

Chapter 10

Collaboration Under Full Control

Successful collaboration is an important success factor in any environment, but it needs suitable rules so that it does not get out of control. Since Version 1.2, DITA has provided good support for successful collaboration.

You can use constraints to restrict syntax without specialization. In this way, you can define conventions in a project environment more clearly for a team. Thus you can remove elements or set them as mandatory, and specify the element sequence.

Subject schemas provide a promising way of making clear rules. For a particular environment, they allow you to define specific attribute values and names for metadata without having to edit the DTDs.

Supplements for the terminology enable you to define the terminology right up to complete taxonomies. This enables you to lay the basis for semantic web functions: systematical, standardized, and integrated in the source content.