

General Features	Server	Prof.	Basic
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Individual installation per workstation

You install Help & Manual on a local computer, not on a server. A second installation of the same license on a laptop (if used by the same person) is possible and permitted. Per-seat licenses don't run on a terminal server.

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Concurrent Use

You install Help & Manual on a network. The server license is a floating license that can be used on any workstation in the network without local installation. The number of server licenses determines the number of users being able to use it concurrently at the same time.

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(If you are running Help & Manual on a Terminal Server workstation, a Server license is required.)

Multi-user editing

Multiple users can work on the same project at the same time. No special server software is required.

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WYSIWYG XML Editor

Help & Manual is a WYSIWYG XML editor that feels like Word. You don't need to know anything about XML to work with it.

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Tabbed Editors

Open multiple topics simultaneously in tabs to edit them comfortably side by side.

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Edit XML sources directly

Sometimes you might want to modify the underlying XML sources directly.

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Uncompressed XML data sources

Help & Manual uses uncompressed XML as project file format. The XML data source can be translated with external translation tools. It can also be created and

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maintained by 3rd party applications outside Help & Manual.

Unicode support

Full Unicode support, meaning you can create help files in up to 106 languages, including Asian languages.

✓ ✓ ✓

Localization support

Project synchronization and the option to save a project in uncompressed XML format make translation with external tools easy.

✓ ✓ ✗

RoboHelp® Import

Help & Manual directly imports RoboHelp® project files.

✓ ✓ ✓

Template Support

Use and modify HTML templates for topics pages, layout templates for PDF and print, skins for e-books and browser-based help.

✓ ✓ ✓

Export with skins

Use predefined HTML skins to export your documentation with professionally designed layouts at a mouse click.

✓ ✓ ✓

Create user defined skins

Customize existing HTML skins or create your own.

✓ ✓ ✗

Single source

Help & Manual creates all output formats (see below) from one single source without post-processing.

✓ ✓ ✓

Conditional Output

Include/exclude conditions are supported for chapter, topic and text level. You can customize the export with an unlimited number of user defined builds.

✓ ✓ ✓

Text Variables

In addition to include/exclude options on text level, use predefined text variables or create your own.

✓ ✓ ✓

Dynamic cascading styles

Use text, paragraph and tables styles to format the content. All styles support different media types for screen and printed outputs.

✓ ✓ ✓

Integrated hotspot editor

Help & Manual has a built-in hotspot editor for graphics with dedicated support for topic links, external links, file links and macros.

✓ ✓ ✓

Comments and bookmarks

Add design time comments anywhere in topics and bookmark topics for later review. Topics also support a **topic status**, to highlight, filter or sort topics.

✓ ✓ ✓

Modular help

Seamless integration of multiple projects into each other and merged output. Runtime merging is optionally possible if supported by the output format.

✓ ✓ ✓

Repositories

Create and manage repositories for snippets and styles. A repository is a special kind of Help & Manual project that is used to share styles and snippets between multiple projects.

✓ ✓ ✗

Version control (built-in and external)

Help & Manual Server/Professional has active support for **Subversion**, Microsoft **Team Foundation Server**, Microsoft **Visual SourceSafe compatibles**.

✓ ✓ ✗

The built-in "simple" version control keeps a history list of topics for easy comparison and restore.

Publishing Task

In addition to publishing your project to a single output format, you can also define "publishing tasks" with a list of multiple output formats and versions of your project. Once you have got a task set up, you just need to select it to perform all the predefined publishing operations in one automated process.

✓ ✓ ✗

Output Formats	Server	Prof.	Basic
<p>Webhelp Platform independent HTML with Javascript, includes navigation elements with table of contents and keyword index. The Webhelp layout is fully customizable.</p>	✓	✓	✓
<p>Webhelp with full-text search Platform independent Webhelp with integrated full-text search.</p>	✓	✓	✗
<p>HTML Help (.chm) Compiled HTML Help, the standard Windows help format.</p>	✓	✓	✓
<p>Adobe PDF Built-in PDF engine with visual layout designer.</p>	✓	✓	✓
<p>Microsoft Word User manual Microsoft Word (DOCX) format.</p>	✓	✓	✓
<p>ePUB eBooks Publish directly to the Apple iPad and many other e-book devices using the ePUB standard (optimized for iPad).</p>	✓	✓	✗
<p>Amazon Kindle eBooks Publish for Amazon Kindle reading devices and get your eBook into the Amazon digital bookstore!</p>	✓	✓	✗
<p>Visual Studio Help Compiled HTML Help format, mandatory for software component documentation in Visual Studio and other development tools.</p>	✓	✓	✗
<p>Windows e-books e-books in Windows 32 bit executable format with fully customizable skins.</p>	✓	✓	✓

Print Manuals

Direct printing of user manuals formatted with a visual layout designer.

✓ ✓ ✓

Tools Included

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Screen capture

The built-in screen capture tool creates stunning screenshots at a mouse click.

✓ ✓ ✓

Image editor

Use the integrated image editor to resize and enhance screenshots, add annotations, callouts and text.

✓ ✓ ✓

Keyword Index Tool

An interactive keyword index tool helps you design the index.

✓ ✓ ✗

Synchronization Tool

Quickly synchronize two help projects and update changes in language pairs.

✓ ✓ ✗

Context Help Tool

Support for context sensitive help is fully integrated. Help & Manual additionally can export and import help context number maps.

✓ ✓ ✓

Project reports

Extensive reports document the status of your help project.

✓ ✓ ✓

Syntax highlighter

Quickly format source code examples with syntax highlighting for more than 50 programming languages.

✓ ✓ ✓