Do I need to use both Desktop and Online?

For many users, they will need to use both versions completing detailed work in the desktop version then moving to the online version to collaborate with others to finalise and then host the documentation. Depending on your role, however, it may be possible to work in only the desktop version or just the online version.

Can I used online only?

If your role is at an editorial level, you collaborate on documents or need analytical driven information, then the online version may cover all your needs.

Can I use desktop only?

If you need to work in an environment where you need full control over output, scripting or need to keep information confidential then using the desktop only may be advantageous.

The key features of each package shown in the table below:

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| Feature | Description | Desktop | Online |
| Project Authoring | Create and edit Flare projects | **Y** | **Y** |
| Topic-Based Authoring | Modular content creation using topics | **Y** | **Y** |
| Publishing to Multiple Outputs | Generate HTML5, PDF, and other formats | **Y** | **Y** |
| Snippets and Variables | Reuse content efficiently across topics | **Y** | **Y** |
| Conditional Text | Customize output based on audience or format | **Y** | **Y** |
| Stylesheets and Skins | Apply consistent formatting and branding | **Y** | **Y** |
| TOC and Index Creation | Build structured navigation and search aids | **Y** | **Y** |
| Review Workflow Integration | Send files for review and track feedback | **Y** | **Y** |
| Flare Online Pane in Desktop | Access cloud features from within Flare Desktop | **Y** | **Y** |
| View Ribbon Integration | Unified interface elements across both platforms | **Y** | **Y** |
| Installed locally | Opens as an app for increased functionality | **Y** | **N** |
| Advanced Print Customization | In depth print based output options including meta tags | **Y** | **N** |
| Context-Sensitive Help | Integration with software applications for dynamic help | **Y** | **N** |
| Heavy Customization | Extensive control over templates, scripts | **Y** | **N** |
| Local File Management | Direct access to file system and local resources | **Y** | **N** |
| Legacy Plugin Support | Compatibility with older extensions and integrations | **Y** | **N** |
| Structure bars | Enables quicker editing and reviewing | **Y** | **N** |
| Micro Content Editor | For search results, field-level help, and featured snippets | **Y** | **N** |
| Cloud-Based Hosting | Host output directly from the cloud | **N** | **Y** |
| Collaborative Authoring | Real-time editing and feedback from distributed teams | **N** | **Y** |
| Analytics Dashboard | Track usage, search terms, and reader behaviour | **N** | **Y** |
| Simplified Interface | Streamlined UI for essential documentation workflows | **N** | **Y** |
| No Local Installation Required | Fully browser-based—ideal for remote or lightweight setups | **N** | **Y** |