

ADOBE® ROBOHELP® 8

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RH Top Ten Tips

REUSE CONTENT BY LINKING OR IMPORTING WORD OR FRAMEMAKER FILES

If you have content existing in Adobe FrameMaker or Microsoft Word, you can reuse the content. FrameMaker and RoboHelp are tightly integrated in Adobe Technical Communication Suite, allowing dynamic linking of FrameMaker and RoboHelp content.

To link or import, start from here and explore the various options:

- Select File > Link
- Select File > Import

CREATE UDVs AND SNIPPETS FOR BOILERPLATE CONTENT

User-defined variables (UDVs) can store up to 255 characters of static information. You can format them with images, hypertext links, and multimedia files. Snippets can contain paragraphs of text, images, variables, and conditional text tags.

Both UDVs and snippets make updating information easy. You change them once, and your entire project is updated.

To create a UDV or a snippet, select File > New and select:

- User Defined Variable
- Snippet

To insert them:

- Select Insert > User Defined Variable
- Select Insert > Snippet

SHARE RESOURCES ACROSS PROJECTS

You can share images, multimedia, snippets, and style sheets across projects. This way, you can maintain a central repository of shared resources. You can also get a quick preview of resources in the Resource Manager pod for reference.

- Select View > Pods > Resource Manager

CREATE AND APPLY STYLES FOR CONSISTENCY

Maintain style sheets and apply styles from the style sheets to implement consistent character, paragraph, table, and list formatting.

CREATE BROWSE SEQUENCES FOR TOPIC SETS

Browse sequences help you define a path for your readers to move through a series of topics. For example, you can create a browse sequence for the topics on which you want feedback.

- Select Tools > Browse Sequence Editor and explore the options

AUTOMATE REPETITIVE TASKS WITH SCRIPTS

Let's say you need to change the border of all images in a project. Or every time you want to send a project to reviewers, you want to assign and display a topic status 'Ready for Review' to the completed topics. Scripts can help in such situations.

Check out RoboHelp 8 Scripting Guide:

help.adobe.com/en_US/RoboHelp/8.0/Scripting/robohelp_8_scripting.pdf

APPLY CBTs TO PUBLISH PARTIAL CONTENT

Create conditional build tags (CBTs) and assign them to topics or elements within topics to exclude content from output.

- Select Format > Apply Conditional Build Tag and explore the options

DEFINE AN OUTPUT LOCATION FOR EASY PUBLISHING

Defining an output location helps you to copy all generated output in one go.

- Select View > Pods > Single Source Layouts and specify an output location

CHECK PUBLISHED OUTPUT IN ROBOHELP SERVER POD

From within RoboHelp Client, you can check the output in the RoboHelp Server pod as soon as it is published.

- Select View > Pods > RoboHelp Server

SAVE CUSTOMIZED WORKSPACE AS ENVIRONMENT

You can resize pods or arrange workspace components the way you want and save the workspace as an environment. You can create multiple environments and load one at a time.

- Select File > Environment and explore the options