

Our Contract

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This document describes in a very techy bullet-style way how to use Forrest.

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This document describes the formal contract between the **Forrest distribution code**, hereafter referred as Forrest, and the **Project (team) using it for generating its documentation web-site**, hereafter TheProject, or in the best case: You.

1. Forrest will:

- provide DTDs, skins, cocoon-pipelines, and a willing team of supporting developers at the forrest-dev [mail list](http://forrest.apache.org/mail-lists.html) (<http://forrest.apache.org/mail-lists.html>)
- use Cocoon to generate the HTML and PDF documentation for TheProject

2. TheProject Must:

Note:

{docroot} is the location inside TheProject's file hierarchy where all documentation related resources are stored. Commonly, {docroot} equals to {projecthome}/src/documentation

- provide XML content in {docroot}/content/xdocs according to the forrest DTDs,
- provide content navigation metadata by adding site.xml and tabs.xml files in there as well.
- provide own xml project descriptor files in the directory {projecthome}

3. TheProject Can:

- provide its own skin in a directory {docroot}/skins/{your-skin-name} (check the current Forrest skins and the related pipelines to see what they are doing)
- provide own DTDs (and stylesheets) to work with in {docroot}/resources/schema/dtd
 - maybe also extra required stylesheets to convert own grammar to 'document' (being the format that the skins work on)
 - and probably with an updated {docroot}/resources/schema/catalog
- provide its own overwriting versions of {docroot}/sitemap.xmap (and other *.xmap files), {docroot}/cocoon.xconf etc ... (be sure you know what you are doing since you're leaving the area where other Forresters can help you out.