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# Adobe RoboHelp: Expand selected Drop-downs by default

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In a previous post I have shown you how to expand all drop-downs by default when the page is loaded. Recently I was asked whether it is possible to expand only select drop-downs when the page load. Most certainly! But it requires a little more work from the author.

To expand only select drop-downs, you need to change the ehlpdhtm.js file and you need to specify which drop-downs should be expanded.

Note: I tested this method on RoboHelp 10 only, but it should work for older versions as well.

## Specify the drop-downs to expand

1. Find the drop-down that you want to expand by default.
2. Select the drop-down and switch to HTML mode.

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3. Add the text data-expanded to the code of the drop-down between

```
<?rh-dropdown_start and ?> .
```

```
<p><?rh-droptop_start class="droptop" href="javascript:TextPopup(this)"
      id="a3" data-expanded dataid="POPOP591313966" ?>Another
dropdown<?rh-droptop_end ?></p>
```

4. Save the topic.
5. Repeat step 1 – 4 for every drop-down you want to expand on load.

When you have set up all your drop-downs, generate the project.

## Setting the script up

For a CHM, you need to modify the ehlpdhtm.js of the project root. For WebHelp, you need to modify the ehlpdhtm.js file in the output folder. Follow these steps to make drop-downs and expandspots show by default.

Open the file in a text editor and find:

```
CCSSP.RegisterEventHandler( window, "onlo
```

- Line 2357 for RoboHelp 7.
- Line 2498 for RoboHelp 8.
- Line 2497 for RoboHelp 9.
- Line 2650 for RoboHelp 10.

Add a new line after the found line and add the following code on the new line you created:

```
if(el.getAttribute('data-expanded') == nu
```

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```
CCSSP.RegisterEventHandler( window, "onl
} else {
CCSSP.RegisterEventHandler( window, "onl
}
```

Save the script.

When a page loads, all drop-downs you have set up will automatically expand. Don't forget to change the script every time you generate. (You can also change the seed ehlpdhtm.js file in *%RH install dir%/RoboHTML* so that the changes will automatically be included every time you generate. Make a backup before changing a seed file though.)

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