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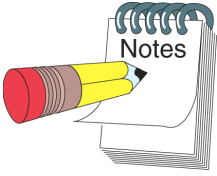
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Essentials of RoboHelp Classic 9

“Skills and Drills” Learning

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This book has been broken into several modules. Since each module builds on lessons learned in a previous module, we recommend that you complete each module in succession.

We hope you enjoy the book. If you have any comments or questions, please contact us (an address and phone number appear on page ix).

Book Conventions

This book is designed for ease of use. During every module, you'll be guided through lessons step by step. Instructions for you to follow will look like this:

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If you are expected to type anything, or something is important, it will be set in bold type like this:

☞ type **9** in the box

If you are expected to press a key on your keyboard, the key will be in brackets like this:

☞ press [Enter]

☞ press [Ctrl][O]

You will also come across the little guy at the right. He indicates a Confidence Check. Throughout each module you'll be guided through hands-on exercises. But at some point you'll have to fend for yourself. That's where Confidence Checks come in. They're very important. You must be sure to complete each of them because some exercises build on completed Confidence Checks.



System Requirements and Student Data Files

You must have RoboHELP Classic 9 installed on your computer to complete the exercises in this book. RoboHELP Classic 9 **does not come with this book** and must be purchased separately.

RoboHELP Classic 9 will run on most PC's, but a Pentium III processor is best (for speed's sake) and at least 64 MB of RAM is recommended. This book assumes that you are running Windows 98 or newer.

Student Data Files: The data files necessary to complete the lessons in this book must be downloaded from our Web site (www.iconlogic.com). You'll be walked through the steps necessary to download the files to your hard drive during "Student Activity: Copy Files to the Desktop" on page 3.

Finally, you'll customize the Help windows, add jumps, popups, graphics and buttons. The result is a usable Help System. You did it all, and you've got no programming skills, just RoboHELP.

The Basics

In this first module, you'll begin to familiarize yourself with RoboHELP terminology and the RoboHELP work environment. And you will create and compile a basic help system.

Student Activity: Copy Files to the Desktop

1. Copy the student files to the desktop.
 - ☞ using your Web browser, go to **www.iconlogic.com**
 - ☞ click the **data files** link
 - ☞ click the **PC** link
 - ☞ when prompted, click the **Save** button and save the file to your computer's **desktop**

The **RoboHelp Classic 9 Data** folder and its contents will be copied to your desktop as an **exe** file.

☞ close all windows

2. Extract the data files.
 - ☞ double-click **rhc9.exe** on your desktop to open it
 - ☞ choose **SelfExtract > Extract Files**

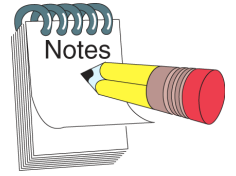
The Extract Files dialog box will appear.

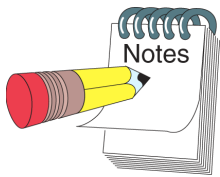
☞ click the **Execute** button

All of the data files you need to complete the lessons in this book will be extracted and installed on your desktop.

☞ when the extraction is finished, close the extractor window

There should be a RoboHelp Classic 9 Data folder on your desktop.





Student Activity: Preview a Completed Project

1. Preview a completed project.

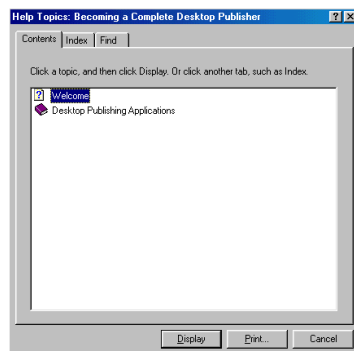
- ☞ open the RoboHelp Classic 9 Data folder
- ☞ open the **dem**os folder
- ☞ open the **fin1** folder

There are two files with similar names in this folder: fin1.hlp and fin1.cnt.

- ☞ open **fin1.hlp**

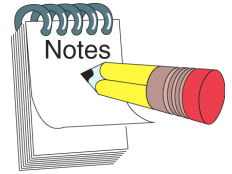


This is the file you'll be creating during this first module.



- ☞ open the **Desktop Publishing Applications** book
- ☞ open any of the pages inside the book
- ☞ when finished exploring the project, close all windows

Student Activity: Create a Standalone Project

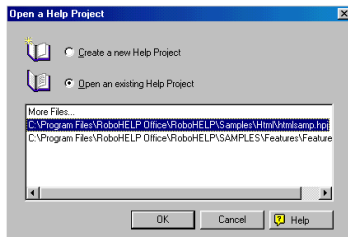


1. Start RoboHELP Classic.

- ☞ choose **Start > Programs > RoboHELP Office > RoboHELP Classic** (or double-click the **RoboHELP Classic** icon on your desktop)



The first thing you'll see is the Open a Help Project screen. At this point, you can either open an existing project, or create a new one.



2. Create a new project.

- ☞ select **Create a new Help Project**
- ☞ click **OK**

The New Project screen appears.

- ☞ select the **Standalone Help** icon
- ☞ click **OK**

Next you're given an opportunity to select a Primary Target. At this point, you'd really need to ensure you know the kind of platform your customer is using. Is it Windows 3.1, 95, 98 or NT?

- ☞ confirm that **WinHelp4 (Win95, 98 & NT)** is selected as the primary target and click **Next**

