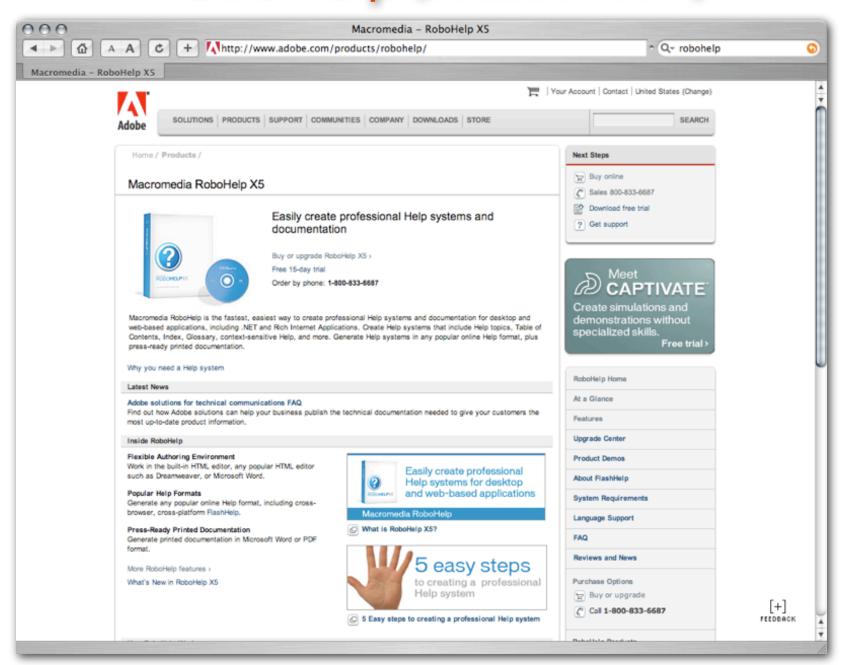
### About the Help System for the GANMVL

#### Outline

- I. Commercial help-maker
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### RoboHelp (the state of the art?)





#### **Easily Create Professional Help Systems and Documentation**

Macromedia RoboHelp Office is the fastest, easiest way to create professional Help systems and documentation for desktop and Webbased applications, including .NET and Rich Internet Applications. You can work in RoboHelp's built-in HTML editor, any popular HTML editor such as Dreamweaver or FrontPage, or Microsoft Word. Create Help systems complete with Help topics, Table of Contents, Index, Glossary, context sensitive Help, and more. Generate multiple Help systems in any popular online Help format, plus press-ready printed documentation in Microsoft Word or PDF format.

#### Easy-to-Use

Work in your preferred editor. Create and edit your Help systems in RoboHelp's built-in HTML editor, any popular HTML editor such as Dreamweaver or FrontPage, or Microsoft Word. Since you choose the authoring environment, you can skip the learning curve and get started immediately.

Use the content you already have. Import

#### **Flexible**

Generate any popular online Help format. Generate your project in any popular format, including FlashHelp, WebHelp, Microsoft HTML Help, WinHelp, JavaHelp, Oracle Help for Java, and XML. Generate any or all of these formats from a single project with a single click.

Create Help systems that run on any

#### Efficient

Save time. Create professional Help systems and printed documentation for desktop and Web-based applications in a fraction of the time. Automated wizards and project templates accelerate the process to help you meet or beat your deadlines.

Organize workflow. Stay organized and track document evolution with file check

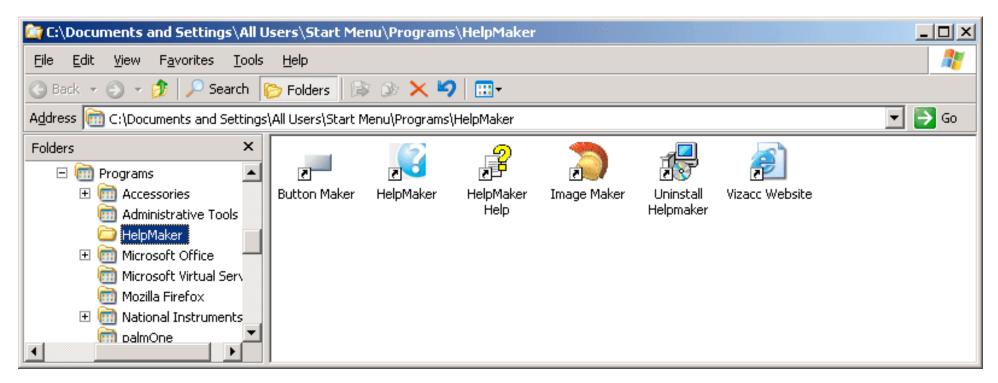
#### RoboHelp features

- import anything
- export anything
- remote editing
- support
- ~2,500.00 EUR

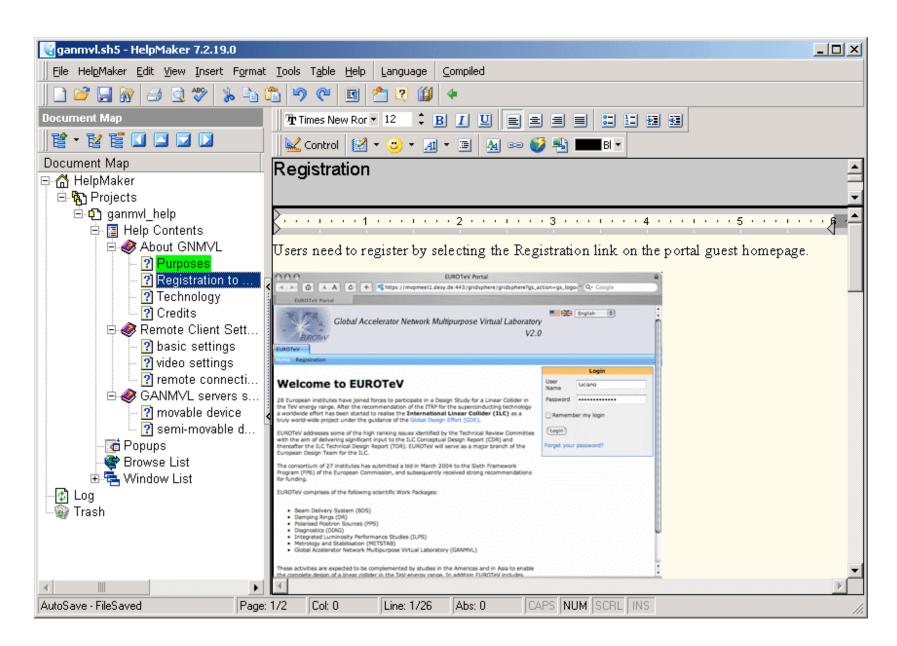
#### How RoboHelp Works Create and edit Help systems in your Import Export preferred authoring environment FlashHelp WebHelp HTML Any Popular HTML Help Word **HTML** Editor WinHelp FrameMaker® XMLRoboHelp's Built-in PDF **HTML Editor** HTML XML Oracle Help Other Help Microsoft® Word Java Help Projects Printed Docs (Word, PDF)

# HelpMaker

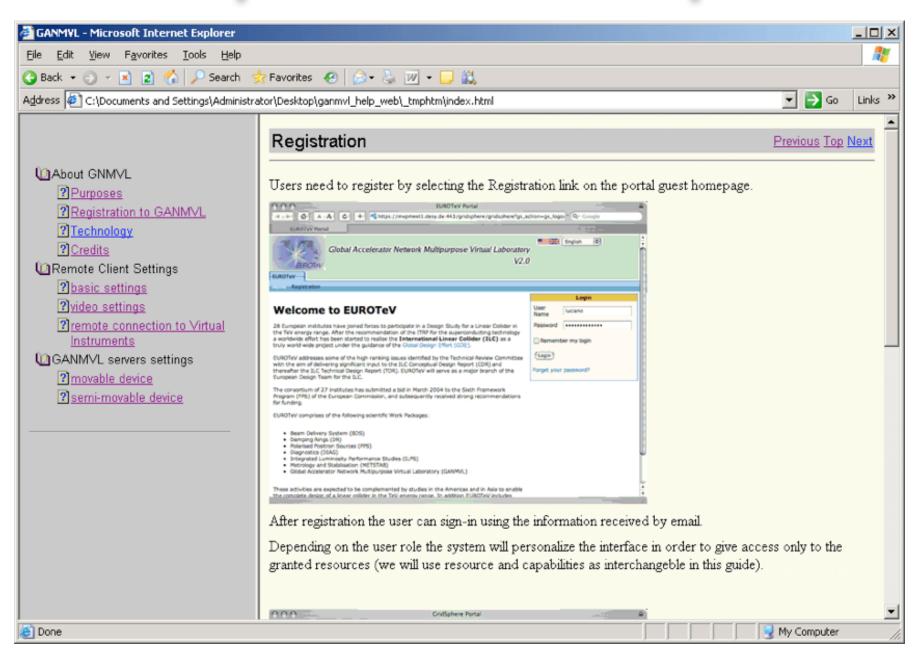
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- import some
- export few (2)
- remote editing?
- support poor



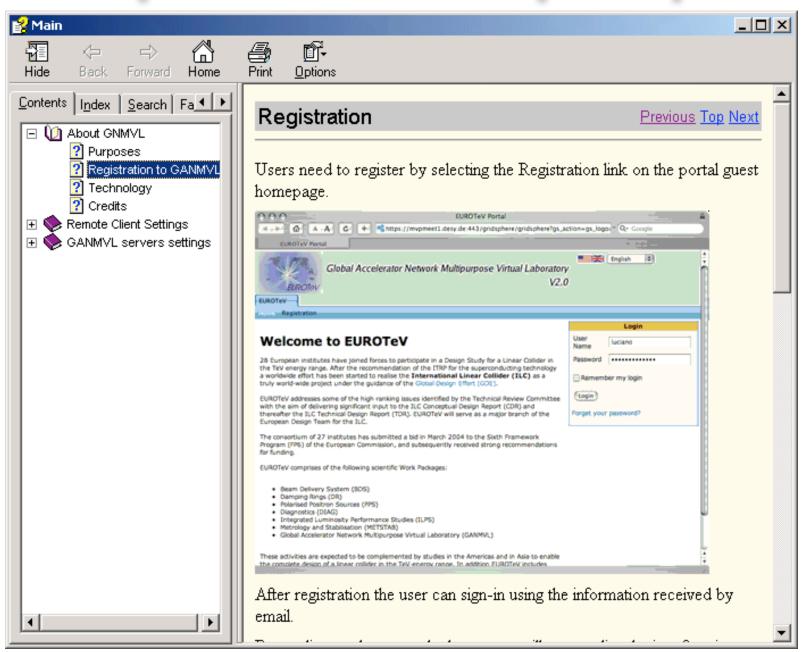
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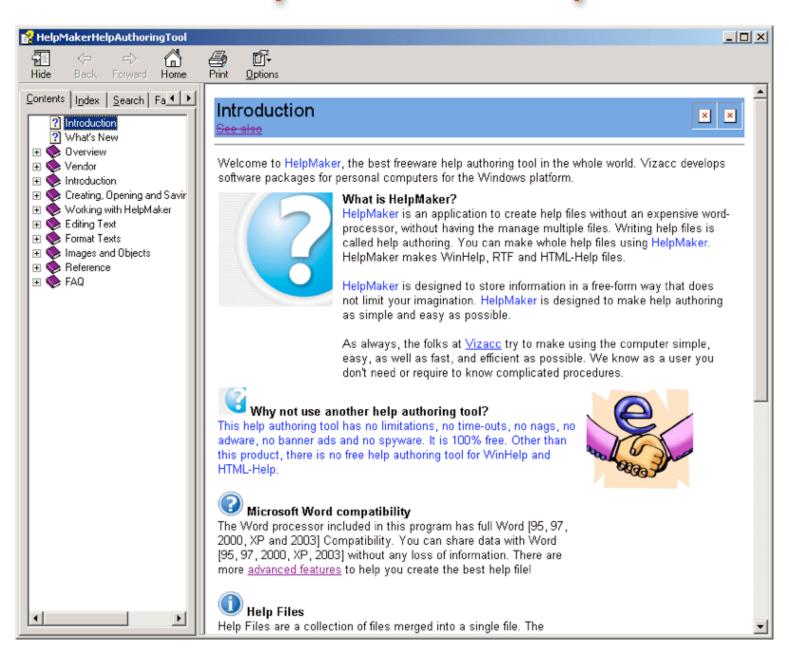
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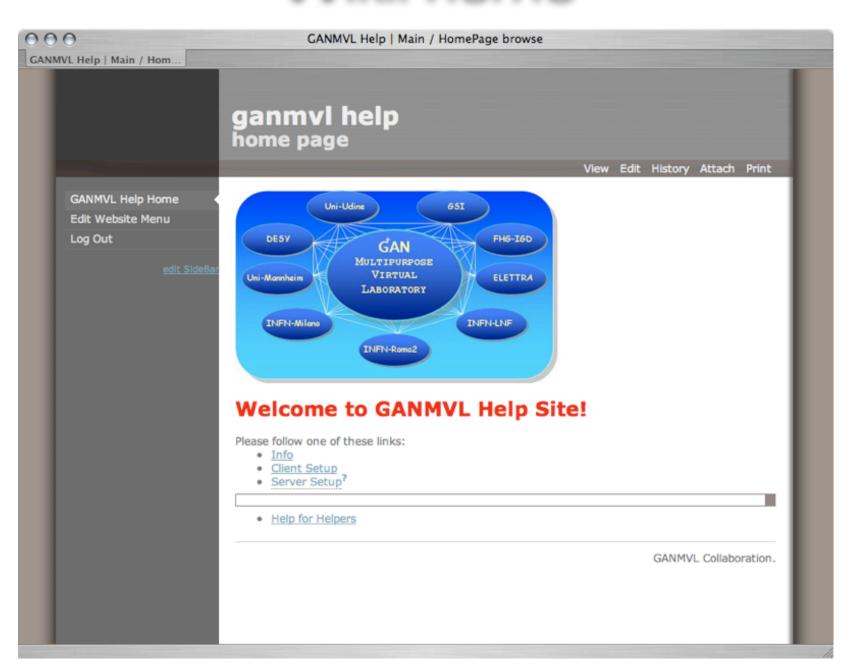
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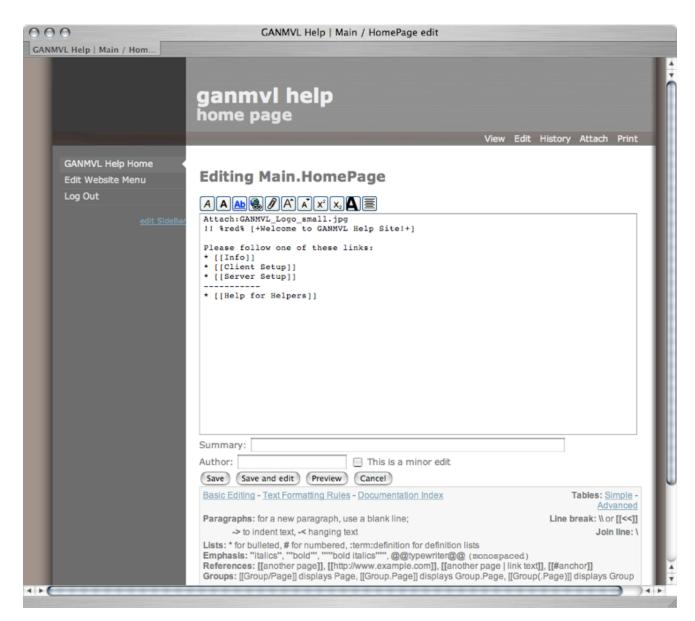
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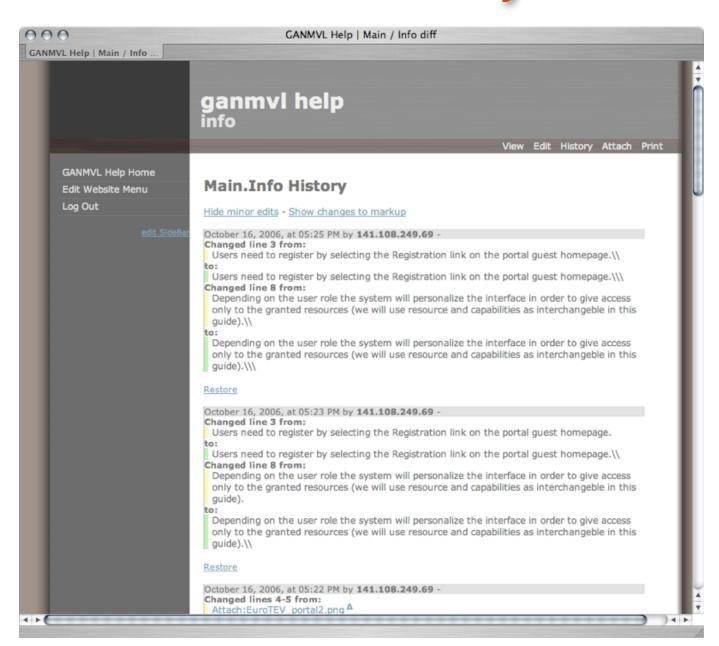
#### Wiki: home



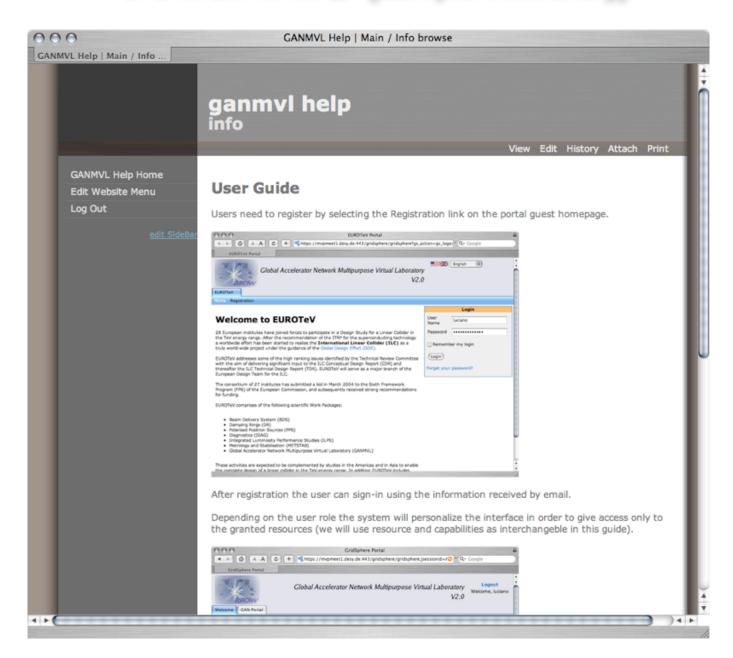
# Wiki: page editor



## Wiki: history



### Wiki: info (sample Wiki entry)



#### more about Wikis

- PDF generators exist
- pages can have restrictions in editing
- users can contribute
- multilanguage
- possibility to include math and other special editing features
- back up and mirroring (to remote GANMVL servers)

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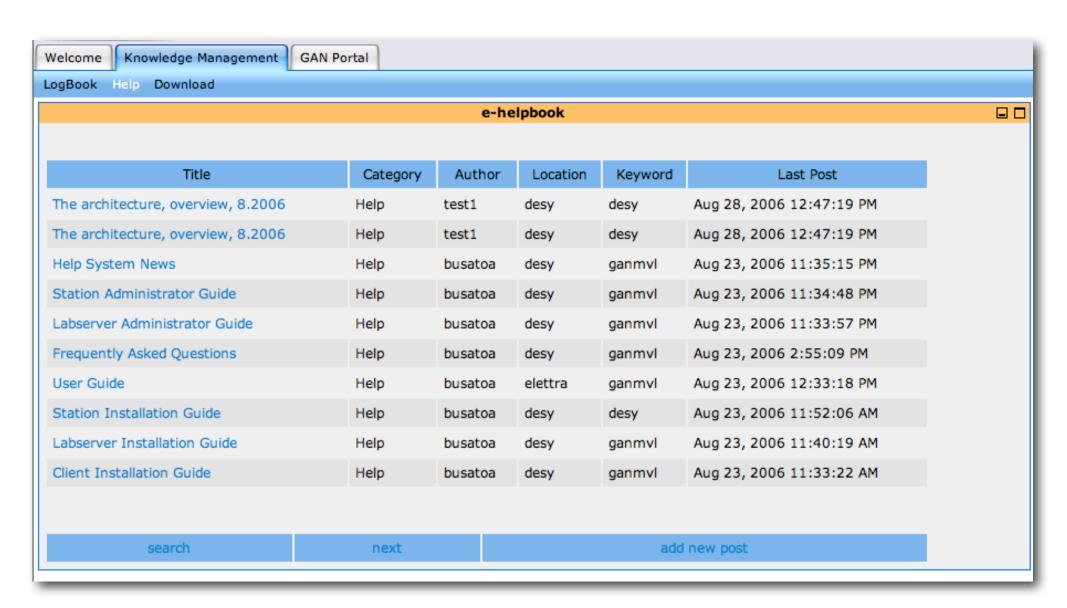
### development

- I. set up the main help Wiki server
- 2. defines users and their privileges
- 3. collect information from developers and publish the help basic structure
- 4. create mirrors on remote lab-servers

#### and then

- upgrading of pages and minor editing will be made by developers directly
- the help manager will routinely check the pages providing support to developers and users (FAQ, user based help)

# help on gridsphere



#### Conclusions

- commercial e non-commercial help makers exist (with pros and cons) but...
- ...for the GANMVL a web based help (development system) is the natural choice
- the Wiki approach will provide flexibility for editing, security and lots of features