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Set Up Search Engine

Choose between MadCap Search, Elasticsearch, and Google Search. For more details, see the Help system.

MadCap Search		Elasticsearch	Google Search
1.	Open an HTML5 target.	1. Install Elasticsearch on a remote server.	1. Open an HTML5 target.
2.	Select the Search tab.	2. Enable Elasticsearch through the Target Editor	2. Select the Search tab.
3. 4.	From the Search Engine field, select MadCap Search.	(Search tab).	3. From the Search Engine field, select Google Search.
		3. Create publishing destinations.	4. There are several additional stops you can
	You can complete various options to optimize the search, then click 🔙 to save your work.	4. Associate destinations with a target.	complete in your Google account to optimize your
		5. Generate and test output.	search.
		6. Manage the size of search indexes.	5. Click 🔙 to save your work.

	MadCap Search	Elasticsearch	Google Search
Less Time and Effort to Set Up	~		
Public vs. Local Output Flexibility	~		
Search in Multiple Outputs		~	~
Search Other File Types Besides Topics		~	~
Search Tailored to Flare Projects	×		
Micro Content in Results	~	×	
Glossary Definitions in Results	~		
Results for Incorrectly Typed Searches		×	~
Better Search and Indexing Speed	~	~	
Performance on Mobile Devices		~	~

		MadCap Search	Elasticsearch	Google Search
No Advertisements		~	 	
Customize Auto-Complete Results			×	
Customize Predictive Search			~	
Other Features and Activities				
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insert	A Search bar proxy lets you create a field that can be used to perform
Custom	searches in HTML5 output. When you build the output, the proxy is
Search Bar	replaced with the generated search bar.

Insert > Proxy > Insert Search Bar Proxy

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Other Features and Activities

Hide	Sea
Bar	

If you insert a search bar using a proxy, you might also need to hide the search bar from some topics so that you do not have two search bars on a page.

Associate topic(s) with separate stylesheet that has this:

```
.nav-search
{
    display: none;
}
```

Set Search	For online targets, you have a variety of options that you can enable or
Results	disable to define how search results are treated, depending on the
Options	output type.

Target Editor > Search

GenerateFor web-based targets, you can generate a sitemap when compilingSitemapsyour output. This helps with search engine optimization (SEO), making
it easier for search indexing services (i.e., spiders, crawlers, or bots) to
find your output. Therefore, the entire output is indexed and search
engine results are improved.

Target Editor > Search > Generate Sitemap

OptimizeThere are several optimization tasks you can follow to improve theSearchquality of your search results.

Can be done from various places

Other Features and Activities

Search Filter	A filter can be included in the search feature to let users narrow their
Sets	search based on concepts that you have inserted into topics.

Target Editor > Advanced > Filter File

Other Features and Activities

- Search
 When users initiate a search query, the search hits (i.e., the

 Highlighting
 matching keywords and phrases) may be highlighted when the

 individual topics are opened. This feature is called "search

 highlighting" and it is supported for simple text search and phrase

 search.

 Most output types → Edit span styles (e.g., span.SearchHighlight1)

 HTML5 Tripane output → Skin Editor
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- Synonyms If users enter search phrases in your online output and those phrases are not returning results, you can make improvements to your output so that, in the future, users are able to find the search results they need. One way to enhance your output is to create synonyms for search phrases.

Project > New > Advanced > Synonym File

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Other Features and Activities

Include or Exclude Search You can include or exclude a topic when full-text search is generated. If you disable this feature, the topic is excluded from the search, but it is still included in the generated output.

Topic Properties > Include topic when full-text search database is generated