

# Using the URL Filter – VSP Classic

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In the creation of Help items, you are able to control where the Help item appears by limiting its scope. There are pre-defined scopes available in the **Help Tab Scope** section of the Manage Help Items page: Site Settings -> Manage VisualSP Help Items -> <Title of Help item>

## Help Tab Scope

The screenshot shows a 'Help Tab Scope' configuration window. At the top, there are five tabs: 'Lists', 'Libraries', 'Pages', 'Settings', and 'Other'. The 'Lists' tab is currently selected. Below the tabs, there is a grid of ten checkboxes, each followed by a list name:

- Announcement List
- Issue Tracking List
- Contacts List
- Links List
- Custom List
- Promoted Links
- Events (Calendar) List
- Survey List
- External List
- Tasks List

You can accomplish the same thing using a **URL Defined Scope**:

## URL Defined Scope

Specify the URL, or a partial URL, where you want this Help item to appear. Ex: The partial URL `"/_layouts/15/prjsetng.aspx"` will display the Help item on the 'Title, Description and Logo' settings page. When defining your URL, be sure to account for the Minimal Download Strategy Feature which may result in URLs containing `"/_layouts/15/start.aspx#[page]"`.

For example, to display the Help item on every page of a Wikipage library called "oursites" you would put `/oursites` in the URL Defined Scope field. But what if you have a more complex situation? Let's say you still want to have a Help item appear on every page of a Wikipage library named "oursites", *except for* a page called "externalusers". This is where the ability to use a regular expression, or regex, comes in handy. VisualSP uses Javascript Regex. A regular expression is a special text string for describing a search pattern. You can think of regular expressions as wildcards on steroids. In our example, the regular expression to use is: `^(?=.oursites)(?!.*externalusers).*` See how it works here. If your situation is similar to the example above just copy and paste this regular expression into the **URL Defined Scope** field in your environment and replace "oursites" and "externalusers" with whatever words that will correctly filter your Help item. Also, keep in mind that this regular

expression is case sensitive. To exclude a page (in this example, *office.com*), use this regex:

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^((?!office.com).)*$
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