The DITA OASIS Standard defines an XML architecture for designing, writing, managing, and publishing technical documentation in print and on the Web.

**Topic-Oriented Authoring**
Focusing on a common topic model as a conceptual unit of authoring, DITA provides a core set of topic types derived from concept, task, and reference. DITA defines a specialization mechanism for extending markup to represent either new topic types or new domains of markup common across sets of topic types. DITA maps can combine topics into various kinds of deliverables. Content can be shared among maps or topics. Class-based processing ensures new specializations can be supported with existing tools, speeding the testing and adoption of new designs.

With DITA, all content is inherently reusable. That’s because DITA’s strength lies in a unified content reuse mechanism that enables an element to replace itself with the content of a like element, either in the current topic or in a separate topic that shares the same content models.

**Supporting Multiple Deliverables and Publishing Channels**
DITA enables organizations to deliver content as closely as possible to the point-of-use, making it ideal for applications such as integrated help systems, web sites, and how-to instruction pages. DITA’s topic-oriented content can be used to exploit new features or delivery channels as they become available.

**DITA can be used to...**
- Enable effective information management
- Improve information authoring models
- Reuse content in different combinations for a variety of deliverables
- Create online information systems, such as User Assistance (help) and learning modules (training)
- Design minimalist books for easier authoring and use

**Get Involved**
OASIS DITA Technical Committee members include representatives of:
- Adobe
- BMC Software
- Boeing
- Citrix Systems
- Comet Communication
- ComTech Services
- IBM
- Intel
- JustSystems
- Nokia
- Oracle
- PTC
- Sun Microsystems
- US Department of Defense

Participation remains open to all; organizations and individuals are invited to join today.

For more information:
[www.oasis-open.org/committees/dita](http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/dita)
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- **government agency** wanting to minimize overlap of standards and reduce the risk in recommending new technology;
- **software provider** driving industry cooperation through standards; or
- **industry group** coordinating domain efforts with foundational work.

Benefits of membership:
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- Liaise with related efforts at OASIS to address convergence and interoperability issues at the development stage
- Protect development efforts from single-vendor bias
- Expand visibility through participation in interoperability events
- Work alongside the industry’s most influential experts
- Learn and adopt best practices
- Foster a greater variety of competitive solutions
- Lower the cost of implementation
- Contribute to work respected as the product of the OASIS open process

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### OASIS Membership

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