

MadCap Flare -- Settings for Flare to Automatically Assign Glossary Definitions to Glossary Words in Topics.

Concept

MadCap Flare software is a help authoring tool. Flare can generate outputs in various formats for books, pdfs, online help and epubs. Multiple formats can be generated from the same content documents.

There are several MadCap software programs that interact with Flare and provide additional features for Flare including collaboration tools, translation tools, screen capture, video tools and more. Flare will import and export documents as FrameMaker, InDesign, Microsoft Word, CHM Help files, DITA, HTML and other formats.

Task

The task is to “attach” glossary terms to words in a topic document. Flare will automatically assign glossary terms to glossary words in a topic if the target properties are configured properly.

The instructions below will help you configure settings for:

- the style for display of glossary terms in the topics
- the target properties which will automatically relate glossary terms to glossary words in a topic so that users of the document can see a popup of the term definition

Requirements:

- MadCap Flare
- an existing glossary appropriate for terms in the topics
- a topic with content that contains some glossary terms
- an HTML5 target

Steps:

1. Open MadCap Flare and your project files.
2. Open the Glossary Editor by double-clicking on the glossary file in the Project Organizer list of items. See the **red arrow A** in Figure 1 below.

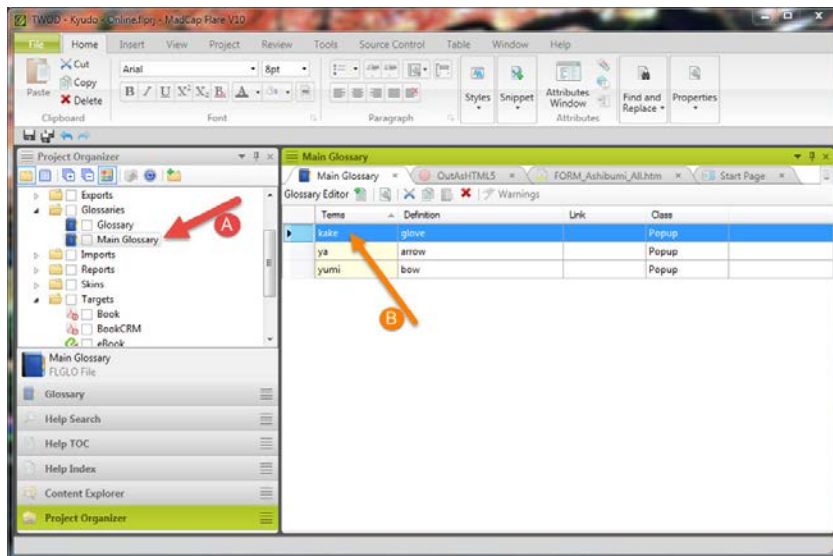


Figure 1

3. Select a glossary term and double-click on the term to bring up the properties window for that glossary term. See the **orange arrow B** in Figure 1 above. Figure 2 below displays the resulting properties window.

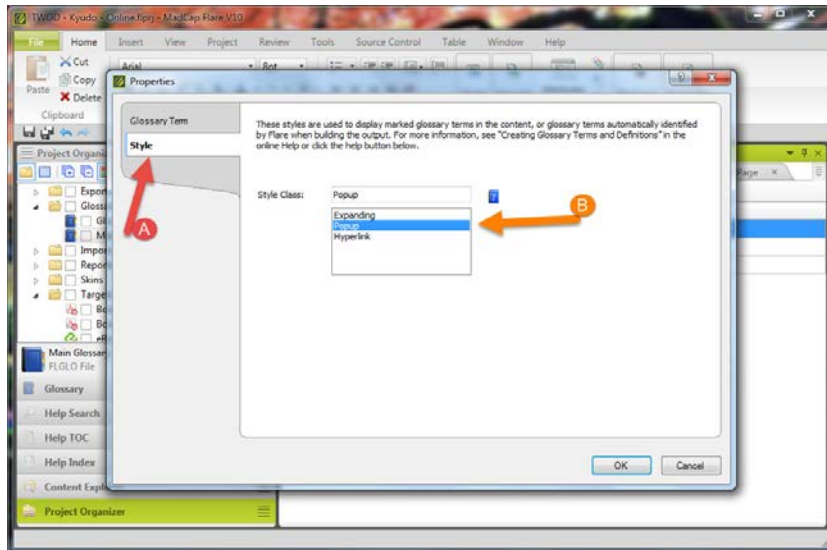


Figure 2

4. Select the Style tab, see the **red arrow A** in Figure 2 above.
5. Select the style to use for display of the term definition. In this example, select **Popup**, see the **orange arrow B** in Figure 2 above.
6. Click OK. Save the glossary file.

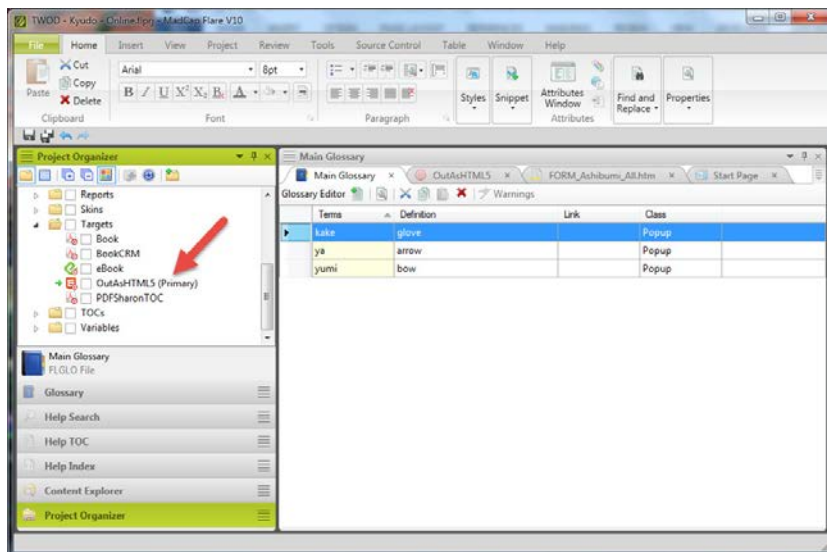


Figure 3

7. Open the HTML5 target by double-clicking on that target file in the Project Organizer list of items. See the **red arrow** in Figure 3 above. NOTE: The filename, OutAsHTML5, is the HTML5 target for this example, it is not a standard filename. The '(Primary)' notation next to the filename indicates that this target has been selected as the primary target for this Flare project.
8. Select the Glossary tab, see the **red arrow A** in Figure 4 below.

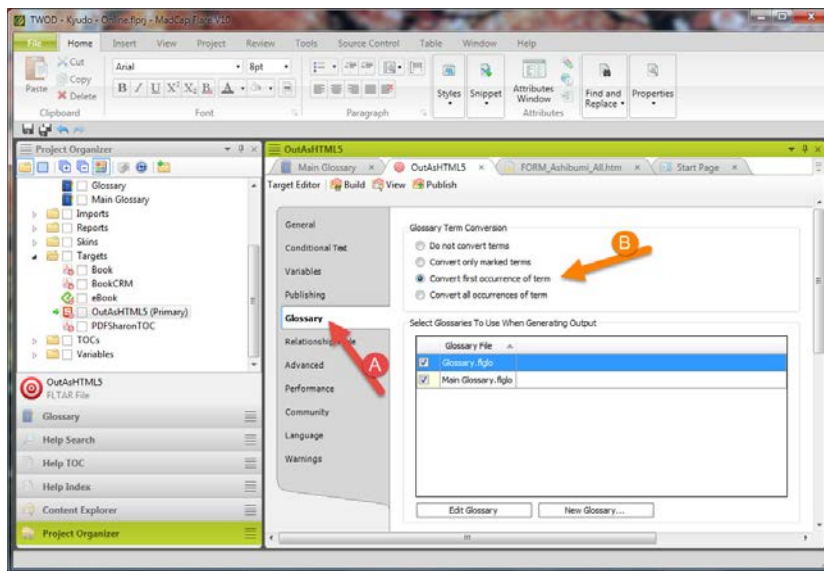


Figure 4

9. Select the radio button for Convert first occurrence of term, see the **orange arrow B** in Figure 4 above.
10. Save the target file.
11. Build the target and Flare will now automatically generate an association for the glossary terms in the content as in the example below, see the **red arrow** in Figure 5 below. Notice that the content words that are in the glossary are now colored and have an icon to the right of them.

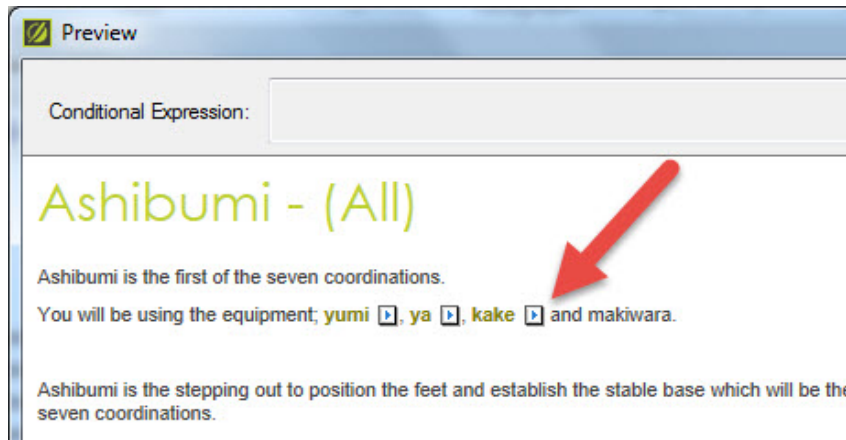


Figure 5

12. When the user hovers the cursor over the word or clicks on the icon, a popup of the word definition will be displayed. See the red arrow in Figure 6 below.

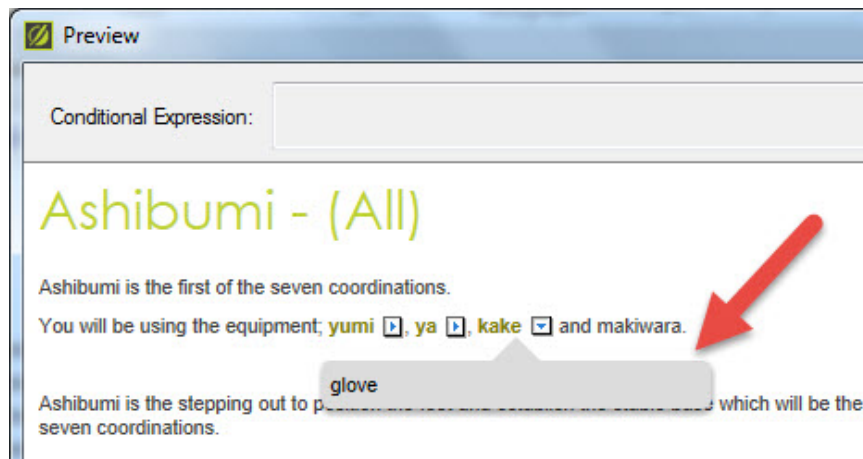


Figure 6

References

You may download a free trial, purchase the software and find a variety of video tutorials at:

<http://www.madcapsoftware.com/>