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Help and Categories

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Notes

Help Features

Help Menu

The Help Menu is now standardized throughout all desktops and modules and includes three menu options: Help Topics, Support Online, and Help About.

Help Topics

All of the latest documentation is now available by using the Help Topics option on the Help menu or the Help button at the bottom of the Tasks pane.

Selecting the Help Topics option displays the Help Viewer.

Help documents can be accessed via the three tabs that are available on the left side of the screen and are easily viewed in the display area on the right.

The Contents tab displays a preloaded list of reference documents when the Help Viewer is first selected. Contents displays a list of the documents in a three level tree view organized first by document, chapters within the document, and then by sections in each chapter. The document and chapter levels contain descriptions about the particular document or chapter. Articles can be selected at the section level. Once an article in the section level is selected, it can be read in the display area.

The Index tab displays an alphabetic list of contexts. Once an article in the list is selected, it can be read in the display area.

The Search tab article results are blank when the Help Viewer is first opened. To search articles, enter the desired phrase or text in the search box and select the Go button. All articles containing the phrase in the heading or article contents will be returned to the Search pane in list format. Once an article in the list is selected, it can be read in the display area.

When an article under any of the tabs is selected, it is displayed in the right hand area of the screen. The article will remain in the display area until a new article is selected. Switching tabs will continue to display that same article until a new search is performed or another article is selected.

Support Online

This option allows you to connect to the People-Trak customer support website. On the support website, you can download patches, review newsletters, provide feedback, and communicate with your Support Representative.

Help About

This option displays your People-Trak license and options information.

Categories

Within People-Trak, Workflows, Activities, Processes, Tables, Screens, Fields and Documents all have a category assigned to them. These categories can be secured within Security Setup –Module and are organized within the Categories pane on the Desktop. This category centric approach also extends into each of the modules as fields, screens, documents, notes, tables, and help are now accessible by category when in an open record.

Category Help

The Category Help feature allows you to view help text for all screens, tables, documents, templates, derived fields, processing, triggers, activities and workflows within the current category.

Category Help is made up of two different components: the category tree located in the pane on the left and the help text display area on the right. The category tree utilizes a tree-view control for the usage areas and their related items. Usage areas are listed on the first level and each usage item is listed by name at the second level. If a usage area does not show up as header, it is due to the fact that the category does not have any usage in that area. Listed below are the usage areas that may be found within a category:

- Activities
- Derived Fields
- Documents
- Processing
- Screens
- Tables
- Table Maps-Incoming
- Table Maps-Outgoing
- Templates
- Triggers
- Workflows

Field Help

Field help is available at any field and can be activated by using the F1 key or the Show Field Help button on the Tool Bar.

Field Help Features

Field Help provides an Overview of the selected field when it is first launched.

The left pane of the Field Help screen utilizes a tree-view control for usage areas at the first level and their related usage items at the second level. If a usage area does not show up as header, it is due to the fact that the field is not used in that area. Listed below are the usage areas a field may be found in:

- Alert Conditions
- Alert Triggers
- Field Triggers
- Field Triggers-Update
- Record Save Triggers
- Trigger Query

- Database Manager
- Document Query
- Import Specifications
- Report Definitions
- Derived Fields
- Screens
- Table Maps-Incoming
- Table Maps-Outgoing
- Templates

If you would like to view the help for a specific usage item, simply select that item in the list and the help text will show up in the display area to the right.

The Properties and Attributes provide additional details for the selected field. They are listed and described below.

| | |
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| Field ID | The Field ID is the database field identifier for this field. |
| Table Name | The Table Name shows the name of the table in which the current field belongs. |
| Field Name | The Field Name is the name used to uniquely identify the field. |
| Category | The Category is the pre-defined category within the module to which this field is associated. |
| Screen Caption | The Screen Caption is the phrase that is displayed adjacent to a text box or check box, or in the header of a grid. |
| Field Length | The Field Length field is the number of characters that can be entered into the current field. |
| Field Type | The Field Type field indicates the type of the field. |
| Edit Attributes | The Edit Attributes field is used to either format or validate the entry. The edit attributes that are available are determined by the Field Type |
| Popup Type | The Popup Type field indicates the type of popup (if any) that is used to support data entry in the field. |
| Support Table | The Support Table field indicates the support table (if any) that is used to support data entry in the field. |
| Audit | The Audit check box is used specify if the field is auditable or not. |
| Display Only | The Display Only check box is used to set the field to display only. |

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| Fixed Display Only | The Fixed Display Only check box is selected if the field is a People-Trak fixed display only field or cleared if not. |
| Not Used | The Not Used check box is used to cause the field not to be used. |
| Required | The Required check box is used to set the field to required. |
| Encrypted | The Encrypted check box is used to specify that the field be encrypted when saved to the database. |
| Masked Text | The Masked Text check box is used to specify if the text in the field is masked when displayed. |

Screen Help

Screen help is available at any screen and can be activated by using the **SHIFT + F1** key sequence or the Show Screen Help button on the Tool Bar. If the screen does not have a Show Screen Help button, the key sequence will display Screen Help. When this option is used, the Screen Help screen is displayed.

Screen Help Features

Field Help provides an Overview of the selected field when it is first launched. Depending on the complexity of the screen, the overview may be organized into a single article or a two level tree view by topic and then article.

The left pane of the Screen Help screen utilizes a tree-view control for usage areas at the first level and their related usage items at the second level. If a usage area does not show up as header, it is due to the fact that the screen is not used in that area. Listed below are the usage areas a screen may be found in:

- Triggers-Display Screen
- Workflows

In addition to usage, screen help includes a list of screen objects in a three level tree view organized first by tabs (when applicable), second by frames and/or grids, and then by fields within the frame or grid. The tab and field levels contain help text relevant to the tab or field.

Introduction to the Help Editor

The Help Editor is a powerful word processing tool that emulates many of the features in Microsoft Word. It is used for editing help text for the following:

- Adhoc Reports
- Cluster Reports
- Email
- Forms
- Export
- Freeform Reports
- Labels
- Letters

- Lookup Favorites
- Standard Reports
- Email Templates
- Label Templates
- Form Templates
- Letter Templates
- Alert Triggers
- Schedule Triggers
- System Templates
- Import
- Database Manager
- Fields within Field Customization
- Screens
- Help Topics

With the implementation of the Strategic Toolkit, it is additionally used for editing help text for the following:

- Custom Screens
- Workflows
- Derived Fields
- Button Triggers
- Field Change Triggers
- Record Save Triggers

Help may be edited anywhere Help is found. Use the Edit button to display the Help Editor screen and edit the help text.

Note: The ability to edit help can be turned off for a user by clearing the Allow Help Edit check box in Security Setup.

Help Editor Menu Bar

The Menu Bar is displayed at the top of the editor form and functions like other menus in People-Trak. It contains a phrase for each of the Editor menus. When the mouse is clicked on one of these phrases, the corresponding menu is displayed. Each of the menus listed on the Menu Bar is described in detail below.

File Menu

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| Save | Saves any changes to the help text and stays in the Help Editor. |
| Exit | Allows you to exit the editor and return to the screen from which the editor was started. If changes have been made to the help text, the changes are saved. |

Edit Menu

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| Undo | Allows you to undo the latest change. If more than one change has been done, you can undo them one at a time. The Undo function is also available as a button on the Tool Bar. |
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- Redo** Allows you to redo the latest undo. If more than one undo has been done, you can redo them one at a time. The Redo function is also available as a button on the Tool Bar.
- Cut** Allows you to cut the currently selected text from the help text while placing a copy of the text on the Clipboard. Text that has been cut can be pasted elsewhere in the help text using the Paste option. The Cut function is also available as a button on the Tool Bar.
- Copy** Allows you to copy the currently selected text to the Clipboard. Text is normally copied to the Clipboard so that it can be pasted elsewhere in the help text using the Paste function. The Copy function is also available as a button on the Tool Bar.
- Paste** Allows you to paste the contents of the Clipboard to the current location in the text. Text and images can be cut or copied to the Clipboard and these can then be pasted. This option is also available as a button on the Tool Bar.
- Note:** The Clipboard used within the Help Editor is the standard Windows Clipboard. Thus, items placed on the Clipboard outside of the Help Editor can be pasted into the help text. For example, you can cut or copy a section of text from within Microsoft Word and then paste that text directly into the Help Editor.
- Select All** Allows you to select all of the help text contents.
- Find** Allows you to invoke a find of a specified phrase. When this option is selected, the Find screen is displayed.
- The Find screen enables you to specify a phrase that you would like to find in the text. You can also customize your search in regard to direction. The Match Case check box allows you to specify whether or not the search needs to be case sensitive. The Find option is also available as a button on the Tool Bar.
- Replace** Allows you to replace a specified phrase with another phrase or a blank. When this option is selected, the Replace screen is displayed.
- The Replace screen enables you to specify a phrase you would like to replace with another phrase or a blank. The Match Case check box allows you to specify whether or not the search needs to be case sensitive.

Insert Menu

- Picture** Allows you to insert an image into the text at the current cursor position. When this option is selected, the Select File popup screen is displayed. Use the Select File popup screen to locate the desired image file. When a file is selected, the image will be returned to the editor at the location of the cursor.

Table Menu

- Insert Table** Allows you to insert a table at the current position. You are prompted for the number of rows and columns in the table. The table is inserted with captions.

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| Insert Row | Allows you to insert a row above the current position. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Insert Column | Allows you to insert a column to the left of the current position. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Delete Table | Allows you to delete a table. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Delete Row | Allows you to delete the current row in a table. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Delete Column | Allows you to delete the current column in a table. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Select Table | Allows you to select the current table. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Border | Allows you to toggle the border on or off for the current table. This option is only available when in a table. |
| Table Properties | <p>Allows you to update the properties for the current table. When this option is selected, the Table Properties screen is displayed</p> <p>The Table Properties screen allows you to specify the frame and color as well as the size and formatting for the current table.</p> |
| Show Gridlines | Allows you to activate or deactivate the gridlines that are shown in the editor to indicate the row and column positions within a table. Gridlines are not borders and will not be visible when the document prints. |

Help Menu

This menu contains options for the Help features within People-Trak.

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| Help Topics | <p>Selecting the Help Topics option opens the Help Viewer. Help articles can be accessed via the three different tabs that are available on the left side of the screen. The Contents tab provides a tree-view of articles in a table of contents format, the Index tab provides a tree view of articles organized by the context in which they may be found. Search allows the user to enter a phrase or word and return all articles containing the phrase in the heading or article contents.</p> <p>The Help Topics feature is also available as a shortcut on the Shortcut Bar and on Help menus throughout People-Trak.</p> |
| Support Online | Activates your browser and automatically attaches to the People-Trak customer support website. On the support website, you can download patches, review newsletters, provide feedback, and communicate with your Support Representative. The Support Online feature is also available on Help menus throughout People-Trak. |

Help About Displays the Help About screen. The Help About screen displays details about your particular implementation of People-Trak including installation date, version, version date, number of records licensed, support expiration date; data file path and log file path. Additional product options are also listed and their associated check boxes are displayed as selected when they have been licensed. The Help About feature is also available on Help menus throughout People-Trak.

Tool Bar

- Save** Saves the document and stays in the Text Editor.
- Spell Check** Launches the spell check utility. This utility is very similar to other spell checkers you have used in other word processing applications. It comes with its own dictionary to provide you with the most common words that are associated with common typos.
- Cut** Allows you to cut the currently selected text from the document while placing a copy of the text on the Clipboard. Text that has been cut can be pasted elsewhere in the document using the Paste option. The Cut function is also available as an option on the Edit menu.
- Copy** Allows you to copy the currently selected text to the Clipboard. Text is normally copied to the Clipboard so that it can be pasted elsewhere in the document using the Paste function. The Copy function is also available as an option on the Edit menu.
- Paste** Allows you to paste the contents of the Clipboard to the current location in the text. Text and images can be cut or copied from within the Explorer to the Clipboard and these can then be pasted. This option is also available as an option on the Edit menu.
- Note:** The Clipboard used within the Help Editor is the standard Windows Clipboard. Thus, items placed on the Clipboard outside of the Help Editor can be pasted into the help. For example, you can cut or copy a section of text from within Microsoft Word and then paste that text directly into the Help Editor.
- Undo** Allows you to undo the latest action. The Undo function is also available as an option on the Edit menu.
- Redo** Allows you to redo the latest undo action. The Redo function is also available as an option on the Edit menu.
- Find** Allows you invoke a find the specified phrase. When this option is selected, the screen shown below is displayed.
- The Find screen enables you to specify a phrase that you would like to find in the text. You can customize your search in regard to direction. The Match Case check box allows you to specify whether or not the search needs to be case sensitive. The Find option is also available on the Edit menu.
- Insert Picture** Allows you to insert an image into the text at the current cursor position. When this option is selected, the Select File popup screen is displayed. Use the Select File popup screen to locate the desired image file. When a file is selected, the image will be returned to the

editor at the location of the cursor. Images can be moved and sized within the editor using the mouse. The Insert Picture option is also available on the Insert menu.

Zoom Dropdown Allows you to zoom the contents of the editor to the desired zoom level. The contents can be zoomed from 10% to 400% of normal size. Zooming the contents of the editor does not affect printing of the document. The document will be sent to the Document Viewer at normal size.

Topic Name Displays the name of the topic being edited.

Format Tool Bar

The Format Tool Bar emulates many of the features in Microsoft Word. It allows you to quickly and easily edit fonts and font characteristics, as well as many other aspects of the document.

Style Dropdown Allows you to change the style for the currently selected text.

Font Dropdown Allows you to change the font for the currently selected text.

Bold Allows you to set or unset the bold attribute for the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been set to bold.

Italic Allows you to set or unset the italic attribute for the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been set to italic.

Underline Allows you to set or unset the underline attribute for the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been set to underline.

Left Justify Allows you to left justify the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been left-justified. This is the typical default setting when you begin your document.

Center Justify Allows you to center justify the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been centered.

Right Justify Allows you to right justify the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been right-justified.

Full Justify Allows you to full justify the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been full-justified.

Enumeration Allows you to activate or deactivate the numbering format for the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been set to the numbering format

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| Bullets | Allows you to activate or deactivate the bullets format for the currently selected text. This is a state button. If the button is in the down state, the text has already been set to the bullets format. |
| Indent Paragraph | Indents the current paragraph. |
| Outdent Paragraph | Outdents the current paragraph. |
| Highlight Color | Allows you to choose the highlight color for the selected text. |
| Text Color | Allows you to choose the font color for the selected text. |

Ruler

The Ruler is located between the Format Tool Bar and the text area. The Ruler is used to view and to modify indents and tab stops with the mouse. These same settings can be changed manually using the Paragraph option on the Format menu.

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| First Line Indent | The first line indent is denoted by a small triangle on the upper half of the Ruler. First line indents can be either left (less than) or right (greater than) of the left margin. When a paragraph is indented on the first line, the first line indent is to the right of the left indent. When bullets or numbering are used, the first line indent is left of the left indent to accommodate the bullet or number symbol. |
| Left Indent | The left indent is denoted by a small triangle on the lower half of the Ruler. The left indent can be moved independently of the first line indent. |
| Right Indent | The right indent is denoted by a triangle on the right-hand side of the Ruler. |
| Tabs | Tabs are denoted by the appropriate tab symbol on the Ruler. Left-click on the ruler to add a left-justified tab or right-click to add a right-justified tab. You can also set tabs using the Tabs option on the Format menu. |

Status Bar

The Status Bar is used to display information about the current cursor position and the current edit status.



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| Section Counter | Displays the current section number for your cursor placement followed by the total number of sections in the document. |
| Page Counter | Displays the current page number for your cursor placement followed by the total number of pages in the document. This section of the Status Bar is only visible in Page Layout mode. |

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| Line Counter | <p>Page Layout: Displays the current page line in relation to the current page your cursor is on. Therefore, as you page down, the Line Counter will start over at “1”.</p> <p>Draft: Displays the current line your cursor is on. There are no “pages” in this view, so the numbering just continues throughout the document.</p> |
| Column Counter | Displays the current column of your cursor’s placement. |
| Zoom | Displays the current zoom percentage. |
| Insert/Overstrike | Displays the current status of the insert/overstrike mode. If insert mode is active, the section displays “INS”. If the overstrike mode is active, the section displays “OVR”. |
| Caps Lock Indicator | Displays the current status of the Caps Lock key. If Caps Lock is on, the phrase “CAPS” is displayed. Otherwise, the section is blank. |
| Num Lock Indicator | Displays the current status of the Num Lock key. If Num Lock is on, the phrase “NUM” is displayed. Otherwise, the section is blank. |

Working with Images

Inserting an Image

Placing images in the Text Editor is quite simple. Use the Insert Picture option on the Insert menu or the Insert Picture button on the Tool Bar to activate the Select File popup. Use the Select File popup to locate the desired image file. When a file is selected, the image will be returned to the editor at the location of the cursor.

Moving and Sizing an Image

Images can be moved and sized using the mouse. To move the image, simply click on the image and drag it to wherever you want. To size the image, click on the image and then click on any of the drag handles and drag in any direction.

Deleting an Image

An image can be deleted like any other character. Select the image by clicking on it. Then, press the DELETE key to delete the image.

Working with Tables

The Text Editor provides complete table support for creating grids that simulate the data entry screens showing rows and columns of data.

Inserting a Table

A table can be inserted at any point within a document, except within an existing table. To insert a table, use the Insert feature on the Table menu and select Table. The New Table Parameters screen is displayed.

This screen is used to specify the rows and columns for the table that you wish to create. You do not have to get the exact number correct because these can be adjusted later. However, it is useful to get the number close.

When you have specified the rows and columns, the table will be inserted as shown in the example below. In this case, the table below was generated with two rows and two columns.

| Caption 1 | Caption 2 |
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Note that an additional caption row was added and that captions were inserted for you. This feature can speed the process of adding caption rows considerably. If you do not wish to have a caption row, use the Delete Cell option on the Table menu and then select Delete Rows to delete the caption row.

Deleting a Table

A table can be deleted at any time as long as there are no merge fields in any of the cells in the table. If there is text in the table, but no merge fields, the table can be deleted. To delete a table, select the table and then use the Delete Table option on the Table menu.

Inserting and Deleting Rows

Rows can be added to a table at any time. On the Table menu, select Insert Row Above or Insert Row Below option to indicate where the row is to be inserted. Rows can be inserted at any time whether or not text has been added to any of the cells.

Rows can be deleted from a table at any time. On the Table menu, select Delete Row. If there is text in the row, it is deleted along with the row. If there are any merge fields in any of the cells in the row, the row cannot be deleted. You must delete merge fields individually from a row before the row can be deleted.

Inserting and Deleting Columns

Columns can be added to a table at any time. On the Table menu, select Insert Column to Left or Insert Column to Right option to indicate where the column is to be added. Columns can be inserted at any time whether or not text has been added to any of the cells.

Columns can be deleted from a table at any time. On the Table menu, select Delete Column. If there is text in the column, it is deleted along with the column. If there are any merge fields in any of the cells in the column, the column cannot be deleted. You must delete merge fields individually from a column before the column can be deleted.

Resizing Columns

Columns can be resized using the mouse. Click the mouse on the desired column line and drag the column to the left or right as desired. You can drag columns to any desired position with or without text in the columns.

Working with Cells

Each cell is a distinct section of a document. You can add text and format text within a cell completely independently of the text and formatting within another cell, even if a cell is within the same row or column. You can use the mouse or the tab key to move the cursor between cells.

If the text of any cell on a row is wider than the space provided, the text will wrap and the row height for the entire row will be increased. One or more merge fields can be inserted into the cell as desired using the same techniques described in the section below.

Setting Background Colors

You can set the background color for the whole table or any part of it by highlighting all or part of the table and clicking the Background Color button on the Tool Bar. You can then select the appropriate color you want to apply.

Mouse and Keyboard Functions

Mouse Functions

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| Click | Moves the cursor to the point of the click or selects an existing field or image. |
| SHIFT + Click | Extends the selected text to the point of the click. |
| Double-Click | Selects the word that is clicked. |
| Drag | Selects the text from the point of the click to the place where the button is released. |
| Double-Click Drag | Extends the selected text from the first selected word to the place where the button is released. |

Keyboard

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| HOME | Moves the cursor to the beginning of the current line. |
| END | Moves the cursor to the end of the current line. |
| LEFT ARROW | Moves the cursor one character to the left. |
| RIGHT ARROW | Moves the cursor one character to the right. |
| UP ARROW | Moves the cursor up one line. |
| DOWN ARROW | Moves the cursor down one line. |
| CTRL + LEFT ARROW | Moves the cursor to the beginning of the current word. |
| CTRL + RIGHT ARROW | Moves the cursor to the beginning of the next word. |
| CTRL + ENTER | Inserts a new page. |

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| SHIFT + ENTER | Creates a line feed. |
| DELETE | Deletes the selected text. |
| SHIFT + DELETE | Copies selected text to the Clipboard and deletes the selected text. |
| CTRL + INSERT | Copies selected text to the Clipboard. |
| SHIFT + INSERT | Pastes the contents of the Clipboard to the current location in the text. |
| CTRL + SHIFT+ SPACE | Inserts a non-breaking space. |
| CTRL + BACKSPACE | Deletes the previous word. |

Lesson 1

Help Features

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This lesson gives you a tour of all of the help features available with People-Trak.

Tutorials

Help Topics: shows how to view the contents of the entire People-Trak documentation suite.

Category Help: shows how to access category help.

Field Help: shows how to access field help.

Screen Help: demonstrates how to access screen help.

Editing Help: shows how to add help for a document.

Tutorial 1.1 – Help Topics

Help topics are available on any screen by using the Help Topics option on the Help menu. The Help Topics option allows you to view the contents of the entire People-Trak documentation suite.

First, let's look at how to pull up help topics from the Organizer desktop.

1. On the **Help** menu, select **Help Topics**.

The Help Viewer screen opens up with the Contents tab displayed. When selected, Contents tab shows a preloaded list of reference documents with the first document highlighted. Documents are displayed in a three level tree view organized first by document, chapters, and sections in each chapter. Let's take a glance at the Administration Guide using this tab.

2. Click the "+" sign adjacent to the **Administration** guide

As you can see, the tree has expanded to show the chapter headings for the Administration document. Notice that these same chapter headings are also displayed in the area to the right. Now that we can see the chapters that this document contains, let's take a closer look at one of them.

3. Click the "+" sign adjacent to the **Enterprise Setup** chapter.

This time, the tree has expanded to show the section headings for the Enterprise Setup chapter. The display area now shows our selected chapter and the section headings as well.

4. **Click the Introduction to Enterprise Setup** section.

The Introduction to Enterprise Setup article is displayed for you to read. Help articles are just clicks away!

But say we forgot how to copy a record and that's all we really want to read about. We don't have time to browse through different guides and chapters. This is a situation where we can utilize the Index tab.

5. Select the **Index** tab.

Under the Index tab, contexts are listed alphabetically. Help articles can be viewed for a particular context by simply selecting it.

6. Scroll down through the list of contexts and select **Copying Records**.

The article is displayed in the right hand area of the screen for us to read and brush up on your record copying skills.

7. Select the **Search** tab.

The Search tab article results are blank when the Help Viewer is first opened. In order to search articles, all you have to do is enter the desired phrase or text in the search box and select the Go button. All articles containing the phrase in the heading or article contents will be returned to the Search pane in list format.

We want to search for all articles that contain the phrase Module Setup.

8. Enter the search phrase **Module Setup** and select the **Go** button.

Immediately, the applicable articles are listed. The first article is highlighted and ready to read. Select another article in the list that you would like to read.

9. Select **Close** to close the **Help Topics** screen and return to the **Organizer** desktop.

That's a quick tour of the Help Topics feature of People-Trak. All of the documentation available with People-Trak is at your fingertips. Be sure to use this wealth of information.

10. Continue with the next tutorial.

Tutorial 1.2 – Category Help

The Category Help feature allows you to view help text for all activities, derived fields, documents, processes, screens, table maps, tables, templates, triggers and workflows within the current category.

Let's take a look at help for the Personal category in the Personnel Management module.

1. Open **Donald Stern's** record.

Help within a category is accessed by clicking the Category Help button, which is the fourth button on the Category Bar. Category Help is available from virtually all of the primary data entry screens and sub screens in People-Trak.

2. Click the **Category Help** button.

The Help for Personal Category screen is displayed. This screen is made up of two different components: a pane on the left and the help text display area on the right. The pane on the left side of the screen utilizes a tree-view control with the activities, derived fields, documents, processes, screens, table maps, tables, templates, triggers and workflows nodes listed on the first level and the activities, derived fields, documents, processes, screens, table maps, tables, templates, triggers and workflows listed by name at the second level.

We are going to take a look at documents first.

3. Highlight the **Documents** node and click the "+" sign.

The node expands to list the names of the documents assigned to the Personal category. To learn more about a particular document, all we need to do is select it.

4. Highlight the **Alphabetic Employee List**.

In the viewing area to the right, you will see that the help text is displayed and ready for you to read. That's all there is to it.

How about we learn more about one of the templates in this category?

5. Highlight the **Templates** node and click the "+" sign.

6. Highlight the **Welcome Letter**.

Review the help text and soak up the knowledge that Category Help has to offer.

7. Close the **Help for Personal Category** screen and remain in **Donald's** record. We still have more help features to explore.

8. Continue with the next tutorial.

Tutorial 1.3 – Screen Help

Screen help is accessible from any screen. Since we are already on the Personal screen, we can take the opportunity to learn more about it.

1. Press **SHIFT + F1**. (Hold down the **SHIFT** key while pressing the **F1** key.)

The Screen Name: Personal screen is displayed.

This screen is made up of two different components: a pane on the left and the help text display area on the right. The pane on the left side of the screen utilizes a tree-view control with the overview, screen objects, and usage listed at the first level. We will take a closer look at the other levels for screen objects in just a moment.

But before we do that, screen help has provided a great amount of information about the Personal screen and a few of its features in the overview.

Take a minute to read and scroll through the help text and learn something new. With that accomplished, we can focus on the screen objects that the Personal screen contains.

2. Highlight the **Screen Objects** node and click the “+” sign.

The node expands to list the objects found on the Personal screen.

3. Highlight the **Address Frame** node and click the “+” sign.

The node expands to show the fields found within the Address frame.

4. Select the **Address 2** field to display the help text for the field.
5. Close the **Screen Name: Personal** screen by selecting the **Close** or **X** button.

There is one more way of accessing screen help.

6. On the **Tool Bar**, click the **Show Screen Help** button.

Once again, the **Screen Name: Personal** screen is displayed.

7. Close the **Screen Name: Personal** screen and stay in Donald’s record.
8. Continue with the next tutorial

Tutorial 1.4 – Field Help

Field help is available at any field. Let's look at a field on the **Personal** screen to see how this works.

1. You should still be on the **Personal** screen.
2. In the **Last Name** field, press **F1**.

The **Field Name: Last Name** screen is displayed and just like we saw in screen help, an overview is ready to read.

This screen is made up of two different components: a pane on the left and the help text display area on the right. The pane on the left side of the screen utilizes a tree-view control with the overview and usage listed at the first level.

For now, let's take a look at where the **Last Name** field is being used.

3. Highlight the **Usage** node and click the "+" sign.

The node expands to list field usage areas.

4. Highlight the **Derived Fields** node and click the "+" sign.

The node expands to show the derived fields that use the **Address 1** field.

5. Select the **Address Block** derived field to display the help text.

In addition to an overview and usage, field help provides information about the properties and attributes associated with the field. We will be taking a more detailed look at properties and attributes and how usage is updated in **Essential Tools** training.

6. Close the **Field Name: Last Name** screen by selecting the **Close** or **X** button.

Now for another way to look at field help.

7. On the **Tool Bar**, click the **Show Field Help** button.

Once again the same help screen is displayed.

8. Close the **Field Name: Enterprise Name** screen.

9. Click in any other field on the **Personal** screen and use one of the two methods to pull up field help for that field.

Field help is displayed, except this time the information is for the field you chose.

10. Close the **Personal** screen.

11. Continue with the next tutorial.

Tutorial 1.5 – Editing Help

As you have seen throughout the help features, many of the documents within People-Trak have been assigned help. This help provides a basic description of the document and what it is used for. This help can be activated in one of two ways. You can view the help text for the document in Category Help or by selecting the Help button in Document Properties. We will be using the latter method to edit help for an existing report.

Note: The ability to edit help can be turned off for a user by clearing the Allow Help Edit check box in Security Setup.

1. On the **Documents** menu, select **Adhoc Reports**.
2. Select the **General** category to display a list of documents.
3. Highlight **Average Age by Department** report in the list but do not open it.
4. On the **File** menu, select **Adhoc Report Properties** or on the Tool Bar, click the **Adhoc Report Properties** button to display the properties for this document.
5. Click the **Help** button to display the help text for this document.

The help text for this document is blank, so let's add some to help out other users.

6. Select the **Edit** button.

The **Help Editor** is displayed.

7. Enter the following text:

This document is used to calculate the average age of employees by gender.

Remember, from this point forward, this is the text your users will see when they seek help for this document. Your users are counting on you.

8. Close the **Help Editor** and save your changes
9. Close all subsequent screens and return to the **Organizer** desktop.

It's time to see our help text in action.

10. Open **Donald Stern's** record.
11. On the **Personal** screen, select the **Category Help** button.
12. Highlight the **Documents** node and click the "+" sign.
13. Highlight the **Average Age by Department** document.

Voila! The edited help text is displayed for all to see.

14. Close the **Help for Personal Category** screen.
15. Close **Donald's** record.
16. Exit **People-Trak**. This concludes this tutorial and lesson.