

Getting Started With



Adobe RoboHelp (2017 release)

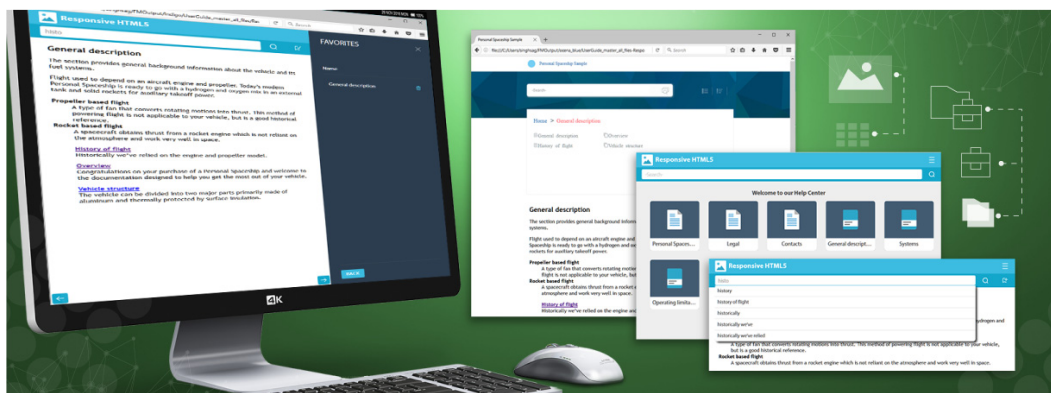


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Introduction



Adobe RoboHelp (2017 release) now makes it easy for you to create and deliver personalized content experiences for any device. Accomplish more with multiple authoring productivity enhancements. Provide targeted contextual help with URL support in new dynamically filtered output and see how content looks for different filter combinations. In the publishing side, you can now create modern frameless Responsive HTML5 layouts that deliver a superior navigation experience.

This guide presents you an overview of the new features and workflows in RoboHelp (2017 release). A large number of narrated videos make it easy for you to become familiar with the enhanced UI and help you get started with this release.

Besides this Getting Started Guide, you will find the [RoboHelp User Guide](#) and many other resources online at adobe.com. A collection of key RoboHelp resources is presented in the [Additional resources](#) section of this guide.

How to get Adobe RoboHelp (2017 release)

To try RoboHelp before buying, [download](#) a fully functional, 30-day complimentary trial version.

Learn about the various ways to buy Adobe RoboHelp (2017 release) [here](#).

If you already have a license for an earlier version of RoboHelp, see the following table for special pricing.

If you own	Upgrade to Adobe RoboHelp (2017 release)			
	USD	EUR	AUD	YEN
RoboHelp (2015 release)	\$399	€399	\$399	¥52,500
RoboHelp 11	\$599	€599	\$599	¥78,900

For more information, visit the [RoboHelp](#) website.

Produce stunning interactive content with next-generation HTML5 publishing

Next-generation Responsive HTML5 layouts

Present visually rich content to your users through the newly designed frameless Responsive HTML5 layouts. The new modern frameless HTML5 layouts deliver a superior search and navigation experience. You can configure these layouts to match your corporate branding and suit the needs of your users.

If your users want a simple interface without the glossary or TOC, you can easily hide these widgets from your output. The responsive design of these layouts allow them to be seamlessly accessed across various devices - mobile, tablet, and desktops.

Use the new Responsive HTML5 layout:

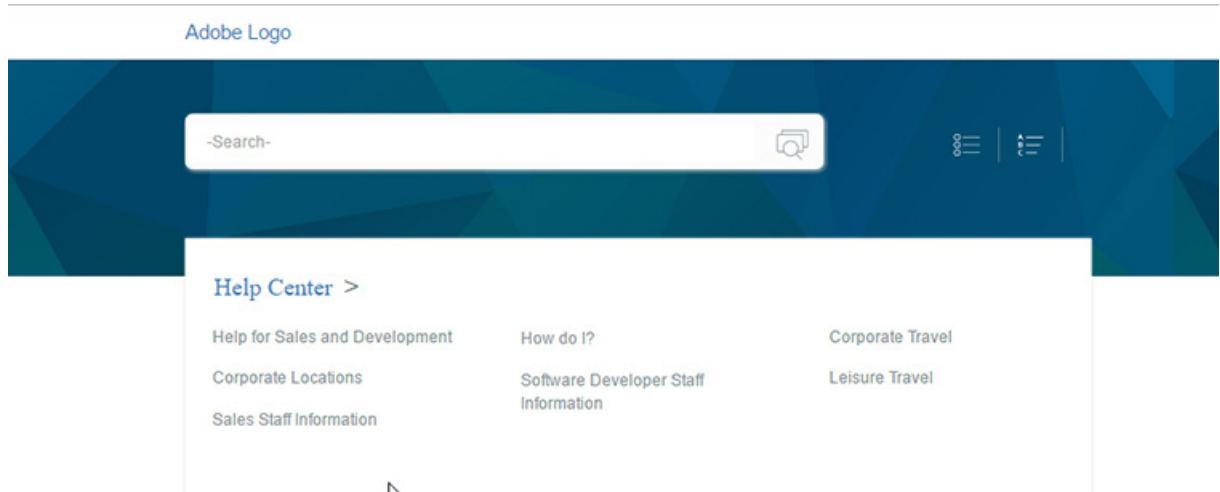
1. Open the Output Setup pod.
2. Right-click on the Screen Layouts, and choose New Responsive Layout.
3. Select any one of the new Responsive HTML5 layouts - Ocean or Indigo.

- *New frameless Responsive HTML5 layouts with superior search and navigation*

- *Control the widgets you want to show in your output*

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A sample output generated through Ocean Responsive HTML5 layout is shown below:



Greater content accessibility

Expand the reach of your content to people with special needs. The Responsive HTML5 output generated through Indigo layout is 508 compliant. Using the Responsive HTML5 layout - Indigo, you can create content that can be consumed by people with special needs.

Search faster with autocomplete

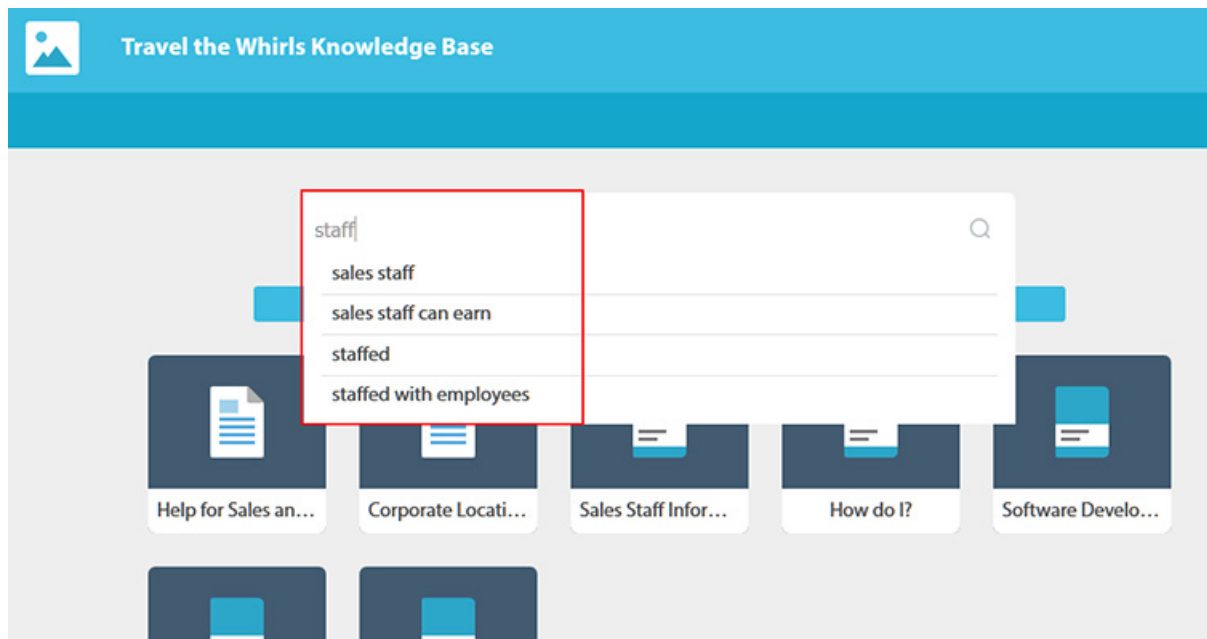
- Offer predictive search in your Responsive HTML5 output

- Users can find the right content in less time

Use the newly designed Responsive HTML5 layouts to deliver best-in-class search experience to your users. These new layouts offer first-of-its-kind predictive search, which provides more contextual search results.

As your users start typing a few characters in the Search box, the search engine starts showing them best-matching words and strings from your output. The intelligent algorithm behind this search feature presents the best-matching strings based on the frequency of occurrence of the typed word in your published content. With search autocomplete, your users would be able to find what they are looking for easily and in just a few clicks.

A sample of search autocomplete is shown in the following screenshot:



Ability to add thumbnails

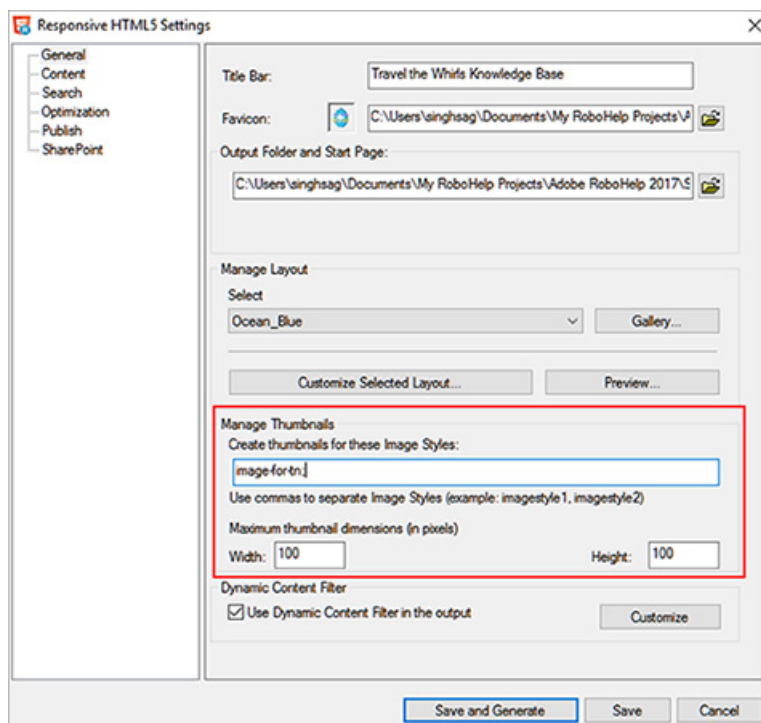
You can now publish Responsive HTML5 output with image thumbnails. This will not only improve the content loading time, but also gives more space to your textual content. Your users can easily access the enlarged image by simply clicking or tapping on the image thumbnail.

Screens space is always a constraint on mobile devices, and designing online content that makes best of use of the limited screen space is always a challenge. Using thumbnail in place of actual image allows you to give more screen space for text. Giving this experience to your mobile users will definitely improve their user experience.

- Show thumbnails in place of large size images
- Better use of on-screen space
- Load content faster

How to add thumbnail to your Responsive HTML5 output:

1. Create an Image Style that will be used on all images that you want to show as thumbnails.
2. Open Responsive HTML5 Settings dialog.
3. Configure the settings in the Manage Thumbnails section.



Add favorites in Responsive HTML5 layout

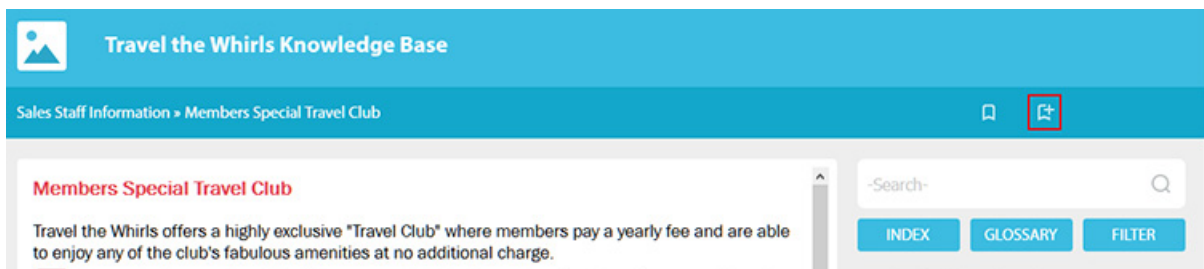
• Save your favorite pages from within new Indigo Responsive HTML5 layout

• No dependency on browser's bookmarking feature

The new Responsive HTML5 layout named Indigo, brings in a lot of new features. Your users will no longer have to depend on the browser's bookmarking feature to store their favorite content. The new Responsive HTML5 Indigo layout allows your users to store their favorite pages within your Responsive HTML5 output itself. Whenever they want to access their favorite pages again - it is only a few clicks away.

How to add favorites in Responsive HTML5 output:

1. Generate Responsive HTML5 output using the Indigo layout.
2. Navigate to the topic that you want to add to favorites.
3. In the header bar, click the add to favorite icon.



The topic is added to your favorites.

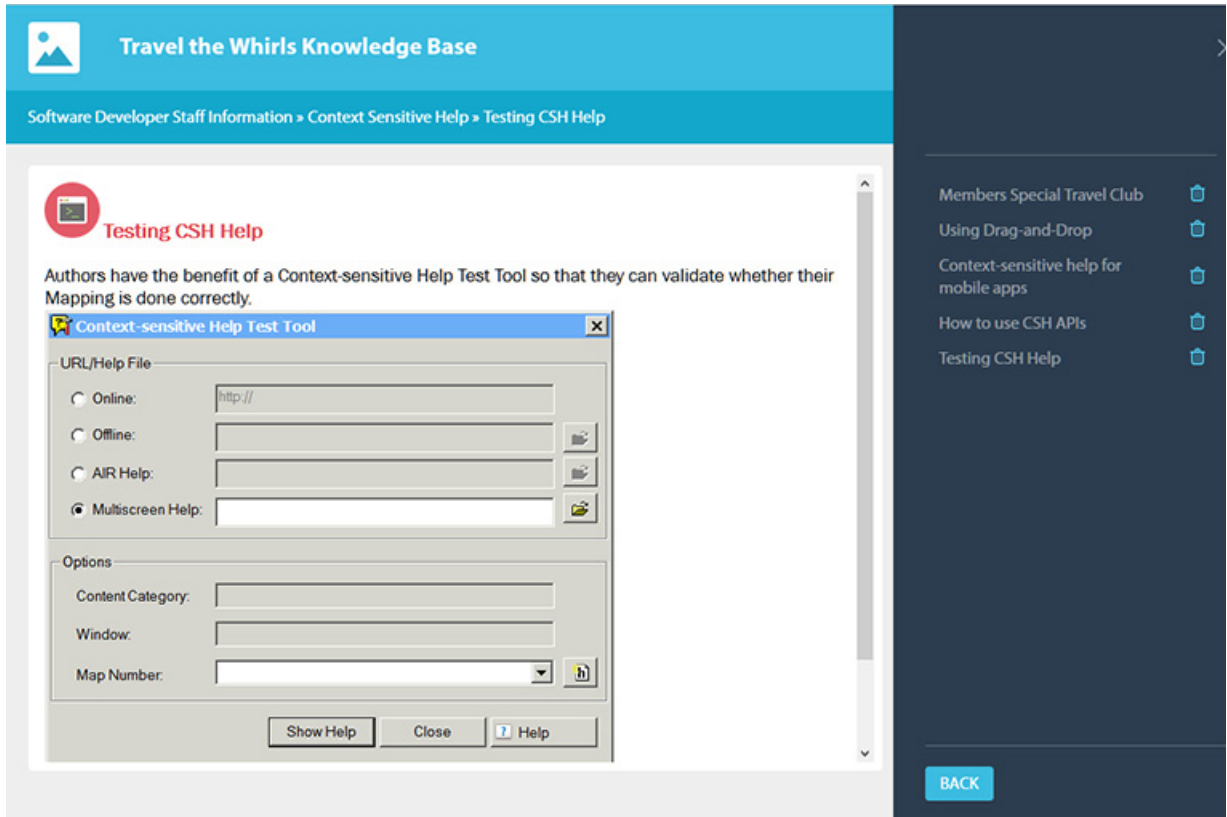
How to open a topic from favorites in Responsive HTML5 output:

1. Open the Responsive HTML5 output wherein you have stored the favorites.
2. In the header bar, click the icon to open the favorites pane.



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The favorite pane appears with a list of topics added as favorites.



3. Click on the required topic link to open it.

Do more in less time

Ability to toggle variable views

Working with a large set of variables in a topic can become a challenge. Before you publish your document, you would like to know whether the right variables have been used across the document or you missed something.

Ability to toggle between variable name and value across the topic is a new feature that has been added in RoboHelp to help you solve this challenge. If you want to take a look at all variables used in the topic, simply toggle all variables to see the variable names or toggle again to see the values.

Toggle variable views:

1. Open a topic.
2. Press Shift+F11 or right-click on a variable and choose Field > Toggle All Fields.

• *Toggle variable view to switch between its value and name*

• *Use the shortcut key Shift+F11 to toggle variable view*

Import folders to baggage files

• *Import all project-related files into your baggage folder in one click*

You can now save time by importing a folder and all its sub-folders to the baggage files in your project. Earlier, you could only import a single file in your project's baggage folder. If your folder contains multiple files, all of those files can be easily imported in one go. In addition to this, the project also maintains the hierarchy of the imported folder in the Baggage Files folder.

How to add a baggage folder to your project:

1. In the Project Manager pod, right click on the Baggage Files.
2. From the context menu, choose Import Baggage > Folder.
3. In the Select Folder dialog, choose the folder you want to import and click open.

Additional resources

More information on the full Adobe Technical Communication Suite and the tools it provides can be found online.

Version comparison chart

Want to compare the latest version of RoboHelp with the earlier versions, click [here](#).

Product page

- [*Adobe Technical Communications homepage*](#)
- [*Adobe FrameMaker homepage*](#)
- [*Adobe FrameMaker Publishing Server homepage*](#)
- [*Adobe RoboHelp homepage*](#)

User guides and Support pages

- [*Adobe RoboHelp \(2017 release\) User Guide*](#)
- [*Adobe RoboHelp Support*](#)
- [*Adobe FrameMaker \(2017 release\) User Guide*](#)
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Additional resources

- [*Adobe FrameMaker Publishing Server \(2017 release\) User Guide*](#)
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