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Adobe RoboHelp: Show/Hide Navigation Pane Links in Topics

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This post shows you how to add show/hide links for the navigation pane in your topics.

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Setting up the master page

1. Go to the masterpage that you want to add the links to.
2. Select the header or the footer of the masterpage.
3. Click Insert > HTML > Advanced > Script.
4. On the tab Source, add the following code:

```
addShowHidePaneLinks();
```
5. Save the script and save your masterpage.
6. Generate your layout.

Setting up the output files

When you have created the output, you must amend two output files to make the script work:

1. [Download the additional JavaScript.](#)
2. Open whutils.js with a text editor.
3. Add the contents of the file whutil_extra_functions.txt to the top of whutils.js.
4. Save whutils.js.
5. Open whskin_frmset01.htm with a text editor.
6. Go to line 100.
7. Add the contents of the file whskin_frmset01_additions.txt at line 100.
8. Save whskin_frmset01.htm.

Your output will now correctly show the links for showing and hiding the navigation pane.

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There are two ways in which you can style the link: determining which text to use and the actual formatting of the link.

Changing the default link text

To change the text the script uses for the links, go to `whutils.js` and find the variables `showpanemsg` and `hidepanemsg`. Simply change the text:

```
var showpanemsg = "Show navigation";  
var hidepanemsg = "Hide navigation";
```

Changing the link formatting

To change the link formatting, add some CSS to your topic for the hyperlink with id `showhidepanecontrol`. For example:

```
a#showhidepanecontrol {  
    color: red;  
}
```

RoboHelp 9

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Setting up a Master Page

1. Go to the masterpage that you want to add the links to.
2. Select the header or the footer of the masterpage.

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3. Click Insert > HTML > Advanced > Script.
4. On the tab Source, add the following code:
`addShowHidePaneLinks();`
5. Save the script and save your masterpage.
6. Generate your layout.

Setting up Output Files

If you use RoboHelp 9, paste the amended output files into your output.

If you are using another version of RoboHelp or if you want to modify the files yourself, follow these steps:

1. Open whutils.js.
2. Add the contents of the showhidelinks script file to the top of whutils.js.
3. Save your changes.
4. Open whtopic.js.
5. Find the function `showHidePane()` and add `amendshowhidelink();` before the closing bracket.
6. Save your changes.
7. Open whtbar.js.
8. Find the function `searchB()` and add `amendshowhidelink();` after `SendMessage(oMsg);`
9. Now add `amendshowhidelink();` before the closing bracket in the functions `showTOC()`, `showIndex()`, `showFts()`, `showGlossary()` and `showHidePane()`.
10. Save your changes.

Your output is ready. Make a backup of whtopic.js, whtbar.js and whutils.js. You need to paste the amended files to your output every time you generate

the help.

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