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Adobe RoboHelp: Change WebHelp Search Highlight

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The **ADOBE** RoboHelp 9 features are described briefly here. The **ADOBE** Rc provides a much more comprehensive description.

Where you see this image, the feature is used in this project.

Feature	Description
Personalize Content for the end-user	
Dynamic User-Centric	Content customization according to the en

To change the way that WebHelp styles search results, you need to modify the file `whtopic.js`. In the top of `whtopic.js` is the variable `gsHiliteSearchSetting`. This variable has three values separated by commas. The first value controls if highlighting is possible. If the value is `enable`, highlighting is enabled. Any other value will disable highlighting. When highlighting is enabled, a user can still disable the highlighting by deselecting the checkbox in the search pane.

The second value in `gsHiliteSearchSetting` is the background colour of the highlighted string. The third variable is the text colour of the highlighted string.

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If you want to style the string further, such as adding borders, you need to modify the function `DomTextNode`. In this function, find the following lines:

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```
s_strHlStart = "<font style='color:" + gs  
s_strHlEnd = "  
</font>";
```

To apply any highlight styling, simply add you styling after `gsBkgndColor + "`. Be sure to first add a semi-colon after `gsBkgndColor + "` to separate your styles. For instance, the image showing the highlight does three things: Add a blue border, add a yellow background and transform the string to uppercase. To get this result, change the styling as follows:

```
s_strHlStart = "<font style='color: #000;
```

Alternatively, add a class to the font tag and style the highlight using your style sheet.

Note: The colours for the text and the highlight are set in the variable `gsHiliteSearchSetting`, but are stored in the variables `gsBkgndColor` and `gsTextColor`. Setting these variables in the top of the file has no effect as the variables are always filled with the values from `gsHiliteSearchSetting`. This is done by the function `IsHighLightRequired`.

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