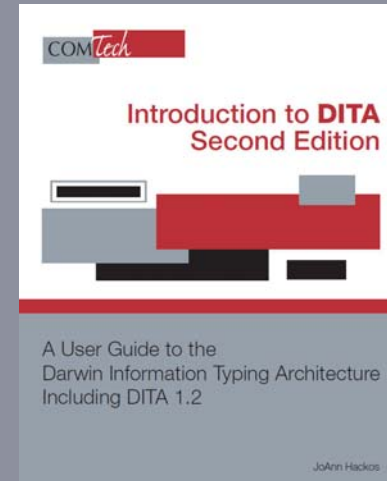


About Us

For over 35 years, Comtech Services has helped our clients design, create, and publish information products that meet the needs of their users. We offer a combination of training and consulting services to help you define and implement the infrastructure needed to meet the expectations of both your leadership and your users. At every point in the information development life cycle, we offer expert advice and guidance to help you improve your processes, get to know your audience, fine tune your content, and use the latest standards and technologies. From process maturity assessments, to information models, to stylesheets, you'll find the support and training you need from our knowledgeable consulting team.

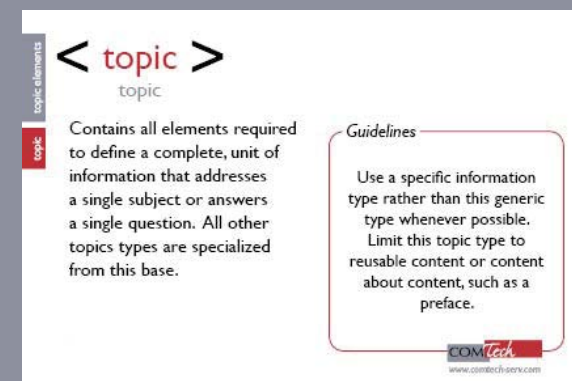
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Resources



Introduction to DITA 1.2

Introduction to DITA includes DITA 1.2 mechanisms, including keyref, conkeyref, constraint mechanism, and more information to bring DITA users up to date. The tutorial lessons guide you step-by-step through the learning process from developing information topics and maps through content reuse mechanisms and modifying the DITA environment to better meet your needs.



DITA Information Modeling Deck

Use these cards to plan your DITA implementation and create your DITA information model. Each card contains best practice guidelines to help you choose which elements you need, and the content models to help you further define the element structure most appropriate to your content.

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You have questions...



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We have answers...

Consulting

Content Strategy & Information Modeling

An Information Model defines your organization's information architecture and development strategies. Comtech's information architects help develop a comprehensive Information Model that defines your information types and elements used within them, establishes a metadata model, suggests authoring guidelines and standards, and reviews mapping, linking, and reuse strategies.

Taxonomy Development

In today's continually expanding information glut, it can be difficult for users to find the content they need. Comtech consultants methodically guide your team through a rigorous design and categorization process to establish a comprehensive taxonomy focused on improving information accessibility.

Process Maturity

To achieve maximum benefit from your resources, your organization needs mature and effective information- and product-development processes. Using the Information Process Maturity Model (IPMM), Comtech assesses your organization's readiness for the work ahead. We evaluate the level of refinement or maturity of your processes and recommend critical strategies and tactics for improving your organization's effectiveness.

DITA Implementation

A successful DITA implementation requires balancing a variety of activities. Comtech provides the services you need, including:

- Business case / strategic planning
- Content assessment and information modeling
- Tool requirements and selection
- Tool optimization (constraints, specializations, schematron, and subject scheme)
- Transforms and stylesheets
- Pilot project coaching

User Studies

Knowing and understanding your customers is key to your company's success. Comtech consultants facilitate customer site visits, customer partnering, and focus groups, and use tools such as questionnaires, individual interviews, group discussions, and on-site observations to gather the customer information you need.

Competitive Analysis & Benchmarking Studies

Comtech's benchmark studies enable you to discover industry innovations and learn best practices from other information development professionals both within and outside of your specific market.

Training

Advanced Reuse Strategies

A deep-dive exploration of all DITA reuse mechanisms, including conditional processing, conref, conref range, and conref push, keyref and conkeyref, branch filtering, and scoped keys.

Developing a User-Centric Content Strategy

Techniques for learning about your users, their goals, and their work, and creating personas that will serve as a decision-making tool throughout the life-cycle of your project or product.

Information Modeling for Topic-Based Authoring

A strategy for defining the architecture of your technical content, including the information types required, the elements they contain, and metadata, mapping, linking, and reuse strategies.

Applying Agile Management to Information Development

Practical advice for shifting your thinking about resource management, task allocation, and completeness of technical information and adopting the Agile project management approach.

Developing a Web and Mobile Content Strategy

Guidelines for transforming technical content to be accessible, easy to read, attractive, and responsive on the web as well as on mobile devices, while still fully supporting user goals.

Minimalism: Creating Information People Really Need

Practical application of the four principles of minimalism to select appropriate content for your users, structure it consistently, author it for easy understanding, and make it readily accessible.

Content Management Strategies

A complete roadmap of the steps and decisions required to define and implement a new content management strategy within your organization.

DITA Basics

An introduction to the DITA standard and hands-on practice creating topics, assembling topics into maps, applying metadata, and publishing final deliverables.

Optimizing the DITA Authoring Experience

Design guidelines for making it as simple as possible for your authors to create and publish content that conforms to your information model and authoring guidelines.

Creating an Effective Information Taxonomy

A structured approach to making technical information more accessible by labelling it according to the categories and terminology important to your users.

DITA Boot Camp

An all-inclusive, intensive week of minimalism, structured authoring, and DITA training designed to equip and prepare authors for producing technical content using DITA topics and maps.

Publishing for DITA

A hands-on walk-through of the essential DITA fundamentals, programming skills, and DITA Open Toolkit configurations required to style and publish DITA XML source.

Online Learning Series

The new Learning Series offers a simplified training experience for industry professionals through monthly 2-hour online sessions. Purchase sessions individually or as a complete set.

- The Maturing Your Information Development Processes Learning Series covers each of the ten characteristics from the Information Process Maturity Model (IPMM) to create and maintain a successful content management organization.
- The Writing for... Learning Series provides writing strategies for each the following topics: chatbots, reuse, structure, SEO, translation and the web.

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