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## **Introducing RoboHelp HTML X5**

RoboHelp is a Help-authoring program that will help you create and manage content in your Help system or standalone knowledge base. RoboHelp's features will allow you to put together an attractive and streamlined product.

With RoboHelp HTML, you will create a HTML-based Help system. A HTML-based Help system runs locally under one platform—Windows—and browser—Internet Explorer. HTML Help is a Windows-only version of RoboHelp. If you need to create a help system that runs on a variety of platforms, such as Linux or Macintosh, WebHelp will be a more appropriate choice.

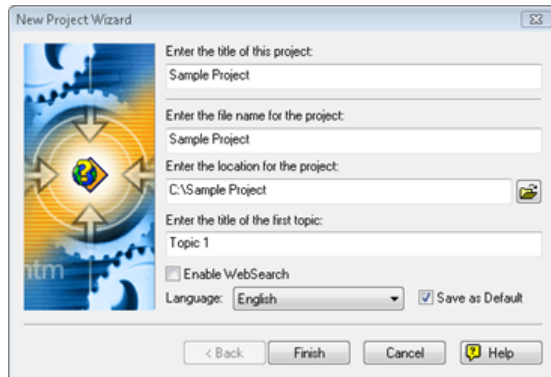
This guide will introduce you to some of these features so that you can begin working with RoboHelp HTML.


## Starting RoboHelp and Creating a New Project

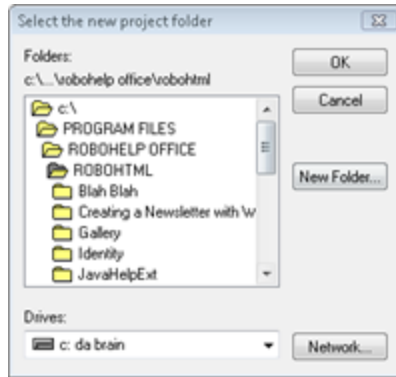
You can either start a new project when you open RoboHelp, or you can begin a project after RoboHelp is already open. With both methods, you can use the **New Project Wizard** to get your project started quickly.

### To start RoboHelp and create a new project

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **All Programs**, point to **RoboHelp Office**, and then click **RoboHelp HTML**.
2. After the dialog box appears, click **Create a New Project**. The **New Project** box will appear.
3. Make sure the **New** tab is selected, and then click **HTML Help**.
4. Click **OK**. The **New Project Wizard** box will appear.



5. In the **Enter the Title of this Project** box, type an appropriate title for your project. Your title will automatically appear in the **Enter the File Name for the Project** box.
6. If you want to enter a different file name for your project, type the appropriate file name in the **Enter the File Name for the Project** box.
7. Click the **Enter the Location for the Project** button . The **Select the New Project Folder** dialog box will appear.



8. In the **Folders** list, click the appropriate folder.
9. In the **Drives:** list, click the appropriate drive. Click **OK**.
10. In the **Enter the Title of the First Topic:** box, type the title of your first topic.
11. Click **Finish**.

### To create a new project while RoboHelp is open

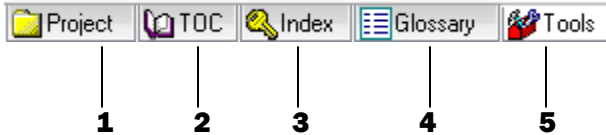
1. On the **File** menu, point to **New**, and then click **New Project**. The **New Project** box will appear.
2. Make sure the **New** tab is selected, and then click **HTML Help**. Click **OK**. The **New Project Wizard** box will appear.
3. Enter the necessary information, and then click **Finish**.

Now that you have created your new project, your first topic will open in the **WYSIWIG Editor** in the right pane. In the left pane, the **Project Manager** will open. The next section will explain these and other features in RoboHelp's user interface.

## Getting to Know RoboHelp

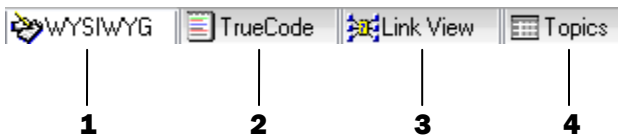
When you create a new project, RoboHelp will automatically display the **Project Manager** tab in the left pane. However, you can also use the left pane to manage other aspects of your project, such as the table of contents, index, and glossary.

Each tab at the bottom of the left pane gives you access to a different type of task:



1. **Project Manager:** Use the **Project Manager** tab to manage topics, style sheets, and images. It is a project organizer that contains topics and other elements of your project in folders.
2. **TOC Composer:** Create a table of contents for your project with the **TOC Composer**.
3. **Index Designer:** Put together an index for your project with the **Index Designer**.
4. **Glossary Designer:** Use this tab to create a glossary for your project.
5. **Tools:** Use the **Tools** tab to use a group of shortcuts to tools, such as **Multi-File Find and Replace**, the **Graphics Locator**, and video tutorial tools.


While the left pane provides options for organizing your whole project and its presentation, the right pane focuses on your project content. In this pane, you will also use tabs to switch between panes:



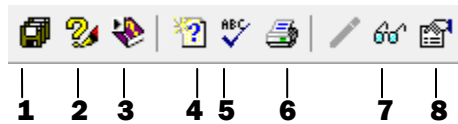
1. **WYSIWYG Editor:** Enter, edit, and view content with the **WYSIWYG Editor**.
2. **TrueCode Editor:** Edit and view your project's HTML code with the **TrueCode Editor**.
3. **Link View:** View the hyperlinks With the **Link View** tab

- that you have added to each of your topics.
4. **Topics List:** View a list of your topics and double click a topic to view and edit content with the **Topics List**.

You can quickly access certain program features with RoboHelp's toolbar. However, toolbar features vary with each tab. For example, when you select the **WYSIWYG Editor** tab, the **View**

**Selected Icon**  button is available. When you select the **Project** tab, this button appears dimmed because it is unavailable.

Here are some of the features available on the **Project** toolbar:



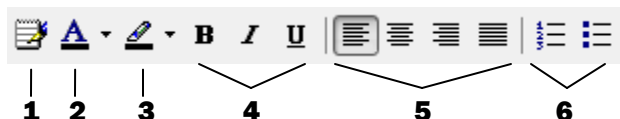
1. **Save All:** Save your project with this button.
2. **Generate Primary Layout:** Use the **Generate Primary Layout** button to generate your final product. For more about generating, see "Wrapping Up Your Project" on page 10.
3. **View Primary Layout:** Use the **View Primary Layout** button to view and edit the primary layout of your project after you've generated it.
4. **Create a New Topic:** Begin a new topic with this button. You can also modify the appearance, title, and other features of your new topic.
5. **Spell Check Active Pane:** Check your spelling with the **Spell Check Active Pane** button.
6. **Print:** Print your project with the **Print** button.
7. **View Selected Item:** Use the **View Selected Item** button to see what your topic will look like after it's generated. You will not need to generate your project to use this feature.
8. **Properties of Selected Item:** View and modify aspects of an item, such as its title, appearance, or status with this button

You can use the features on the **Object** toolbar to connect your topics and and content:



1. **Insert Hyperlink or Edit Selected Hyperlink:** With this button, you can insert hyperlinks between topics to connect them.
2. **Insert Popup or Edit Selected Popup:** You can add or modify popups to images or text with this button. Popups connect a specific item to another item.
3. **Insert Bookmark or Edit Selected Bookmark:** This button allows you to add and modify bookmarks. You can use a bookmark to link an item to a specific *section* of a topic.
4. **Insert RoboDemo Movie:** You can create interactive tutorials with this feature.
5. **Insert Image or Edit Selected Image:** With this button, you can insert and modify screen captures and other images.

With the **Formatting** toolbar, you can arrange, modify, and organize the text in your topics:




1. **Assign Style Sheet or Create New:** With this button, you can assign or create style sheets for your text.
2. **Change Font Color:** Use this button to change the color of your font.
3. **Change Highlight Color:** Change or apply highlights to your text with the **Change Highlight Color** button.
4. **Apply Bold, Apply Italic, and Apply Underline:** With these buttons, you can modify the appearance of your text.
5. **Align buttons:** Use these buttons to align your text.
6. **Create a Numbered List /Create a Bulleted List:** Use these buttons to create automatically formatted bulleted or numbered lists.



## Putting Your Project Together

This section will outline the basic steps and procedures necessary for quickly putting together a workable project.

### To add topics to your project

1. Click the **Create a New Topic** button . The **New Topic** box will appear.
2. Make sure the **General** tab is selected.
3. In the **Topic Title:** box, type an appropriate title for your topic, then click **OK**.

### To develop a table of contents

1. Click the **TOC** tab, and then click the **New TOC Book** button . The **New TOC Book** box will appear.
2. Make sure the **General** tab is selected.
3. In the **Book Title:** box, type an appropriate name for your book, then click **OK**.
4. Click the **New TOC Page** button  to add a page to your table of contents. The **New TOC Page** box will appear.
5. Make sure the **General** tab is selected. In the **Page Title:** box, type an appropriate title for your page, then click **OK**.
6. Continue adding pages and books to your table of contents as necessary.

### To apply styles to your project

1. Click the **Assign Style Sheet or Create New** button .
2. Click an appropriate style from the list.



**Note** You can change a style by clicking the **Format** menu, then clicking **Styles**, or by clicking **Style Sheets** on the **Project** tab.




## To add content to your project

1. Click the **TOC** tab, and then double-click the topic that you want to work with. The topic will open in the right pane in the **WYSIWYG Editor**.
2. Type your text in the **WYSIWYG Editor**.


## To add images to your project

1. In the **WYSIWYG Editor**, click the place where you want to insert your image.
2. Click the **Insert Image or Edit Selected Image** button . The **Image** box will appear.
3. Click the  button to navigate to your image. The **Image** box will appear.
4. In the **Look In:** list, select the appropriate drive.
5. In the **File Name:** box, type the name of your file. Click **Open**.

## To add hyperlinks between your topics

1. In the **WYSIWYG Editor**, click where you want to insert the hyperlink, or select the text that you want to link.
2. Click the **Insert Hyperlink or Edit Selected Hyperlink** button . The **Hyperlink** box will appear.
3. Under **Select Destination (File or URL)**, click the topic that you want to link your text to. Click **OK**.

## To add an index to your project


1. Click the **Index** tab, then click the **New Index Keyword** button .
2. In the **Enter New Index Keyword Here** box, type a keyword from your project, and then press ENTER.
3. Click the **Topics** tab to display the **Topic List**, and then drag a topic that relates to your keyword and drop it into the **Topics For** box.
4. Continue adding dragging and dropping topics into the **Topics For:** box until you are finished.

## Wrapping Up Your Project


This section will take you through the steps necessary for completing and distributing your project. The following steps explain how to create a browse sequence, generate your project, and print your generated product.

First, you may want to create a browse sequence. A browse sequence will allow your users to navigate your Help system more easily and add linearity to your project.

### To create a browse sequence

1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Browse Sequence Editor**.
2. Click **New**.
3. In the **Untitled** box, type a name for your browse sequence.
4. To put a topic in a browse sequence, click the topic you want to add, then click the  arrow or click and drag the topic you want to add to the appropriate browse sequence. The topic will appear under the browse sequence.
5. Continue creating browse sequences and adding topics until you are finished.
6. Click **OK**.

### To generate your project

1. Click the **Generate Primary Layout** button . When your project has finished generating, the **Result: WebHelp Has Been Successfully Generated** message will appear.
2. Click **View Result** to see the final product.

## Getting Help

RoboHelp's Help system can answer your questions about RoboHelp's features and help you use those features. To access help at any time, press F1 or click **Contents & Index** on the **Help** menu.

## Customer Support

If you are unable to find a solution with Help, Adobe support staff can assist you with troubleshooting your computer. Adobe customer support options include:

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