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Welcome to ConVEx! It's been an adventure getting here, and we are so grateful to everyone for having faith in our ability to deliver a leading industry event regardless of the challenges 2020 has brought. A special thank you to those of you who registered way back in January and chose to stick with us for 9 months as we reimagined how to provide the very best programming while keeping people all over the world connected in a meaningful way.

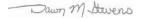
We are sincerely excited about what we've put together and proud of our speakers and exhibitors who have worked day and night to innovate and suggest activities to keep you engaged, entertained, and learning throughout the three days. It's important to us that ConVEx provide ample opportunity for two primary objectives: learning and networking, and we are thrilled to have enough speakers and volunteers to provide those opportunities 17 hours a day so that our peers all over the world are able to participate live.

Our efforts, however, can only take the event so far, so we now look to you to fully invest in the experience. Know that you'll get out what you put in. We encourage you to watch library presentations at your leisure in the days leading up to the event, using the actual event time to make connections with the speakers and other attendees. Identify the speakers who most resonate with you in their presentations and use this program to plan your event days to participate in their live conversations. Too many to fit in? Post your questions directly to the speakers in the #library slack channel starting now, and remember you'll have access to all 100+ presentations for the next year.

Take the initiative to make your presence known. Make maximum use of the slack channels before, during, and after the event. Highlight your takeaways. Chat with old friends and new acquaintances. Visit the exhibitors. Share pictures of yourself, your environment, your co-workers (even if they are of the furry variety), your lunch. Socialize in ways that the most introverted among you never imagined you could.

Take some time as well to visit our exhibitors now or during the event. Check out their downloads and links in the virtual exhibit hall and join their slack channels to ask questions about the products and services they offer. The commitment of these companies to CIDM underlies our ability to bring you this event; please show them your appreciation, and in the process earn entries for free training or conference events from CIDM.

Above all, enjoy yourselves. Open your minds to the information in the presentations, and your souls to a little rest and relaxation. Participate in the social events — happy hours, meals, trivia, and so much more. Set aside the stresses of your typical work day and immerse yourself in the chatter and activities available. You'll be glad vou did.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

September 21, 2020 at 11:00 - 12:30 EDT Kristina Halvorson **How to Lead with Content Strategy**

Managing content is complicated, pricey, and often stirs up internal politics. Learn how to demonstrate leadership in this evolving field by applying the fundamental principles of content strategy to your day-to-day work.

Kristina Halvorson is the CEO and founder of Brain Traffic, the coauthor of Content Strategy for the Web, the founder of Confab Events, and the host of The Content Strategy Podcast. Her consultancy Brain Traffic is recognized as a global leader in content strategy and serves enterprise clients around the world.

Kristina is the founder of Confab, the first U.S. conference dedicated to the topic of content strategy. And as host of The Content Strategy Podcast, Kristina speaks with content experts from all over the world in lively conversations that explore how content strategy can help businesses in every industry.

Kristina's passion for content strategy shines through in her writing and onstage, helping to educate and inspire audiences across every industry. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, with her two children, whom she often quotes on Twitter (@halvorson).



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Break the Shackles of Content Types, Divraj Singh Microcontent & Chatbots: The Next Frontier in Customer Experience, Vivek Kumar

Test Kitchens

Word to Chatbot in Under an Hour XML/DITA Authoring Made Easy With the Web Editor (within Adobe's CCMS) Review and Collaboration Made Seamless with Leading Authoring Tools

Virtual Booth and Social Activities



Transform your product content into a next-generation user experience

Deliver personalized, unified and up-to-date answers where your users need them





Precision search across silos

By applying a unified taxonomy and dynamic workflows, users can intuitively search and filter across all your content, wherever they are.



Personalized experiences

Show users the most relevant content based on their profile, preferences, product version and past activity.



Refine your data-driven strategy by locating outdated or unhelpful content, areas of friction, and content gaps.



Real-time updates

Changes in any content source are automatically reflected across every channel, ensuring users always see the most up-to-date answers.







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SCHEDULE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Shakespeare

Alcott

Tolstoy

Bronte

Main Stage

Eastern

20:00

Social Activity CIDM's Got Talent

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13:00	Building a DITA Business Case Nenad Furtula, Vlad Khanin, Toni Mantych, Frank Miller	User-Centric Content Pim Bekker, Etteplan	Context and Reuse in DITA Projects George Bina, Syncro Soft/oXygen	DITA: Beyond Tools Bernard Aschwanden, Publishing Smarter	What I Learned From Data to Influence My Content Strategies Decisions Jenifer Schlotfeldt, IBM	The Evolution of an Industry Dawn Stevens, Comtech Services	Embracing Intelligent and Relevant Content for Customers Chip Gettinger, SDL	Word to Chatbot in Under an Hour Chad Dybdahl, Adobe	Serve Up Tasty Morsels of Microcontent with WittyDITA Rob Hanna, Precision Content	Two Wrongs Don't Make A Right: Learn The Value Of Proper Deduplication Helen St. Denis, Stilo
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15:00	Design Thinking Mina Adame, Mallory Anderson, Jenifer Schlotfeldt, Missy Yarbrough	Microcontent & Chatbots: The Next Frontier in Customer Experience Vivek Kumar, Adobe	DITA Writing and Editing Best Practices Jean Tennille, NextGen Healthcare	Preserving Intelligent DITA Content Through Delivery Channels Charles Andrews, Ovitas	Deliver Customer Success from the Outside In Ted Wolff, Danfoss Power Solutions	The Crossroads of Change Management & Content Strategy Tara Knapp, Lincoln Financial Group	Terminology and Taxonomy as Foundations for Content Strategy Ben Colborn, Nutanix Val Swisher, Content Rules	Remote Collaboration in a Challenging Environment Sharon Figueira, IXIASOFT	Live Demo: Injecting Docs Inside your Web App Dee Beck, McAfee Lawrence Orin, Zoomin	DITA Publishing and Feedback with oXygen Tools Alin Balasa, Syncro Soft/oXygen
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18:30	Information Architecture Kathy Clemens, Val Swisher, Amber Swope	A Match Made in DITA Teeghan Herian, 3M Gretyl Kinsey, Scriptorium	Do You Really Want To Make Me Cry? Advice to my former self Robert Anderson, Oracle	What is the Digital Thread and Why is it Important To Me? Scott Thompson, PTC	Designing the Information Experience Angela Browne, SAP SuccessFactors	Using Style Guides to Achieve Content Collaboration and Consistency Liz Fraley, Single- Sourcing Solutions	Exploring Content Usefulness and Effectiveness Through Real-Time User Feedback Michelle Takemoto & Katie Ott, ServiceNow	Uncovering the Value of Metadata Management Rik Page, Bluestream	Making DITA Authoring Easier for Casual Contributors/ Reviewers Todd Burdin, Oberon Technologies	The Schematron Method: Eliminating fat from your content Brianna Stevens, Comtech Services
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Insights and Inspirations

11:00 – 12:30 EDT | 17:00 – 18:30 CEST How to Lead with Content Strategy

Kristina Halvorson, Brain Traffic

Managing content is complicated, pricey, and often stirs up internal politics. Learn how to demonstrate leadership in this evolving field by applying the fundamental principles of content strategy to your day-to-day work.

16:30 – 18:00 EDT | 22:30 – 23:30 CEST The Secret Life of Content

Joe Gollner, Gnostyx Research Inc.

This talk is about the opportunity that stands before us, as professional communicators, to start making a serious impact on how our organizations function. And amid the digital revolution that is heralding the fourth industrial age, and these forces are very real, we can see how fundamentally important it is to improve the flow of information content within organizations and between organizations and their suppliers, partners, regulators and customers.

Trade Tips and Trends

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Building a DITA Business Case

Nenad Furtula, Vlad Khanin, Toni Mantych, Frank Miller
The panel offers advice on the data you need and the
predictions you can safely make to turn your skeptics into
cheerleaders

15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Design Thinking

Mina Adame, Mallory Anderson, Jenifer Schlotfeldt, Missy Yarbrough

Panelists share their experiences and provide guidance for applying the methodology in your own situations.

18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST Information Architecture

Kathy Clemens, Val Swisher, Amber Swope
The panel discusses important considerations for designing the right architecture to support your information products.

Candid Conversations

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST User-Centric Content

Pim Bekker, Etteplan

During this presentation you will learn the difference between document centric (PDF/Book) and user centric content (PDF, online, etc.), its value, and how it can help you achieve your content goals.

Context and Reuse in DITA Projects

George Bina, Syncro Soft/oXygen

Attendees will understand that reuse benefits do not come without a cost and that cost relates to the complexity created by managing the contexts.

DITA: Beyond Tools

Bernard Aschwanden, Publishing Smarter

Vendors are geared to their tools. This session shows at least 2 CCMS tools, at least 3 ways to edit content, and the ability to work between them.

What I Learned From Data to Influence My Content Strategies Decisions

Jenifer Schlotfeldt, IBM

I'll share different metrics we've leveraged for making strategic decisions about our content experience. Examples will include actual data for areas like ContentOps, Design, Development, and Content.

The Evolution of an Industry

Dawn Stevens, Comtech Services

This presentation examines the current trends in technical communication and what they imply about the skills you should be acquiring today to be ready for tomorrow.

Embracing Intelligent and Relevant Content for Customers

Chip Gettinger, SDL

Learn to take advantage of emerging techniques for managing digital customer experiences with content from a variety of sources. What are the best practices you can hear about to extend into your own organization?

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Candid Conversations

15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Microcontent & Chatbots: The Next Frontier in Customer Experience

Vivek Kumar, Adobe

We will share insights on how help authors, knowledgebase experts, and user assistant designers can: Create modular and information-rich content snippets; Leverage Microcontent for search engine output, feature snippets; and Use Microcontent to power next-generation chatbots.

DITA Writing and Editing Best Practices

Jean Tennille, NextGen Healthcare

The presentation will benefit the audience by offering strategies for transitioning to DITA without a content management system or content architect.

Preserving Intelligent DITA Content Through Delivery Channels

Charles Andrews, Ovitas, Inc.

We all discuss XML and DITA, and the many benefits of working in structured content, but most of the time we don't talk about practical applications that have real world benefit.

Deliver Customer Success from the Outside In

Ted Wolff, Danfoss Power Solutions

The audience will learn and practice how to use two key tools to define their organization's customer experience and define what is their customer's successful outcome.

The Crossroads of Change Management & Content Strategy

Tara Knapp, Lincoln Financial Group

Attendees will learn the interdependencies between content strategy and change management from a practical usage perspective.

Terminology and Taxonomy as Foundations for Content Strategy

Ben Colborn, Nutanix & Val Swisher, Content Rules
Attend this presentation from Ben Colborn and Val Swisher to
discover the issues facing Nutanix and how Nutanix applied
terminology and taxonomy guidelines to help the company
better deliver consistent customer content experiences.

Candid Conversations

18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST A Match Made in DITA

Teeghan Herian, 3M & Gretyl Kinsey, Scriptorium
This case study will offer practical advice for starting a pilot project to demonstrate the need for widespread digital transformation.

Do You Really Want To Make Me Cry? Advice to my former self

Robert Anderson, Oracle

In this presentation, I will pull from my own experience and the experience of colleagues to describe what I wish I'd known years ago. If I could go back and start over, what would I do differently to save myself long term pain?

What is the Digital Thread and Why is it Important To Me? Scott Thompson, PTC

One key benefit of working with structured authoring environments is the potential for reuse of content.

Designing the Information Experience

Angela Browne, SAP SuccessFactors

By adopting a more holistic and empathetic approach to our content lifecycle, we can design an information experience that not only meets the needs of the technology but that also better meets the needs of the humans who use that technology.

Using Style Guides to Achieve Content Collaboration and Consistency

Liz Fraley, Single-Sourcing Solutions

Defining the levels and types of style guides, some basic tips for getting one started (for each kind), where to start, what to include, and some ideas for making them useful (and usable) by internal and external content developers.

Exploring Content Usefulness and Effectiveness Through Real-Time User Feedback

Michelle Takemoto & Katie Ott, ServiceNow
Given the impact product documentation has on purchasing
decisions and customer satisfaction, innovative methods to
explore content usefulness and usability are essential.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Test Kitchens

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Word to Chatbot in Under an Hour

Chad Dvbdahl, Adobe

Join us in the test kitchen as we give new life to content locked away in a Word document, from transformation to DITA, to wiring up a simple chat experience, to teaching our chatbot new and exciting things.

Serve Up Tasty Morsels of Microcontent with WittyDITA

Rob Hanna, Precision Content

Come watch Rob Hanna demonstrate WittyDITA and start thinking about how you can unlock the knowledge in your enterprise.

Two Wrongs Don't Make A Right: Learn The Value Of Proper Deduplication

Helen St. Denis, Stilo

Learn how you can significantly reduce the amount of content that needs to be maintained on an ongoing basis and publish more accurate, normalized content, faster.

15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Remote Collaboration in a Challenging Environment

Sharon Fiaueira, IXIASOFT

Join IXIASOFT as we browse through our intuitive, webbased interface, and explore working with a broad range of contributors to develop content from draft one through to approval.

Live Demo: Injecting Docs Inside your Web App

Dee Beck, McAfee & Lawrence Orin, Zoomin
Lucky participants can join Dee Beck from McAfee (yes! That
McAfee!) as she reveals play-by-play insights into how they are now
surfacing their technical content right inside their web applications;
delivering end users the information they need, right when and
where they need it.

DITA Publishing and Feedback with oXygen Tools

Alin Balasa, Syncro Soft/oXygen

WebHelp Responsive output provides the ability to update content continuously and the possibility to embed a commenting component to collect customers feedback.

Test Kitchens

18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST Uncovering the Value of Metadata Management

Rik Page, Bluestream

In this presentation Bluestream will show why metadata is vital and how you can extend its usage to provide greater value to the entire organization.

Making DITA Authoring Easier for Casual Contributors/ Reviewers

Todd Burdin, Oberon Technologies

Attendees will get to see how easily DITA Authoring and Review can be with browser based tools that do not require any XML tagging, yet they capture valid XML.

The Schematron Method: Eliminating fat from your content

Brianna Stevens, Comtech Services

Do you wish your content was slim and fit? Do you go back to unhealthy writing habits when under pressure? Are your time commitments keeping you from exercising more rigor in your editorial passes? Could you use a personal trainer to coach and encourage you during your day-to-day efforts? Look no further! Schematron could be your answer.

Elevate customer experience.

technical content with the power of IXIASOFT CCMS.



SCHEDULE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Eastern	Main Stage	Shakespeare	Alcott	Tolstoy	Bronte	Twain	Austen	Dickens	Angelou	Dumas	Christie
03:30	DITA Publishing Radu Coravu, Chandi Perera, Brianna Stevens	Maximising Reuse with Multi-dimensional Versioning Jang Graat, Smart Information Design	Making our DITA Better — Part II: DIY DITA customization Yendra Waney, Oceaneering International	From Audit Spreadsheets to DITA-XML Pilot Project Magda Caloian, Vestas Wind Systems	Docs and KBs: Hell or harmony? Lawrence Orin, Zoomin	Content for Industry 4.0 Anu Singh, Fiserv	Designing Docs for the Next Generation of Intent-based Information Architecture Vishal Palliyathu, Cisco	Selecting a Technology and Services Solution, Not Just a Bunch of Tools Bill Gamboa & Laurent Meurens, GlobalLink	Make Your Metadata Great Again Fabrice Lacroix, Fluid Topics	Discover the Solution to Your Linguistic Review Issues Dominique Trouche, WhP	
04:30	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
05:00	Changing your Management Style to Lead Effective Teams Emily Luijbregts, Siemens PLM Software										
06:30	Social Activity	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast
07:30	Intelligent Content Charles Andrews, Patrick Bosek, Rob Hanna, Fabrice Lacroix	Supporting the Content Delivery Needs of Manufacturing and Service Teams Joe Girling, Congility	Tables are Dead, Long Live Tables! France Baril, Architextus	Getting Pushy With DITA: The Costs and Benefits of Conref Push Stan Doherty, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure	Using Keyword Research to Help Users Better Find Your Content Natasha Mckenzie- Kelly, IBM	The Rise of the SME Author Jörg Schmidt, SDL	Aligning Your Content Quality To Your Content Strategy Journey Berry Braster, Etteplan	Remote Collaboration in a Challenging Environment Nolwenn Kerzreho, IXIASOFT	A Complete PDF Re-design in Under 10 minutes Joanne Hannagen & Corinna Kinchin, Miramo	Harmonizer: The First Step in Identifying Content Redundancy Christopher Hill, Data Conversion Laboratory	Customizing the DITA Editing Experience in oXygen XML Editor Radu Coravu, Syncro Soft/ oXygen
08:30	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
09:00	Content Reuse George Bina, Kit Brown-Hoekstra, Stan Doherty, Scott Thompson	Going The Distance: Migrating learning content to DITA L&T while implementing a new CCMS Maura Moran, Mekon	Applying DITA to the Next Generation of Health Information Lee Bryars & Samar Guleria, EBSCO & Joe Gollner, Gnostyx Research	Considerations When Planning a Migration Brian Trombley, Dipo Ajose-Coker, Nolwenn Kerzreho & Brianna Stevens	Intelligent Microcontent and the 5 Moments of Need Rob Hanna, Precision Content	The Next Era of Content Analytics Fabrice Lacroix, Fluid Topics	Designing the Information Experience to Drive Customer Success Pat Burrows, Rocket Software	XML/DITA Authoring Made Easy Ayush Gupta, Adobe	Live Demo: Watch the Silos (and Support Cases!) Melt Away Joe Gelb, Zoomin and Rik Teplitz, Imperva	Improving the Salesforce Search Experience Rik Page, Bluestream	Content Ryffiner: Bake quality into your migration to DITA Micaela Monroe, Ryffine
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13:00	Taxonomy and SEO Ben Colborn, Joe Gelb, Sarah O'Keefe, Rick Teplitz	DITA Content Localization Looks Complex, but is it Really? Dominique Trouche, WhP	Best Practices for Automated Conversions and Beyond Bill Gearhart, Ryffine	DITA: 15+ Years Old Kris Eberlein, Eberlein Consulting	APIs Here We Come Peggy Sanchez, HPE (formerly Cray)	Don't Forget the Technical Writers! Leigh White, IXIASOFT	Research as a Common Denominator for Cross Collaborative Success Mina Adame & Missy Yarbrough, IBM	The Simplicity and Power of a Static Site Generator (SSG) Dushko Radevski & Velizar Demirev, Jorsek/ easyDITA	Semantic Booster: Powering your AEM tagging with PoolParty Maura Moran, Mekon	Check your Content with HyperSTE Berry Braster, Etteplan	Automagically Creating Software Videos Using Documentation Dave Gullo & Mark Hellinger, Videate
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15:00	Multisource Content Bernar Aschwanden, Carlos Evia, Debbie Femia, Peggy Sanchez	Making DITA Authoring "Easier" Joe Jenkins, Oberon Technologies	Making the Right Business Case for DITA and Getting It Approved Vlad Khanin, NextGen Healthcare & Frank Miller, Ryffine	Giant Leap Forward — A Reusable DITA Adoption Plan Framework Pam Noreault, SDL	Turning Tunnels Into Windows: Achieving a personalized, unified digital experience Megan Gilhooly, Zoomin	Auditing for Reuse Opportunities Kit Brown- Hoekstra, Comgenesis	Lessons Learned from My Corporate Gig as a Content Strategist Debra Kahn, DK Consulting	XSL-FO and CSS: Two Paths, One Destination Celina Huang, Antenna House	PTC Arbortext Solutions Tips & Tricks Scott Thompson, PTC		
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Insights and Inspirations

05:30 – 07:00 EDT | 11:30 – 13:00 CEST Changing your Management Style to Lead Effective Teams

Emily Luijbreats, Siemens PLM Software

This session will provide practical examples for how you can become a chameleon and succeed with complex projects and teams. Gain an understanding of why it is important to have an adaptive management style; obtain some ideas for how you can change your management style towards your team; and define personal changes that you need to be a success.

11:00 – 12:30 EDT | 17:00 – 18:30 CEST Building Information-Enabled Organizations

Scott Abel, The Content Wrangler

What do Airbnb, Amazon, Uber, Facebook, Netflix, and Spotify have in common? They are all information-enabled companies that grow at an exponential rate (up to ten times faster than the competition) and do so with appreciably fewer resources than their competitors. To protect their turf from a capable, innovation-powered adversary, forward-thinking leaders are looking to protect the organizations they serve from disruption. Attend this session led by content strategy guru, Scott Abel, The Content Wrangler, to discover the common characteristics and capabilities that allow exponential growth organizations to outperform and outmaneuver the competition. Find out how your information development management know-how can make you a superstar in the eyes of management.

16:30 – 18:00 EDT | 22:30 – 00:00 CEST What We Don't Talk About: Unspoken Obstacles to Cross-Functional Content Efforts, and How to Overcome Them

Toni Mantych, Senior Director of Product Content at ServiceNow It's now accepted wisdom that companies benefit from providing "unified content experiences" that allow users to easily access and navigate between different types of content. Creating such unified experiences requires us to work effectively across traditional functional boundaries. Understanding the roots of why cross-functional collaboration is difficult can empower us to be more successful at crossing the chasm between silos. Drawing on recent research about diversity, inclusion, and unconscious bias, as well as the presenter's experience advocating for and leading cross-functional and enterprise content initiatives, this session will examine—and provide strategies for countering—some of the ways in which our behavior and even our language can unintentionally handicap our efforts to partner effectively.

Trade Tips and Trends

03:30 - 04:30 EDT | 09:30 - 10:30 CEST DITA Publishing

Radu Coravu, Chandi Perera, Brianna Stevens

Separating form from content enables writers to concentrate on and perfect the substance of the message, without the distractions of what it will ultimately look like. But at some point, the message does need to take on a form, and that process can be intimidating to some, frustrating to others, and a mystery to even more. The panel provides guidance on preparing for and implementing a successful publishing pipeline.

07:30 – 08:30 EDT | 13:30 – 14:30 CEST Intelligent Content

Charles Andrews, Patrick Bosek, Rob Hanna, Fabrice Lacroix
The term "intelligent content" encompasses both the inherent
qualities of an information source and the processes used to create
it. In the words of Ann Rockley, intelligent content is "not limited
to one purpose, technology, or output...[but is]...discoverable,
reusable, reconfigurable, and adaptable."To be intelligent, content
must be relevant and specialized to make sense to a specific user
in the specific context of their needs at the very moment in time in
which they are receiving it. The panel discusses how to bring such
intelligence into your content.

09:00 – 10:00 EDT | 15:00 – 16:00 CEST Content Reuse

George Bina, Kit Brown-Hoekstra, Stan Doherty, Scott Thompson The panel considers the critical factors in developing a successful reuse strategy.

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Taxonomy and SEO

Ben Colborn, Joe Gelb, Sarah O'Keefe, Rick Teplitz
Panelists discuss strategies for making content more findable.

15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 21:00 – 22:00 CEST Multisource Content

Bernard Aschwanden, Carlos Evia, Debbie Femia, Peggy Sanchez
The panel offers case studies and answers questions about tools and standards that enable multi-source authoring.

18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST Collaboration

Tom Comerford, Chip Gettinger, Lisa Hultman, Kavitha Kandappan The panel offers insight into breaking down silos and gaining cooperation and mutual respect.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Candid Conversations

03:30 – 04:30 EDT | 09:30 – 10:30 CEST Maximising Reuse with Multi-dimensional Versioning

Jang Graat, Smart Information Design

This presentation shows how to use metadata and XSLT processing to create your own multi-dimensional versioning system, which can be used with any existing CCMS or version control system. This may greatly increase the reuse potential while keeping conditional profiling down to a bearable minimum.

Making our DITA Better - Part II: DIY DITA customization

Yendra Waney, Oceaneering International Learn to do DITA customization yourself.

From Audit Spreadsheets to DITA-XML Pilot Project

Maqda Caloian, Vestas Wind Systems

Although valuable prerequisites in an implementation project, the research and analysis phases are often done in a rush, if not skipped altogether. They take time and expertise, that are challenging the budgets, the patience, and the focus of any project stakeholders. By having a means to quickly turn the outcomes of a content audit (the taxonomy structure and the information models) into a pilot project will provide one more reason to justify the audit and will ensure a palpable deliverable a lot quicker in the project.

Docs and KBs: Hell or harmony?

Lawrence Orin, Zoomin

Learn the dos and don'ts of blending docs and KBs. Learn best practices for blending docs and KBs. Understand how to provide a seamless unified user experience while increasing efficiency behind the scenes.

Content for Industry 4.0

Anu Singh, Fiserv

This session will build the understanding of Content or information gap that can be bridged through new technology like Chatbot, Podcast, Video, Al and also the various content development options to be considered to leverage the technology available in the industry for establishing deeper connections of content with the audience for an enhanced user experience.

Designing Docs for the Next Generation of Intent-based Information Architecture

Vishal Palliyathu, Cisco

Vishal introduces a new design methodology that walks the audience through primary and secondary affordances, signifiers, mapping, constraints, feedback and feed-forward — all powerful ideas that helps demystify contemporary IA paradigms and helps them leverage their existing documentation libraries to better hand-hold customers into a seamless Intent-based Information Architecture.

Candid Conversations

07:30 – 08:30 EDT | 13:30 – 14:30 CEST Supporting the Content Delivery Needs of Manufacturing and Service Teams

Joe Girling, Congility

In this presentation you'll learn key techniques and considerations for preparing your content for smart delivery to Manufacturing and Field Service teams, enabling user contributions within the delivery environment, integration with maintenance management and change management systems, and taking content offline efficiently while keeping it in sync, and the reasons customers need this capability.

Tables are Dead, Long Live Tables!

France Baril, Architextus

This presentation is for anyone who wants to improve user experience and development time.

Getting Pushy With DITA: The Costs and Benefits of Conref Push

Stan Doherty, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

It's going to be a little time before DITA 2.0 and LwDITA are ready for prime time. Keeping DITA tech weenies engaged with the lesser-known features in DITA 1.2 and 1.3 makes sense for a Spring 2020 conference. Besides, the requirements and use cases for this particular feature have been under-documented and under-promoted. There's a lot more there.

Using Keyword Research to Help Users Better Find Your Content

Natasha Mckenzie-Kelly, IBM

You will learn how using the right keywords can help users find your content. This includes: Researching the keywords your users are using, measuring how you currently rank for those keywords, tools and techniques, and how to include keywords in your content.

The Rise of the SME Author

Jöra Schmidt, SDL

Learn what best practices SDL developed when implementing DITA based CCMS in industries like finance or pharma where subject matter experts without any knowledge of XML are the primary writers. This also applies to product managers or developers that have to contribute to the creation and/or review of technical content in product companies.

Aligning Your Content Quality To Your Content Strategy Journey

Berry Braster, Etteplan

During this presentation, we'll explain the role of content quality as part of your content strategy, and show you what steps need to be in place in order to make the journey from identifying the need to having it successfully in place as smooth as possible.

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Candid Conversations

09:00 – 10:00 EDT | 15:00 – 16:00 CEST Going The Distance: Migrating learning content to DITA L&T while implementing a new CCMS

Maura Moran, Mekon

Through learning about CII's experience, the audience will understand how to plan and execute a migration from structured content to DITA L&T, and a migration from a CMS to a DITA CCMS.

Applying DITA to the Next Generation of Health Information

Lee Bryars & Samar Guleria, EBSCO & Joe Gollner, Gnostyx Research Attendees of this session can expect to learn a view at a strategic alternative to fully modeling content up-front, a glimpse at how DITA may be employed to gradually unify siloed content, and an example of modeling content-driven UI components for flexible UI design.

Considerations When Planning a DITA Migration: Advice from the front line

Brian Trombley, Dipo Ajose-Coker, Nolwenn Kerzreho & Brianna Stevens

Attendees will benefit hearing honest accounts from people with real-world DITA migration experience.

Intelligent Microcontent and the 5 Moments of Need

Rob Hanna, Precision Content

Participants will learn about the story of microcontent and information 4.0, the 4 principles of intelligent microcontent, the moments of need, and collaborative authoring and publishing practices to support the learning needs of the organization.

The Next Era of Content Analytics

Fabrice Lacroix, Fluid Topics

We will study how to properly capture the interactions of users with content. We will also explore the different levels of value that we can derive from modern delivery, text-mining and analytics technologies.

Designing the Information Experience to Drive Customer Success

Pat Burrows, Rocket Software

This presentation will answer the what, why and how of aligning UX and ID, as well as the challenges and pros and cons. The audience will take away some ideas for consideration in working with their UX and UI design functions, whether integrated with information development or not, to improve their focus on the user experience and drive improvement initiatives.

Candid Conversations

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST DITA Content Localization Looks Complex, but is it Really?

Dominique Trouche, WhP

If you are a documentation architect, a content strategist, a documentation manager, a technical writer or a localization manager, and DITA is on your to-do list, then this presentation is for you. It will give you an insight on how to leverage the functionalities of DITA to create localization-ready content and meet your DITA ROI target.

Best Practices for Automated Conversions and Beyond

Bill Gearhart, Ryffine

This presentation will help you to determine the content that is best suited for migration and what should be left behind. We'll address the importance of developing your information model as the basis for automation, active inspection throughout the process, automated reporting, and continuous improvement.

DITA: 15+ Years Old

Kris Eberlein, Eberlein Consultina

We'll consider the following questions: How well has DITA lived up to its early claims? Has it addressed the problems that it was designed to solve? Have other problems emerged? How is the landscape different in 2020 than it was in 2004?

APIs Here We Come

Peggy Sanchez, HPE (formerly Cray)

Audience will learn about one effort to deliver API documentation in sync with APIs in a browser based format.

Don't Forget the Technical Writers!

Leiah White, IXIASOFT

While a lot of the current focus is on how to integrate SMEs into the content creation process, that discussion leaves technical writers a bit at sea as to what their role will evolve into. This presentation will offer some insights into what those new roles might be and how to prepare for the transition.

Research as a Common Denominator for Cross Collaborative Success

Mina Adame & Missy Yarbrough, IBM

We will walk through two case studies of how user research was planned, executed, and presented for design thinking workshops involving our multidisciplinary product team. Attendees will walk away with an understanding of how to leverage a KANO model for prioritizing features and how to set up a content journey playback template.

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15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 21:00 – 22:00 CEST Making DITA Authoring "Easier"

Joe Jenkins, Oberon Technologies

It will provide attendees with best practices and helpful techniques proven in production environments to simplify the Authoring process when using DITA. Best practices will include tools configuration, content modeling, and browser based authoring.

Making the Right Business Case for DITA and Getting It Approved

Vlad Khanin, NextGen Healthcare & Frank Miller, Ryffine While every company is different, there is a set of best practices and core concepts that can be applied to make the best business case for each member of audience. This presentation can be a template that can be easily customized and applied by everyone.

Giant Leap Forward – A Reusable DITA Adoption Plan Framework

Pam Noreault, SDL

In this session, attendees will gain clear understanding of a framework for DITA adoption, take away an adoption plan that can be adapted to other projects, understand DITA adoption best practices, listen to "real-life" DITA adoption stories, learn from the mistakes of others, and understand the importance of a content inventory, DITA model, migration strategy.

Turning Tunnels Into Windows: Achieving a personalized, unified digital experience

Gilhooly, Zoomin

In this session, Megan Gilhooly, VP Customer Experience at Zoomin, discusses constantly increasing customer expectations for personalized content experience, shares the unintended consequences of exposing content silos to customers, and provides practical advice for solving the issue. Spoiler alert: you probably won't like the answer, but you need to hear it!

Auditing for Reuse Opportunities

Kit Brown-Hoekstra, Comgenesis

In this session, you can expect to learn 2-3 methods for auditing for reuse, strategies for identifying and preventing content creep, and an understanding of some of the reuse pitfalls.

Lessons Learned from My Corporate Gig as a Content Strategist

Debra Kahn, DK Consulting

The audience will walk away with some tips and tricks for making an "unsiloing" content project go smoothly, as well as some ideas of what to avoid and what to pay special attention to. Throughout the presentation, I will provide examples and analysis.

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18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST Mitchell! What I Learned When Converting a WWII Pilot Manual

Keith Schengili-Roberts, Precision Content

This presentation focuses on what it takes to convert an existing manual to the DITA format, how it was done in a collaborative manner and the shortcomings of DITA that were found (and how they were overcome).

Using Warehouse Files to Improve the Overall Findability of Your DITA Content

Liz Fraley, Single-Sourcing Solutions

Learn to create a corporate index from a modern DITA XML dynamic publishing environment made up of hundreds of tiny files that are synched with Marketing's keyword research and structured metadata to boost the consistency and findability of product information—and do it quickly, frugally, and efficiently!

Trade-offs: The Pros and Cons of Moving to a DITA-based Content Architecture

Tracy Baker, Independent

So many people are trying to figure out if DITA is right for their organization. I get asked regularly how I went about it. I'd like to "pay it forward" by sharing some things I've learned, including recovering from bad decisions or indecision.

From Archaic Silos to End-to-End Digital Delivery: A story of content strategy

Kathy Clemens

Building a content strategy doesn't have to be intimidating, and doesn't happen all at once. Despite setbacks, the results are worth the effort to deliver an excellent customer experience.

Design Evolution

Dee Beck, McAfee

The presentation will discuss how input from different people and places informed and influenced the design and how each version of the design moved the project forward.

Put the Principles into Practice: Creating Content for Reuse

Regina Lynn Preciado, Content Rules

Participants will get hands-on experience working with content in a new way. Participants will develop awareness and skills to change the way they create content. These skills can be applied immediately any content creation environment.

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Test Kitchens

03:30 – 04:30 EDT | 09:30 – 10:30 CEST Selecting a Technology and Services Solution, Not Just a Bunch of Tools

Bill Gamboa & Laurent Meurens, GlobalLink

Attendees will learn and understand why it is necessary to have an expert help them create a vision of their solution and guide them using the right tools to achieve that solution.

Make Your Metadata Great Again

Fabrice Lacroix, Fluid Topics

In this Test Kitchen, we will teach you how to align metadata through the intuitive creation of a custom taxonomy, and therefore make your content consistent and consumable. We'll also show how to create dynamic reading suggestions and links between pieces of content, leveraging newly-aligned tags.

Discover the Solution to Your Linguistic Review Issues

Dominiaue Trouche, WhP

WhP has the solution to your recurring linguistic review pains: the Augmented Review, a collaborative web-based tool that enables your reviewers to spot the new content fast, view the original and translated DITA projects side-by-side, and edit the translation dynamically. The tool supports all the features and versions of DITA, as well as MathML.

07:30 - 08:30 EDT | 13:30 - 14:30 CEST

Remote Collaboration in a Challenging Environment Nolwenn Kerzreho, IXIASOFT

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Join IXIASOFT as we browse through our intuitive, web-based interface, and explore working with a broad range of contributors to develop content from draft one through to approval.

A Complete PDF Re-design in Under 10 minutes

Joanne Hannagen & Corinna Kinchin, Miramo
A short demonstration of how a PDF design can be completely re-worked in under 10 minutes using only the MiramoPDF's GUI template designer followed by a Q&A.

Harmonizer: The First Step in Identifying Content Redundancy

Christopher Hill, Data Conversion Laboratory
Harmonizer simultaneously analyzes across any file format — XML,
HTML, SGML, Word, FrameMaker, InDesign, PDF, and others — and
is invaluable when planning a content reuse strategy or moving
content to a new platform.

Customizing the DITA Editing Experience in oXygen XML Editor

Radu Coravu, Syncro Soft/oXygen

You will have an overview of all the customization possibilities available to tune oXygen for your organization's DITA editing needs.

Test Kitchens

09:00 - 10:00 EDT | 15:00 - 16:00 CEST XML/DITA Authoring Made Easy

Ayush Gupta, Adobe

Come join us in the virtual test kitchen to get a glimpse of all new functionalities of our web editor available with our CCMS – XML Documentation for Adobe Experience Manager.

Live Demo: Watch the Silos (and Support Cases!) Melt Away

Joe Gelb, Zoomin and Rik Teplitz, Imperva

You heard the story of Imperva's next-generation doc portal in Candid Conversations — now see it live so you can take home actionable strategies to quide your team to success.

Improving the Salesforce Search Experience

Rik Page, Bluestream

Salesforce is everywhere but that doesn't mean it's perfect. Problems exist when it comes to searching for technical information and the delivery of information can leave users underwhelmed. Bluestream will show how clever integration with a CCMS and delivery platform can greatly improve the user experience.

Content Ryffiner: Bake quality into your migration to DITA Micaela Monroe, Ryffine

Bring your own Docbook, Microsoft Word, or DITA content and run it through our secure Content Ryffiner (Content Ryffiner leverages Amazon AWS). Or, convert sample content that we provide you.

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Test Kitchens

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST The Simplicity and Power of a Static Site Generator (SSG)

Dushko Radevski & Velizar Demirev, Jorsek/easyDITA
In this test kitchen, Jorsek representatives will provide a live
demonstration of easyDITA's Static Site Generator (SSG). A fast and
intuitive way to turn your content into a fully functioning, easy to
use, static website (built with Gatsby) in just 10 minutes.

Semantic Booster: Powering your AEM tagging with PoolParty

Maura Moran, Mekon

We'll demonstrate how the Semantic Booster harnesses the powerful capabilities of AEM and PoolParty to make tagging simpler and more relevant, helping your users find content more easily.

Check your Content with HyperSTE

Berry Braster, Etteplan

Run your content against style guides and other writing standards for compliance and areas for improvement. You can send some sample documentation over, which we'll then use during the Test Kitchen.

Automagically Creating Software Videos Using Documentation

Dave Gullo & Mark Hellinger, Videate

In this presentation you will learn how to create a sustainable process to keep your video library in sync with your software releases, use your existing DITA, Markdown and Word documents to automate video production, and translate software videos into multiple languages at a fraction of the cost of other approaches.

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15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 21:00 – 22:00 CEST XSL-FO and CSS: Two Paths, One Destination

Celina Huang, Antenna House

Some people using the DITA-OT are not aware that they can choose between XSL-FO and CSS for PDF transformation. The audience will get a better understanding of the main differences between XSL-FO and CSS for paged media, what plugins to use, and how each process works using the DITA-OT and Antenna House Formatter.

PTC Arbortext Solutions Tips & Tricks

Scott Thompson, PTC

End-to-end, Arbortext offers the seamless integration that enables you to create, edit, publish and manage XML content. A content enablement system capable of facilitating the deployment of a huge range of media, translated and delivered in real time. With Arbortext, you'll have the confident assurance of data intelligence of one smart system.

18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST Automating DITA Content with Typefi and InDesign

Chris Hausler, Typefi

This presentation will demonstrate how Typefi enables users to manage their XML content and assets in Adobe Experience Manager and easily publish that content with Typefi to produce richly-formatted documents. This enables customers to write once and publish to multiple media, including print.

DITA to InDesign

Jake Campbell, Scriptorium

Join Jake Campbell as he shows you how Scriptorium's DITA to InDesign plugin can turn your structured content into styled and formatted InDesign output.





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With XML Documentation for Adobe Experience Manager. we can author, manage, and publish DITA content for multiple technical publications all within one solution.

- John Piechowski Director. Dealer Support, Briggs & Stratton



Read the case study at bit.ly/briggs-stratton





Moving to XML Documentation for Adobe Experience Manager has helped us build a solution where technical documentation is a more central part of the website and a bigger part of the customer journey.

- Laralyn Melvin, Senior Director, Technical Documentation, Palo Alto Networks



Read the case study at bit.ly/palo-alto-networks Watch the video at bit.ly/palo-alto-networks-video



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- · Advanced DITA authoring
- · Simplified DITA authoring experience
- WYSIWYG map editor
- · Content ingestion framework for DITA migration



Stay ahead of the competition with market-leading enterprise content management capabilities

- · Powerful version management
- · Advanced link and dependency management
- · Comprehensive search and tag management
- · Centralized digital asset management
- · Industry-leading translation management and localization support
- · In-depth content health and readiness reports
- · Easy integration through APIs
- · Support for FrameMaker documents and books



Empower distributed teams to contribute and collaborate faster and smarter

- · Seamless web-based review experience
- · Native integration with Adobe FrameMaker

· Effortless integration with other publishing solutions

· Powerful project and workflow management



Effortlessly design and deliver immersive, omnichannel content experiences

- · Direct publishing of DITA content to Experience Manager
- · Enterprise-class publishing

- · Content as a service
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SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

Eastern	Main Stage	Shakespeare	Alcott	Tolstoy	Bronte	Twain	Austen	Dickens	Angelou	Dumas	Christie
03:30	Writing Well France Baril, Berry Braster, Nolwenn Kerzreho, Dawn Stevens	DITA and Markdown Alexandru Jitianu, Syncro Soft/oXygen	Where DITA Meets Aesthetic Design (and why it matters) Chandi Perera, Typefi	Making DITA Sexy: How to get your migration budget Rik Page, Bluestream	For Me – Al for User-centered Content Delivery Matthias Gutknecht, STAR Group	Adventures in Evolving Content Strategy Rick Teplitz, Imperva	Measuring Technical Writer Productivity Vasanth Vaidyanathan & Vidhya Kameswaran, KLA Corporation	Review and Collaboration Made Seamless Wortimla RS, Adobe	Repurposing Docs for Customer Enablement and Fast Onboarding Chefs at Zoomin	The Simplicity and Power of a Static Site Generator (SSG) Dushko Radevski & Velizar Demirev, Jorsek/easyDITA	
04:30	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
05:00	COVID Collaboration: The unforeseen effect Abi Bettle-Shaffer, IBM										
06:30	Social Activity	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast	Fix and Feast
07:30	Conversion/ Migration to DITA Magda Caloian, Sabine Ocker, Helen St. Denis, Brian Trombley	Enhancing DITA Publishing with Plugins Radu Coravu, Syncro Soft/oXygen	Break the Shackles of Content Types: Care about experiences Divraj Singh, Adobe	Up or Down — Paradigm Shift in Technical Documentation Ahead? Frank Wegmann, Software AG	Collaboration is the Key to Success Vlad Khanin, NextGen Healthcare	Who Are You? Developing a Company Voice That is Consistent not Robotic John Baker, Jorsek/ easyDITA	Bridging Siloes — Unifying Content Strategy While Preserving Specifics Nolwenn Kerzreho, IXIASOFT	Uncovering the Value of Metadata Management Rik Page, Bluestream	Semantic Booster: Powering your AEM tagging with PoolParty Maura Moran, Mekon	How to Connect Your Content to IoT With a Content Delivery Portal? Pim Bekker, Etteplan	DITA Molière Special Session by invitation only
08:30	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
09:00	Translation / Localization Dipo Ajose-Coker, Todd Flaska, Dominique Trouche, Hal Trent	Taming the Wild West of Release Notes with Markdown DITA Debbie Femia, Abacus Insights	Putting Darwin Back Into DITA With an Agile Evolution Jean-Luc Borie & Frank Shipley, Componize Software	Tips and Techniques For Handling Graphics When Transitioning To DITA Bryan Tipper, Stilo	Becoming a Data-Driven Documentation Team Joe Gelb & Lawrence Orin, Zoomin	Whose Content Is It Anyway? Tom Comerford, Supratext	Preparing Your Content for Intelligent Machines Joyce Lam, Precision Content	Remote Collaboration in a Challenging Environment Sharon Figueira, IXIASOFT	The Schematron Method: Eliminating fat from your content Brianna Stevens, Comtech Services	How to Collaborate Efficiently When Working Remotely Mihaela Calotescu & Bogdan Dumitru, Syncro Soft/oXygen	What's New in AH Formatter V7? Alex Critchfield, Antenna House
10:00	Social Activity	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk	Drinks at Dawn or Dusk

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11:00	Introducing the Content Services Organization Cruce Saunders, [A]									
12:30	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
13:00	User Experience Dana Aubin, Megan Gilhooly, Carol Nugent, Ted Wolff	Successful DITA, Process, and Skill Maturity Deb Bissantz, TransPerfect	Trends in Localization Practices for Next-gen DITA Dominique Trouche, WhP	Managing Too Many Versions in a Single Branch Zoë Lawson, Casenet	Mastering Efficiency and Impact in Content Creation and Delivery: a Mastercard Case Study Jill Sheffield, Mastercard	5 Critical Steps For Advancing Your Content Career Jack Molisani, ProSpring Technical Staffing	Herding Content — Content Management Reinvented Sabine Bennett, Salesforce & Frank Miller, Ryffine	Smart Content Delivery for Parts and Service Charles Andrews, Ovitas	Make Your Metadata Great Again Fabrice Lacroix, Fluid Topics	A Complete PDF Re-design in Under 10 minutes Joanne Hannagen & Corinna Kinchin, Miramo
14:00	Social Activity	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime	Mix and Mash Mealtime
15:00	DITA 2.0 Robert Anderson, Kris Eberlein, Eliot Kimber, Zoë Lawson	Learning and Training: Join the conversation Dawn Stevens, Comtech Services & Amber Swope, DITA Strategies	Fast, Flexible and Fine: Doing more with DITA Caleb Clauset, Typefi	Leveraging Semantic Search to Improve Content Reuse Christopher Will & Carlos Andino, Orbis Technologies	Integrating Portals to Improve Customer Experience Dana Aubin, Allscripts	Tell Me What You Need: User Experience Design for Documentation Carol Nugent, VMware	Driving One Story for Your Customers! Lisa Hultman & Katie Ott, ServiceNow	Collective Spaces for Unified Collaboration Sara Pawlowic, SDL	Harmonizer: The First Step in Identifying Content Redundancy Christopher Hill, Data Conversion Laboratory	Discover the Solution to Your Linguistic Review Issues Dominique Trouche, WhP
16:00	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
16:30	It Takes a Village Angela Browne, SAP SuccessFactors									
18:00	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
18:30	Metrics Laura Bellamy, Jenifer Schlotfeldt, Amanda Washington, Sunny Yang	The Metrics Dashboard: A "cross-check" for quality issues Alicia Abuan, Jeppesen & Scott Hudson, ServiceNow	Automating DITA files in Git for Translation to Multiple Languages Olivier Libouban, Lingoport	Keeping With The Times Toni Mantych, ServiceNow	Why You Need Content Transformation for a Successful Content Strategy Val Swisher, Content Rules	Cross-Functional Collaboration for Content Strategy Kavitha Kandappan, AMD	IA Design and Agile Development: Mission (Im)possible! Amber Swope & Jennifer Fell, DITA Strategies	A Turnkey Content Development Solution with GlobalLink Inspire CCMS Paul Akins & Hal Trent, GlobalLink	Content Ryffiner: Bake quality into your migration to DITA Micaela Monroe, Ryffine	
19:30	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
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Insights and Inspirations

05:30 - 07:00 EDT | 11:30 - 13:00 CEST COVID Collaboration: How large-scale remote work uncovered lessons in accessibility

Abi Bettle-Shaffer, Project Manager at IBM Abi covers use of tools like Slack, Trello, webex, zoom, teams, whatsapp, mural, box and the ways teams can use them to help collaboration. She also includes some potential pitfalls if you have differently abled people in your team, or in the client teams you're working with.

11:00 - 12:30 EDT | 17:00 - 18:30 CEST **Introducing the Content Services Organization**

Cruce Saunders, Founder and Principal at [A] Join Cruce Saunders, Principal at [A] (see simplea.com), and learn how the Content Service Organization works, and how it drives publishing performance and boosts team satisfaction.

16:30 – 18:00 EDT | 22:30 – 00:00 CEST It Takes a Village

Angela Browne, User Assistance Manager and Design Thinking Coach at SAP SuccessFactors

Attendees will get an overview of the Design Thinking process including empathy maps and current-future-barriers. You'll also learn how we partnered with other teams throughout the process and how we sold the proposed changes not only to our customers but also to the rest of the business.

Trade Tips and Trends

03:30 - 04:30 EDT | 09:30 - 10:30 CEST Writing Well

France Baril, Berry Braster, Nolwenn Kerzreho, Dawn Stevens The panel addresses how writing strategies need to adapt to meet the needs and demands of today's information consumer.

07:30 - 08:30 EDT | 13:30 - 14:30 CEST Conversion/Migration to DITA

Magda Caloian, Sabine Ocker, Helen St. Denis, Brian Trombley The panel offers advice for planning and implementing a conversion or migration project.

09:00 - 10:00 EDT | 15:00 - 16:00 CEST Translation / Localization

Dipo Ajose-Coker, Todd Flaska, Dominique Trouche, Hal Trent The panel demystifies the translation and localization process.

13:00 - 14:00 EDT | 19:00 - 20:00 CEST **User Experience**

Dana Aubin, Megan Gilhooly, Carol Nugent, Ted Wolff The panel considers both angles as they provide insights on effective approaches for improving your user's interactions with and perceptions of your product and brand.

15:00 - 16:00 EDT | 21:00 - 22:00 CEST DITA 2.0

Robert Anderson, Kris Eberlein, Eliot Kimber, Zoë Lawson Learn what to expect directly from members of the technical committee working on the new standard.

18:30 - 19:30 EDT | 00:30 - 01:30 CEST Metrics

Laura Bellamy, Jenifer Schlotfeldt, Amanda Washinaton, Sunny

The panel will share key lessons learned from failures and successes as well as real-world strategies for data success.

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Candid Conversations

03:30 - 04:30 EDT | 09:30 - 10:30 CEST DITA and Markdown

Alexandru Jitianu, Svncro Soft/oXvaen

Attendees of will learn: What is structured authoring and what benefits it brings, what is the difference between content and markup, what are DITA and Markdown strengths, and what solutions do we have when SMEs are sending us Markdown? Integrating Markdown into the DITA pipelines or getting DITA from them instead

Where DITA Meets Aesthetic Design (and why it matters)

Chandi Perera, Typefi

In this session, we'll present a case for why good visual design is an important factor for any organization publishing structured, topic-based content, whether it's technical or educational. We'll also demonstrate that creating visually appealing documents using DITA source content is not only possible but achievable, even with automated publishing workflows!

Making DITA Sexy: How to get your migration budget

Rik Paae, Bluestream

This talk will hopefully open the eyes of the attendees and get them thinking in a different direction when it comes to building the business case for DITA. It will make them think about how they are seen and seek to show them a new approach to funding.

For Me - Al for User-centered Content Delivery

Matthias Gutknecht, STAR Group

You will learn how work can be supported in a user-friendly way and with an increase in productivity? With AI based personalized assistance services information is communicated with a virtual assistant: personalized for each step of a process with visual and interactive support via video & voice where required. Networked intelligent information (knowledge graphs) is the base for this.

Adventures in Evolving Content Strategy

Rick Teplitz, Imperva

You'll learn how to develop an integrated documentation portal that can consume output from multiple help authoring tools, and serve multiple user bases, intuitively enabling users to identify and drill down on content relevant to them and serve them in a single, branded and unified front end

Measuring Technical Writer Productivity

Vasanth Vaidvanathan & Vidhva Kameswaran, KLA Corporation Your management needs a bird's eye view of Tech Writer workload. And you want a tool to isolate problem areas, so you can focus on getting your documentation done. The process that is to be discussed, would help with both the objectives.

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07:30 - 08:30 EDT | 13:30 - 14:30 CEST **Enhancing DITA Publishing with Plugins**

Radu Coravu, Syncro Soft/oXygen

You will learn various ways in which your DITA publishing can be enhanced either by incorporating other formats in a DITA project or by enhancing the available output formats to contain videos or automatic generated images, diagrams or equations.

Break the Shackles of Content Types: Care about experiences

Divraj Singh, Adobe

Join this session and learn to use a DITA CCMS to: Import legacy content (Word, HTML, InDesign, XML, Markdown, etc.) and convert it to structured content; Help align content, design, governance and systems across the customer journey; Deliver omnichannel experiences with publishing beyond PDF, HTML5, Mobile Apps and Website; and Implement content-as-a-service and leverage nextgeneration capabilities.

Up or Down – Paradigm Shift in Technical Documentation

Frank Weamann, Software AG

Participants will learn about the current state of Markdown and Lightweight DITA compared to traditional Markup. Technological, and organizational challenges as well as the question of integrated processing are discussed to give orientation as well as to provide an example, whether and how Markdown could somehow benefit in the field of technical documentation.

Collaboration is the Key to Success

Vlad Khanin, NextGen Healthcare

Collaboration is one of the key elements for success regardless of what you do and how you do it. It is easy to preach the idea, but you need a good strategy to get people to actually collaborate with each other. Audience will learn key aspects from engagement to promotion to utilization of tools and building processes to improve collaboration.

Who Are You? Developing a Company Voice That is **Consistent not Robotic**

John Baker, Jorsek/ easyDITA

This talk will empower authors and content strategists interested in developing their company voice. Attendees will gain clarity on what to prioritize in this process, what questions to ask, and how to move forward and all attendees will also receive a copy of Jorsek's Content Development Guide – style guide, information model, and information model.

Bridging Siloes – Unifying Content Strategy While Preserving Specifics

Nolwenn Kerzreho, IXIASOFT

This session is aimed primarily to information architects and documentation managers looking to maximize reuse and control with diverse life cycles or large and disparate product lines.

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Candid Conversations

09:00 – 10:00 EDT | 15:00 – 16:00 CEST Taming the Wild West of Release Notes with Markdown DITA Debbie Femia, Abacus Insights

Creating release notes is usually a hassle, especially with one technical writer trying to corral the disparate content of a bunch of contributing (non-technical-writer!) Product Managers. This presentation explains one way to use Markdown DITA to improve the efficiency and ease of this process.

Putting Darwin Back Into DITA With an Agile Evolution

Jean-Luc Borie & Frank Shipley, Componize Software
Our presentation will unveil a Darwinian evolution of our platform — an entirely reinvented end-to-end journey of agile DITA content management. We're unleashing DITA's true potential by streamlining processes and opening doors to a whole new world of simplified content contribution for SMEs.

Tips and Techniques For Handling Graphics When Transitioning To DITA

Bryan Tipper, Stilo

This presentation will benefit audience members by teaching them essential techniques for properly handling graphics when transitioning to DITA.

Becoming a Data-Driven Documentation Team

Joe Gelb & Lawrence Orin, Zoomin

Learn how to leverage data and analytics tools to incorporate a data-driven approach to documentation. Find out how metrics can translate into actionable insights. Learn how actionable insights make your teams more productive, your content more relevant and build prestige across the organization.

Whose Content Is It Anyway?

Tom Comerford, Supratext

This presentation is for various stakeholders in content creation and delivery. It aims to propose a mind-set about content that can foster better collaboration in content production.

Preparing Your Content for Intelligent Machines

Jovce Lam. Precision Content

Attend this session to better understand the need for intelligent microcontent and its applicability to chatbots, voice interfaces, and intelligent agents. We will explore (a) impact of microcontent and focus on smarter, richer, compact content; (b) the importance of standardized metadata and classification; and (c) use of information typing to support intended reader response.

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13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Successful DITA, Process, and Skill Maturity

Deb Bissantz, TransPerfect

Attendees will follow the stages of a DITA implementation as it matures to improve user experience and productivity. Users will learn how roles and skills also mature to support each stage.

Trends in Localization Practices for Next-gen DITA

Dominique Trouche, WhP

The audience will get an overview of the current trends in DITA authoring and management. They will also get a better understanding of how these trends extend to their multilingual content and what they can expect from their localization partner.

Managing Too Many Versions in a Single Branch

Zoë Lawson, Casenet

DITA gives us the tools to solve complicated problems maintaining dozens of versions, but we can all use tips and tricks on how to use the tools. Maintaining dozens of ditavals by hand is untenable, but you can do it with a spreadsheet and some XSLT.

Mastering Efficiency and Impact in Content Creation and Delivery: a Mastercard Case Study

Jill Sheffield, Mastercard

In this presentation, you'll learn how Mastercard transformed its content strategy to deliver targeted content to a global audience and elevate the customer experience; all while improving efficiency in content development and management.

5 Critical Steps For Advancing Your Content Career

Jack Molisani, ProSpring Technical Staffing

In this session professional recruiter and best-selling author Jack Molisani will discuss five key milestones you need to achieve to increasing your corporate value—and thus your standard of living.

Herding Content – Content Management Reinvented

Sabine Bennett, Salesforce & Frank Miller, Ryffine

This presentation will benefit everyone who is interested in content structure and reuse, and wants to learn more about how to organize metadata in classification maps and subject schemes, and why DITA is the way to go. I'll share the mistakes we made in the past and how we fixed them, how to use automation to clean up existing content

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15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 21:00 – 22:00 CEST Learning and Training: Join the conversation

Dawn Stevens, Comtech Services & Amber Swope, DITA Strategies

It's no secret that documentation and training groups often cover the same material in their respective deliverables. It only makes sense that they collaborate and reuse content wherever possible. However, despite the fact that DITA has supported learning and training topic types since 2010, reuse between documentation and training remains spotty. Join Amber Swope and Dawn Stevens as we discuss what challenges shared content introduces and how companies are overcoming those challenges.

Fast, Flexible and Fine: Doing more with DITA

Caleb Clauset, Typefi

Learn how "The Institutes" realized dramatic improvement without increasing staff, and how they can now meet requests for customized content within 24 hours—all without compromising on design quality.

Leveraging Semantic Search to Improve Content Reuse

Christopher Will & Carlos Andino, Orbis Technologies Orbis Technologies

Discovering content across your publishing ecosystem is a challenge. Learn how semantic search helps you repurpose your content to optimize effectiveness, reusability, workflows, and efficiency. Learn how semantic search establishes similarity between content. Learn how semantic search and faceted navigation makes finding items within unstructured data easy.

Integrating Portals to Improve Customer Experience

Dana Aubin, Allscripts

Working on a new portal project over the last year and a half has inspired me to think creatively and not let the current restrictions of a tool or limitations of my ability to stop me from reaching out to others to help create a solution that exceeds our clients demands.

Tell Me What You Need: User Experience Design for Documentation

Carol Nuaent, VMware

Learn about how we can use customer interaction to validate what we are doing now and anything new that we want to provide. This session includes examples of real testing and practical examples that you might want to adapt for your organization.

Driving One Story for Your Customers!

Lisa Hultman & Katie Ott, ServiceNow

We want to inspire content teams from any part of an organization to work together for the clearest message! We'll provide examples of actual initiatives currently in progress. We'll share how our various content teams come in and out of the content development cycle as our products go through development and how to coordinate those efforts.

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18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST The Metrics Dashboard: A "cross-check" for quality issues

Alicia Abuan, Jeppesen & Scott Hudson, ServiceNow
We will demonstrate how a metrics dashboard assembles the
important quality information from your metrics reports and creates
a complete picture of your content quality. We will examine best
practices to identify potential quality issues.

Automating DITA files in Git for Translation to Multiple Languages

Olivier Libouban, Lingoport

DITA files stored in Git (or similar) repositories frequently need to be translated into multiple languages. The problem is challenging enough with dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of files being translated into multiple locales. Plus there can be incremental modifications to the files, and new locales added. This automation solves these problems.

Keeping With The Times

Toni Mantych, ServiceNow

The need for, and type of required, business case for DITA and for CCMSes has changed over the years, and where we are now?

Why You Need Content Transformation for a Successful Content Strategy

Val Swisher, Content Rules

In this session, Val Swisher explores what it means to transform content and shares concrete steps you can take to begin preparing content for digital transformation.

Cross-Functional Collaboration for Content Strategy

Kavitha Kandappan, AMD

The audience will learn about the need for cross functional collaboration, challenged, a tips and techniques to overcome these challenges. This presentation will include a discussion that will enable audience to share their learning from cross functional collaboration experience with the group.

IA Design and Agile Development: Mission (Im)possible!

Amber Swope & Jennifer Fell, DITA Strategies

Amber & Jennifer review the primary Agile principles, review the primary IA design activities in the context of Agile methods, and discuss practical strategies for performing IA design activities in an Agile environment.

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Test Kitchens

03:30 – 04:30 EDT | 09:30 – 10:30 CEST Review and Collaboration Made Seamless

Wortimla RS. Adobe

Join us in this session to learn how the review process in FrameMaker and RoboHelp works to easily collect feedback from various stakeholders simultaneously, quickly import changes from reviewers back into your source content, and accept and reject changes with the click of a button.

Repurposing Docs for Customer Enablement and Fast Onboarding

Chefs at Zoomin

In this test kitchen, we'll walk you through how Zoomin customers are building powerful customer enablement portals and pioneering dynamic workflows to empower their own users to onboarding success.

The Simplicity and Power of a Static Site Generator (SSG)

Dushko Radevski & Velizar Demirev, Jorsek/easyDITA In this test kitchen, Jorsek representatives will provide a live demonstration of easyDITA's Static Site Generator (SSG). A fast and intuitive way to turn your content into a fully functioning, easy to use, static website (built with Gatsby) in just 10 minutes. Learn what it takes to publish documentation to a static site so it can be read by your audience immediately!

07:30 – 08:30 EDT | 13:30 – 14:30 CEST Uncovering the Value of Metadata Management

Rik Page, Bluestream

What is metadata and why is it so important? The unprecedented functionality of Bluestream's Extended Metadata Module opens new possibilities. In this presentation Bluestream will show why metadata is vital and how you can extend its usage to provide greater value to the entire organization.

Semantic Booster: Powering your AEM tagging with PoolParty

Maura Moran, Mekon

We'll demonstrate how the Semantic Booster harnesses the powerful capabilities of AEM and PoolParty to make tagging simpler and more relevant, helping your users find content more easily.

How to Connect Your Content to IoT With a Content Delivery Portal?

Pim Bekker, Etteplan

During this presentation we will demonstrate how how to combine IoT data and DITA based information in a CDP to actively inform your end users.

Test Kitchens

09:00 – 10:00 EDT | 15:00 – 16:00 CEST Remote Collaboration in a Challenging Environment

Sharon Figueira, IXIASOFT

Join IXIASOFT as we browse through our intuitive, web-based interface, and explore working with a broad range of contributors to develop content from draft one through to approval.

The Schematron Method: Eliminating fat from your content

Brianna Stevens, Comtech Services

Do you wish your content was slim and fit? Do you go back to unhealthy writing habits when under pressure? Could you use a personal trainer to coach and encourage you during your day-to-day efforts? Look no further! Schematron could be your answer.

How to Collaborate Efficiently When Working Remotely

Mihaela Calotescu & Bogdan Dumitru, Syncro Soft/oXygen
Due to the complex global situation produced by the COVID-19
pandemic, teams are forced to work remotely. This deepens
the need for effective collaboration when writing technical
documentation. oXygen Content Fusion and oXygen Web Author
come to the rescue, offering all the support your team needs to
collaborate.

What's New in AH Formatter V7?

Alex Critchfield, Antenna House

Join Antenna House as we explore all the cool new features of AH Formatter V7 and learn how you can transform your structured content into beautifully styled paged documents.

13:00 – 14:00 EDT | 19:00 – 20:00 CEST Smart Content Delivery for Parts and Service

Charles Andrews, Ovitas

This demo will show parts and service content delivered to online and offline Web Applications for Field Service engineers and technicians. Find and filter information within Service content, order parts and build a shopping cart, all in one platform.

Make Your Metadata Great Again

Fabrice Lacroix, Fluid Topics

In this Test Kitchen, we will teach you how to align metadata through the intuitive creation of a custom taxonomy, and therefore make your content consistent and consumable. We'll also show how to create dynamic reading suggestions and links between pieces of content, leveraging newly-aligned tags.

A Complete PDF Re-design in Under 10 minutes

Joanne Hannagen & Corinna Kinchin, Miramo
A short demonstration of how a PDF design can be completely re-worked in under 10 minutes using only the MiramoPDF's GUI template designer followed by a Q&A.

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15:00 – 16:00 EDT | 21:00 – 22:00 CEST Collective Spaces for Unified Collaboration

Sara Pawlowic, SDL

Authoring, review and approval processes are critical for many forms of business content. SDL Tridion Docs 14 expands the process of knowledge creation by making it easier for anyone in the organization to author and review content with browser-based interfaces.

Harmonizer: The First Step in Identifying Content Redundancy

Christopher Hill, Data Conversion Laboratory
Harmonizer simultaneously analyzes across any file format — XML,
HTML, SGML, Word, FrameMaker, InDesign, PDF, and others — and
is invaluable when planning a content reuse strategy or moving
content to a new platform. The software produces reports in
both HTML and Excel, providing content analysis and insight to
consolidate content and eliminate redundancies.

Discover the Solution to Your Linguistic Review Issues *Dominique Trouche, WhP*

WhP has the solution to your recurring linguistic review pains: the Augmented Review, a collaborative web-based tool that enables your reviewers to spot the new content fast, view the original and translated DITA projects side-by-side, and edit the translation dynamically. The tool supports all the features and versions of DITA, as well as MathML.

18:30 – 19:30 EDT | 00:30 – 01:30 CEST A Turnkey Content Development Solution with GlobalLink Inspire CCMS

Paul Akins & Hal Trent, GlobalLink

Attendees will have the opportunity to see the turn key solution in action for the starter kit available in the GlobalLink Inspire CCMS. GlobalLink Vasont welcomes the opportunity to discuss variations of the starter kit for other industries with attendees.

Content Ryffiner: Bake quality into your migration to DITA

Micaela Monroe, Ryffine

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Taxonomy Development

In today's continually expanding information glut, it can be difficult for users to find the content they need. Comtech consultants methodically quide 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 informationand 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.

Competitve 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.

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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.

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.

Creating an Effective Information Taxonomy

A structured approach to making technical information more accessible by it according to the categories and terminology important to your users. Developing a User-Centric Content Strategy

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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.

Developing Your Content Strategy

A systematic approach to defining the management. creation, production, delivery, and assessment of content, while balancing the considerations of organizational goals and capabilities with user needs and expectations.

DITA Basics

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

DITA for Learning and Training

An introduction to the DITA standard and hands-on practice specifically for creating training content, including training plans, student materials, instructor guides, and learning assessments.

Editing Essentials for Writers and Editors Information Modeling for Topic-Based Authoring

Work through the five levels of editing and gain A strategy for defining the architecture of your strategies and tips for creating cleaner content. technical content, including the information types required, the elements they contain, and metadata, mapping, linking, and reuse strategies.

Minimalism: Creating Content 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.

Optimizing the DITA Authoring Experience

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

Precision Content Structured Authoring

Learn and practice planning techniques and researchbased writing methods to write clear, concise, wellstructured business and technical content.

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.

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DITA North America - Annual spring conference that brings together managers, information developers, technology specialists, and tool vendors to learn from one another how best to implement content management and the DITA standard. Presentations in four tracks: Information Design and Development, Technical Solutions, Management, and Technical Innovations.



Journeys - Annual spring conference, that focuses on information needs throughout the user journey, from initial discovery through long-term advocacy. Designed for anyone who creates information from marketing to support to training to documentation, sessions encourage crossdepartment collaboration to provide users a unified message regardless of where they are in their journey.



Best Practices - Annual fall conference for managers of information development, training, and support. Discover the best ideas and innovations in the industry, including social media, dynamic publishing, content management, and enterprise-wide information creation. Interact with a community of peers who share your same challenges.



DITA Europe - Annual winter conference that brings together managers, information developers, technology specialists, and tool vendors to learn from one another how best to implement content management and the DITA standard. Presentations in two tracks: Business and Practical Applications.



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DITA Europe – free pass	1	\$1,195	\$1,195
IDEAS – free passes	60	\$500	\$30,000
Workshop 2 for 1 pricing	12 (6 free)	\$975	\$5,850
		Total Benefit	\$40,135
		Membership Fee	-\$7,500
		Total Savings	\$32,635

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IDEAS – free passes	8	\$500	\$4,000
Workshop 2 for 1 pricing	6 (3 free)	\$975	\$2,925
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