

OS/2 HELP Format
Intel byte order

Information from File Format List 2.0 by Max Maischein.

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This file has been authored in the style of the INTERxxy.* file list by Ralf Brown, and uses almost the same format.

Please read the file FILEFMTS.1ST before asking me any questions. You may find that they have already been addressed.

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The OS/2 help files are different from the WinHelp help files, since the WinHelp format is proprietary to MicroSoft because of the patented LZ-packing they implemented.

OFFSET	Count	TYPE	Description
0000h	3	char	ID='HSP'
0003h	1	byte	Flags : 0 - INF style file 1-3 - unknown 4 - HLP style file Patching this file allows reading HLP files using the VIEW command, while HLP files seem to work with INF settings as well.
0005h	1	word	Total size of header
0007h	1	word	Unknown
????h			other data
0047h	?	char	ASCIIZ name of the HLP/INF file

EXTENSION:HLP,INF
OCCURENCES:OS/2
REFERENCE:INF02A.DOC
SEE ALSO:WinHelp HLP