



Migrating from Unstructured to Structured FrameMaker with DITA

Course objective

Migrating from Unstructured to Structured FrameMaker with DITA training is for users who know how to use FrameMaker in unstructured (standard) mode, who now want to begin taking advantage of FrameMaker's structured capabilities.

The course teaches how to work with structured templates conforming to DITA, introducing key concepts such as elements (container and object) and EDDs.

It is designed as a starting point for organisations migrating to structured FrameMaker with DITA, providing an overview of what is needed in planning such a migration and teaching the techniques you need to know. Please be aware that such a migration can be a large undertaking, requiring significant setup and configuration.

General information

- ▶ As an Adobe Authorised Training Centre (AATC), Armada meets the demanding standards specified by Adobe, ensuring a high standard of training.
- ▶ Hands-on exercises familiarise delegates with the concepts and operations.

Prerequisites?

Delegates should know how to use FrameMaker in unstructured mode, being familiar with the techniques taught in our *Basic and Intermediate Adobe FrameMaker* and *Advanced Adobe FrameMaker* training courses.

Duration

Three days.

Courseware and certification

Delegates receive courseware to refer to throughout the course, and to use as a refresher following the course. Delegates are issued with a certificate confirming they have attended and successfully completed the course.

What version of FrameMaker is covered?

Scheduled courses are based on the latest version of FrameMaker.

On-demand courses (for your group) can be based on any recent version, and can cater for you upgrading from one version of FrameMaker to another as part of your migration.

Location, price and further information

Scheduled courses are based at our training centre in Bromsgrove (close to Birmingham and the M5/M6/M40/M42 motorways).

On-demand courses can be based at our training centre or your venue.

For pricing and further information, please see: www.armada.co.uk/framemaker-training-course.

Course outline

- ▶ **Module 1: Course Introduction**
Benefits of Structured Authoring
- ▶ **Module 2: Understanding the Structured View**
The Structured Interface
Understanding Structured Terms
Authoring in a Structured Environment
FrameMaker Application Files, DTDs, EDDs, and Structured Templates.
- ▶ **Module 3: Structured Environment –Elements and EDDs**
Working with Structure
Types of Element
What is an EDD?
Creating an EDD
Formatting
Working with Structure
Adding Structure
Moving Elements
Wrapping and Unwrapping Elements
Merging, Nudging and Splitting Elements
Element Catalog Options
- ▶ **Module 4: Structured Environment -Attributes**
Types of Attribute
Working with Attributes
Setting Attribute Values
Inserting New Elements with Attributes
Attribute Errors
- ▶ **Module 5: Creating a New Structured Document**
Inserting New Elements and Attributes using the Mouse and Keyboard Shortcuts
Importing an EDD and Formats from a Separate Structured Document.
Basing one Structured Document on Another.
- ▶ **Module 6: Migrating Unstructured Files to Structured FrameMaker**
Conversion Tables
Editing Conversion Tables
- ▶ **Module 7: Validation**
Validating the Document Structure and Fixing Errors.
Allowing Special Cases for Elements and Attributes.
- ▶ **Module 8: FrameMaker and XML/DITA**
Basics of XML
Overview of DITA
DITA Topics and Maps
Working with DITA in FrameMaker
DITA OpenToolkit
OpenToolkit Plugin for FrameMaker
Browser Based DITA Editors