# How to build AppBuilder32 Help Index file

This document explains how to build AppBuilder32 Help Index file using a special VBS script.

The following subjects are covered:

* System requirements
* Getting the AppBuilder32 Help source files from the SVN repository.
* Building AppBuilder 32 Help Index file (AppBuilder32Index.hhk)
* Compiling AppBuilder 32 Help (AppBuilder32.chm)

## System Requirements

To build AppBuilder32 Help, your system must meet the following minimum software requirements:

* OS: Windows XP or later
* Microsoft HTML Help Workshop – this product must be installed on your local computer.  
  **NOT**E: You can download this product from Microsoft site: http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=21138

## Getting the AppBuilder32 Help Source Files

All AppBuilder32 source files are located in ***svn://subversion/appbuilder/trunk/documentation/HTML***

**IMPORTANT**: Before proceeding with instructions in this document, please get all files and subfolders from the above mentioned SVN location, and put them on your local computer.

## Building AppBuilder32 Help Index

Let us consider that you have put all source files into the ***C:\MyAppbuilder32*** folder.

**To build AppBuilder32 Help Index file**

1. Switch to the folder where the source files are saved (***C:\MyAppbuilder32*** in our example).
2. Type the following syntax at the command prompt:  
   *CScript IndexBuilder.vbs*

This script returns the number of processed HTML source files (655) and the number of the keywords (about 6000) that have been added to Index.

This script creates the **AppBuilder32Index.hhk** file that contains AppBuilder32 Help Index.

## Compiling AppBuilder 32 Help

To use AppBuilder32 Help with just created index file, you should first compile it using Microsoft HTML Workshop (see **System Requirements** earlier in this document).

**IMPORTANT**: Before proceeding with instructions in this section, install this software and ensure that the *Path* environment variable contains the path to HTML Workshop executables, such as C:\Program Files\HTML Help Workshop\.

**To compile AppBuilder32 Help**

1. Switch to the folder where the source files are saved (***C:\MyAppbuilder32*** in our example).
2. Type the following syntax at the command prompt:  
   *\_Compile\_AppBuilder32\_CHM.bat*

This command recompiles all source files and the index file (***AppBuilder32Index.hhk***), and creates the ***AppBuilder32.chm*** file.

**To view AppBuilder32 Help and its index**

1. Open the ***AppBuilder32.chm*** file.  
   *The AppBuilder32 Help snap-in opens.*
2. In the AppBuilder32 Help snap-in, open the **Index** tab:

