

Adding component help to Delphi

Despite what it says in Delphi's documentation, to add component help simply follow these instructions.

1: Add the component help file to the registry

Add the help file's location to

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Help
```

To add

```
C:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi4\Help\MyHelp.hlp
```

to the registry insert a value named MyHelp.hlp, with the above path as the value.

2: Enable Delphi to display the component's help keywords in the index

Open

```
C:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi4\Help\delphi4.cnt
```

and add the following entry to the end of the file's index section:

```
:Index My Help Title=MyHelp.hlp
```

3: Add link support to Delphi's Help system

Open

```
C:\Program Files\Borland\Delphi4\Help\delphi4.cfg
```

Add the following line to the end of the file:

```
:Link MyHelp.hlp
```

Then add

```
:Include Delphi4.cfg
```

to your contents file (MyHelp.cnt).

The article "*How to integrate help files into the Delphi 3-7 IDE*" expands upon this tip. The *Component Help Installer* program and IDE extension automates the installation of component help files into the Delphi IDE.

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