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Subject: DITA topic model design rationale

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This memo should include the two main sections of content: 1) documents what is included, and 2) rationalizes the decisions behind its information architecture. Essentially, I want you to provide me with your overall topic model goal and how the particular topics and relationships of the topics support that goal. It should also include 3-4 particular design decisions that shaped how you wrote and structured your DITA topics. Delete this paragraph before you turn it into me.

The overall goal of my topic model is to get someone who is totally new to Reveal.js started with a basic presentation based on the HTML and CSS files provided by the demonstration presentation that comes with the Reveal.js download. I chose these files because they provide the information for all the features provided by Reveal.js, and I believe it is easier to modify files than it is to create new ones. In addition, the simpler ones would not render with the “look” of the demonstration.

The three main topics will provide a user with the types of slides needed for a basic presentation. With an intro slide, a bullet list slide, and an image slide the user will have a template for making a full presentation. Additional features from the demonstration can be added later as the user gains experience. The fourth topic provides the reusable content because it contains options for overriding the defaults in the Reveal.js demonstration. Since the user may start with any of the three slides, instructions for resetting these defaults will be necessary with all three of the main topics.

I could not find a good way to make the resetting defaults task reusable. Since I don’t want to reference specific steps, as I would with a conref, I want to use the “copy-to” attribute, but I couldn’t find a clear description of how to reference the destination as the other topics.