

MSDN content is also available as a Web service

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Unless you've been living under a rock, by now you know about MSDN's [low bandwidth view](#) (aka [ScriptFree](#)) and [lightweight](#) view. But there are other views too, like PDA view (for when you want to look up MSDN documentation on your phone?), Robot view, printer-friendly view, unstyled HTML view... (See that first link above for more details.)

But in addition to all the views, you can go directly to the back-end that drives all the data: The [MSDN/TechNet Publish System \(MTPS\) Content Service](#). With that interface, you can request the back-end data and format it any way you like. Here's [an MSDN Magazine article which builds a documentation viewer](#), and [the author of that article](#) also developed a [command-line tool which returns the content as a man page](#). (Update: Looks like the command-line tool no longer exists. Sorry, all you retro-heads out there.)

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