

TRANSFORMING DITA DOCUMENTS TO PDF USING CSS

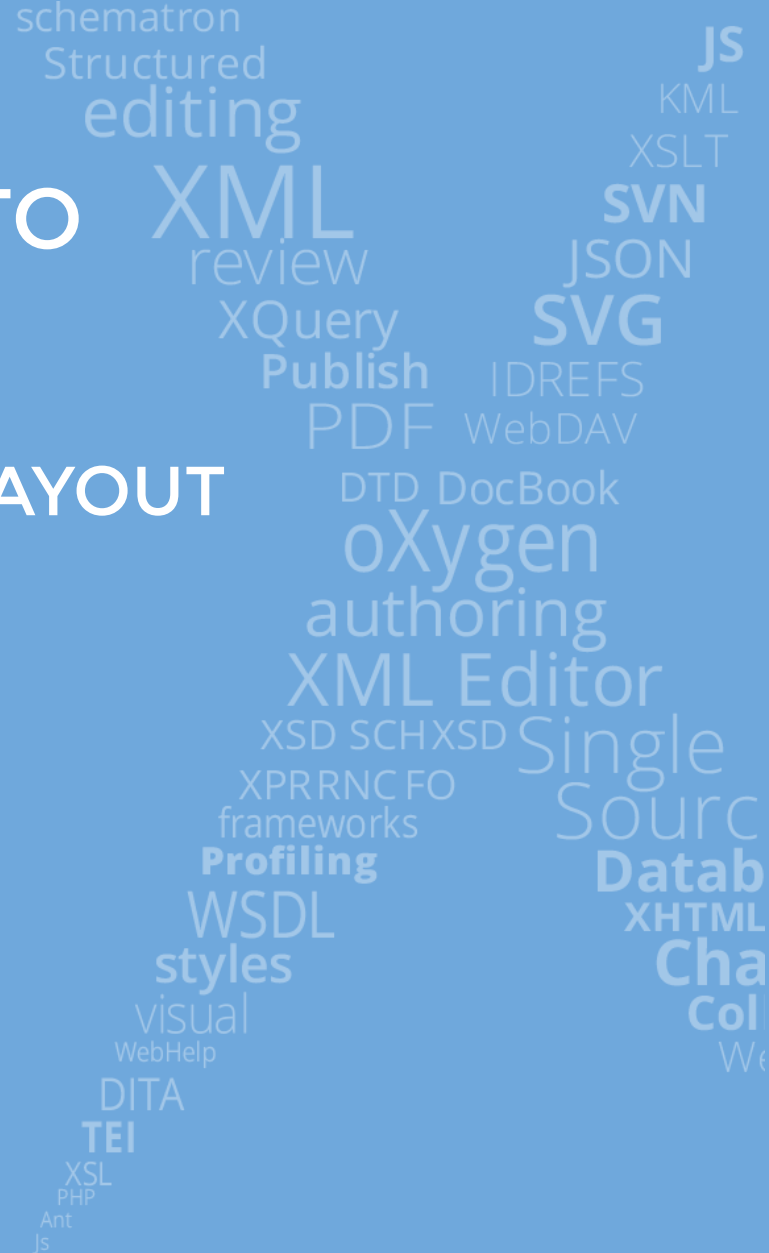
PART 2 – BOOK DESIGN, PAGINATION, PAGE LAYOUT AND BOOKMARKS

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Introduction - Customize DITA elements

- The CSS is applied on the HTML5 intermediary file
- The best practice is to use the @class attribute for matching all elements

```
<article class="- topic/topic topic nested0" ...>  
    *  
    ...  
</article>
```

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```
*[class ~="topic/topic"] {  
    ...  
}
```

A diagram illustrating the relationship between an HTML attribute and a CSS selector. The HTML code shows an <article> tag with a class attribute containing the value "- topic/topic topic nested0". A blue box highlights the class attribute value. An arrow points from this box to another blue box containing the CSS selector *[class ~="topic/topic"]. Below the CSS selector, there are three dots and a closing curly brace, indicating a CSS rule block.

 Reminder. The more specific the selector, the higher its priority

Introduction - TOC and list of Tables/Figures

- For ditamaps, Table of Contents and IndexList are automatically generated
- For bookmaps, use the <booklists> element
 - <toc/>
 - <figurelist/>
 - <tablelist/>
 - <indexlist/>
 - ...etc
- TableList and FigureList are only available inside bookmaps

<https://docs.oasis-open.org/dita/v1.2/os/spec/langref/booklists.html>

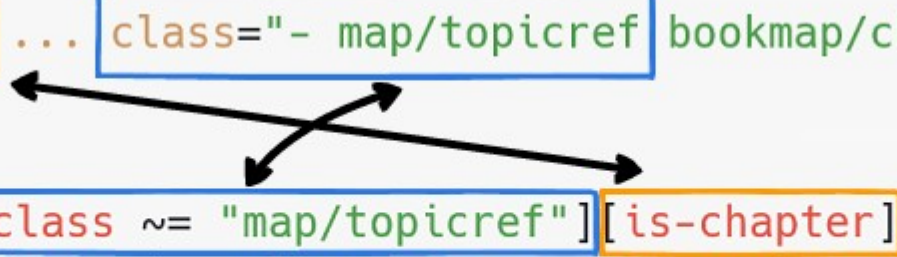
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What is your level of CSS knowledge?

Customize the Table of Contents

- Problem: How to fetch the first level of topicrefs?
- Solution: Use the @is-chapter attribute

```
<div is-chapter="true" ... class="- map/topicref bookmap/chapter topicref chapter">  
  * [class ~="map/topicref"] [is-chapter] {  
    font-size: larger;  
  }
```

A diagram with three boxes and arrows. The top-left box contains the attribute `is-chapter="true"`. The top-right box contains the class `map/topicref`. The bottom box contains the CSS selector `*[class ~="map/topicref"] [is-chapter]`. An arrow points from the `is-chapter="true"` box to the `[is-chapter]` part of the selector. Another arrow points from the `map/topicref` box to the `[class ~="map/topicref"]` part of the selector.

Customize the Table of Contents

- Problem: How to fetch the nested levels of topicrefs?
- Solution:
 - Use the CSS child combinator (>)
 - Use the :not() CSS pseudo-class

```
*[class ~= "map/topicref"][is-chapter]:not([is-part]) >  
*[class ~= "map/topicref"]:not(is-chapter) {  
  font-size: medium;  
}
```

Customize the Table of Contents

 **Warning:** If the Table of Contents contains both `<part>` and `<chapter>`, the selectors must follow these rules:

```
*[class ~= "map/topicref"][is-chapter]:not([is-part])  
or  
*[class ~= "map/topicref"][is-part]
```

 **Tip:** Elements can be filtered from the Table of Contents by using the `@toc="no"` attribute

```
<notices toc="no">
```

Customize the TOC figure and table lists

- Problem: How to select the figure and/or table list from the TOC?
- Solution: Use their specific @class attribute

```
*[class ~= "bookmap/figurelist"],  
*[class ~= "bookmap/tablelist"],  
*[class ~= "bookmap/indexlist"] {  
  font-size: medium;  
}
```


Personalize front and back matter

- Problem: How to select only front-matter topics?

```
<frontmatter>
  <booklists>
    <toc/>
  </booklists>
  <notices>
    <topicref href="topics/copyright.dita"/>
    <topicref href="topics/preface.dita"/>
  </notices>
</frontmatter>
```

Personalize front and back matter

- Solution: Use the @is-frontmatter attribute

```
<article class="- topic/topic topic nested0" ... is-frontmatter="true">  
* [class ~= "topic/topic"] [is-frontmatter] {  
  ...  
}
```

A diagram illustrating the mapping between an HTML attribute and a CSS selector. The HTML code shows an <article> tag with a class attribute containing "- topic/topic topic nested0" and an is-frontmatter="true" attribute. The CSS code shows a selector for elements with a class attribute that matches "topic/topic" and an is-frontmatter attribute. Arrows point from the HTML class attribute to the CSS class selector and from the HTML is-frontmatter attribute to the CSS is-frontmatter selector.

Note: The @is-backmatter attribute is available too

Define custom page-breaks

- Problem: How to change the chapters starting page?
- Solution: Use the custom `-oxy-initial-page-number` property

```
/* Start each chapter on an odd page */  
@page chapter {  
  -oxy-initial-page-number: auto-odd;  
}
```

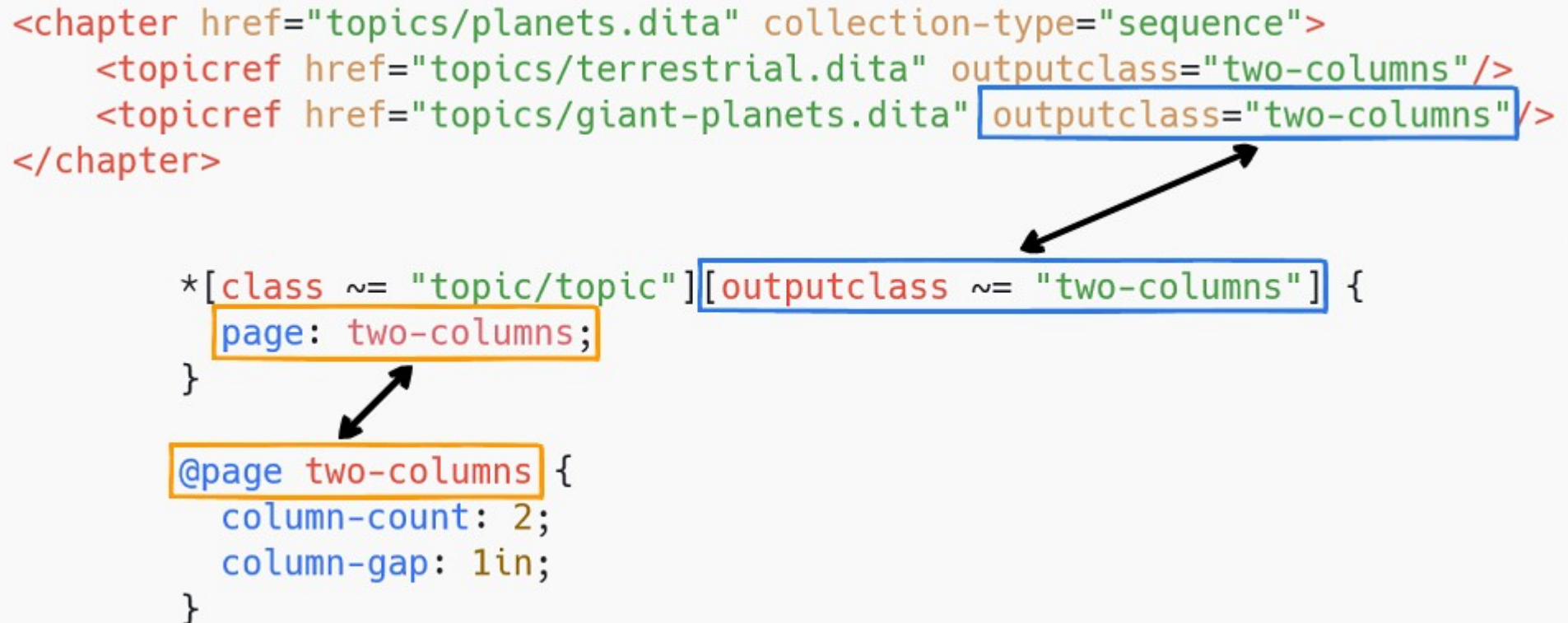
Change the page layout

- Problem: How to display content on two columns?
- Solution: Use the @outputclass attribute and create a new page rule

```
<chapter href="topics/planets.dita" collection-type="sequence">
  <topicref href="topics/terrestrial.dita" outputclass="two-columns"/>
  <topicref href="topics/giant-planets.dita" outputclass="two-columns"/>
</chapter>
```

```
*[class ~= "topic/topic"] [outputclass ~= "two-columns"] {
  page: two-columns;
}
```

```
@page two-columns {
  column-count: 2;
  column-gap: 1in;
}
```



Edit PDF bookmarks

- Problem: How to customize the bookmarks directly from CSS?
- Solution: Use the bookmark specific properties

```
/* Close the chapters bookmarks */  
/* Remove the chapter number from the bookmarks */  
*[class ~= "topic/topic"] > *[class ~= "topic/title"] {  
    bookmark-label: content(text);  
    bookmark-state: closed;  
}
```

Edit PDF bookmarks

- Problem: How to remove sections from PDF bookmarks?
- Solution:
 - Use the bookmark-label property
 - Use the CSS !important specificity rule

```
/* Remove the sections from the bookmarks */  
*[class ~= "topic/topic"] *[class ~= "topic/section"] > *[class ~= "topic/title"] {  
  bookmark-label: none !important;  
}
```

Personalize figure and table lists

- Problem: How to select the figure and/or table list from the Content?
- Solution: Use the specific @class attributes

```
/* Keep the lists on the same page */  
*[class ~= "placeholder/figurelist"],  
*[class ~= "placeholder/tablelist"] {  
  page-break-before: avoid;  
}
```

Useful Links

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_front_matter_and_back_matter.html

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_table_of_contents.html

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_list_of_tables___list_of_figures.html

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_numbering_intro.html

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_double_side_pagination.html

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_multiple_column_pages.html

https://www.oxygenxml.com/doc/versions/24.0/ug-ope/topics/dcpp_pdf_bookmarks.html

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Any questions?

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