required.
Microsoft HTML Help	Microsoft HTML Help is the windows standard help format.
Microsoft Help 2.x	Microsoft Help 2.x is the help format used in Visual Studio .NET and MSDN. As well as native Help 2.x output support, HelpStudio includes an advanced Help 2.x link designer that makes it quick and easy to link to content in other Help 2.x help files.
Dynamic Help	HelpStudio allows you to create dynamic help files, for integration directly in to your applications user interface using the HelpStudio Dynamic Help SDK, or for integration with the Visual Studio.NET dynamic help system. Dynamic help windows are a highly effective way of providing context sensitive help to your users.
Popup Help	For Visual Basic applications, the HelpStudio Popup Help designer can be used to create simple popup help to complement a full help system.
Build Profiles	Build to multiple different outputs, using different Build Flags to control conditional content. Great for producing 'Lite' and 'Professional' versions of a help system from a single project (for example).

Content Authoring

Feature	
Import	HelpStudio can import existing content from HTML files, HTML Help projects, Help 2.x projects, other HelpStudio projects or Word documents.
Topic Editor	With a wealth of time saving features, the HelpStudio topic editor makes it quick and easy to create your help content.
Content Widgets	Customizable Content Widgets speed the creation or complex help content, including drop down sections, expand in place images or tip boxes. Content Widgets are fully extendable - add common content to improve consistency and save time.
Dynamic Spell Check	Dynamic spell check (red wavy line) in the Topic editor, Table of Contents editor and Project Explorer.
Hyperlink Designer	Point and click definition of hyperlinks and See Also links, including links to Document! X content (if Document! X integration is used).
Glossary Editor	Create a set of Glossary terms and HelpStudio will automatically create a formatted Glossary and replace use of the terms within topic content with a popup box containing the glossary term definition.
Conditional Content	Mark content, Table of Contents nodes or Topics with a build flag in order to create

	multiple versions of the same help system from a single project.
Multi Language Authoring	HelpStudio allows you to work with any number of additional languages in addition to the primary language of your project. Define the project structure and Table of Contents just once and then localize for the additional languages in the same familiar HelpStudio environment or work with 3rd party translation providers using the HelpStudio XML Import / Export Wizard.
Project Properties	Create properties containing common information (e.g. a support email address, or a product name) that can then be used in Topic content, Topic Titles or Table of Contents nodes. If the common information changes, it only then needs updating in one place.
Full Unicode Support	HelpStudio supports Unicode throughout, including Japanese, Chinese and Korean.
Custom Topic Properties	Define custom properties that you would like to track against Topics. Work with the properties alongside the built in ones in the Topic Properties window.

Project Tools

Feature

Find and Replace	Find or Replace across the whole project, including Table of Contents node captions, Topic titles, Glossary terms.
Spell Check	Check the spelling of the entire project with a single click. Save time and effort by only checking topics changed since the last project spell check and adding technical terms to the project 'Ignore word' list.
Link Verifier	Ensuring that all the hyperlinks and See Also links used within your project is key to delivering a quality help system. The HelpStudio Link Verifier makes this quick and simple. Each suspect link can be easily edited directly from the results list.
Task Management	Create and manage outstanding tasks, associated with a particular Topic if required. Use tasks statuses to track completion of outstanding tasks.
Unused Images	Easily identify any 'legacy' image files that are no longer used in any content using the Find Unused Images tool. Remove them from the project with a single click.

Working with Images

Feature

Screen Capture	Integrated screen capture functionality allows you to effortlessly capture screen shots, including the generation of thumbnails. HelpStudios unique 're-capture' feature makes it quick and easy to update screen shots when your applications user interface changes.
Image Editor	An image editor containing a range of image manipulation functionality ideally suited to help authoring tasks.
User Interface Mapper	A unique tool for adding annotation and effects (mosaic, gray scale, color wash) to screen shots.

Integrating Help

Feature

Context ID Mapper	If your application already has a .h file containing help context IDs (i.e. if you are developing in Delphi or C++), the integrated Context ID mapper can be used to relate topics to your applications user interface.
Visual Basic 6 Topic Mapper	Visually map Topics to your Visual Basic applications from directly within the Visual Basic IDE.
Dynamic Help Window	Dynamic help windows are a highly effective way of providing context sensitive help to your users. Integrating a dynamic help window within your application is possible using the HelpStudio Dynamic Help SDK.
Visual Studio .NET	Integrate end user help with your .NET application using the .NET Help Provider component. Easily Integrate your .NET component or AddIn Help system into Visual Studio .NET using InnovaHxReg, a freely distributable Help 2.x registration tool. Create content for the Visual Studio .NET Dynamic Help Window using the HelpStudio Dynamic Help Editor.

Customization

Feature

Template based Topic Layout	HelpStudio Topics are based on a page layout template that makes it easy to create a professional layout quickly and to customize and adapt the layout over time without having to modify each Topic individually.
Automation and Extensibility	HelpStudio offers an unrivaled documented API for creating, manipulating and building projects and extending / automating the User Interface.
Customizable Toolbars and Windows	The Helpstudio toolbars and dock window layouts are preserved, allowing you to customize the User Interface to your requirements.
Widgets	Customizable content helpers that speed the creation of dynamic help content. Widgets are fully extendable - add common content to improve consistency and save time.

Team working and Collaboration

Feature

Source Control Integration	HelpStudio integrates with Visual SourceSafe, Team Foundation Server, SourceGear Vault as well as other source control systems implementing an MSCCI interface for version control, access control and collaboration functionality.
Task Management	Create and manage outstanding tasks to track and guide team efforts on a help project.
Topic Status	Use the Topic status indicator to track the completion of Topics.