# Content Documents

Publishing XML content documents need to support the following features.

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| Description | Word | WP | InDesign | HTML5 | pub[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Paragraph styles | Y | Y | Y | p class |  |
| Character styles | Y | N | Y | span class |  |
| Font formatting | Y[[2]](#footnote-2) | Y | Y | span style |  |
| Sections | Y- | Y- | Y-- | section, div |  |
| Headings / Outline | Y | Y | [label on style] | h1, h2, … , h9 |  |
| Comments | Y | Y-- | Y | [aside.comment] | pub:comment |
| Footnotes | Y | N | Y | [aside.footnote] | pub:footnote |
| Endnotes | Y | N | [anchors + cross-refs] | [aside.endnote] | pub:endnote |
| Index Entries | Y+ | N | [Note {xe}] | [data.xe] | pub:xe |
| Anchors/Bookmarks | Y | Y- | Y | a @id |  |
| Hyperlinks | Y | Y | Y | a @href |  |
| Images | Y | Y | Y | img |  |
| Video | Y | Y | Y | video |  |
| Audio | Y | Y |  | audio |  |
| Drawings | Y | N |  | canvas, svg |  |
| Equations | Y | N |  | math |  |
| Tables | Y | Y | Y | table |  |
| Redlining / Changes | Y | N | Y | ins, del |  |
| Cross-References | Y | N | Y | [var.cref] | pub:cref |
| Dynamic Text | Y | N | Y- | [var.field] | pub:field |
| Conditional Text | Y-- | N | Y | [@data-cond] | pub:cond |
| Lists | N[[3]](#footnote-3) | Y | Y-[[4]](#footnote-4) | ul, ol |  |
| Callouts, Sidebars | N | N | [linked text frame] | aside |  |
| Table of Contents | Y | N | [bookmarks] | nav |  |
| Document Metadata | Y | Y | Y | head, title, meta |  |
| Citations | Y | N | [text variables?] | cite |  |
| Embedded Metadata | N | N |  | meta, data, time |  |

1. Same as HTML5 if not specified. xmlns:pub="http://publishingxml.com/ns/1.0" [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Word has strange “toggle” formatting properties. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Word can auto-number or auto-bullet paragraphs, and there are fields that can accomplish this functionality. It would be very difficult to map this functionality of Word to InDesign or HTML lists. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. InDesign’s support for lists is like Word’s: hard to map out into other formats. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)