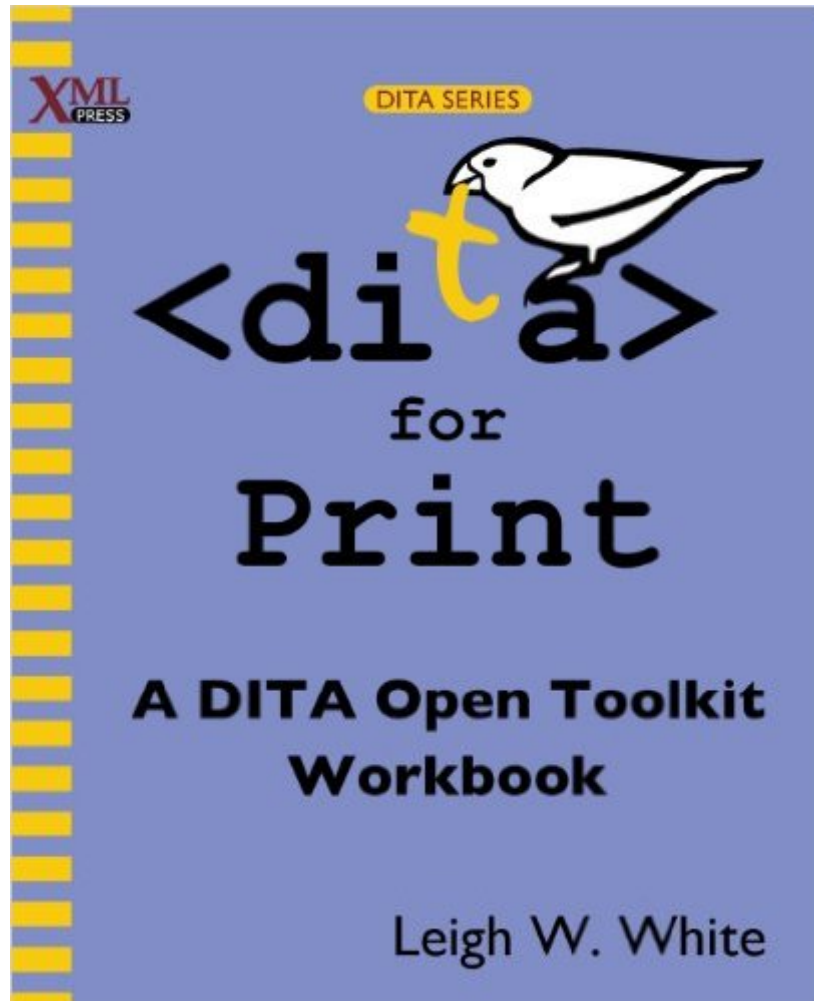


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As DITA has become more and more popular, demand has increased for tools that can produce high quality PDFs from DITA content. The DITA Open Toolkit provides a basic PDF capability, but nearly any real-world application will require customization. Leigh White's new book, DITA for Print takes you through the process of building a print customization plugin for the DITA Open Toolkit that will give you control over your PDF output. DITA for Print is for anybody who wants to learn how to create PDFs using the DITA Open Toolkit without learning everything there is to know about XSL-FO, XSLT, or XPath, or even about the DITA Open Toolkit itself. DITA for Print is written for non-programmers, by a non-programmer, and although it is written for people who have a good understanding of the DITA standard, you don't need a technical background to get custom PDFs up and running quickly.

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This voluminous volume gives you a week's worth of practice exercises, but it's also easy to skim the exercises for what you specifically need and tailor it to your own docs. I can honestly say that without this book, I would have been completely lost as to how to format my pdf output. Had this book not been available, I would have either spent weeks scouring the internet for relevant information or would have had to hire someone to make a pdf template. So no how you look at it, owning this book is going to save you time and/or money. A must have and also a good read. White does a fantastic job of keeping it simple and only giving you the information you need to know to get

the task at hand done. I couldn't recommend this more highly.

DITA for Print starts at the beginning, explaining the file structure of the millions (OK hundreds) of files used in the DITA Open Toolkit and explains how to incrementally make changes to a plugin to create PDFs that you can use and be proud of by the end of the book - all without a programming background. Whenever my output isn't quite right I pull out this book and search for the topic and usually find something related to what I am trying to do, and even if it doesn't help me with the exact problem I'm having, it gives me start for where to debug my issues.

If you are on this page for any reason other than pure accident, just click Buy it Now. You already know how little great information there is on the DITA Open Toolkit, and the time you will save by using this book makes it worth 10x the price. Even though I had already gone through the pain of hacking my way through many PDF customizations before this book came out, I still learned a lot from this workbook, and this will be one of the things I take back to my younger self after time travel is invented.

The basics of PDF (print) output using the DITA Open Toolkit. Practical and clear instructions (and best practices) on many things that would take far longer to figure out by digging through websites and dita-users email list posts. I have voluminous notes on working with the DITA Open Toolkit that I will refer to far less now that I have this book. The DITA community has needed a book like this for 5 years or more.

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