TIMBOX® 2.0

Making design of structured user documentation lightweight... and simple

Unlike XML editors managing DTDs such as DITA or DocBook, TimBox®2.0 systematically structures information within a project by means of a task hierarchy. As procedures are the main component of user-aimed technical literature, TimBox®2.0 promotes task trees as backbone for content organization.

Authoring

Refined Task Typology and Tree Structure Control

Standard management of the task tree allows to type tasks to Alternative, Optional, Conditional or Cyclic when required. Automatic control operations on the tree prompt display of type-related fields and alerts.

Task-independent Information Management

Any type of information can be grafted onto a task tree component (the project itself, a project section - called Block within TimBox® -, a collection of tasks or a task). This added content can be structured by the user as a template (via the *Related Information* facility) or entered as a whole (via the *Description* field attached to every node in the tree.

Component-driven Text Enhancements

Images, Notes, Alerts, Definitions, Links, Tips and Tricks and Warnings can be added to the content of any main information holder. The layout properties of these enhancements is directly controlled by the stylesheet.
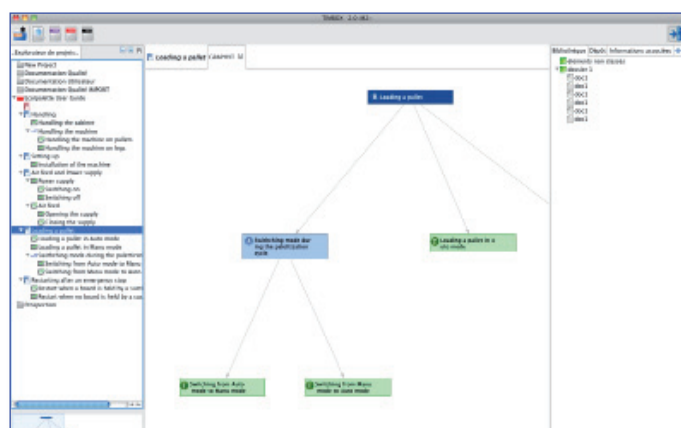
Publishing

XSL-FO-driven PDF Output

No concern about layout while authoring with TimBox®. Stylesheets define the position and presentation attributes of every element within the content structure. Any number of customized XSL files can be easily imported.

Choice of Export Formats

PDF, RTF, XML, XMI, HTML, TIM (for project sharing)

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Ergonomics

Explicit and transparent semantics

Every available information holder states clearly what it stands for (Input, Output, Side-effect, Pre-requisite, Cycle stop condition, Task trigger ...). Customized information holders are build by describing the meaning of the content they will host (parameter values, task management specifications, lists of spare parts ...) and grafted onto any node of the task tree when needed.

XML made invisible

No tag handling when using TimBox®. Inbuilt and customized information holders appear within context-sensitive forms for comfortable authoring.

Productive Task Tree Handling

Tasks can be moved around within the tree, copied, cloned and saved in a Library for reuse. Cloned tasks update the content of every token when modified.

Frequently Used Expressions Storage

Phrases that are likely to populate information holders often can be stored in a repository and dragged into position when desired.

System

Plug-in Architecture

Adds-on to TimBox® can be developed as plug-ins and integrated via the plug-in manager. Updates of plug-ins are automatically detected when enabling the Internet connexion, then downloaded and installed upon request.

Multi-platform Support

TimBox® runs on Windows, Mac OS and Linux.

Pricing

TimBox® 2.0 is a free open source software. Corporate services, such as maintenance, hotline, modeling assistance, XSL-FO stylesheet design, automatic updates, customization and plug-ins are priced on the basis of specific agreements.
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