Install the Mudbox Help locally

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By default, Mudbox calls an Autodesk web server to display the Mudbox Help. You must have Internet access to view the Help. This ensures you have the most up-to-date version of the Help and allows Autodesk to make updates to the Help between software releases.

If you do not have reliable Internet access, you can download the Mudbox Help from the Autodesk Web site and install it locally as follows.

Prepare to install the Mudbox Help

Before you install the Mudbox Help, ensure that you do the following:

- Install Mudbox
- Download the Autodesk Mudbox English Documentation executable file for your version and platform from *www.autodesk.com/mudbox-helpdownload-enu*. This file installs Mudbox Help for 32-bit and 64-bit systems.

Install the Mudbox Help

(Windows)

1. Download and run the Help installer from *www.autodesk.com/mudbox-helpdownload-enu*, following the instructions in the installer.

   By default, the Mudbox Help is installed in the following directory: *Program Files\Autodesk\Help\mudbox<version>*.

2. Start Mudbox.

3. Select **Windows > Preferences** to open the **Preferences** window.

4. Expand the **Help** section and set **Help Location** to **Installed Local Help**.

5. Click **Ok** to exit the **Preferences** window.

Once installed, the local Mudbox Help is available when you select **Help > Mudbox Help**, press F1, or click the **Help** button in various Mudbox windows.

(Mac OS X)

1   Double-click the Autodesk Mudbox English Documentation .dmg file you download from *www.autodesk.com/mudbox-helpdownload-enu*.

    The Mudbox Documentation disk image mounts on the desktop.

2   Double-click the disk image.

3   Double-click the package (.pkg) file in the **Finder** window that opens.

4   Follow the instructions in the Help installer that appears.

    By default, the Mudbox Help is installed in the following directory: */Applications/Autodesk/Mudbox<version>/docs/mudbox<version>/en_US*.

5   Start Mudbox.

6   Select **Mudbox > Preferences** to open the **Preferences** window.

7   Expand the **Help** section and set **Help Location** to **Installed Local Help**.

8   Click **Ok** to exit the **Preferences** window.

    Once installed, the local Mudbox Help is available when you select **Help > Mudbox Help**, press F1, or click the **Help** button in various Mudbox windows.

(Linux)

1   Extract the Mudbox Help package from the compressed files you download from *www.autodesk.com/mudbox-helpdownload-enu*.

2   Open a shell as a super user (using `su -`) and navigate to the directory where you extracted the packages.

3   Type `./setup` and press Enter.

4   Follow the instructions in the Help installer that appears.

    By default, the Mudbox Help is installed in the following directory: */usr/Autodesk/Mudbox<version>-x64/docs/mudbox<version>/en_US*.

5   Start Mudbox.

6   Select **Windows > Preferences** to open the **Preferences** window.

7   Expand the **Help** section and set **Help Location** to **Installed Local Help**.

8   Click **Ok** to exit the **Preferences** window.

    Once installed, the local Mudbox Help is available when you select **Help > Mudbox Help**, press F1, or click the **Help** button in various Mudbox windows.

NOTE You can also set the **Help Location** preference to **Custom** if you have manually copied the Mudbox Help files to your computer, or if you want to access the Help from a location not on your own machine (for example, to point to a common location on your network). Refer to the instructions in the following section, *Install the Mudbox Help in a shared location*.

Install the Mudbox Help in a shared location

You can install the Mudbox Help on a shared location, such as internal network or web server, so that it can be accessed by multiple users. You can then set the Mudbox Help preferences on individual systems to access the Help from the shared location.

When designating a directory path to the shared location of the Mudbox Help, ensure that:

■ The path points directly to the Help location. For example, \\CompanySever\SharedLocation\MudboxHelp\docs\Mudbox*<version>*\en_US.

  Do not use an alias path.

■ The path points to the directory containing the index.html file. For example, the path pointing to the English Mudbox Help ends at the \en_US directory.

■ Either http or https protocol is used for a web server location.

To install Mudbox Help to a shared location

1 Download and run the Help installer from *www.autodesk.com/mudbox-helpdownload-enu*, following the instructions in the installer.

2 When asked where to install the Mudbox Help files, click **Change** (Windows) or **Browse** (Linux) and specify a shared location for the Help.

   NOTE

   On Mac OS X, you can only install the Help to the default location. To install the Mudbox Help in a shared location, you must first install to the default location (*/Applications/Autodesk/Mudbox<version>/docs/mudbox<version>/en_US*), then manually copy the docs directory to your desired location.

   Individual users can then set their Help preferences to access the Mudbox Help from this shared location.

To access Mudbox Help from a shared location

1 Start Mudbox.

2 (**Windows** and **Linux**) Select **Windows > Preferences** to open the **Preferences** window.

   (**Mac OS X**) Select **Mudbox > Preferences** to open the **Preferences** window.

3 Expand the **Help** section and set **Help Location** to **Custom**, then enter the shared location of the Mudbox Help in the **Help Path** field.

4 Click **Ok** to exit the **Preferences** window.

The Mudbox Help is now accessed from the shared location.