


# Creating Element - Specific Help Topics

Define a string value referring to an element-specific help topic for each DSL element:

- By clicking the **Help** button in the element's [Specification window](#).
- By pressing **F1**, when the element's symbol is selected.

To define a help topic ID for the DSL element

1. Select the appropriate [customization element](#) and open its Specification window.
2. In the general specification pane, select the **Help ID** property and type the help topic ID text.
3. Click **Close** when you are done. After updating the customization element specification, you must either reuse the DSL Customization profile in the model or reopen the model.

 The **Help ID** property is connected to the *documentation.server* [path variable](#), the default value of which is *https://docs.nomagic.com*. The opened link is constructed in this way: '<documentation.server value> + /display/MD<modeling\_tool\_version>/ + <help ID text>'.

If an element represents two or more DSL elements, the first DSL element's help topic ID will be taken.  
Accessing such a link via **F1** or **Help** buttons opens the specified documentation page.

If the DSL type customization does not have the **Help ID** property defined, the help topic ID derives from the more general stereotype customization (ancestor) of the **Help ID** property. If there is no ancestor, the metaclass help opens.

## Related pages

- [Using Customization Data](#)
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