
Chapter 5. Bible Resources: COMMENTARY, TOPICS, and LEXICON

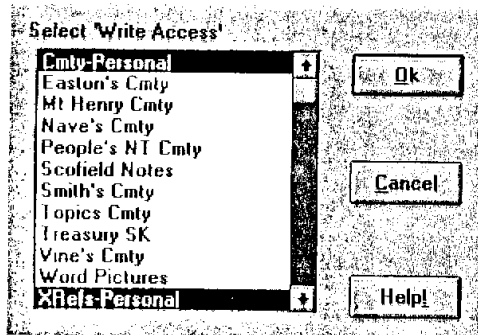
Bible Resources are tools to supplement your Bible study. They include COMMENTARY, which is *verse-dependent*, and LEXICON and TOPICS, which are *verse-independent*.

This Chapter explains the general features of Bible Resources then discusses specific Resources.

General Features of Bible Resources

Setting Optional Write Access

Resource Write Access, selected from the Options menu, controls updating of Resources:



If write access is enabled, the Resource “auto-saves” text when you exit the Resource or jump to another text within a Resource. Use write access with care, since you may enter or delete text and permanently save it. By default, “Write Access” is enabled for COMMENTARY and UXREF, and disabled for all others.

Note: Not all Resources may appear in the list if the publisher of the work did not wish to permit users to edit the work for their own use.

Editing Resources

The Resource Edit button toggles you in and out of the Hypertext and Edit/Display modes.



To save changes to a Resource, you must enable Resource Write Access through the Options menu. You cannot save changes to CD-based databases.

If Resources Write access is enabled for the resource in the active window, the pencil icon displays on the Resource Edit button when you toggle to the Edit/Display mode.



Using and Creating Hypertext Jumps

Companion Bible Resources support “hypertext” jumps. These are “fast forwards” to other texts within the same or other Resources. The types of jumps can be classified as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
COMMENTARY(s)	TOPICS and Verse References
LEXICON	LEXICON and Verse References
TOPICS	TOPICS and Verse References

Available jumps are underlined and green. You double-click them to jump to the referenced text.

Verse jumps are checked for validity. For example, a jump to Genesis 51:1 is not allowed.

Note: To create a simple and flexible hypertext system—usable and extensible by our users, *Companion* uses an “aggressive” hypertext system. Occasionally, non-sensical jumps can appear. For example, in LEXICON, you can sometimes “jump” to the number of KJV occurrences. That Strong’s number is obviously not related to your definition.

Jump History

As you make jump after jump through a Resource, your last seven jumps within a Resource are stored so you can return to them by pressing <Esc>.



Adding Jumps in COMMENTARY and TOPICS

You can build your own jumps. See the “COMMENTARY” and “TOPICS” sections later in this Chapter for instructions. If you are building your own cross-references, you can import verse references based on SEARCH files (saved from in SEARCH mode) and paste them, pre-formatted, into a Resource. (See “Cross-Reference Features” below for more information.)

Adding Jumps in LEXICON

You can create additional hypertext jumps (in Edit Mode with Resource Write Access ON) to other LEXICON definitions. You do this by entering a valid Strong’s number—or the record number displayed in the window title for non-Strong’s LEXICONS like the UBS Greek NT Dictionary—preceded by one of several “keywords,” then a single space. (Remember to prefix Hebrew/OT Strong’s numbers with a zero.) The “keywords” help *Companion* identify potential jumps.

Valid Strong's keywords include:

and	from	origin
as	From	to
cf	of	+

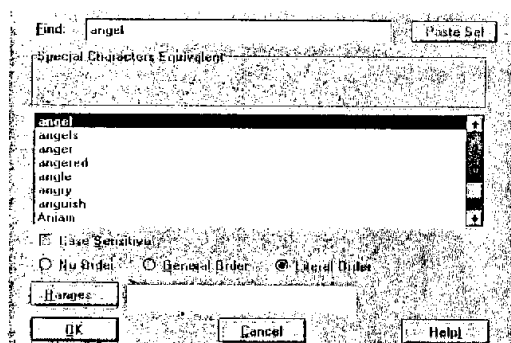
Example: “This Hebrew word is related to 0430 and 0431.” In this case, both 0430 and 0431 would be valid “jumps.” After you switch back to Display/Hypertext Mode, the “jump” will be highlighted in green if you have entered it correctly.

Searching Resources

You can search all records within a Resource for words and/or numbers. This is a simple, sequential text search for the words. Multiple words and/or numbers are treated as a logical AND. There is no word order support or case sensitivity.



Select Word/Phrase... from the Search menu or click the *Word/Phrase*



button within a Resource window, enter your word(s) and/or number(s), and begin the search.

The Resource window titles show the current hit and total hits. You can “page” through the hits by pressing the <Ctrl> key with <PgUp>, <PgDn>, <Home> or <End>. The search

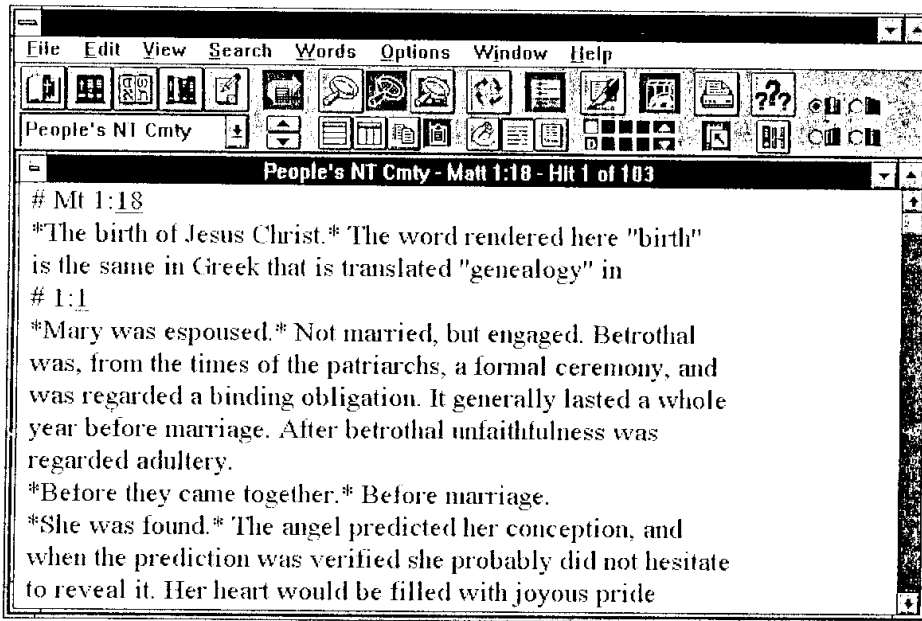
words are *not* highlighted. You can use this feature to search topically for related LEXICON entries, TOPIC entries, and COMMENTARY verses. For example, you could search BDB/Thayers for the word “father” and page through that lexicon’s definitions that refer to the word “father.”

Cross-Reference Features

There are two features that support your use of cross-references: cross-reference importing and cross-reference exporting.

Cross-Reference Importing

You can convert and import SEARCH files into text-based Resources. Choose Convert Search to Paste XRefs from the Edit menu.



Note: You can do this from SEARCH mode *or* in a Resource editor. If you are in a Resource, you are asked to select a SEARCH file. If you are in a SEARCH window, the current SEARCH results are used.

The verse references are converted to hypertext jump format and put in the Windows Clipboard. Put the cursor in the Resource text where you want the cross-references and select *Paste* from the Edit menu.

Cross-Reference Exporting

You can take cross-references from a Resource and convert them into a SEARCH file. You can then retrieve and manipulate that SEARCH, including merging it with other SEARCHes. Within a Resource, choose Convert Xrefs to Search File from the Edit menu. You are then prompted for a SEARCH file name, and the cross-references are converted to a binary format compatible with SEARCH.

Strong's Numbers

In the KJS with embedded Strong's, there is a "(0)" place holder. This shows an implied Strong's number created by translation into English. For instance, English usage may break up a single Strong's number into two or more words, separated by other words. This lets you determine how many times the Strong's number actually appears in the original. You cannot search or get a definition for this number (zero).

COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY is a “verse-by-verse” Resource synchronized to an active Bible STUDY window. To open COMMENTARY, click the New COMMENTARY button or pick New Commentary on the File menu. You can open up to 10 COMMENTARY windows.



There are several types of COMMENTARY content, including:

- User-created Commentary
- Your own verse by verse notes
- User-created Xrefs
- Your own verse cross-references
- Treasury Scripture Knowledge
- Optional cross-references
- Matthew Henry
- Devotional Bible Commentary.

You can change the COMMENTARY content by the Ribbon Bar list box or by selecting Switch Window Content... on the View menu.

Switching COMMENTARYs

By pressing <Ctrl><V>, you can toggle through available COMMENTARYs in a COMMENTARY window. Or, you can click the UP and DOWN arrows next to the Ribbon Bar list box:



Window Content Previous button



Window Content Next button

Companion also offers a number of “quasi-commentaries,” which refer you to TOPICS Resources that refer to that verse. You can press <Ctrl><Q> to toggle through just these types of COMMENTARYs.

You can create your own User Commentary and User Xrefs. You can also edit most other Resources, if they are not on CD and if you have Resource Write Access enabled for them. You need not explicitly save changes to COMMENTARY. Since it synchronizes to verse changes in other windows, it automatically saves changes when it moves to another verse.

Note: Turn write access ON and OFF for Resources to enable or prevent updating them. Select Resource Write Access on the File menu.

Editing COMMENTARY

Resource Edit on the Edit menu “toggles” between Display/Edit Mode and the Hypertext Mode. If you are in Display/Hypertext Mode, any hypertext “jumps” are highlighted in green (like Window’s Help). You double-click them to “jump” to the associated text. *Advanced users can create and extend Resources with hypertext jumps and Xrefs*

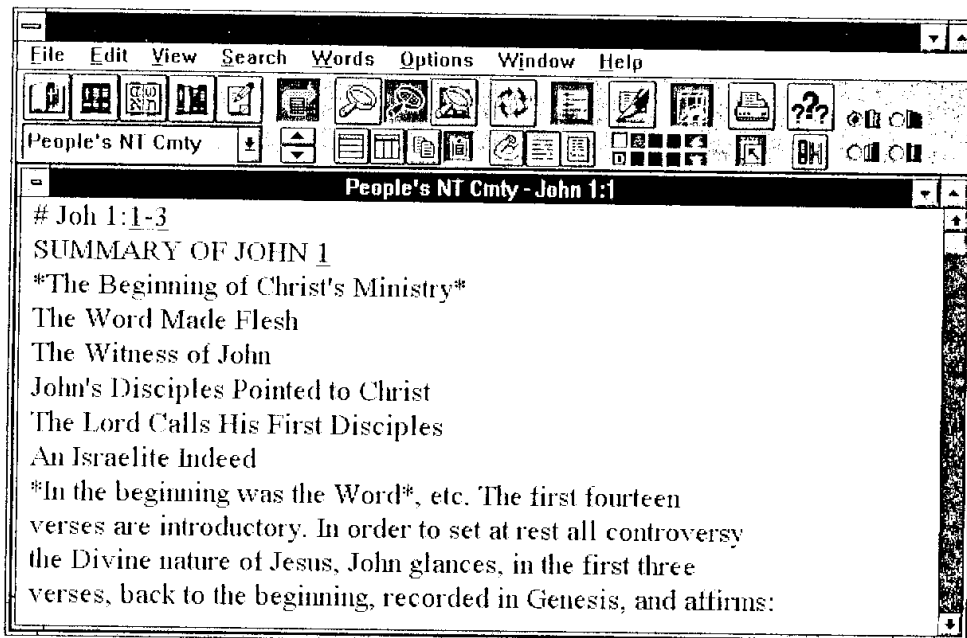
Hypertext Mode

COMMENTARY windows use a Hypertext Mode to display text in a selected Resource font and allow hypertext jumps to TOPICS and cross-references. In this mode, text cannot be edited. You can, however, select text to be copied to the Clipboard by “dragging” the mouse. Available hypertext jumps appear in green text. Double-click one to “jump.” If you jump on a cross-reference, a special window displays the verse(s). You can print or copy to the Clipboard from that window. If you leave the window open, it is used for future “jumps.”



Display/Edit Mode

In Display/Edit Mode, you can change or add text to the COMMENTARY Resource. Edit Mode uses a paragraph-oriented editor similar to NOTEPAD, using a Windows default font. Word wrap is based on the window margins, not your printer margins. It is intended to keep long text lines from going off the end of the window where they cannot be seen. When you print from COMMENTARY, your printer margins are enforced at that time. Paragraphs will reformat to printer margins.



You may type comments for the current verse. Space for 30,000 characters is provided for each verse. The current STUDY verse is indicated at the top of the VIEW window and at the top of the COMMENTARY window.

In Edit Mode, you need not worry about “saving” changes. Assuming you have enabled Write Access on the Options menu for the Resource, *Companion* saves changes automatically when you:

- Enter new comments for a verse
- Edit existing comments
- Exit COMMENTARY
- Exit *Companion*.

Moving through COMMENTARY

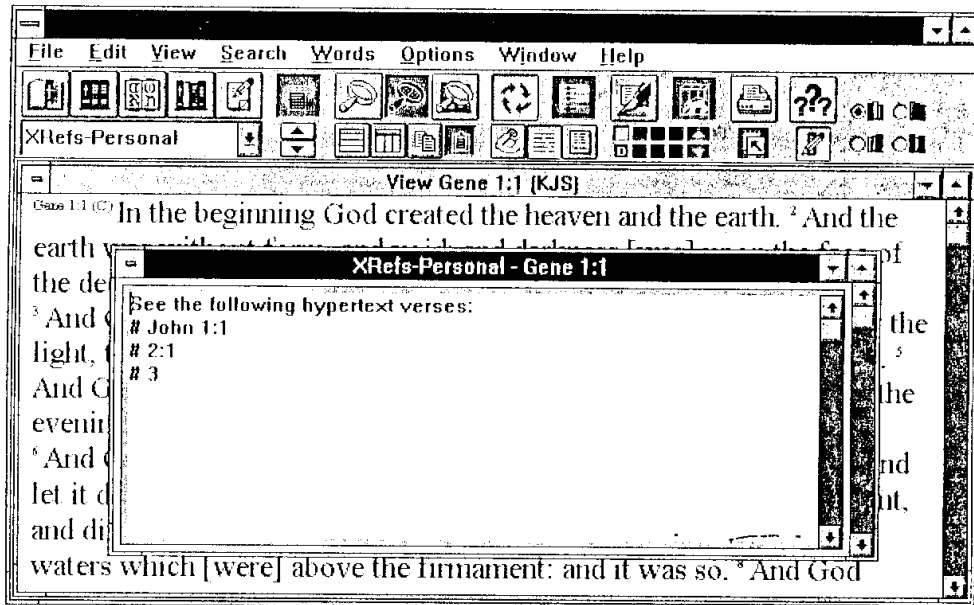
You can move through your comments using the following cursor control keys:

<u>Movement</u>	<u>Key(s)</u>
Go to top of window.	<PgUp>
Go to beginning of a line.	<Home>
Move up one line.	<Up>
Left one word.	<Ctrl><Left>
Left one character.	<Left>
Right one character.	<Right>
Right one word.	<Ctrl><Right>
Move down one line.	<Down>
Go to end of line.	<End>
Go to bottom of window.	<PgDn>

Creating COMMENTARY Hypertext “Jumps”

Cross-Reference Hypertext “Jumps”

Any cross-references must be preceded by a “#” sign on the line. If a verse number is not preceded by a book or chapter notation, we assume the “current” book and chapter. Bible book abbreviations (of 4 characters or less) should follow the *Companion* or “Alternate” book naming standards listed in the Glossary, although we try to interpret other names based on the *Companion* naming convention. If you “Paste” converted SEARCH files, the Book naming is done for you.



Hypertext “Jumps” to TOPICS

You can create “jumps” to TOPICS Resources. *Companion* interprets a number on the end of a line (one you press <Enter> after) as a potential TOPIC jump. So, you can add a line at the bottom of a COMMENTARY Resource such as: “See Topic 3243”. Each topic jump must be on a separate line (so the number is at the end of the line).

Finding a Term in COMMENTARY

To find a term within the text of an individual COMMENTARY entry (in Edit Mode only), select Find from the Search menu.

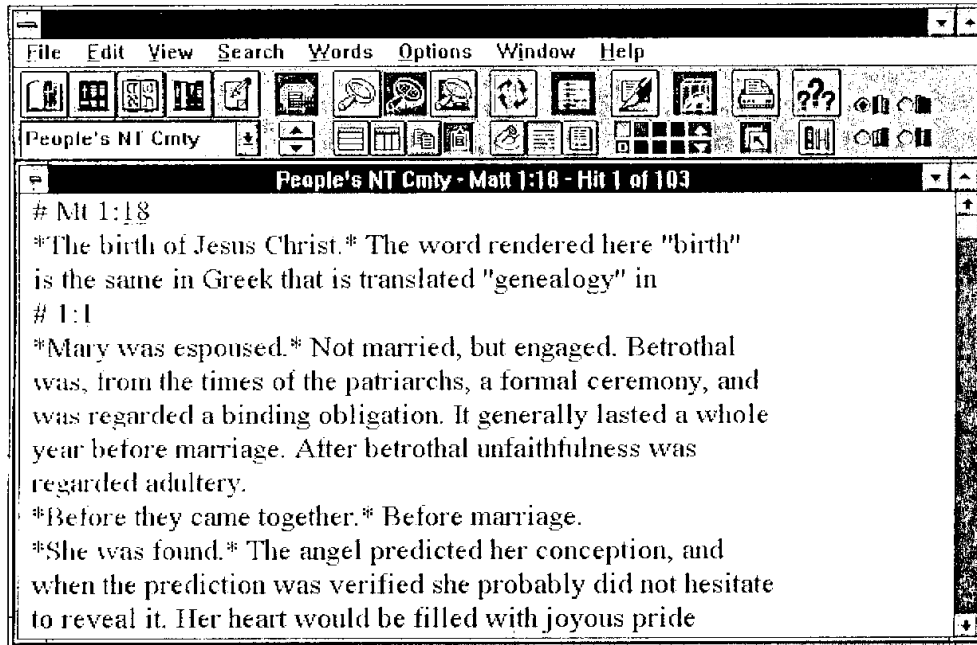
COMMENTARY Searches

Companion offers searching throughout the active COMMENTARY Resource for words and/or numbers. Click the *Word/Phrase* button or select Word/Phrase from the Search



menu. Word Order and Case Sensitivity are ignored.

The window title shows the current “hit” number and the total number of “hits.” The following is the result of a search for “angel” in the PNT:



Once the search is complete, you can “page” through the “hits” using the following key combinations:

<Ctrl><Home>	Show first “hit”
<Ctrl><PgUp>	Show previous “hit”
<Ctrl><PgDn>	Show next “hit”
<Ctrl><End>	Show last “hit”

Note: You must be in Display/Hypertext Mode to page through “hits.”

Copying COMMENTARY Text to the Clipboard

To copy text to the Windows Clipboard, select text to copy and click the Copy button on the Ribbon Bar or choose Copy from the Edit menu.

Pasting Text into COMMENTARY

To paste text from the Windows Clipboard in Edit Mode, position the cursor where you want the text, and select Paste from the Edit menu.

Printing from COMMENTARY

To print from COMMENTARY, click the Print button or select Print on the File menu.



Note: You can include COMMENTARY when you print Bible text.

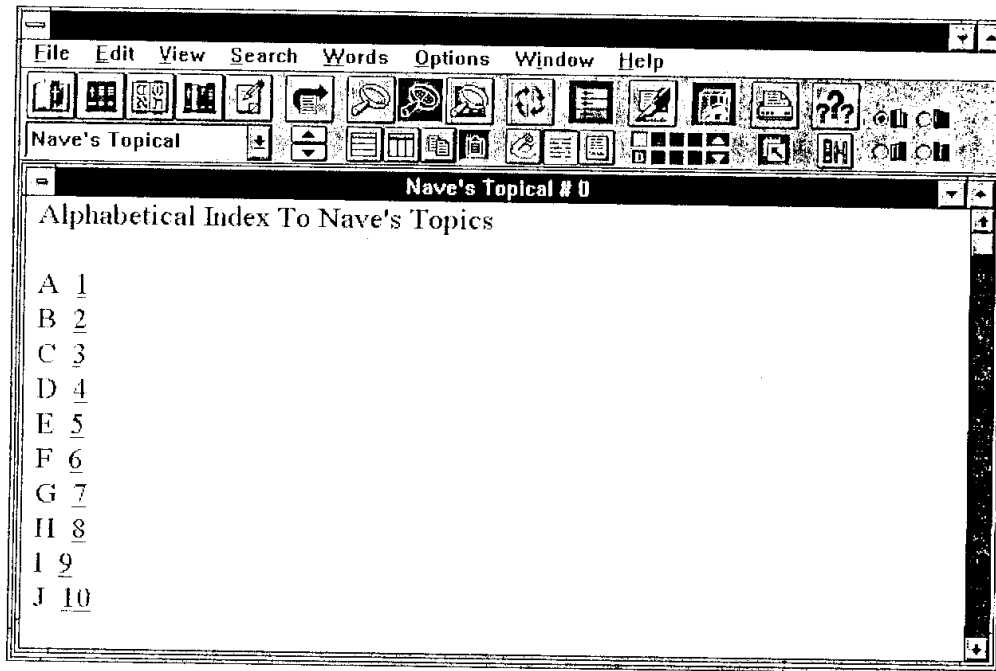
Exiting COMMENTARY

To exit COMMENTARY, select Close from File menu. The window is removed and any changes to the comments are saved (if applicable).

TOPICS

TOPICS are independent Resource windows for topical studies—such as topical works and dictionaries. A LEXICON is a specialized type of TOPIC Resource. You can have up to 10 TOPICS windows open. The TOPIC number is in the window's title bar.

To open TOPIC, pick the *New Topic* button or choose New Topic on the View menu. If a TOPIC window is the active window, *Companion* prompts for a new topic for that window. If another window type is active, a new topic window is created. Topic "0" generally has an index to the TOPICS in a Resource. You can hypertext to the alphabetical Resource entries.



Moving Sequentially through TOPICS

You can move to the previous and next TOPIC by holding down the <Shift> key and clicking the Left and Right mouse buttons, respectively. This lets you move forward and backward one TOPIC at a time. You can also press the <+> and <-> keys.

Changing TOPIC Contents

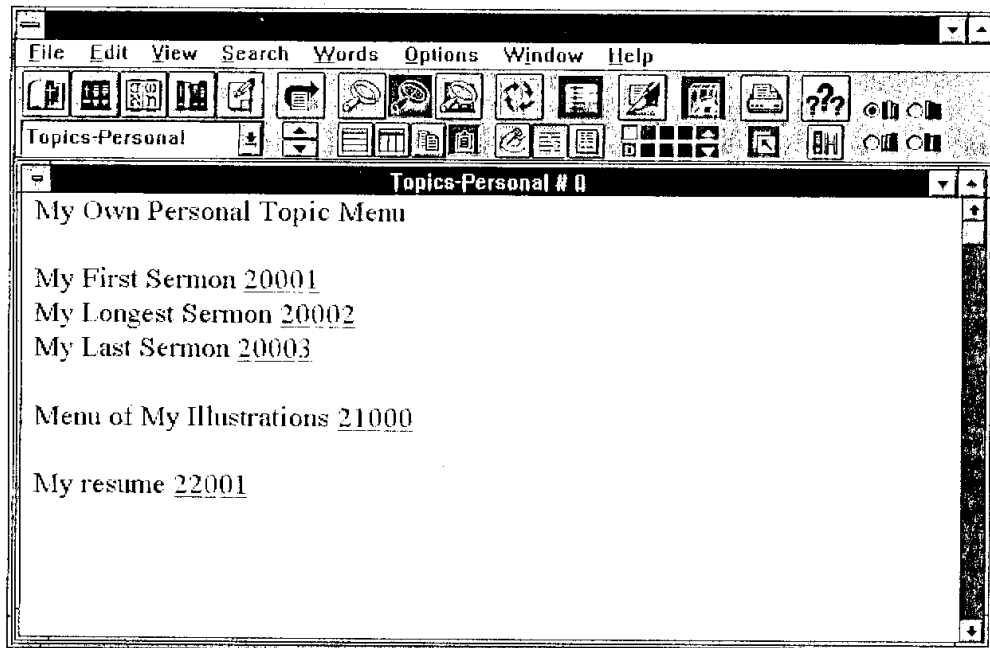
You can change the type of TOPIC by selecting Switch Window Content... on the View menu or click the list box on the Ribbon Bar.

Switch TOPICS Hotkey

By pressing <Ctrl><V> you can toggle through available TOPICS databases in a TOPIC window. You can also click the UP and DOWN buttons next to the list box on the Ribbon Bar.

Creating New TOPICS

You can create your own topics within TOPICS. Each TOPICS database accommodates up to 32,767 topics. Assuming you have Write Access (on Options menu) enabled on a non-CD-based TOPIC file, simply select an unused TOPICS number and start entering text. We suggest you create a "menu" of hypertext jumps for your TOPICS so you can use it to find your entries from a single point.



If you forget which topic number(s) you created, you can also use the Word/Phrase search for keywords.

Creating Hypertext Jumps

You can add hypertext jumps to other TOPICS. Enter a valid TOPIC number (through 32,767) at the end of a line—you must press <Enter> after the number. (See screen above.) Thus, you can only have one TOPIC jump per line.