

For companies implementing or evaluating DITA

How prepared are you to effectively implement or evaluate DITA? DITA success requires preparation and the DITA Workshop Week prepares you for success.

DITA Workshop Week delivers critical value to those moving to or evaluating using DITA. The workshops have been developed by Method M and by Suite Solutions, driven by customer needs for effective tools to evaluate, plan and successfully implement DITA.

Upcoming DITA Workshop Weeks:

- Week of October 21st, 2007
- Week of November 18th, 2007
- Week of December 16th, 2007
- Week of January 20th, 2008

You may choose any combination of workshops. In-house workshops are available, customized to your needs. Flexible dates for workshops hosted at your company's site are available.

The DITA Workshop Weeks are a joint production of [Method M](#) and [Suite Solutions](#).

DITA Workshop Week

Pick and choose the workshops that you need.

DITA Immersion Workshop

Your first step in implementing/evaluating DITA. You will learn key DITA concepts, technical skills, best practices, and how to analyze and quantify your investment in DITA. Course modules include authoring topics, reusing content using components and content references, organizing content using DITA Maps, using conditional text to publish personalized content with "just enough" information, and specialization. We will start and complete a project during the workshop using the DITA Open Toolkit. Presented by Katriel Reichman of Method M.

Bare Bones Writing Workshop – Minimalism and Topic Centered Writing

The Bare Bones workshop helps you focus on delivering the information that your customers need to reach their goals. You will learn how to anticipate what information is needed and how readers will use that information. Bare Bones continues with methods for organizing information, speeding preparation, checking for effective use, replacing jargon, simplifying complex language, shortening documents, avoiding ambiguities and proofreading for quality. Presented by Katriel Reichman of Method M.

Understanding and Using FrameMaker with DITA

This workshop covers installing and configuring the FrameMaker DITA Application Pack and how to author and publish DITA using FrameMaker. We will review the Application Pack components and their function: configuration files, template, EDD, struct files, input/output rules, and more. You will gain experience authoring topics, assembling and maintaining maps, and publishing via the DITA Open Source Toolkit. We will discuss methods for conditional publishing and adding DITA specializations to App Pack files. Differences between the FM 7.2 App Pack, DITA-FMx Plug-in and FM 8 DITA support will be reviewed. Presented by Joe Gelb of Suite Solutions.

Under the Hood with XMetal – from Planning to Publishing to Maintenance

This workshop provides you with the tools that you need to create, edit, publish and maintain DITA content with XMetal Author. You will gain hands-on experience in creating topics, assembling topics in DITA maps, linking between topics, setting relationships between topics, automating related topics links using relationship tables, publishing content with filtering, setting and using conditions, and reusing content. The workshop equips you to succeed using XMetal. Presented by Katriel Reichman of Method M.

Using the DITA Open Source Toolkit

This workshop gives you the knowledge and experience you need to publish DITA content to multiple formats using the DITA Open Source Toolkit (DITA-OT). We will present a clear overview of the DITA-OT components and their function, as well as how to install them. You will learn how to create build files and run them using Ant to produce different outputs, filter your maps using ditaval files, and gain an understanding of the log files generated. The workshop includes examples and hands-on exercises. Presented by Joe Gelb of Suite Solutions.

More about the Workshops

Each workshop includes six hours of instruction and practice. Group size is typically 8-10 students, encouraging active participation. Participation is limited to a maximum of 15 students.

Cost per participant: \$350 +VAT. 10% discount for two participants from the same company, for STC members, for members of the Yokneam Forum of Technical Writers, or for participants who sign up at one time to multiple workshops in the DITA series. No double discounts. Fees include all workshop materials, lunch, and refreshments.

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