Help with main screen (editing)

The Macro List contains up to 50 macros. There are three macro sources: HP HTTP macros, local PC macros and local Printer macros. A fourth source is the local copy of the HP HTTP macros. If there are any HTML errors in the macros a red colored error menu item will appear.

If you click a row, then the macro is transferred to the EDIT BOX on the right side of the main display. If you double click, then the macro is displayed the way a user will see it if markup is enabled.

Note that only the local macro collection can be saved. If you wish to update the HP macros you need to copy the markup to the windows clipboard, log into your macro setting page and replace the macros with the one in the clipboard. This can be done using the local HP HTML macro file.

You create a local copy of the HP HTML macros and then edit those macros until there are no errors. If there is an error the macro number will be red. If the macro number is blue, then the original HP HTML macro needs to be replaced with the local copy. If the macro number is not colored, then there is not error

To replace the HP HTML macro at the HP community, right click the BLUE colored macro number. This copies the body of the macro to the clipboard. You can then log into your account and paste the macro body thus replacing your HP community one.

The macros downloaded from the HP community do not have errors. If an HP HTML macro is marked red it is likely an error in this program or an un-caught error in your HP settings.

Supplemental Table group

This group shows the name of the macro being edited and gives an option to SAVE or DELETE it. To create a macro click the NEW adjacent to the EDIT BOX and change the name of the macro. Be sure to save it.

Markup Editing

Remove markup to make it easy to read and edit. You can copy the EDIT BOX to the windows clipboard or paste from the clipboard back to the EDIT BOX. You can also save a copy to notepad for backup or scratch work. You can select text and remove newlines to allow CSS to work. See sample in signatures about how CSS works with <BR> and newlines.

To see the effect of your edits, click the Show As Page button. You can immediately paste into a replace right after that button is clicked.

Adding images or URLs

You can add an image or URL to the EDIT BOX. The UTILS menu is another way to add URLs, but you need to manually copy and paste using UTILS. If the image you add is a local PNG or JPG file, it cannot be seen by users. You will need to upload the local file to your HP album. Tools to do this conveniently are in the Manage Images dialog box.

Using your macro in the HP community

You have a macro that looks good. There are two things you can do with it. You can add it to your own macro collection or just use it in a reply to a user.

1 - Reply to user: If you click on “Show as page” the HTML will be placed in the windows clipboard and all you need to do is to paste into the reply. If you do not want to paste the entire page then select only the part of the page you want.

2 - Add to your macro list or signature: You close the display page as that is not used. Select the markup option. Copy the text in the EDIT BOX and paste it into one of the macro positions or your signature. Text pasted into the HP macro list is BBCode or "markup" and you should test it as HP site does not use all HTML rules.

Using the Error menu item

Click the red ERROR menu item to bring up a list of macros that have errors. The line number and the character offset will be shown and clicking on the name of the defective macro brings up notepad where you can look at the body of the macro and locate the line and character that has the problem.

You do not edit using notepad. Editing of the defective macro is done in the main menu and once edited you can click on "Save". There can be more than one error but only one at a time is shown in the error dialog box. Doing a “Page Next” followed by a “Page Prev” will bring any new errors.

Pasting and working with URLs

An attempt was made to remove tracking information from URLs. The button "Clean Clipboard URLs" strips tracking from any URLs you have copied to the clipboard. Any URLs pasted into URL fields are stripped before usage.

It seems that BING cannot be de-referenced or untracked. If you use BING to search you should select one of the objects search for and NOT use the BING search phrase itself.

Edit Link

This dialog box allows URLs and image URLs to be added to the main menu EDIT BOX. Optionally you can put a box around the created object.

You can also create boxes with more than one row or column, but you need to add the information into the box later.

Manage Images

The dialog box APPEND allows a screen capture to be dropped into a macro. You must have already captured the image using the windows snip tool. Alternately, you can enter the url to an image. After the image is transferred to the main dialog box you can edit the markup to set the size. Note that local images cannot be seen by a user so you must put the image in your forum photo album.

The MANAGE dialog box allows the local image to be uploaded to the HP album server and the local file path to be replaced by the image URL that is publicly available. Either your album or a site that has the image public.

Clean Clipboard URLs.

If you used Edge, Chrome, Firefox, etc. to copy a URL then the URL contains tracking information. Clicking this button strips the tracking information from it. This is on ongoing problem as sone website add tracking and referrals and this tool might miss some items. Please enter an issue and make a note of the site so that the program can be changed to remove the tracking.

Paste from clipboard

This strips newlines from your clipboard before pasting into the EDIT BOX. This assume you selected Swith To Markup. The newlines are replaced by markup. If you created a response to a user’s question and want to have the response, then use the mouse to copy the response and then paste it into the EDIT BOX but be sure to enable markup and use the "Paste from clipboard". You may need to run LINK All after pasting.

SEARCH button

This allows you to search for a word or phrase quickly. All files are searched. If you recently added some macros they will not show up in the search unless the program is restarted.