Adobe AIR Help Templates and Skins

Fc grainge.org/pages/authoring/air/templates/templates.htm

The Templates and Skins

The features and appearance depend on the template and skin that you choose. At the moment there are three templates, Classic Help, UniPane and Accordion.

You get different features with each template so you can give your users whatever you deem best for their needs. Within each template there are features that can be turned on or off as you choose. The templates also have different skins that alter the appearance. RoboHelp 9 has an AIR skin editor so that you can customise the skin to match your corporate branding.

- <u>Click here</u> for Ankur Jain's blog incorporating John Daigle's concise video showing the editor.
- <u>Click here</u> here for R Jacquez' video with detailed instructions.

The features within each template are covered in RoboHelp's online help repeated below. Search for Template for the Help Application to see the original.

Features	Classic Help	Multi Tab Accordion	Uni Pane
How do I	Yes	No	No
Search	Yes	Yes	Yes
Search results that show context	No	Yes	Yes
Showing/Hiding the left pane	Yes	Yes	No
Viewing status bar	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Classic Help Template

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Don't be misled by the name. It is far from being the way help always worked. It is Classic in the sense of being tri-pane, but it is tri-pane with a turbo!

Here I have adjusted the screen proportions to show what is available.

- The familiar features such as Contents, Index, Glossary and Search are now tabs rather than buttons.
- Users can open multiple topics in different tabs.
- How many users knew what a Browse Sequence was? They understood the CHM toolbar sequence but probably didn't know it as a browse sequence. It is also clear from forum posts that many authors think the webhelp browse sequence buttons are the same as a browser's Back and Forward buttons. If authors are confused about them, it is time for a new name. Note the "How Do I" tab, it is the browse sequence but how much more intuitive. It is much better for creating a series of steps the user should follow.
- RoboHelp 9 adds the option for users to rate topics. Note the stars above the topic.

The Multi Tab Accordion Template



The UniPane Template

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Zoom

Note the magnification slider above (bottom right). The screenshot below shows the sharpness at 135%. At 200% the letter E in Experience Bank took up the height of my screen and it was just as sharp. I haven't seen such effective magnification anywhere else.

Personal Loans

What's covered? Experience Bank

Take it down to 50% and it is still completely legible. (I have had to shrink this screenshot so that it fits the printed version. Note it is still clear!)

Personal Loans What's covered? Experience Bank UK has developed several <u>plans</u> to help customers purchase a whole range of items in the most cost effective way for them. <u>Customer Care</u> is designed to help you identify the best plan for a customer and then complete the necessary forms. This page explains how the process works What plans are available? What do I do when I know the best plan? The application form

- <u>The application form</u>
- We cannot complete the form. What do I do?
- What happens when the money is required?

The LNG file

The LNG file accessed from Project Settings allows you to change the text you see in the templates. You could change the How Do I tab to Procedures or whatever you prefer.

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Comments

This section describes the Comments pod in RoboHelp 9.

The comments icon opens the comment pod below the topic.

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Topic Revisions

Revisions

AIR help is a form of help from Adobe using .AIR technology. Whilst AIR Help remains an output offered within RoboHelp, it is no longer being developed. I would not recommend starting any new projects with this output.

- <u>Adobe AIR Help</u> describes what AIR help provides from a user perspective.
- <u>Adobe AIR Help in RoboHelp 9</u> describes the generation, setup and calling of AIR help for users of RoboHelp 9.
- This page describes the templates and skins available.