

**Supplement
to
Utilizing Asymetrix
ToolBook II Instructor 6.1**

**A Comparison of
Instructor 6.1 and Assistant 6.1**

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INTRODUCTION



This document is intended to help those individuals who have purchased *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* but are using Asymetrix ToolBook II Assistant 6.1. *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* was specifically written for Instructor 6.1 but a good portion of the book can be used to learn Assistant 6.1. As an alternative you might want to purchase the book: *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Assistant*. This book was written for Assistant 6.0 but a small supplement (available for free download as a PDF file) exists that updates it to Assistant 6.1. This document also points out the enhancements from Assistant 6.0 to Assistant 6.1.

OVERVIEW

ToolBook II Assistant 6.0 vs. ToolBook II Assistant 6.1

Several of the features that make Assistant 6.1 different from Assistant 6.0 relate to Librarian integration, Internet, and enhanced productivity. A Publish to Librarian feature has been added and the HTML export process has been improved so that draw objects are exported as GIF images while overlapping objects can be grouped and also exported as GIF images. A Tooltip has been added for buttons and text fields so that a small “pop-up” appears when the user moves the mouse over these objects. Assistant 6.0 had only one Catalog while Assistant 6.1 has two. In Assistant 6.1 access is provided to a Resource Manager which allows you to manage resources such as palettes, bitmaps, icons, cursors, menu bar, fonts, and shared scripts. Access to a Clip Manager is provided which allows you to create and edit media clips. In terms of the User Interface, differences include changes in the Menu Bar, Tool Bar, and Object Properties dialog boxes. Minor changes were also made to the Book Specialist and the Catalog.

ToolBook II Assistant 6.1 vs. ToolBook II Instructor 6.1

The major difference between the Instructor product and the Assistant product is access to OpenScript. ToolBook II Instructor is a full CBT development product that allows you to write scripts for any object using OpenScript. This is not available in the Assistant product. You also do not have a Tool Palette in Assistant. Objects you need are added from the Catalog or imported into your book. The Menu Bar is the same but options from several of the pull-down menus are a bit different. There also are fewer icons on the Assistant Tool Bar as compared to the Instructor Tool Bar. Right-click menus for Assistant objects have fewer options. You do not have the Palettes in Assistant that are found in Instructor (Color Tray, Line Palette, Line Ends Palette, Pattern Palette and Polygon Palette). Changes in the Stroke and Fill colors can be made

in several ways including icons that are found on the Assistant 6.1 Tool Bar. Line and Line End styles are changed using a Line Property dialog box.

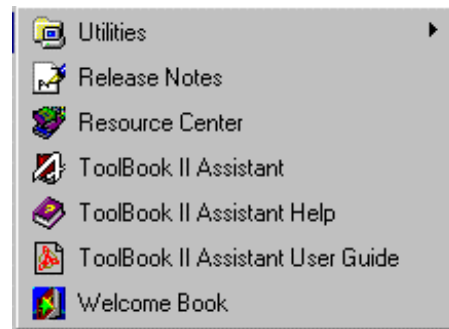
DIFFERENCES

The following sections show many of the differences between Assistant 6.1 and Instructor 6.1 and how they impact **Module 1** of the *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* textbook.

THE START MENU

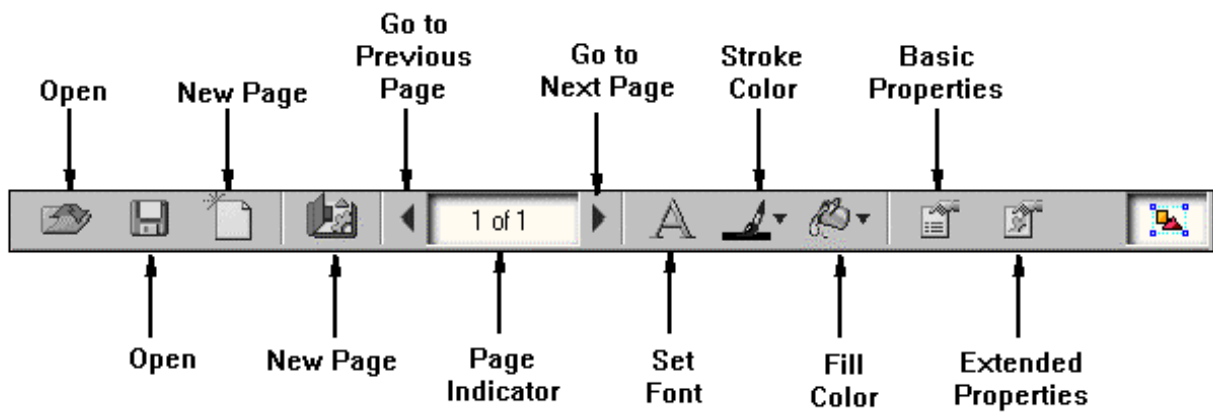
There are several minor differences to note with the **Start** Menu for ToolBook II Assistant 6.1:

The **Start** menu for ToolBook II Assistant 6.1 includes access to a **Welcome Book** and does not contain an **Openscript Guide**.



THE TOOL BAR

The Tool Bar for Assistant 6.1 contains fewer icons than the Tool Bar for Instructor 6.1:



THE TOOL PALETTE

ToolBook II Assistant does not contain a Tool Palette.

THE CATALOG

There are no differences between the Catalogs in ToolBook II Instructor 6.1 and ToolBook II Assistant 6.1.

BASIC PROPERTIES DIALOG BOXES

The Basic Properties dialog boxes for objects in ToolBook II Assistant do not contain the Script and Shared Script tools that you find in ToolBook II Instructor:



RIGHT-CLICK MENUS

There are a few differences to note with Right-click menus for objects in ToolBook II Assistant 6.1 as compared to ToolBook II Instructor 6.1. First of all, there are fewer options. Second, Right-click menus for Assistant 6.1 objects do not have a Tool Bar. You click on Basic Properties (or Extended Properties if they exist). Clicking on Button Properties from a button's Right-click menu takes you to the Basic Properties dialog box for the button. From there, you can access many of the options found on the Right-click menu of ToolBook II Instructor 6.1 objects. The same is true for fields. Assistant Right-click menus have Cut, Copy, Paste, and Duplicate options that are not found in Instructor 6.1.



VIEWERS

You cannot create viewers in Assistant 6.1 as you do in Instructor 6.1. However, you can use the **Hyperlink** command and select **Pop up another page** as the option for **Type of link**.

There are no differences between Assistant 6.1 and Instructor 6.1 for **Module 2** of the *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* textbook.

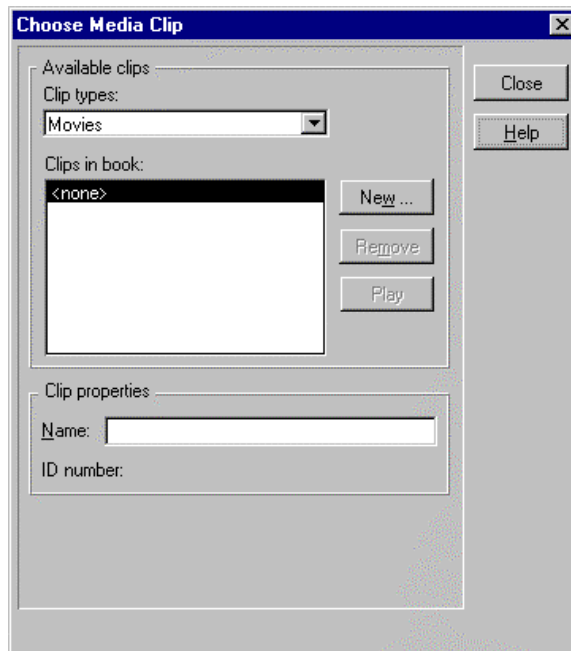
The following sections show the differences between Assistant 6.1 and Instructor 6.1 that impact **Module 3** of *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* textbook.

THE CLIPS OPTION

Clicking on the **Clips** option from the **Object** Menu gives the **Choose Media Clip** dialog box as shown here.

Clicking on **New** from this dialog box allows you to decide what type of clip you want to create. The clip types include Movies, Audio, and Stills.

In ToolBook II Instructor, this is accomplished using the Clip Manager and Clip Editor. This is a simpler process in Assistant.



MEDIA PLAYERS

There are no differences between Assistant 6.1 and Instructor 6.1 that impact the lessons on **Using ToolBook II's Media Players** or **Adding Media From The Catalog** in **Module 3** of *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1*.

FILES NEEDED FOR LESSONS IN INSTRUCTOR 6.1 BOOK

If you are using ToolBook II Assistant 6.1, you may not find the directories and files referenced in the *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* book. You will need to browse the **Program Files/Asymetrix/Assist60** directories to find substitute files or use **bmp**, **avi**, and **wav** files of your own.

Module 4 of *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1* contains 11 basic ToolBook lessons, most of which involve using the Tool Palette to create objects and using the Script Editor

to write scripts for objects. These lessons do not apply to Assistant 6.1 since you do not have the Tool Palette and cannot write scripts.

There are no significant differences between Assistant 6.1 and Instructor 6.1 with regards to the lessons found in **Module 5** and **Module 6** of *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1*. All the lessons rely upon the **Book Specialist** and the **Catalog** for building an application. With regards to the **Export for Web** option, there are no differences that will impact the lessons on this.

There are no significant differences between Assistant 6.1 and Instructor 6.1 with regards to the lessons found in **Module 7** of *Utilizing Asymetrix ToolBook II Instructor 6.1*.

THE AUTOPACKAGER

The Autopackager in ToolBook II Assistant 6.1 is a wizard that walks you through a series of screens where you make decisions about how you want to package and distribute your application. The options are similar to those found in the Autopackager for Assistant 6.0. You have a few more screens to deal with and have to make a few more decisions, but the wizard gives you good instructions for each screen.