

Introduction to RoboHelp

Training course outline

RoboHelp has long been the industry standard tool for online help development.

Introduction to RoboHelp training provides a thorough grounding in RoboHelp for beginners. On completion, you will be able to use RoboHelp to develop help centres and knowledge bases in a variety of formats.



Course summary

Teaches how to create professional-standard online help in popular formats such as HTML Help and WebHelp.

The topics covered include:

- Understanding the RoboHelp interface and ribbon.
- Using styles and style sheets for consistency and greater productivity.
- Developing single source projects – generating both online help and high quality print documentation from one source project.
- Making online help context sensitive.
- Generating responsive HTML5

Duration

Three days.

Who should attend?

New and novice RoboHelp users, and anyone who has previously developed online help using another tool.

In-class or live online

You can attend in-person at our centres, or participate live online from your place of work or home.

To read about our approach to online training, see armada.co.uk/liveonline.

General information

For over two decades Armada was a leading provider of technical authoring services. Our background makes us ideally suited to offering training in applications used by technical authors.

Refreshments and lunch are provided.

Course fees can be paid by card or bank transfer. We accept purchase orders from UK-registered companies and public sector organisations.

Course materials and certificate

You'll receive:

- A comprehensive training guide and practice files.
- An e-certificate (PDF) confirming successful course completion.

Method of delivery

Training is designed for the busy professional, being short and intensive and combining lecture and demonstration. Practical exercises carried out under guidance help you learn the techniques taught.

You have ample opportunity to discuss specific requirements with the trainer.

After course support

Following training, you're entitled to 30 days' email support from your trainer.

Further information

See armada.co.uk/course/rh.

Course syllabus

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Topics	Sub-topics
Setting the scene	Introduction and course objectives RoboHelp technology overview Why good online help is important
Getting started with RoboHelp	RoboHelp files and formats RoboHelp resources Starting a new project Opening an existing RoboHelp project
Understanding the interface	Ribbon tabs and pods Rearranging pods and panes Using workspaces Using the multi-tab editing pane
Working with topics	Opening and editing a topic Saving a project and its topics Adding and deleting topics Using headers and footers Using the tag list Using link view and topic preview
Navigation	Navigation strategies Creating a table of contents Creating an index Creating a glossary
Generating WebHelp	Understanding the help output options Generating a WebHelp system
Generating HTML Help and Responsive HTML5	Generating HTML Help (CHM) Adjusting HTML Help window properties Generating Responsive HTML5 Summary
Adding media	Comparing image file formats Inserting images, multimedia and Captivate
Hyperlinks	Types of RoboHelp hypertext links Creating text links Using bookmarks Creating pop-ups Creating drop-down and expanding links
Developing topics	Image maps Working with tables Spell checking
Master pages and style sheets	Comparing master pages and style sheets Using master pages Summarising style sheets
Settings and properties	Advanced project and RoboHelp settings Adjusting topic properties Summarising WebHelp skins

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Conditional build tags	Creating a conditional build tag Defining a conditional build expression Applying a build tag
Snippets and user-defined variables	Understanding reusable, variable content Using snippets Variable sets Creating and inserting a user-defined variable Updating a user defined variable
Styles and style sheets	Advantages of using style sheets Creating paragraph styles and character styles Creating table styles Creating list styles Overview of multi-level, hyperlink, image and div styles
Generating printed documentation	Quickly generating a Word document Generating a good-looking Word guide Improving the headers and footers Producing a PDF file
Developing WebHelp skins	Understanding skins Creating sophisticated skins Generating WebHelp with multiple content categories
Importing files	Advice for efficient importing Importing an HTML file Importing a Word document
Context-sensitive help (CSH)	Author and developer roles Creating map files for HTML Help Assigning Map IDs Testing CSH Making WebHelp context-sensitive
Enhancing topics	Creating breadcrumbs Using related topics links Making inline glossary expandable items Inserting a Topic ToC Fixing broken links Adding a twisty to drop-downs
Track Changes and reviewing	Track Changes overview Review pane overview Creating PDFs for reviewing Importing edited PDFs
Dynamic effects	Dynamic HTML special effects