

Customizing the Online Help Pop-up

The HTML page that is shown when you press F1 or when you click on the HELPICON control is application-specific. Application Designer integrates this HTML page as a subpage into a corresponding pop-up. By default, a fixed pop-up is used for all Application Designer projects. For example:



The application-specific HTML page is used as the content of this pop-up. However, the pop-up itself has always a fixed look-and-feel and a fixed size.

A fixed pop-up size is not always the best match for all applications; and some applications might want to modify the appearance of the pop-up, for example, by adding an image. Therefore, it is also possible to use a project-specific pop-up instead of the default pop-up. This is explained in the following topics:

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Creating a Project-Specific Pop-up

Each online help pop-up must have the name *popuponlinehelp.xml*. By default, the *popuponlinehelp.xml* file of the project **HTMLBasedGUI** is used.

To create a *popuponlinehelp.xml* file in your project

1. In the navigation frame of the development workplace, choose the button which represents your project.
2. Choose the **New Layout** command in the navigation frame.
3. In the **Name** text box of the resulting dialog, enter the name "popuponlinehelp.xml". A different name will not be accepted when you create a template for an online help pop-up.
4. Choose the layout template which is named "Online Help Pop-up".

A new *popuponlinehelp.xml* file is created in the current project.

The corresponding layout is shown in the Layout Painter. You can now customize your pop-up: you can modify all design-time properties. However, all bindings such as the `model` property of the page and the `valueprop` property of the subpage must not be modified.

5. To define a specific size, modify the pop-up properties `popupwidth` and `popupheight`.

You can also add images (for example, a company logo) to the pop-up.

Runtime Behavior

Application Designer first checks whether a layout with the name "popuponlinehelp" exists in the application project which is currently executed. If such a layout is found, it will be used.

If a layout with the name "popuponlinehelp" is not found in the application project, the default "popuponlinehelp" layout of the project **HTMLBasedGUI** will be used.