### XML Success Story

Creating & Integrating Collaboration Solutions to Improve the Documentation Process

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One Purpose:

Present an actual real world use-case where we (Oxygen Team) found dynamic solutions for our various internal collaboration challenges

Intended Results:

- Improved efficiency for the documentation process
  - Increased productivity for all of our teams
    - Higher quality of documentation



### Our Areas of Focus

1. Refine the proofreading phase within our issue tracking process

2. Streamline collaboration between our documentation team and support team

3. Improve efficiency and quality of the collaboration during the content creation phases





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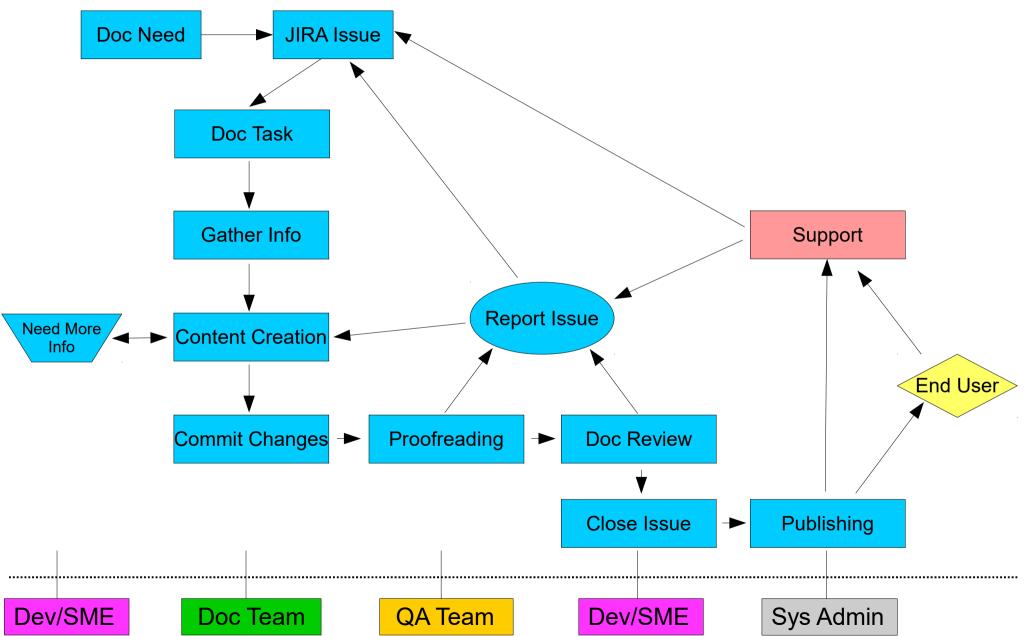
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### **Documentation Workflow**



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#### **CHALLENGES**

- When an issue reached the stage where documentation needed to be proofread, the methods used were inconsistent
- A lot of unnecessary steps were required
- Proofreaders usually didn't have access to the documentation team's project and couldn't add feedback directly in the source document



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- When an issue reached the stage where documentation needed to be proofread, the methods used were inconsistent
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### **SOLUTION GOALS**

- 1. Provide an easily accessible online review tool for the proofreaders
- 2. Make the source document accessible from JIRA



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- When the Support team offered feedback to the documentation team, methods used were inconsistent
- A lot of unnecessary steps were required
- Support team didn't have access to the documentation team's project and couldn't add feedback directly in the source document



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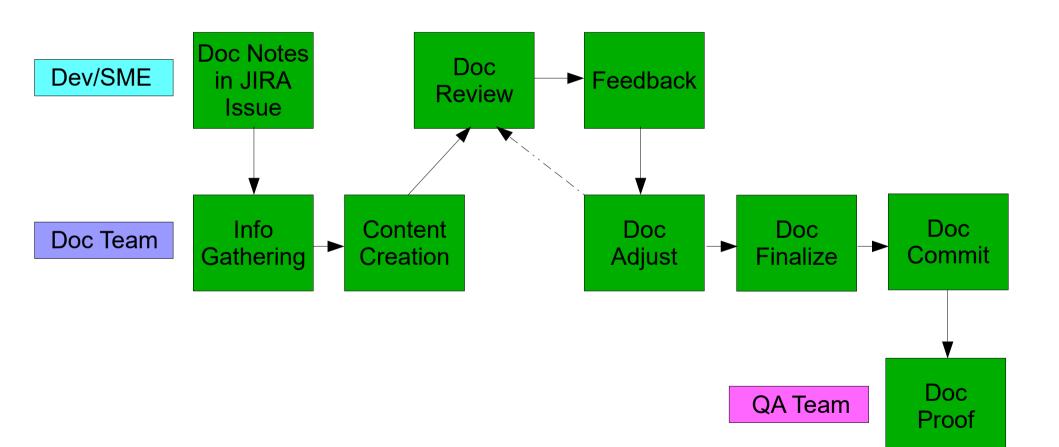
- 1. Provide an easily accessible online review tool for the Support personnel
- 2. Make the source documents accessible directly from published output



### Improve efficiency and quality of the collaboration during the content creation phases



### **Collaboration Workflow**





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#### CHALLENGES

- Most SME didn't have access to the current documentation project
- Sending fragments often led to confusion since the SME couldn't see the whole context
- If the documents aren't easy to access, the SME was less likely to offer good feedback
- In some cases, SME was in a different location or worked different hours than the technical writer



Improve efficiency and quality of the collaboration during the content creation phases

#### **SOLUTION GOALS**

- 1. Provide an efficient way for documents to be passed back and forth, regardless of where the contributor is located
- 2. Provide an easily accessible tool where reviewers can view and edit the source documents without needing access to the current project
- 3. Provide an intuitive way for collaborators to communicate
- 4. Make the process incremental and notify the documentation team when the process progresses to a new stage
- 5. Enable the documentation team to automatically merge the changes and comments back into their project



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### Final Results

- The whole collaboration process is more efficient
- Collaboration methods are more consistent
- Increased productivity for all teams involved
- Reviewers offer better feedback
- Documentation is higher quality & more accurate



### Thank You!

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