

# MadCap Flare 2018 vs Adobe® RoboHelp® 2019

## A Detailed Functionality Comparison

Our comprehensive guide helps you understand the key differences between MadCap Flare and Adobe® RoboHelp® 2019. View the full chart below to compare features such as authoring, leveraging existing content, team collaboration, and more.



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### General:

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<b>Agile Release Cycle and Updates</b>	MadCap Software follows an agile release cycle with multiple major updates and releases per year.	Historically, Adobe® typically only has a major release every 18 - 24 months (fewer and less frequent updates often make it difficult to support newer technologies such as OS and web browser updates as they become available).
<b>Reports and Project Analysis</b>	<p>With the release of MadCap Flare 2018, most of the features from MadCap Analyzer have been integrated into Flare. This dramatically increases the number of analysis features available in Flare. As a result, there is a new Analysis ribbon where you can access these features.</p> <p>Project Analysis Scans go well beyond just reporting; it finds and helps correct critical issues, makes suggestions for content reuse, helps clean up redundant formatting, styles and much more.</p>	RoboHelp® only offers a limited number of 'static' textual reports.

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<p><b>Translation and Localization Workflow</b></p>	<p>Flare Project files are entirely in XML so you can send your entire project off to be translated, not just the output. Since all of the project files are XML, you can easily use any existing translation process that you may have in place using any of the industry leading translation tools, or you can use <a href="#">MadCap Lingo</a>.</p> <p>MadCap Lingo is a powerful, easy-to-use translation environment tool (TMS) designed to assist technical writers, documentation specialists and professional translators in the translation and localization process.</p> <p>Flare also offers a Project Export Feature that allows you to export a project based off of, a target, condition, file tag and more. This allows you to send only the files off that are marked for translation or used in a specific target.</p>	<p>Currently, Adobe has no product similar to MadCap Lingo nor does RoboHelp® integrate with any third party translation memory tool to the same extent as Flare, MadCap Lingo and Project Packager.</p>
<p><b>Animated Tutorials/Demos</b></p>	<p>Full integration with <a href="#">MadCap Mimic</a>. Tutorial and demo files created with Mimic can be used in Flare projects and they can share Flare project attributes, such as Variables or Conditional Tags. If you need to customize your documentation for multiple customers, you can create a variable called "Customer Name". This variable can be used in your Flare content and can also be used in your Mimic built tutorial/demo files. When it is time to publish documentation for "XYZ Corp" you do a simple variable definition once. Both your Flare content and your Mimic content are automatically updated for that customer.</p>	<p>While RoboHelp® supports Captivate movies, the integration between the two products is limited. There is no support for project or build variables.</p>
<p><b>Plug-in API</b></p>	<p>A plug-in API lets you integrate Flare with other tools or applications using DLLs that you produce. For details on creating DLLs for integration with Flare, visit our <a href="#">website</a>.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® offers extend script which is more of a scripting language used to automate repetitive tasks, etc. To the best of our knowledge, RoboHelp® offers no API to facilitate integration with other applications or tools.</p>
<p><b>Templates Designed for Single-Sourcing</b></p>	<p>MadCap Flare offers 20 pre-installed project templates for print, online, desktop and mobile content. In addition, modern responsive top navigation and side navigation templates are available as a free, additional download. <a href="#">Click here to view the gallery of templates.</a></p>	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic offers only a few basic samples.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 includes two basic sample projects.</p>

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<p><b>Internal Help System</b></p>	<p>When you search for help from Flare, you can search the help system for the current version of Flare. Help is also available in additional resources, such as the online Help, MadCap forums, MadCap blog, and an active community of Flare user groups.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic includes internal help as well as online help.</p> <p>RoboHelp® offers Adobe Community Help. When you search for help on RoboHelp® you may find yourself presented with web pages, articles, blogs and other things that have little or nothing to do with your search or even RoboHelp®.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 only offers online help.</p>
<p><b>Controlled Language/ Simplified Technical English Support</b></p>	<p>Flare allows for controlled language support through <a href="#">HyperSTE</a> and <a href="#">Acrolinx</a>. Simplified Technical English standardizes vocabulary and style to improve consistency, eliminate ambiguity and reduce complexity.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Word Count Report</b></p>	<p>A new report has been added to Flare that lets you see how many words each target produces. The report allows you to count words by file, by target, by project.</p>	<p>Insights can only be provided using a 3rd party script.</p>

## Authoring:

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<b>Responsive Authoring</b>	Flare allows users to create responsive content. The benefit of putting your content into such a grid is that it allows it to shift and be responsive to screens of different sizes.	RoboHelp® does not offer any kind of responsive authoring environment.
<b>Text Analysis</b>	The text analysis tool in Flare lets you evaluate your files for things such as readability, average sentence length, and more.	RoboHelp® does not offer any kind of text analysis.
<b>Dynamic Preview</b>	The preview for topics, snippets, and master pages now displays in a dynamic window pane. This allows you to keep the preview open while you work and see changes as you make them in the XML Editor.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Style Inspector</b>	Style Inspector lets you see and edit the style details of the source stylesheet while also showing a preview how these changes affect certain content files in real time.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Style Inspector Style ID Selection</b>	You can now apply a style ID to content in the XML Editor. If you right-click on a structure bar, you will see a sub-menu labeled "Style ID" that lets you choose an ID from your stylesheet. And similar to the Style Class option, you can also create, edit, and reset style IDs from this sub-menu.	Robohelp® does not offer any ID support.
<b>Advanced Topic/Code (XHTML) Editing</b>	<p>Not only does Flare allow you to use other editors to add and edit content, it also provides an easy-to-use topic and text editor. With the editor, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily edit and format content</li> <li>• Split the editor to see the code while editing</li> <li>• Sync the selections between the code and the editor in real time</li> <li>• Auto-complete tags and attributes when typing in the text editor</li> <li>• Syntax coloring for CSS and XHTML in the text editor</li> </ul>	RoboHelp® has the ability to edit the topics and see the underlying code, but there is no way to see them both and sync them at the same time.

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<p><b>Macros</b></p>	<p>You can easily create macros through Flare's UI for commonly used actions such as applying styles, applying conditions, inserting content, etc. This allows you to become more efficient by creating custom keyboard shortcuts for your recorded macros.</p>	<p>Although RoboHelp® has some scripting support, it requires you to program the functions using ExtendScript.</p>
<p><b>Advanced Native Print Support</b></p>	<p>Flare is a powerful single-sourcing tool with one of the strongest print engines in the industry. Author and output advanced print documents using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absolute Positioning with Text Flow</li> <li>• PDF Image Support</li> <li>• Cross-References</li> <li>• Running Header/Footer Variables</li> <li>• Lists of Figures</li> <li>• Lists of Tables</li> <li>• Auto-numbering</li> <li>• Widow/Orphan Control</li> <li>• Page Layouts</li> <li>• CMYK Support</li> <li>• And much more.</li> </ul>	<p>Print output in RoboHelp® does not support advanced features such as cross-references, widow orphan control, short-line elimination, CMYK, etc. It also is dependent on being generated through Microsoft® Word.</p>
<p><b>Conditionalized Authoring</b></p>	<p>With Flare, you can author content in the Topic Editor more efficiently by only viewing the content that you need. Flare offers the ability to Hide/Show content in the topic editor based off of conditional expressions.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Advanced Linking Capabilities</b></p>	<p>Flare supports all common link types from the standard Hyperlink, See Also/Related Topic links, Concept links (A-links), Cross-Reference links, to Relationship Tables. Relationship Tables, originally created to support the DITA environment, have been adapted by MadCap Software to work with Flare projects and outputs.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic can handle basic link types; however it does not support cross-reference links (supporting both web and print publishing) and does not have Relationship Table support.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 can handle basic link types; however it does not support cross-reference links (supporting both web and print publishing) and does not have Relationship Table support. In addition, you cannot link to Bookmarks, and there is no Shortcut support for inserting a hyperlink.</p>

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<p><b>Structure Bars (Block Bars)</b></p>	<p>A graphical interface to access document structure without disturbing the content in the visual editor. These bars are located around the topic and visually show the structure of the XML. Not only do structure bars let you see the XML tag, but you can also perform numerous tasks by using them. If you right-click on a structure bar, a context menu opens. From the menu, you can select from several options to take action on the content associated with that XML tag.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Topic Status</b></p>	<p>Using Flare’s File Tagging feature, topics can be tagged with author, status, or other pieces of meta data as required. New tags can be created by the authoring team as needed.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® supports canned statuses on topics. No additional statuses or meta data can be created.</p>
<p><b>Interface Language Choices While Authoring</b></p>	<p>Configurable author interface. Select English, French, German, or Japanese interface at startup. Change your mind later. No additional versions to buy; these language interfaces are all included with Flare.</p>	<p>You cannot swap language interfaces without purchasing and reinstalling separate applications. Adobe offers different versions of RoboHelp® for each language that need to be purchased separately.</p>
<p><b>Link Viewer</b></p>	<p>The Link Viewer window pane lets you see what other files a particular file is linked to and from. You can see incoming links from other files, outgoing links to other files and output targets associated with the selected file. This dynamic pane can be set to change when a new topic is selected or keep the data from the topic that you had selected.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has an out-of-date “map” of the links that you have to leave the current topic to see.</p>
<p><b>Redacted Text Support</b></p>	<p>For those who need to control-sensitive information (such as personal data like social security numbers) while publishing in a legal environment where the use of a Conditional Tag would not meet the legal requirements, Flare supports Redacted Text. This renders the text unreadable and inaccessible without changing the flow of the document.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>

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<b>Snippet Conditions</b>	Snippet Conditions are special condition tags that you apply to content within Snippets at a Topic level rather than a build target level. With Snippet Conditions, you can separate certain Snippet content so that it displays in some Topics or Master Pages but not in others. This allows you to use one Snippet for many purposes, rather than having to create multiple Snippets.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Snippet Variables</b>	You can override definitions for variables in snippets. This can be done at the topic level or the snippet level. This gives you more ways to customize your snippets. This also is beneficial for single-sourcing because you do not need to create multiple versions of the same content or convert content to text.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Glossary Support</b>	<p>Glossary terms can be conditioned. Glossary terms can now be sorted so they display under certain headers and terms.</p> <p>Variables can be used in Glossary terms and definitions.</p>	Conditions are not supported on Glossary terms. Variables are not supported in Glossary terms or definitions.
<b>Equation Support</b>	<p>Flare includes support for MathML and LaTeX, allowing you to create and embed virtually any kind of mathematical equation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use any number of free equations editors or your own editor.</li> <li>• Simply copy and paste the code into Flare's equation editor.</li> <li>• Output of equations can be SVG or PNG images</li> </ul>	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Smart Quotes per Language</b>	Different languages use different kinds of quotation marks. Flare now replaces quotes based on your project's current language. Additionally, if you are using a different language in a specific topic or tag (see Selecting a Language), Flare will use the correct smart quote for that language setting.	<p>RoboHelp® may support different quotes based on the Locale of the system it is installed on, but changing the Project Language has no effect on quotes.</p> <p>All quotes are straight HTML quotes.</p>

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<p><b>Link to Styles</b></p>	<p>When creating links and cross-references, you can point to content using a particular style. This can be done in the Select Bookmark dialog when you are creating any of the following types of links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-references</li> <li>• Text hyperlinks</li> <li>• Tables of contents</li> <li>• Browse sequences</li> </ul>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Symbol and Character Support</b></p>	<p>An advanced Character Map UI allows easy location and insertion of symbols and special characters that authors may need. Other features include being able to manage favorites and recently used, search, enter hex codes, use a character with a particular font, and assign a 'Quick Character' that has the F11 key assigned to it.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has a basic Symbol Dialog that contains around thirty preloaded characters.</p>
<p><b>Right-to-Left Language Support</b></p>	<p>Flare supports authoring and publishing of right-to-left (RTL) languages such as Arabic, Persian, and Hebrew. Flare gives you the flexibility to automatically 'flip' styles to RTL or use a custom RTL style sheet.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has some support in its outputs but there is no such support in the authoring environment or other editors.</p>
<p><b>Free Screen Captures</b></p>	<p><a href="#">MadCap Capture</a> is free for customers on the latest release of Flare. With full integration into Flare, users can capture screens, apply call outs and other objects, single-source images to various output types, keep text and images separate for translation ease, and much more.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® offers a basic screen capture utility with basic editing functionality but lacks single-sourcing capability.</p>
<p><b>Images</b></p>	<p>With MadCap Flare and <a href="#">MadCap Capture</a>, you can single-source images. When adding text notations/call outs on screen captures, you can use the same variables used in your Flare projects. This allows for extreme customization of the images and screen captures in your documentation. The same can be said of conditional markers as well. You can conditionalize any part of the image using the same markers from your Flare project. Capture can also assign different profile values to a single image for different uses (like 300 dpi, TIFF format for print, 96 dpi, JPG format for online). Capture images can even use Conditional Tags to control areas of an image.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® does not have dedicated single-sourcing capabilities for images.</p>

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<b>Advanced Color Support</b>	The color picker in Flare offers the ability to select colors from a color map, pick a color from anywhere on the screen, use named colors, web colors, and input RGB, HSB and CMYK values. You can even save and see recently used colors in the UI. Flare also includes a PDF Target option to convert colors to Black and White on output.	RoboHelp® offers basic color support. There is no support for CMYK values for advanced print.
<b>Importing CSS Styles</b>	Entire style sheets can be imported into a project. You can also import individual styles from another style sheet.	No support for importing multiple style sheets.
<b>Relationship Table Support</b>	<p>A relationship table is an element used to link related topics together. It is similar to concept links or related topics links. Although a relationship table is a common feature in DITA, you do not need to be using DITA or know anything about DITA in order to take advantage of relationship tables in Flare.</p> <p>If you import content from DITA files that already contain relationship tables, those tables are retained in Flare. You can also create new relationship tables in a Flare project and insert relationship proxies into individual topics. In online output, the end result is one or more hyperlinks that let users quickly open related topics. In print-based output, the end result is one or more references to related topics with the appropriate page number(s).</p>	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Dictionaries and Hyphenation</b>	Flare offers language support for numerous dictionaries and hyphenation rules that you can extend using <a href="http://openoffice.org">openoffice.org</a> . Flare also allows you to choose a Global Dictionary for you or your team. This dictionary can live on your PC or a network and be a resource for all of your projects or authors.	RoboHelp® supports a number of spellcheck languages out-of-the-box, but has no way to add new languages nor does not support hyphenation rules.
<b>Embed Vimeo and YouTube Movies</b>	Link to or embed your Vimeo and YouTube movies right through Flare's UI.	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic has no such support.</p> <p>Web Link to YouTube and Vimeo was added in RoboHelp® 2019.</p>
<b>Quick Launch Bar</b>	Easily find functions content files or commands simply by typing in the Quick Launch Bar. You can find what you need without having to search through folders or ribbons.	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic has no such support.</p> <p>RoboHelp 2019® added support to search files but not commands.</p>

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Synchronization of Topic Title and TOC Entries	System variables can be used to ensure that your TOC entries are always in sync with your topic titles when creating online outputs.	RoboHelp® has no such support.

## Importing - Leveraging Existing Content:

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Microsoft® Word Import	Import Microsoft® Word documents with or without Microsoft® Word being installed. When installed, Flare tightly integrates with Microsoft® Word using modern XML data flow techniques, leveraging the Microsoft® XML Schema for Office documents. This allows for superior content fidelity during import.	<p>In RoboHelp® 2019 Classic, Microsoft® Word import is fairly basic and had limited import options.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 removed support for importing multiple Word files at a time and no longer creates TOC, Index, and Glossary files from import. It is also not possible to create a new project from a Word import.</p>
Import Microsoft® Excel® Spreadsheets	<p>Excel Spreadsheets can be imported two different ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As Topics:</b> Flare will convert your content and place worksheets into topics. Title text on a worksheet tab will become a heading in the Flare topic.</li> <li>• <b>As Snippets:</b> Flare will convert your content and place each worksheet into a separate snippet.</li> </ul>	RoboHelp® has no such support.
Adobe® FrameMaker® Import	Flare offers the tightest FrameMaker® integration in the industry. If Flare and FrameMaker® are installed on the same machine, Flare can open and work from the native FrameMaker® source files (.fm and .book). This integration gives Flare full access to import FrameMaker® content including; variables, conditionals, auto-numbering, import of cross-references, equations, master pages, images with their call-outs and more.	<p>FrameMaker® support is limited to a "one-way" work-flow, import only. A number of FrameMaker®'s advanced features are not imported or converted to RoboHelp® content.</p> <p>FrameMaker® import is not yet supported in RoboHelp® 2019.</p>
DITA Import	Flare has native DITA import that not only keeps your content, but all of the DITA meta-data (including relationship table data) during the import. There is no requirement for installing any external or third-party components; the entire process is handled by a transformation process within Flare.	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic supports DITA import by converting the content into a .chm through the DITA Open Tool Kit.</p> <p>DITA is not yet supported in RoboHelp® 2019.</p>

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<b>Import Flare Projects</b>	Import all or specific files (content, project files, etc.) from another Flare project. Do this import once to seed a new project or "link" to the project to import automatically before generating specific outputs.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Import HTML Files</b>	With Flare you have flexibility when importing and converting HTML files. Select one file, several files, folders containing files, link the selections to the source files, automatically re-import your selections before compile, and more.	RoboHelp® 2019 Classic supports the basic importing and converting one or more selected HTML files.  Import of HTML files is not yet supported in RoboHelp® 2019.
<b>Import CHM Files</b>	With Flare you can import the CHM into a new Flare project and save countless hours of recreating the content.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Import MadCap Doc-To-Help Projects</b>	Authors wanting to convert from MadCap Doc-To-Help to Flare can directly import their content into Flare. The import process will import the content as well as maintain other items such as, variables, groups, etc. During the import those items will be converted to the equivalent item in Flare.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>PDF Stitching</b>	Flare allows you to stitch PDFs together simply by adding them to the projects TOC. This can be handy if you have content that resides in a PDF, a EULA for example, that you already have approved and want to add it to your PDF output. Another use for this feature can be for assembling multi-language PDFs.	RoboHelp® has no such support.

## Team Collaboration:

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<b>MadCap Central Review</b>	<p>A streamlined review workflow is available between MadCap Flare 2018 and MadCap Central. This process allows you to add non-Flare users—i.e., subject matter experts (SMEs)—to your MadCap Central license. Then you can collaborate with SMEs (and other authors) by viewing and working with the same Flare content files (i.e., topics and snippets) in a lightweight editor.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic only integrates with RoboSource Control or to other source control software through the Microsoft® SCC API. It also plugs into SharePoint.</p> <p>In RoboHelp® 2019, it is currently suggested to use PDF outputs for all reviews and this will be addressed in future releases.</p>
<b>Source Control Integration</b>	<p>Provides direct connectivity with Microsoft® Team Foundation Server, Perforce, Git and Subversion allowing you to work with Flare projects stored in these source control environments without a third-party plug-in. Also supports additional source control solutions that conform to the Microsoft® Source Code Control APIs (Microsoft® SCC APIs).</p>	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic only integrates with RoboSource Control or to other source control software through the Microsoft® SCC API. It also plugs into SharePoint.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 only has support for Sharepoint and Git</p>
<b>Collaboration Workflow</b>	<p>With <a href="#">MadCap Contributor</a>, anyone in the company can create content and send it to a Flare author for inclusion in a Flare project. This content is written in XML so there is no data loss since there is no code conversion, both products are “speaking the same language”.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has a collaborative work flow but you are limited to using SharePoint or Git. It has no dedicated tool to offer a fully integrated collaboration work flow.</p>
<b>Global Dictionary</b>	<p>Whether you are a single author or on a team, you can choose a location to store your dictionary so it can be used by all of your projects.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>

## Output/Publishing:

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<b>TopNav (Non-Tripane/ Freeform HTML5 Output)</b>	Use the TopNav skin for your navigation or use any of the Skin Components combined with Master Pages to further customize your look and feel.	In RoboHelp®, TopNav outputs are referred to as Next generation Responsive HTML5 layouts. These layouts still uses iframes to host the content in the output, but looks similar to Flare's TopNav.
<b>SideNav (Non-Tripane/ Freeform HTML5 Output)</b>	If you would like to be able to produce the same frameless, modern look of Top Navigation output, but you want the topic links to be on the side of the interface (similar to the old Tripane output), you can now create Side Navigation output for HTML5 targets.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>HTML5 Topics (No Skin)</b>	Do you just need your topics without any navigation, no problem. Just select the "(none)" option in the HTML5 target. This output also gives you the option to add custom navigation and search features.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Clean or Static XHTML Output</b>	Produce basic HTML files that are free of JavaScript, MadCap-specific tags and not dependent upon other MadCap-generated files. The output does not include any skins, search, navigation, or other extra features; it is simply your single-sourced content. This is ideal for porting your output to other types of systems, such as ticketing systems or CMSs.	RoboHelp® 2019 Classic has no such support.  RoboHelp® 2019 has no such support, and has canceled their XML output.
<b>Choose Specific Browser or Viewer to View Output</b>	You can now choose a specific browser or viewer when opening the output for a target from the Project ribbon or from the Target Editor.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Author While Compiling (Out of Process Build)</b>	With Flare, you can start and queue several builds from the project that you are working on or other projects while continuing to work.	RoboHelp® 2019 Classic has no such support.  Support has been added in RoboHelp® 2019. This feature is done in a separate window and requires you to open this window to view the outputs.

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<b>Multilingual Output</b>	<p>Flare’s multilingual functionality has been improved to make it easier to create and build multilingual output. You can now seamlessly create multilingual outputs for each of Flare’s output types.</p> <p>If you have translated any of your existing Flare projects, simply link the translated projects in the Target file and let Flare will build all the translated projects into a single output.</p> <p>A Language Selector button has been added to the topic toolbar skin, allowing end users to select which language they want to use when viewing the help.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<b>Batch Build/Publish</b>	<p>Group various targets together so that they can be compiled and published at the same time. Batch targets can even be scheduled to generate and publish through the scheduler.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® offers UI to batch generate several outputs at the same time but you cannot create multiple types of these output “groups” or schedule them.</p>
<b>Schedule and Publish Builds</b>	<p>Maximize your authoring time and schedule Flare to generate and publish batch targets.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® does not offer scheduling through the UI.</p>
<b>Pre- and Post- Build Scripting</b>	<p>You can add pre- or post-build events to your target. This lets you run command line events before or after the target is generated. This allows you to change files before you build or after you build is complete.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® allows you to run only a post compile script.</p>
<b>508/Accessibility Support</b>	<p>For Web and PDF Accessibility, Flare gives you control over what warnings to report for your 508/Accessibility compliance. You can save this log and double-click each error to open the topic and fix the problem.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® 2017 includes a new layout that is claimed to be 508 compliant. However, there are no warning or reporting capabilities.</p>
<b>More Print Output Options</b>	<p>Along with producing PDF output, Flare gives you several other solutions for print:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native PDF Output</li> <li>• FrameMaker® files (.book, .fm, .mif)</li> <li>• Microsoft® XPS</li> <li>• Microsoft® Word (.doc &amp; .docx)</li> <li>• Microsoft® Office 365</li> <li>• XHTML Book</li> <li>• EPUB Output</li> <li>• MOBI/Kindle Output</li> </ul>	<p>RoboHelp® 2019 Classic offers Microsoft® Word and PDF output. Both require Microsoft® Word to be installed. It also outputs EPUB/MOBI.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 offers PDF output. It also outputs EPUB/MOBI.</p>

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<b>Native PDF Output</b>	Flare supports direct PDF output without having to convert the content to another format. Having this native support allows Flare to offer a large range of advanced print options to easily create truly “press ready” documents.	<p>In RoboHelp® 2019 Classic, the files are converted to Microsoft® Word output before being saved as a PDF from Word. Since Microsoft® Word is used to convert the content to PDF, advanced print options are limited and the likelihood of having to post process becomes higher.</p> <p>RoboHelp® 2019 added support to create direct PDF output but it does not include any advanced print options.</p>
<b>Microsoft® Word Output</b>	Output Microsoft® Word documents with or without Microsoft® Word being installed. When installed, Flare tightly integrates with Microsoft® Word using modern XML data flow techniques, leveraging the Microsoft® XML Schema for Office documents. Flare allows for inclusion of hyperlink data or even the conversion of link data to proper page number cross-reference data on output to Word. Combined with Flare’s Page Layout technology and output to print options, Flare provides the ability to create true “press ready” documents with no post processing.	<p>A Microsoft® Word installation is required for both Word and PDF Outputs from RoboHelp®.</p> <p>RoboHelp® is unable to handle minor tasks such as specifying unique chapter page formatting or page number cross-reference data derived from link data making it almost mandatory that you have to do further work in Microsoft® Word to get your document ready for the printer.</p> <p>Microsoft® Word output is no longer provided with RoboHelp® 2019.</p>
<b>Adobe FrameMaker® Output</b>	With the tightest FrameMaker® integration in the industry, Flare can output its content to the .fm and .book formats.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>DITA Output</b>	Flare offers native DITA output. There is no requirement for installing any external or third-party components; the entire process is handled by a transformation process within Flare.	RoboHelp® has no such support.
<b>Eclipse Help Output</b>	Flare offers native Eclipse Help output. Create a Eclipse Help Target with custom settings, batch build capabilities, command line integration, and all of power and flexibility of other targets in Flare.	There is no native support for Eclipse Help through RoboHelp®’s layouts. You have to use a script based off of a WebHelp layout.

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<p><b>WebHelp Plus (also available for HTML5 outputs)</b></p>	<p>This output type is identical to the regular WebHelp output in most ways. However, WebHelp Plus works on a Microsoft® Web server running Microsoft® Internet Information Services (IIS), ASP.NET, and Microsoft® Indexing Service. You and your users can take advantage of some advanced features, including searching of non-XHTML content (PDF files, MS Word Documents, etc.), faster server-side search, and automatic run-time merging. This functionality is also available for HTML5 output.</p>	<p>No support for advanced features without paying thousands of dollars extra for the RoboHelp® Server in addition to the Microsoft® server requirements.</p>
<p><b>CHM Output and Runtime Merging of CHMs</b></p>	<p>Flare fully supports HTML Help Output (CHM) which allows control over most options available to the output. Also, with a single file and Flare's ability to merge CHM files, you can set up a system that allows to you merge CHMs at runtime.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Compile Log File</b></p>	<p>Not only does Flare create a report for warnings and errors while compiling, it allows you to save the report to a "dynamic log" file. This file allows you to open the topic double-click the individual error messages. Flare will also highlight the area that contains the error in the open topic when possible.</p> <p>Flare also allows the author to turn on and off the types of errors displayed during a compile.</p> <p>Users can specify where they would like the build logs saved.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® offers a textual list of errors in their Output View.</p>
<p><b>Byte Order Mark</b></p>	<p>The BOM is a Unicode character that appears at the start of a text stream. While most authors may want to disable the BOM, it can be enabled if hosting on content on a web server that requires BOM (such as a LINUX machine).</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Elasticsearch</b></p>	<p>Elasticsearch can be added to any TopNav or SideNav target.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>
<p><b>Google Search</b></p>	<p>Google Search can be added to any TopNav or SideNav target.</p>	<p>RoboHelp® has no such support.</p>

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Salesforce Knowledge	Flare offers the ability to publish directly to Salesforce Knowledge and Lightning using the Salesforce Connect plugin. The Salesforce Connect Plugin also offers multilingual support.	RoboHelp® has no such support.

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