

DITA Side Kick

helpful hints for new DITA users to keep by their side for reference

- begin by organizing your information by type--concepts, tasks, and references
- identify where you can reuse information in your document

Beginning a DITA Document

- 1) All DITA files must begin with `<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>` to identify the document
- 2) Each DITA file must be identified as a concept, task, or reference using the following tags:

Concept: `<!DOCTYPE concept PUBLIC LIC "-//OASIS//DTD DITA Concept//EN" "http://docs.oasis-open.org/dita/v1.1/0S/dtd/concept.dtd">`

Task: `<!DOCTYPE task PUBLIC "-//OASIS//DTD DITA Task//EN" "http://docs.oasis-open.org/dita/v1.1/0S/dtd/task.dtd">`

Reference: `<!DOCTYPE reference PUBLIC LIC "-//OASIS//DTD DITA Reference//EN" "http://docs.oasis-open.org/dita/v1.1/0S/dtd/reference.dtd">`

- 3) Only certain tags can be used in each of the three DITA topics. See the diagram to the right to properly place and use tags.

Don't Forget...

- maintain consistency in style and voice
- DITA can become tedious, don't forget to be careful to avoid typos
- CLOSE ALL YOUR TAGS!!

