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WP_Screen::add_help_tab(array \$args)

Adds a help tab to the contextual help for the screen.

Description

Call this on the `load-$pagenow` hook for the relevant screen, or fetch the `$current_screen` object, or use [get_current_screen\(\)](#) and then call the method from the object.

You may need to filter `$current_screen` using an if or switch statement to prevent new help tabs from being added to ALL admin screens.

Parameters

\$args`array`required

Array of arguments used to display the help tab.

title `string`

Title for the tab. Default false.

id `string`

Tab ID. Must be HTML-safe and should be unique for this menu.

It is NOT allowed to contain any empty spaces. Default false.

content `string`

Optional. Help tab content in plain text or HTML. Default empty string.

callback `callable`

Optional. A callback to generate the tab content. Default false.

priority `int`

Optional. The priority of the tab, used for ordering. Default 10.

Source

wp-admin/includes/class-wp-screen.php

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```
public function add_help_tab( $args ) {
    $defaults = array(
        'title'    => false,
        'id'       => false,
        'content'  => '',
```

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        'callback' => false,
        'priority' => 10,
    );
    $args      = wp_parse_args( $args, $defaults );

    $args['id'] = sanitize_html_class( $args['id'] );

    // Ensure we have an ID and title.
```

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wp-admin/includes/class-wp-screen.php
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wp-admin/includes/class-custom-image-header.php
- [Custom_Background::admin_load\(\)](#)
wp-admin/includes/class-custom-background.php

Changelog

Version	Description
4.4.0	The <code>\$priority</code> argument was added.
3.3.0	Introduced.

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This is from Codex Usage.

This example shows how you would add contextual help to an admin page you’ve created with the [add_options_page\(\)](#) function. Here, we assume that your admin page has a slug of ‘my_admin_page’ and exists under the Options tab.

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```
<?php
add_action( 'admin-menu', 'my_admin_add_page' );
```

```
function my_admin_add_page() {
    $my_admin_page = add_options_page( __( 'My Admin Page', 'map' ), __( 'My Admin Page', 'map'), '

    // Adds my_help_tab when my_admin_page loads
    add_action( 'load-'. $my_admin_page, 'my_admin_add_help_tab' );
}

function my_admin_add_help_tab () {
    $screen = get_current_screen();

    // Add my_help_tab if current screen is My Admin Page
```

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Advanced Usage (from within a class)

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```
<?php
/**
 * Plugin Name: Help Tab Test Case
 * Plugin URI: http://unserkaiser.com
 * Description: Add Help Tab test case
 */
class example_help
{
    public $tabs = array(
        // The assoc key represents the ID
        // It is NOT allowed to contain spaces
        'EXAMPLE' => array(
            'title' => 'TEST ME!'
        )
    );
}
```

Above example came out of a [WPSE question](#).

You can read [this WPSE question](#) about how to fix the wrong order bug without changing core code.

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Basic Usage.

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```
<?php
$screen = get_current_screen();
$screen->add_help_tab( array(
    'id' => $id, //unique id for the tab
```

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'title' => $title, //unique visible title for the tab
'content' => $content, //actual help text
'callback' => $callback //optional function to callback
) );
?>
```

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```
add_filter( 'contextual_help', 'my_admin_help', 5, 3 );
function my_admin_help( $old_help, $screen_id, $screen ) {
    // Not our screen, exit earlier
    if( 'my-admin' != $screen_id ) {
        return;
    }

    // Add one help tab
    $screen->add_help_tab( array(
        'id'      => 'my-admin-help',
        'title'   => esc_html__( 'My Help Tab', 'my-text-domain' ),
        'content' => '<p>' . esc_html__( 'Descriptive content that will show in My Help Tab-body g
        // Use 'callback' to use callback function to display tab content
```

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