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Check whether the navigation pane is visible

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When scripting WebHelp output to make it behave the way you want, you may have to check whether the navigation pane is visible. Here's a small script that does just that!

The function returns `true` when the navigation pane is visible. The function returns `false` when the navigation pane is hidden or when the skin is not shown at all.

Use the function as follows:

```
if(isnavpanevisible()) {  
    //Do something if the navigation pane is visible  
}
```

And here's the code. Add it to a topic or anywhere else in your output:

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```

function isnavpanevisible() { //Is navigat

    function GetTopicPane() { //Get th
        var topicPane;
        if (top.frames[0].name ==
            topicPane = top.f
        } else {
            topicPane = top.f
        }

        topicPane.focus();
        return topicPane;
    }

    if(isTopicOnly()) {
        return false;
    }

    var topicPane = GetTopicPane();

    if(gbIE) {
        /*
        This method is for IE. IE
        Now we get the width of t

        Note that this method onl
        */

        if(topicPane.parent.docum
            var colsetting =
        } else {
            var colsetting =
        }

        if(colsetting == "0,*")

```

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```
        navpanewidth = 0;
    else
        navpanewidth = 1;

} else {
    var navpanewidth = topicP
}

if(navpanewidth == 0) {
    return false;
} else {
    return true;
}
}
```

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