



# RoboHelp Recovery Scripts

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## RoboHelp Recovery Scripts

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Thank you for purchasing the RoboHelp Recovery Scripts pack. With this collection of scripts you can reverse engineer a RoboHelp project from almost every output.

If you encounter any problems using the scripts, don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

### Supported RoboHelp versions

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RoboHelp 8 or later is required to use the scripts.

The scripts only support reverse engineering from an output that was created with the same or an earlier RoboHelp version than the version you are using. Meaning that to recover an output created with RoboHelp 11, make sure to use RoboHelp 11 or later to run the script. Trying to restore an output from a later RoboHelp version to an earlier version is not supported.

### Supported Outputs for Recovery

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The Recovery Scripts are specialised for specific outputs. Use the table below to determine the script to use:

Script file	Supported output
BB_AIR_RH10_Recovery.jsx	Browser Based AIR Help created by RoboHelp 10+
BB_AIR_RH_8_9_Recovery.jsx	Browser Based AIR Help created by RoboHelp 8/9
CHM_Recovery.jsx CHM_Recovery_standalone.jsx	CHM created by any application.
FlashHelp_Recovery	FlashHelp created by any RoboHelp version.
WebHelp_Recovery_RH10.jsx	WebHelp created by RoboHelp 10+
WebHelp_Recovery_RH8_9.jsx	WebHelp created by RoboHelp 8/9
WebHelp_Recovery_RH7.jsx	WebHelp created by RoboHelp 7 or earlier

## CHM Recovery options

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When recovering a project from a CHM file, there are 2 options:

- **CHM\_Recovery.jsx:** The default script. This script requires decompressing the CHM using the free KeyTools CHM Decompiler. This script will recover context sensitivity.

Download KeyTools CHM Decompiler from:

<http://our.componentone.com/2012/05/01/keytools-chm-decompiler/>

- **CHM\_Recovery\_standalone.jsx:** An alternative script. This script decompiles CHM's itself so there is no need for third party tools.

This script cannot recover context sensitivity.

## Recovered Information

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The scripts will recover the following information from your output:

- All topics, images, scripts, baggage files and style sheets.
- Browse sequences.
- Context sensitivity mapping.
- Topic TOC placeholder. (WebHelp recovered from RoboHelp 10 or later only.)
- Modifications to your language file.
- The glossary.
- The index.
- The TOC, including placeholder for merged projects.
- See Also keywords.
- Search Synonyms.

The script will clean all your topics of any garbage that is added on generation. Note that some information, such as snippets, cannot be recovered. This information is lost on generation.

Note: The scripts can only recover information that is available in your output. If your output doesn't contain some information, for example an index, the script will not be able to recover it.

## Using the Scripts

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Follow the steps in this chapter to recover your output.

**Create a backup!** The scripts will not make any changes to the output. The scripts will create temporary files in the output folder to help with the recovery process. Nonetheless, make sure to create a backup of your output files before running the script in case something unexpected happens.

## Import the Recovery Scripts

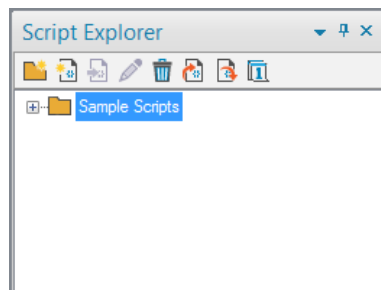
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In order to use the scripts, you have to import them into RoboHelp first.

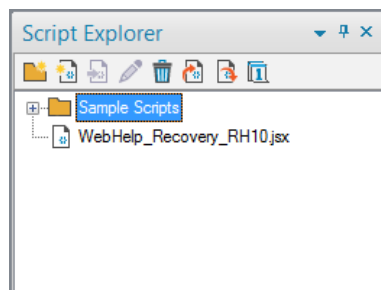
1. Determine the script you need. (See Supported Outputs for Recovery on page 3.)
2. Open any RoboHelp project.
3. Open the Script Explorer pod.

For RoboHelp 11 and earlier: **View > Pods > Script Explorer**.

For RoboHelp 2015+: **Project > Pods > Script Explorer**.



4. Click **Import Script files** .
5. Browse to the script you need, select it and click **Open**.

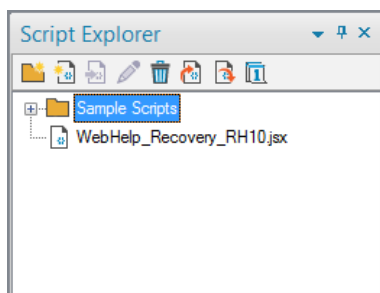



## Run the Recovery Scripts

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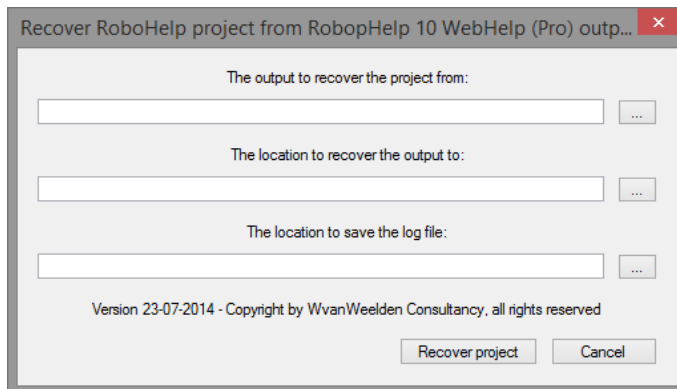
Once imported, you can use the scripts to recover a project from an output.

1. Open any RoboHelp project.
2. Open the Script Explorer pod.  
For RoboHelp 11 and earlier: **View > Pods > Script Explorer**.  
For RoboHelp 2015+: **Project > Pods > Script Explorer**.



3. Select the script to run and click **Run Selected Script File** .
4. Choose **Yes** in the popup.

The project is closed and the Recovery settings dialog is opened.



5. Use the browse buttons to select the folders and files required.
6. Click Recover project.
7. Click **OK** in the dialog.

**Note:** Recovering a project can take several minutes. Do not close RoboHelp even if RoboHelp seems to be frozen. This is normal behavior.

8. Once the project is recovered, click **OK** in the dialog.

The log file is opened.

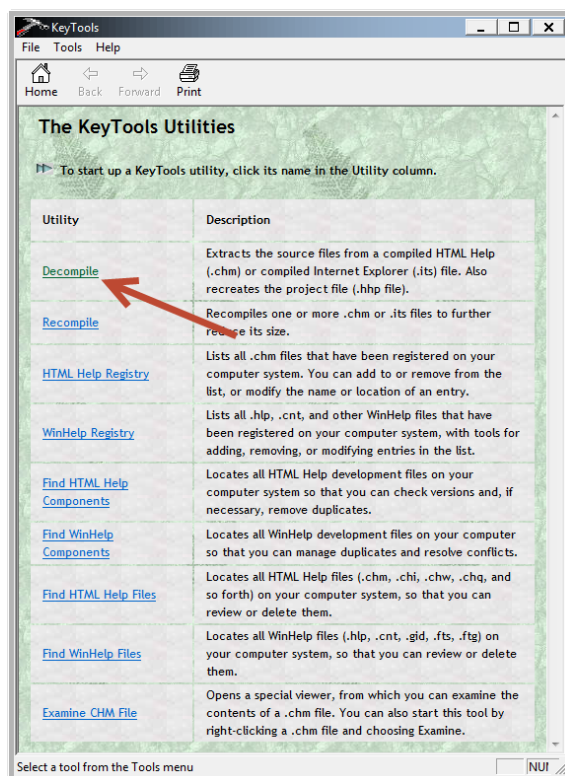
9. Check the log file for any errors. [Contact us](#) if any error is listed.
10. Update DHTML effects.  
For RoboHelp 11 and earlier: **Tools > Update DHTML effects in topics.**  
For RoboHelp 2015+: **Tools > Update DHTML.**
11. Save the project.

The project was recovered. If you used a Topic TOC (also known as Mini TOC), a snippet is added to the project with the Mini TOC. Change the snippet to update the appearance of the Mini TOC.

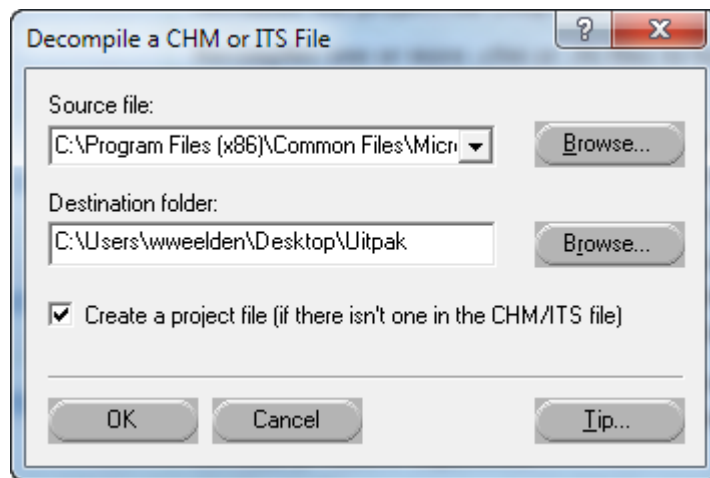
## Decompiling a CHM with Keytools

For recovering a project from a CHM where you want to recover context sensitivity, the CHM must be compressed before running the recovery script.

1. [Download](#) and start KeyTools.



2. Select **Decompile**.



3. In the field *Source file*, select the CHM you want to decompile.
4. In the field *Destination folder*, select the folder where you want to store the files from the CHM.
5. Make sure you check the file *Create a project file*.
6. Click **OK**.

KeyTools decompiles the CHM. Once the CHM is decompiled, run the recovery script to create a RoboHelp project.