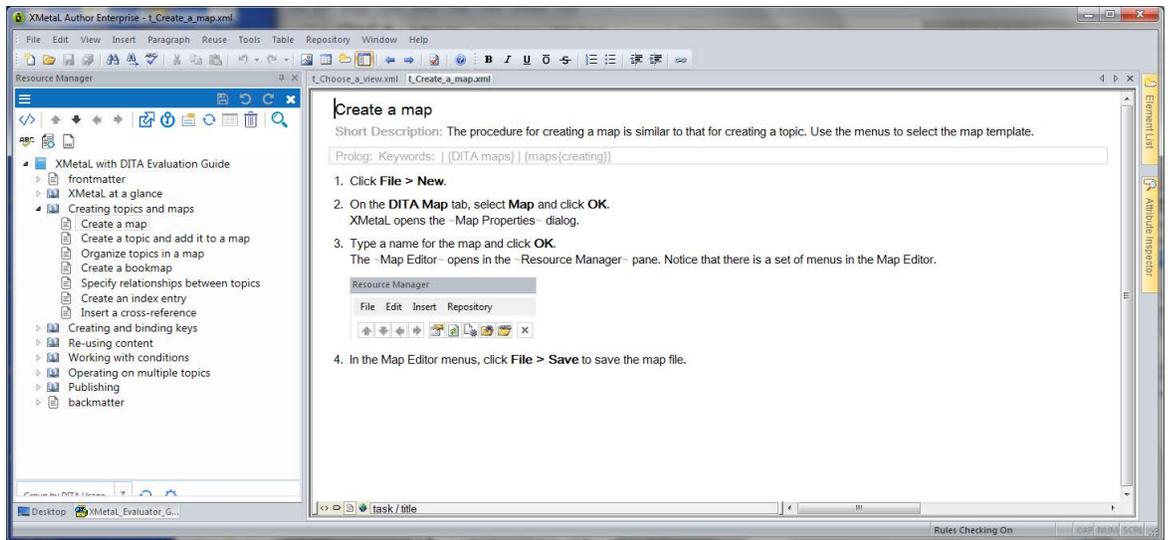




XMetaL Author is a Windows application for structured authoring in XML using a familiar and extensible word-processor-style interface. XMetaL combines powerful editing features for advanced users with unparalleled ease of use for non-technical authors or subject matter experts who do not wish to be bothered with the details of XML markup. The built-in validating XML engine allows you to work with any XML document type and is available pre-configured for DITA. As many Fortune 500 companies have found since its introduction in 1998, XMetaL Author's key strengths are its user-friendliness, its flexibility and extensibility, and our relationships with other technology providers.

XMetaL Author is simply the best XML editor on the market today.



The most user-friendly editor

Whether it's the general-purpose XML-editing capabilities, or the special features built especially for DITA, or your own added customizations, XMetaL Author gives your authors the most user-friendly features for creating your content. Our guiding principle of "natural structured authoring" ensures that the most fundamental aspects of the user interface behave exactly as a writer would intuitively expect.

For example, when you press the Enter key, XMetaL Author automatically inserts the next appropriate element, such as another paragraph, list item, or even a new section or chapter. XMetaL Author uses widely-known keyboard shortcuts for basic operations such as highlighting text, copy/paste, moving around in the

window, and moving between windows. Additionally, XMetaL Author includes change tracking, and spell-checking and find/replace across all open documents or entire folders or DITA maps.

Features such as several different tag views, hiding or showing auxiliary panels, and configuring menus and toolbars allow each user to work at his or her comfort level.

The most flexible editor

XMetaL Author is an easy-to-use, powerful XML editor, and it is also a platform on which customizers create highly specialized, custom-built XML authoring environments.

Starting with any XML DTD or W3C Schema, XMetaL Author instantly provides an out-of-box authoring experience. Auto-hiding panels, accessible by mouse or keyboard shortcuts, let you create and modify elements and attributes context-sensitively. Combining these features with our natural structured authoring, a “non-customized” XMetaL Author affords the easy creation of valid documents.

But there are also many ways you can enhance the user experience:

- Alter the appearance of the main editor and structure views with CSS style sheets
- Create new document and element templates with pre-loaded structures and your own authoring hints
- Reconfigure toolbars and menus
- Write macro scripts to perform additional operations
- Create fill-in forms for use as pop-up dialogs or embedded data entry

Specially customized for DITA

If you’re using or planning to use DITA, XMetaL Author Enterprise is already customized with some of the best user experience for DITA available today. Here are just a few of the features built especially for working with DITA:

- Customized Insert menu with commands for inserting most commonly used elements
- Smart insert and copy/paste commands that find a valid location to insert content
- User-friendly dialogs to simplify the creation of all types of links
- Drag-and-drop tree-view map editor for visualizing and editing DITA maps
- Automatic link creation via browsing for target content

The most extensible editor

XMetaL Author’s extensive API also makes it easy to integrate with third-party software. If your workflow includes other XML tools, it’s likely they can be – or already are – integrated with XMetaL.

Work with the CMS of your choice

Many users of XML are also users of content management systems. With XMetaL Author Enterprise, you can get common CMS features such as check-in, check-out and automatic link creation built seamlessly into the editor. For many well-known CMSes, such an integration is already available either from JustSystems or from the vendor of the CMS. In other cases it’s possible to build an integration using XMetaL Author’s extensive API.

Integrate with other writing tools

Content management systems are not the only type of tool you may need to integrate with your XML editor. We work with many other vendors to provide seamless integrations between their tools and XMetaL Author.

Some types of tools for which third-party integrations are already available include controlled language checkers, equation editing (MathML), and 3D graphics software.

Choose the right XMetaL for your needs

XMetaL Author is available in two basic versions: Essential and Enterprise, plus special editions for working with Microsoft SharePoint, Documentum Webtop and Siemens Teamcenter.

XMetaL Author Essential is the XMetaL Author platform: the full-featured and extensible XML editor. If you are working with a DTD other than DITA, and if you do not have a (present or future) requirement to integrate XMetaL with a content management system, then Essential is probably the XMetaL you need.

XMetaL Author Enterprise includes XMetaL Author Essential, plus the customization for working with DITA, the XMetaL Connector integration layer that enables developers to build bridges to content management systems, and one licensed copy of RenderX XEP XSL formatting engine.

XMetaL Author special repository editions include XMetaL Author Enterprise plus the bridge for your specific repository.

System Requirements

- Microsoft Windows 10, 11
- Color display with a minimum resolution of 1024 x 768 or higher
- Minimum 1.0 GB of disk space (1.2 GB recommended)
- Additional memory may be required to generate some types of output using the DITA Open Toolkit.
- MSXML3.dll 8.0.7820.0 or newer (MSXML 3.0)
- MSXML6.dll 6.20.5002.0 or newer (MSXML 6.0)

Special note for installations: If you are installing the software from a Limited User account, you must provide an Administrator ID and password in order to run the XMetaL Author installer.

Optional additional software

The following additional software is required for generating output and page previewing for DITA documents:

- Microsoft HTML Help Workshop (needed for creating CHM deliverables)
- Adobe Acrobat (needed for previewing PDF deliverables)
- Eclipse PDE (needed for creating Eclipse deliverables)
- Sun JavaHelp tools (needed for creating JavaHelp deliverables)



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JustSystems is a leading global software provider with over three decades of successful innovation in office productivity, information management, and consumer and enterprise software. With over 2,500 customers worldwide, the company is continuing a global expansion strategy based on its XMetaL content lifecycle solutions, the world’s most complete and user-friendly XML authoring tool. JustSystems has been received many industry accolades including: KMWorld’s 100 Companies that Matter in Knowledge Management in 2012, EContent 100 Companies that Matter the Most in Digital Content in 2011, KMWorld’s Trend Setting Product of 2011, Software Magazine’s The Software 500 of 2008, and many others. Major strategic partnerships include SDL, Siemens and EMC. For more information, visit: www.justsystems.com.

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