PowerShell HelpWriter 2021™

PowerShell HelpWriter 2021 is the premier editor for Windows PowerShell XML help files for all command types, including cmdlets, functions, workflows, and CIM commands.

- ❖ **Generate help** files for **modules**.
- ❖ Create and edit **about topics.**
- ❖ Real-time **spell checking**.
- ❖ Create and design module help from scratch.
- ❖ Fully-featured editor helps you write accurate and complete help topics.
- ❖ Edit help files using the **designer** or directly using the **XML editor**.
- ❖ **Supports all command types**: cmdlets, functions, workflows, CIM commands.
- ❖ **Converts comment-based help** to PSMAML files.
- ❖ Generates starter help for any command or all commands in a module.
- ❖ **Export** help to **Markdown** or **HTML**.
- ❖ Refresh the content to reflect changes in the module.

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Key Features

Complete Help Editor UI

Features a dynamic editor that guides you through the process of writing complete and accurate help topics for all of your commands.

Generate help files from modules

No need to start from scratch. PowerShell HelpWriter analyzes your module and generates starter help files that match the cmdlet code.

Manage module help files

Use a module project to manage and edit multiple help-xml and about help files. Refresh the module's help content with a press of a button.

Real-time Spell Checking

PowerShell HelpWriter provides real-time spell checking as you write.

Help Matches the Code

PowerShell HelpWriter generates starter help topics from the code in any command of any type, including individual commands and commands in a module. No need to figure out the cmdlet attribute or parameter attribute values, inputs or outputs. And, the help always matches the code.

Edit in XML

Whenever you need it, you can view or edit the help file in the built-in XML editor. The PowerShell HelpWriter XML editor is a complete XML editor—not just a read-only viewer.

Edit existing help files

Edit existing help files in the PowerShell Help Writer editor UI or as XML. Add or delete parameters, including dynamic parameters.

Create help files from scratch

Use the PowerShell HelpWriter editor to create help from scratch for new or existing modules.

Convert comment-based help to PSMAML

Generates starter help from existing help in your new PSMAML files, including comment-based help for functions.

Markdown and HTML Export

Export cmdlet help and about topics to markdown or HTML.

Design before coding

Write help for a module before the code is written as a code specification. Once the help is written, use PowerShell Studio's New Module from Help File feature to automatically generate the module's code.

Validate PSMAML Files

All help files conform to the PSMAML schema for Windows PowerShell help files. Use the Validate Help Schema feature to validate any file. PowerShell HelpWriter will autocorrect common structural issues in order to comply with the MAML help schema.