Collaboration Tools to Help Improve Documentation Processes

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Agenda

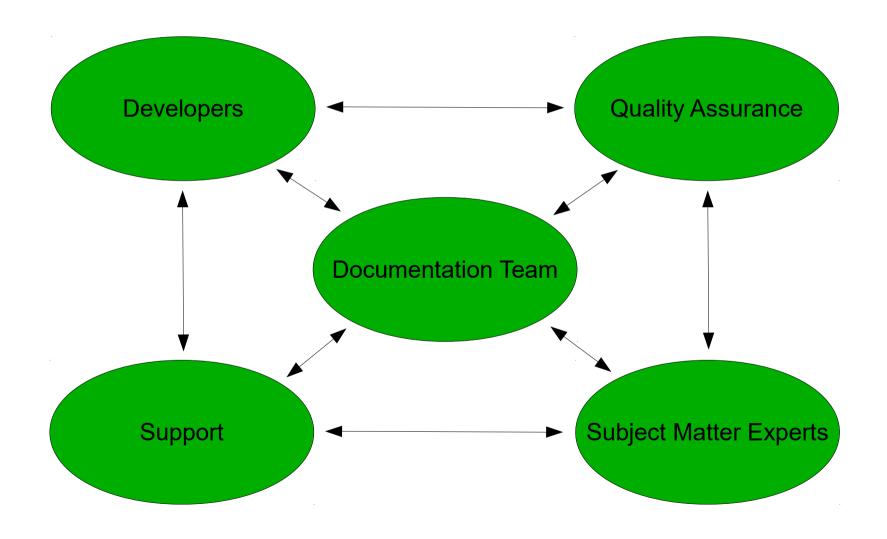
- An overview of the Oxygen team's documentation workflow
- Using an issue tracking application (such as JIRA) for collaboration between all departments
- Using Oxygen Content Fusion for collaboration between the documentation team and subject matter experts
- Using Oxygen XML Web Author for collaboration between the support team and the documentation team
- Using a combination of tools (JIRA, GitHub, Web Author) for collaboration between the QA team and the documentation team
- Using Oxygen products and a version control system for direct collaboration between developers and the documentation team
- Using the Oxygen WebHelp system for collaboration between end users and the documentation team



Overview of the Oxygen Team's Documentation Workflow



Oxygen Documentation Process Contributors





Documentation Requirements

Oxygen Products

- Oxygen XML Author
- Oxygen XML Author for Eclipse
- Oxygen XML Developer
- Oxygen XML Developer for Eclipse
- Oxygen XML Editor
- Oxygen XML Editor for Eclipse
- Oxygen XML Web Author
- Fig. Oxygen Content Fusion
- 💿 Oxygen WebHelp
- 👺 Oxygen SDK



Documentation Requirements

Output Types

- WebHelp
- PDF
- Windows Compiled Help (CHM)
- Eclipse Help
- JavaHelp
- Website



Documentation Requirements

Number of User Manuals Needed

Oxygen XML Author

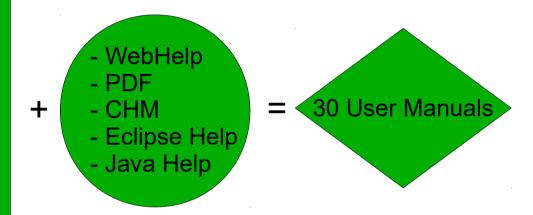
Oxygen XML Author for Eclipse

Oxygen XML Developer

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Oxygen XML Editor

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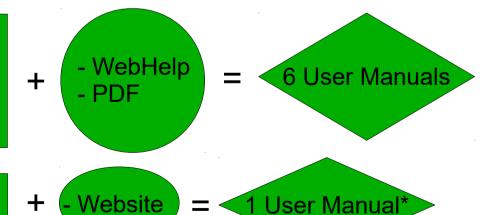


Oxygen XML Web Author

Oxygen Content Fusion

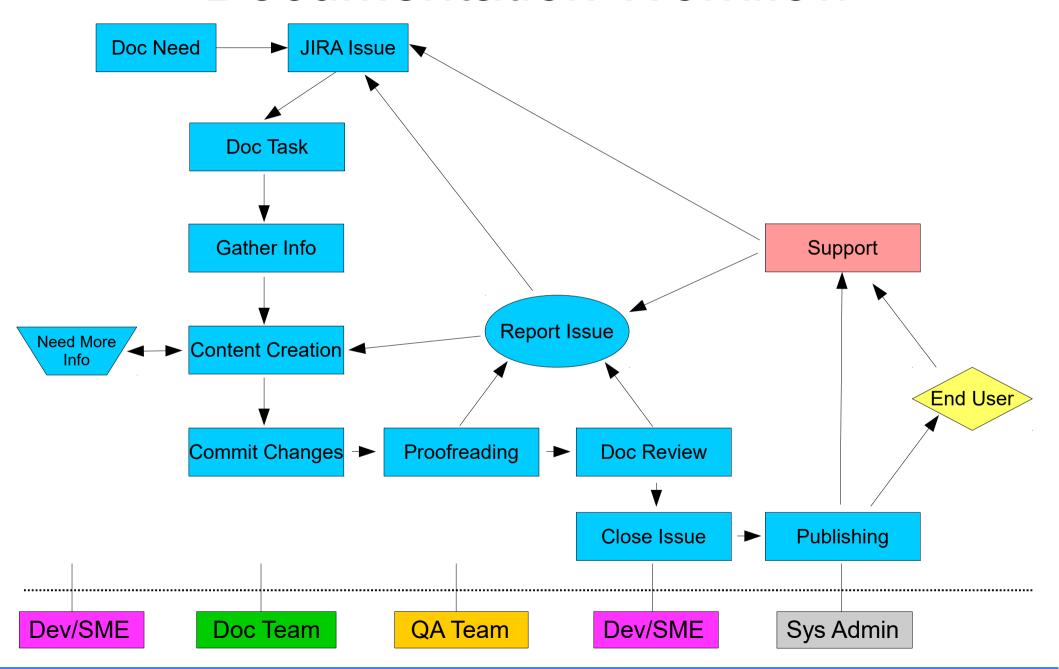
Oxygen WebHelp

Oxygen SDK



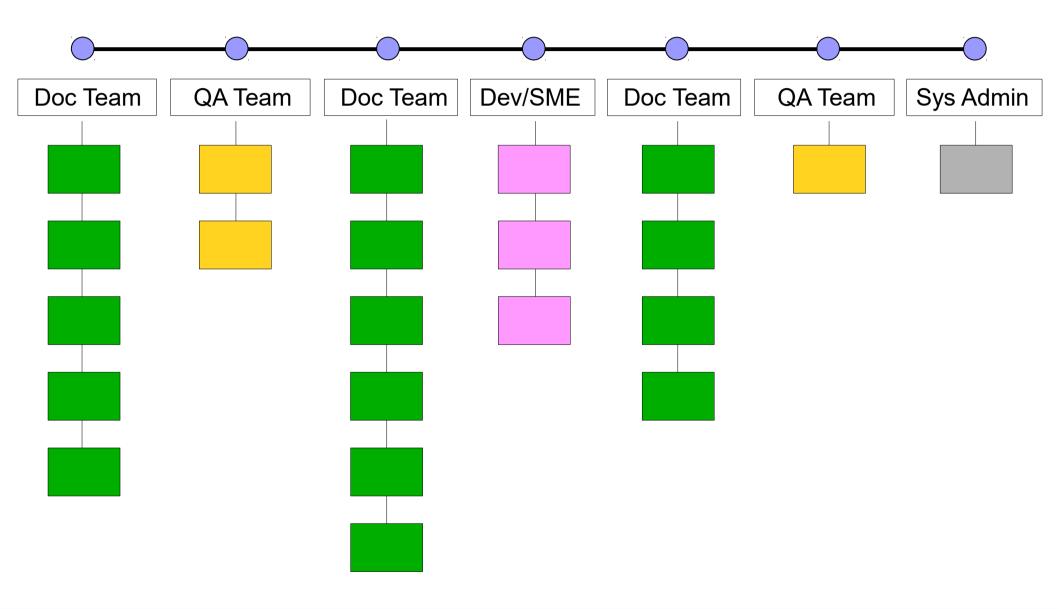


Documentation Workflow



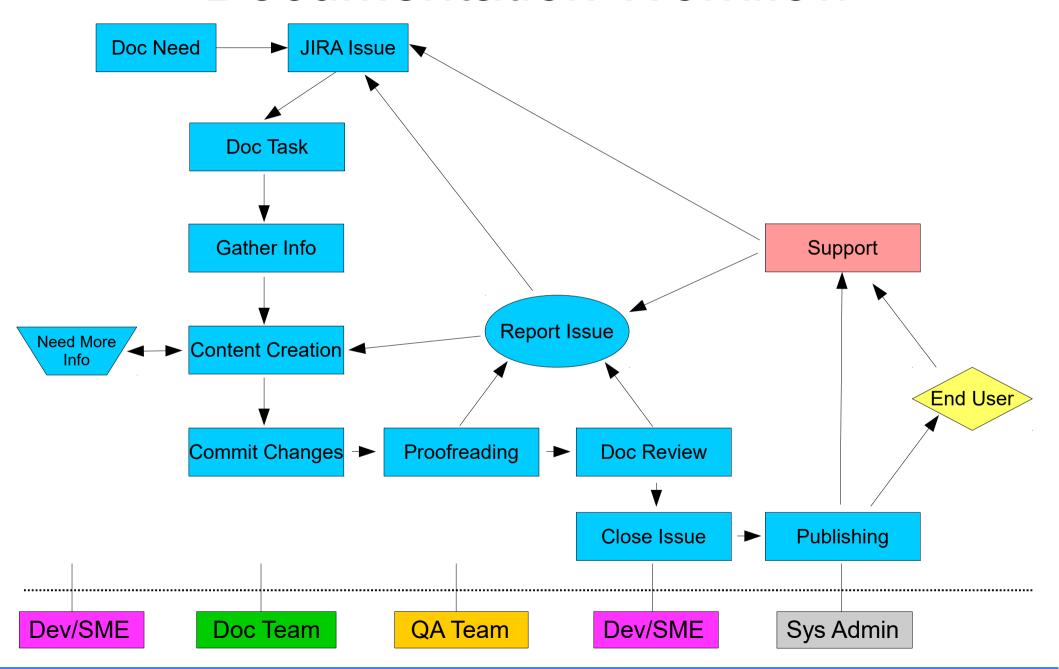


Documentation Timeline





Documentation Workflow





Documentation Process Tools

Issue Tracking
Atlassian JIRA

Content Creation
Oxygen XML Editor
Oxygen XML Author

Collaboration Tools

Oxygen Content Fusion
Oxygen XML Web Author
Oxygen WebHelp

File Repository/Version Control System
Git

Git Repository Hosting Service
GitHub

Repository GUI
SourceTree



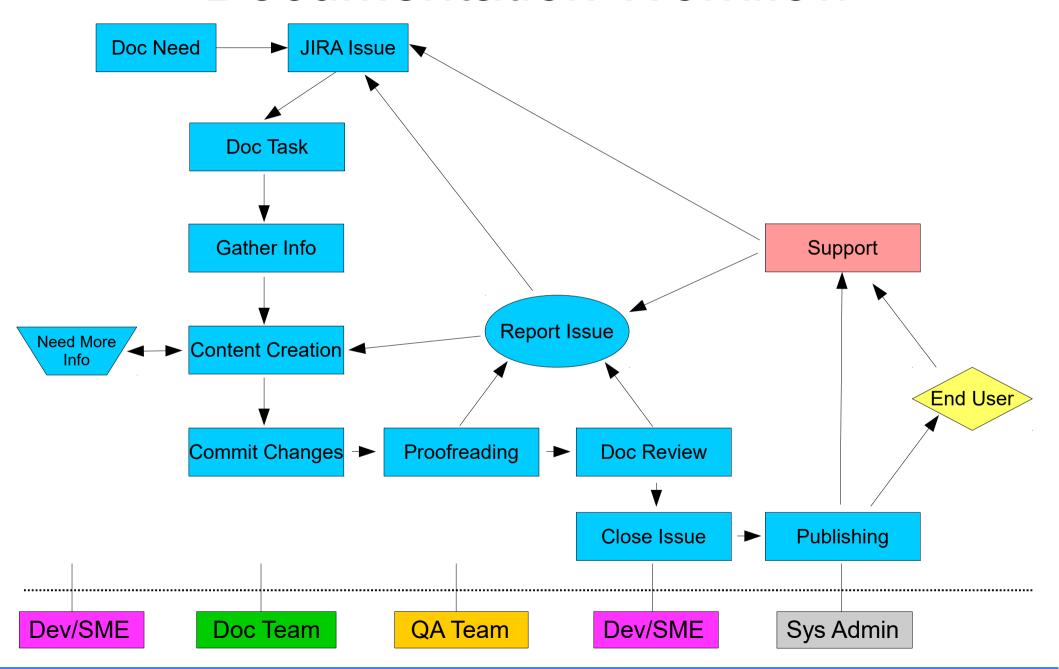
Issue Tracking / Project Management

Use-Case 1

Using an issue tracking application (Atlassian JIRA) for collaboration between all departments



Documentation Workflow





Use-Case 2

Using Oxygen Content Fusion for collaboration between the documentation team and subject matter experts



http://www.oxygenxml.com/content_fusion.html



Use-Case 2

Using Oxygen Content Fusion for collaboration between the documentation team and subject matter experts

Benefits

- •Increased Productivity A very efficient way to collaborate. Provides a simple, intuitive interface for the Reviewers and the Content Author can easily integrate comments and changes with a built-in merge tool.
- •Better Quality It provides an incremental review workflow that is more likely to engage reviewers and lead to more feedback.
- •More Control It allows the Content Author to control the published content while the Reviewer simply proposes changes.
- •Mobile Flexibility Collaborate with anyone and from anywhere. Reviewers only need access to a web browser.



Use-Case 3

Using Oxygen XML Web Author for collaboration between the support team and the documentation team



http://www.oxygenxml.com/xml_web_author.html



Use-Case 4

Using a combination of tools for collaboration between the Quality Assurance team and the documentation team

- JIRA
- GitHub
- Oxygen XML Web Author



Use-Case 5

Using Oxygen products & a version control system for direct collaboration between developers & the documentation team

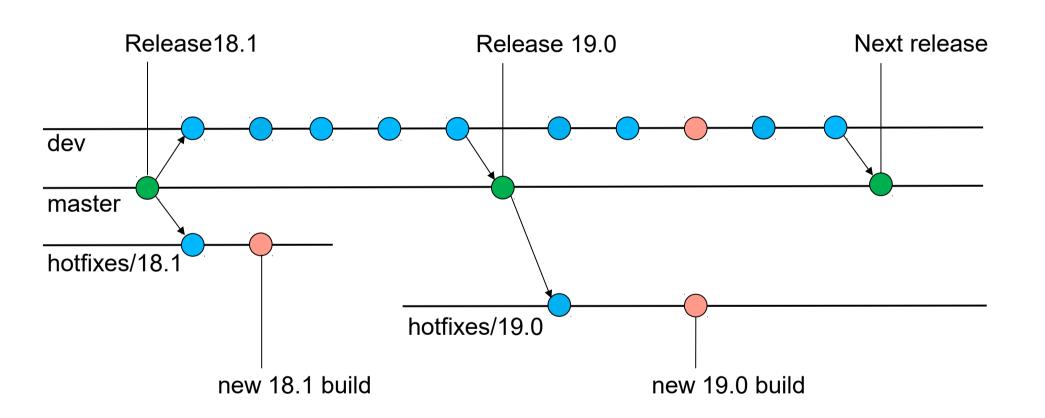


Use-Case 6

Using Oxygen WebHelp for collaboration between endusers and the documentation team



Release Timeline





Git Support Plugin

Provides support for committing changes directly from Oxygen, comparing and merging changes, and other Git commands

http://github.com/oxygenxml/Oxygen-Git-Plugin



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