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Overview

Overview articles give background information and provide context to a particular subject. Their goal is to explain a concept, not to teach or give instructions.

What is product/service/concept

Provide some background and context, explain choices and alternatives.

Glossary

A definition list or a glossary:

First Term

This is the definition of the first term.

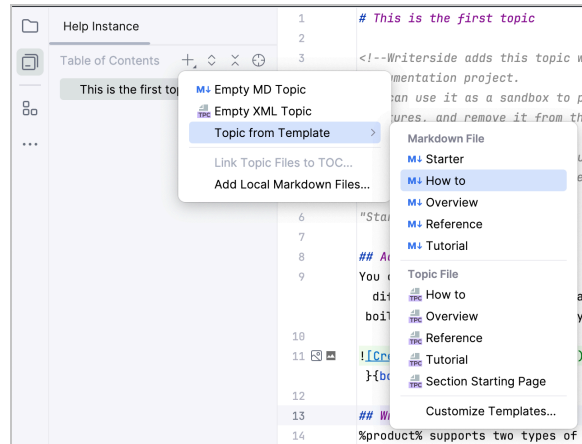
Second Term

This is the definition of the second term.

Starter

Add new topics

You can create empty topics, or choose a template for different types of content that contains some boilerplate structure to help you get started:



Create new topic options

Write content

Writerside supports two types of markup: Markdown and XML. When you create a new help article, you can choose between two topic types, but this doesn't mean you have to stick to a single format. You can author content in Markdown and extend it with semantic attributes or inject entire XML elements.

Inject XML

For example, this is how you inject a procedure:

Inject a procedure

1. Start typing and select a procedure type from the completion suggestions:



completion suggestions for procedure

2. Press `Tab` or `Enter` to insert the markup.

Add interactive elements

Tabs

To add switchable content, you can make use of tabs (inject them by starting to type `tab` on a new line):

Markdown

```
![Alt Text](new_topic_options.png){ width=450 }
```

Semantic markup

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Collapsible blocks

Apart from injecting entire XML elements, you can use attributes to configure the behavior of certain elements. For example, you can collapse a chapter that contains non-essential information:

Supplementary info

Content under a collapsible header will be collapsed by default, but you can modify the behavior by adding the following attribute: `default-state="expanded"`

Convert selection to XML

If you need to extend an element with more functions, you can convert selected content from Markdown to semantic markup. For example, if you want to merge cells in a table, it's much easier to convert it to XML than do this in Markdown. Position the caret anywhere in the table and press **Alt** + **Enter**:



Convert table to XML

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You can also always email us at writerside@jetbrains.com (<mailto:writerside@jetbrains.com>).

See also

Writerside documentation

Configure Search (<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/writerside/configure-search.html>)

Build and publish (<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/writerside/local-build.html>)

Reorder topics in the TOC (<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/writerside/manage-table-of-contents.html>)

Markup reference (<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/writerside/markup-reference.html>)