

DITA for the Technical Writer

Quark DITA Studio

BENEFITS

▶ Adopt DITA More Easily

DITA concepts and features are more intuitive and useful in this software environment designed from the ground-up for DITA.

▶ Get Going Fast

Quark® DITA Studio is ready to use out-of-the-box and integrated into Microsoft® SharePoint® for content management and DITA Open Toolkit for publishing.

▶ Single Source Content

Get a bird's eye view of content across all publications that are part of a project. Plan for and effectively implement content reuse.

▶ Improve Productivity

Quark DITA Studio puts everything you need in one place, with user-configurable task panes so you can work the way you want.

The Natural Way to Implement DITA

Because technical writers quickly grasp the benefits of DITA, moving to DITA should be natural and enjoyable, but this is often not the case.

Making the transition smooth requires tools that not only support the rich features of DITA, but also match how technical writers work and think. Since DITA's topic-based authoring model changes the fundamental way that technical writers create documentation, Quark built a tool that takes a new approach to meet their needs: Quark DITA Studio.

Quark DITA Studio serves the needs of users who are on the road to becoming DITA experts as well as those who have already arrived.

Those who are new to DITA are shielded from complex XML syntax while power users can dive into the nuts and bolts, accessing the lowest level of document components and functions to take full advantage of DITA. Quark DITA Studio's user interface, designed with a technical writer's responsibilities in mind, provides an intuitive experience that helps writers get their job done.

With Quark DITA Studio, organisations are able to reap the benefits of topic-based authoring and content reuse, and ease the transition of their technical publications department to DITA.

Quark DITA Studio is a component of Quark Dynamic Publishing Solution for Technical Publications.

Making Management of DITA Content Easy

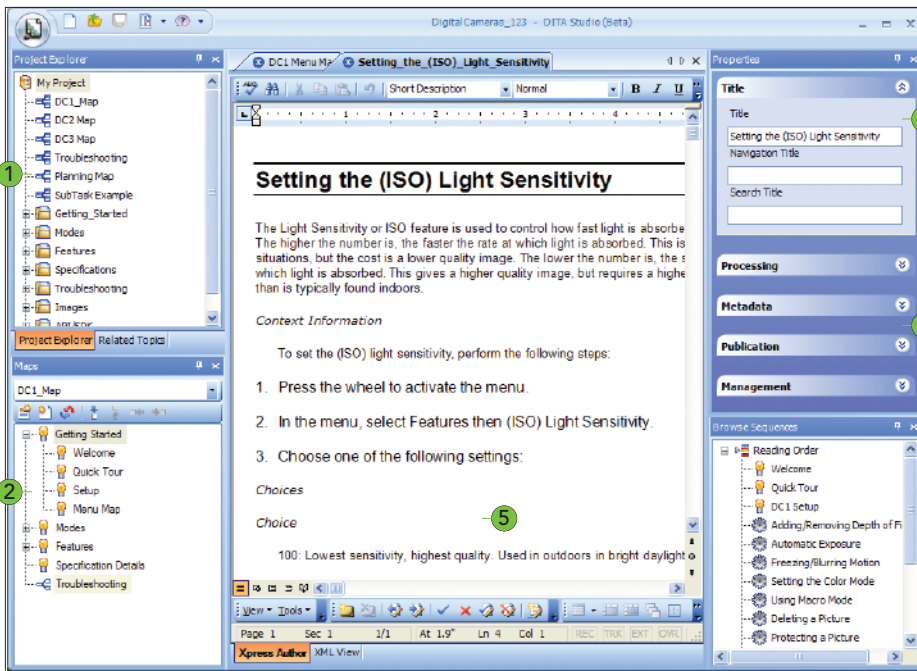
Quark DITA Studio supports the "project" approach that most technical publications departments use to organise their work.

In Quark DITA Studio, a project includes one or more publications along with their supporting files, such as the topics and illustrations that make up a finished publication.

In a single window, DITA shows all of the key information about a publication and its components, which puts everything writers, editors and project managers need right at their fingertips. In addition, the intuitive user interface of Quark DITA Studio provides task panes for each function.

During the publishing process, the application assembles content based on DITA maps, filters out any content that does not match the target audience, and renders the publication in print and several digital forms including Web, HTML Help and JavaHelp™.

Quark DITA Studio integrates with Microsoft SharePoint to provide content management capabilities. From within Quark DITA Studio, users can navigate, organise, access, and update files as if they were in SharePoint itself.



Quark DITA Studio — The Perfect Working Environment

1. **Intuitive Project Explorer** — Access all project components in one pane.
2. **Intuitive Map Editor** — Create maps as quickly and easily as creating tables of contents.
3. **Conditional Processing** — Produce publications in limitless variations.
4. **Collapsible Task Panes** — Bring tasks to the forefront as needed.
5. **Microsoft Word Authoring** — Hides the complexity of DITA and XML to maintain the easy and natural experience of Word.

Quark DITA Studio is the first technical publishing tool that has been developed from the ground up to optimise the technical writer's productivity when working with DITA. Just as DITA is designed for the specific tasks of technical publications, Quark DITA Studio is designed around the tasks and responsibilities of the technical writer.

DITA for the Enterprise with Microsoft SharePoint

Quark DITA Studio is integrated with Microsoft SharePoint to support dynamic publishing needs.

Support Concurrent Processes with Control Over Versioning

As users access content for editing, whether in Quark DITA Studio or Quark XML Author for Microsoft Word, they check out files from SharePoint to ensure they make changes and updates in a controlled manner. Users who attempt to modify content that is already checked out receive an immediate notification and can view the content in a read-only mode.

Advanced Synchronisation for Quark DITA Studio Users

Busy publications departments often make large-scale changes that affect many of the information objects stored in SharePoint at once, which can cause significant performance problems. Quark DITA Studio addresses this risk by caching content locally to reduce network traffic, and it synchronises content with SharePoint when changes are made. Quark DITA Studio also supports a briefcase capability so that you can continue working even if you have to disconnect from the network. When you reconnect, Quark DITA Studio reconciles all changes with SharePoint, allowing you to choose which versions of content should be accepted.

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