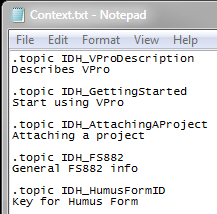
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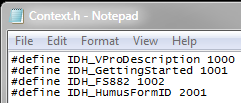
We need a strategy before we go charging off into this task. It is very easy to spend hours splicing things together and then have the workshop corrupt all your hard work.

The basic components of this sample help file are:

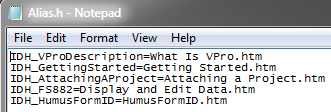
* VPro.hhp – this is your help project file
* VProTableOfContents.hhc – contents file, best not to try and manually edit this one – I speak from experience.
* .htm files – one htm file per topic. If you’re using Word to create them, make sure you save them as filtered.
* Context.txt – edit this one in Notepad



* Context.h – this is a header file something like you’ll use in linking C or C++ components. Here you’ll use it to define the help files links to the VPro database. Use Notepad to edit this one.

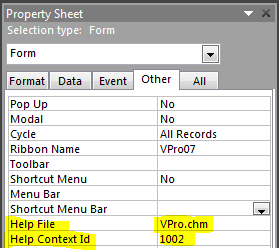


* Alias.h – another header file. This one provides the links between Context and the htm files.

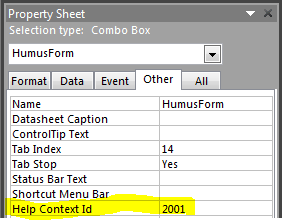


So far so good. We have a handful of htm files and some component files to glue everything together. Use the HTML Workshop to compile it and we can move onto teaching VPro to use the resulting chm file.

Let’s teach VPro how to use the chm file. For this example we’ll open the FS882-6x4 form in design view and set a few properties. At the form level, set the help file and context Id.

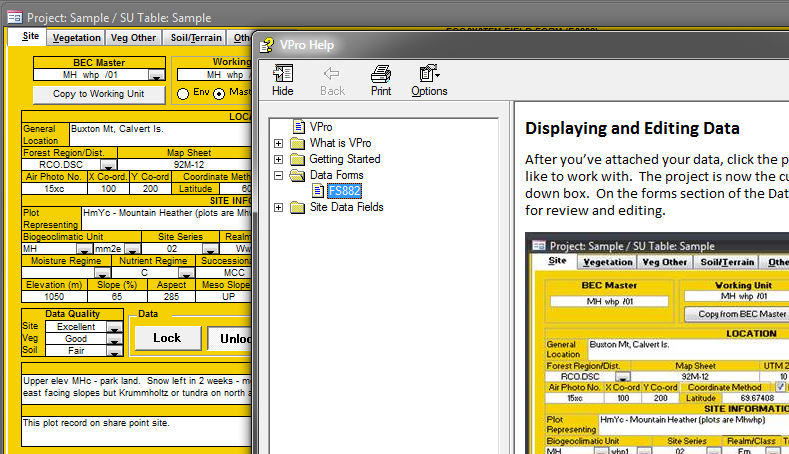


Now select the control HumusForm on the Soil/Terrain tab and set the Help Context Id for this control. No need to set the help file, it will get that information from the forms property.

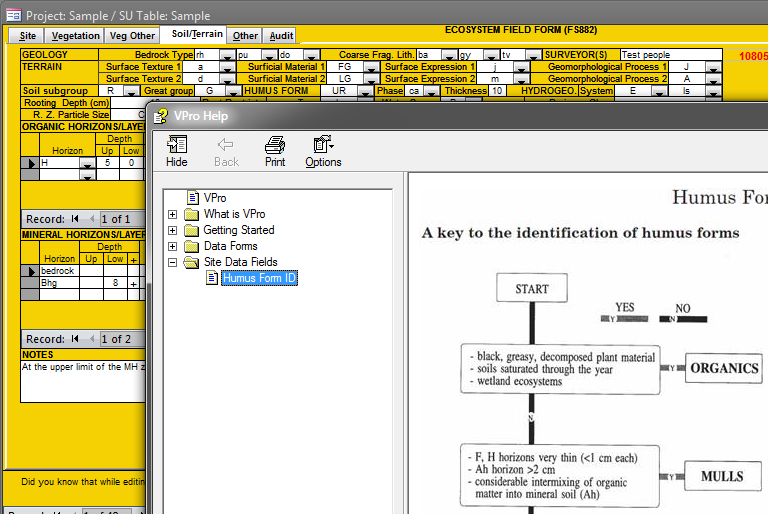


Save the form and let’s give this thing a try.

With the form selected press F1. VPro Help should open and the proper content displayed.



Now, with your cursor in the Humus Form field press F1. Bingo – everything you want to know about humus form but were afraid to ask.



Of course there is a lot more to creating ***proper*** help files than these few steps.