Topic Types

There are three core topic types based on a generic topic types which are described as part of this section.

1. **Concept** -Contains information for explaining a concept, defining a term or describing why a user should perform a task.
2. **Task** -Contains step-by-step procedural information for performing a task.
3. **Reference** -Contains information about items such as commands programming keywords and error messages.

By separating content by type, you prevent users from wading through information that they don't need. For example when you want to install a home entertainment system for the first time you do not need to know about all the buttons on the remote control (reference information). Rather, you just need the install instructions. By separating the reference information from the task information users can more quickly install their system.