



Understanding DITA - a one day tutorial

Course objective

Understanding DITA – a one day tutorial teaches the key concepts behind structured information, topic-oriented authoring, XML and DITA, providing a thorough understanding of how and why DITA is used. The course is practical and 'activity-based'. Throughout the course you perform exercises to gain experience in the techniques taught. You will create your own valid DITA topics, containing various information types, and collect these in a DITA map ready for publication.

Who should attend?

The course is ideal for:

- ▶ Anyone who is contemplating implementing the DITA model within their organisation.
- ▶ Anyone whose organisation already adopts DITA, who wants to begin creating or modifying structured documents compliant with the DITA standard.

Delegates typically include technical authors, documentation managers, information architects and translation/localization project managers.

The techniques taught are relevant irrespective of whether your organisation uses, or intends to use, a Content Management System (CMS).

Expert instructors

Training in DITA and structured methodologies is a specialist area. In order to ensure that our trainers have the level of knowledge and experience that is essential, we are providing this training in collaboration with Structured Information, who are experts in the development of structured content using standards such as DITA.

The trainers who host Armada's DITA courses are highly experienced consultants who work in the field, and so are in a position to teach you real best practice, not just theory.

Courseware and certification

Delegates receive courseware to refer to throughout the course, and to use as a refresher following the course.

Delegates receive a certificate confirming they have attended and successfully completed the course.

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/dita-training-course.

Course outline

▶ Introduction to structured information and XML

Benefits of modular documentation
Document types, DTDs and schemas
Elements and attributes

▶ What is DITA?

▶ DITA authoring overview

▶ Detailed explanation of the DITA standard

DITA topics and topic-based authoring
DITA maps
Conrefs
Bookmaps
Relationship tables
Information architecture

▶ Technical DITA content

DITA concept
DITA task
DITA reference
Specialisation

▶ Learning and training DITA content

▶ Tools used for DITA – Microsoft Word, FrameMaker, Arbortext, XMetaL, other editors and converters.

▶ Building DITA documents

Editing, tagging and reusing content
Publishing to multiple media

▶ Getting started with the DITA OpenToolkit

▶ Adapting DITA to your needs