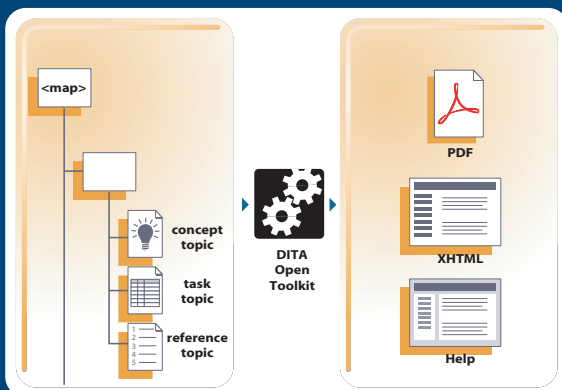


DITA Open Toolkit Workshop: Making it Work for You

Learn the nuts and bolts of the DITA Open Toolkit

The DITA Open Toolkit is a vital component of your DITA implementation. It is a Java-based publishing engine, which transforms DITA content (maps and topics) into deliverable formats, aka output targets, such as PDF, XHTML, HTMLHelp, EclipseHelp and JavaHelp.



The DITA Open Toolkit is available free of charge on sourceforge.net; you can download it, install it and use it "as is" to publish your DITA content. However, you will most likely want to customize the output and give it your corporate look and feel. To be able to do this, you will need to learn the nuts and bolts of the DITA Open Toolkit.

Conducted by Adena Frazer, an experienced consultant who has slogged through the trenches on real projects, this three-day DITA Open Toolkit workshop is intensive, technical, and useful with plenty of hands-on exercises.

Offered by Suite Solutions and Scripto.

Date & location

16 - 18 February, 2009

Agfa Quadrat nv
Kortrijksesteenweg 157
9830 Sint-Martens-Latem
Belgium

Who should attend?

The workshop is geared for those who are familiar with DITA and need to take the next step to publish their DITA content into production-ready high-quality PDF or online Help using their own corporate identity and meeting their own publishing and localization requirements.

Prerequisites

The workshop will be appropriate for all levels of familiarity, from beginner to advanced user. Please note the technical prerequisite: participants should already be familiar with DITA and XML.

Bring your own laptop

Bring your own laptop to the workshop. As part of the training, we will help you to install and configure the DITA Open Toolkit and the FO plug-in, as well as free software that will help you achieve your customization goals.

Small classes, maximum interaction

The class will be kept small – ten participants max – to allow plenty of interaction with the instructor, so register today to reserve your place!

Syllabus day 1: Nuts and Bolts of the DITA Open Toolkit

- Overview of the DITA-OT and its components
- Rendering outputs in different formats with the DITA-OT
- Filtering output using DITAVAL
- Common errors and mistakes
- Where to go for support: online resources
- Getting started with XSLT, XSL-FO and XPath

Syllabus day 2: Understanding and Configuring the FO Plug-in for Generating PDF files

- Introduction to the FO plug-in
- Customizing the FO plug-in
- Customization case studies
- Customizing for localization
- Rendering PDF files with Antenna House, RenderX and XPP
- Configuration issues and debugging tips

Syllabus day 3: Understanding and Configuring the DITA-OT for Publishing HTML Formats

- Overview of HTML formats: Web, HTMLHelp, JavaHelp, Eclipse Help
- Overview of transtypes and files generated for each format
- Customizing HTML output
- Getting started with CSS
- Case studies and samples
- Overview: publishing via FrameMaker DITA-FMx, WebWorks, RoboHelp

Price

€ 1 500 per student.

This fee includes:

- Three days of instruction
- A detailed course-guide/workbook to bring home
- Daily lunches

Registration

To register for this workshop, simply send an e-mail message to: solutions@suite-sol.com.

Cancellation and refund policy

Students who are unable to attend a class they've registered for can send a substitute at all times. If you cannot send a substitute, the following cancellation and refund policy applies:

If you...	You receive...
Cancel your registration a week or more before a class begins	A full refund minus a € 50 service charge.
Cancel your registration less than a week but at least one business day before the class begins	A 50 % refund.
Do not attend a class you've registered for, or you only attend part of a class, and you do not cancel your registration or send a substitute	No refund.

More information?

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