Introducing the task `<shortdesc>`

Short descriptions are very important and it is important that they are set correctly. The following provides some instructions when writing short descriptions.

The `<shortdesc>` element is the most versatile and also the most challenging element to write for because this element does more that act as the first paragraph in a topic. The short description text can be see in links, and in some cases, search engine results. We are going to discuss this element in more detail at a later stage but for the moment please note that using the `<shortdesc>` element allows you to introduce the tasks by describing:

- An overview of the procedure.
- The benefits or importance of the task.
- Limitations or requirements.
- Brief conceptual information.