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Abstract

DocBook-Install-mini-HOWTO is a detailed practical guide for novices to quickly getting DocBook installed and processing SGML files into HTML, PS, and PDF files on a **GNU/Linux** system - other systems may be similar. Since setup of DocBook requires files from several separately distributed packages, it can be confusing for beginners.

1 Introduction

1.1 Information About this Document

The latest version of this mini-HOWTO can be found at:

<http://www.linuxdoc.org/HOWTO/mini/DocBook-Install/>

See the "Legal" section in the appendix for copyright, licenses, and disclaimer information pertaining to this document.

1.2 What is DocBook

DocBook is a Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) Document Type Definition (DTD) that defines a set of textual document markup tags that work much like the familiar HTML language used on the web.

DocBook is intended for the authoring of books and articles. As such, it provides tags specifically designed to describe books and articles. For instance, the `<book>` and `<article>` DocBook tags are used to create books and articles. Within these documents, the `<chapter>`, `<sect1>`, and `<para>` tags are used. DocBook SGML files are stored in text files with a `sgml` or `gml` suffix.

When processed, a single DocBook SGML file can output `html`, `pdf`, `ps`, `txt` and other formats for both online and printed publication. The processing is governed by stylesheets that can automatically generate a table of contents, page numbering, chapter & section numbering, and other features.

DocBook is also designed for authoring unix **man** pages by writing `<refentry>` documents. If you don't know what a **man** page is, try the command **man man** on your terminal.

1.3 Brief Overview

Here are brief descriptions of the packages we will work with in the next sections:

OpenJade OpenJade is an implementation of the ISO/IEC 10179:1996 international standard Document Style Semantics and Specification Language (DSSSL). OpenJade executes the DSSSL language to process SGML and XML input files. In particular, it uses the Modular DocBook Stylesheets `dsl` code to process DocBook SGML/XML files into other formats such as `html`, `tex`, `rtf`, `txt` and others. OpenJade is the essential engine for converting a DocBook file into other formats. The TeX output format is used mostly as an intermediate format to obtain `dvi`, `pdf`, and `ps` via TeX macros and dvi converters.

DocBook SGML DTD The DocBook Document Type Definition (DTD) files are SGML files that define the DocBook language. It defines the valid tag set and rules of their use. OpenJade requires access to the DTD files for every document type that it parses.

ISO8879 ENTITY SGML Entities define how to represent special characters that have either no keyboard key or have special meaning in SGML. Examples familiar from HTML include `"&";="&"`, `">";=">"`, and `"<";="<"`.

DocBook DSSSL (Modular DocBook Stylesheets) The DSSSL files (`dsl` suffix) for a particular DTD, in this case DocBook, specify how to convert DocBook into `html`, `rtf`, `tex` etc. A `dsl` file is input to **openjade** along with your DocBook `sgml` file and tells **openjade** how to transform/style your document into another file format. The `dsl` for online (`html`) formats is often different than for print (`dvi`, `pdf`, `ps`) formats.

SGMLtools-Lite SGMLtools-Lite is a frontend wrapper for running **openjade** and the TeX macros **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex**, macros included with OpenJade. Converting a DocBook file to `ps` or `pdf` is a two or three-step process. OpenJade outputs a `tex` file which is the input of **jadetex** to produce a `dvi` file, and **pdfjadetex** to produce a `pdf`. A `ps` file is obtained by passing the `dvi` file through **dvips**. The **sgmltools** script provides a single command to perform these tasks.

HTMLdoc HTMLdoc is a free program for converting `html` files into a `pdf` or `ps` file.

SGMLSpM and docbook2X Together, these two are used to generate **man** pages. SGMLSpM is a perl5 module library for processing parsed output from `onsgmls`, a program included with OpenJade. SGMLSpM includes an application called `sgmlspl` to use the SGMLSpM library. `sgmlspl` requires "spec files", which are available from various other sources on the Internet, for each type of document transformation to be performed. DocBook2X is a package that provides the spec files for transforming DocBook files into **man** pages.

2 Download the Packages

In this section, we will locate and download the software on the Internet.

2.1 OpenJade

OpenJade is an actively maintained open-source software project based on the Jade package by [James Clark](#). Download the latest stable release at:

<http://openjade.sourceforge.net/>

OpenJade also includes the OpenSP package and the TeX macros, **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex** for converting files to dvi and pdf. The following programs are provided by this package:

- openjade
- onsgmls
- osgmlnorm
- ospam
- ospent
- osx

To use **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex** for making dvi, ps, and pdf, you must have a working TeX (**tex**) installation. If you do not have TeX, check with your Linux distribution for a binary package that can be downloaded and installed. Otherwise, you can download the teTeX distribution of TeX from:

<http://www.tug.org/tetex/>

2.2 DocBook SGML DTD

The DocBook DTD for SGML and XML are maintained by a technical committee at [Oasis-Open.ORG](#). Download the current version (and any old versions you might need) of DocBook SGML at:

<http://www.oasis-open.org/docbook/sgml/index.shtml>

2.3 ISO8879 ENTITY SGML

The entities define representations for special or untypeable symbols or characters, including mathematical symbols, and the entities that you may be familiar with from HTML. These entity files need to be installed for a proper configuration.

- Resources at [OASIS](#):
 - <http://www.oasis-open.org/cover/topics.html#entities>
 - <http://www.oasis-open.org/cover/ISOEnts.zip>
 - <http://www.oasis-open.org/cover/isoENT-tar.gz>

ISOEnts.zip can simply be **unzipped** into the directory where the DocBook DTD is **unzipped** without requiring anything else but the files in isoENT-tar.gz are also needed. Again, the files in isoENT-tar.gz are to be **unzipped** into the DocBook DTD directory (see next section on installing for details), but the filenames end with ".ent" suffix. These will need to be renamed to a ".gml" ending. You can do this manually, or you can download and use the file below, made by this author, which contains the files of both ISOEnts.zip and isoENT-tar.gz:

<http://reaster.com/iso8879-entities.tar.gz>

2.4 DocBook DSSSL

Norman Walsh's Document Style Semantics and Specification Language (DSSSL) files for the DocBook DTD (SGML/XML) are maintained at the [DocBook Open Repository](#) at [SourceForge](#). These files, also known as the [Modular DocBook Stylesheets](#), tell `openjade` what to do when converting your DocBook SGML file into other formats. A `dsl` file specifies things such as the mappings from one DTD's tags to another DTD's tags and other programmatic conversions, programmed in the [DSSSL](#) language. The DSSSL language is decomposed into a group of different languages, but running through it all is the [Core Expression Language](#) which is based on [Scheme](#).

The DocBook DSSSL package and documentation can be downloaded from the [DocBook DSSSL Stylesheets Project](#)

The [Linux Documentation Project](#) has a stylesheet customization file that turns on some nice style features. It can be downloaded at:

<http://www.linuxdoc.org/authors/tools/ldp.dsl>

2.5 SGMLtools-Lite

SGMLtools-Lite is a frontend for `openjade`, `jadetex`, `pdfjadex`, `dvips`, and other programs. It provides a single command for generating all the formats possible with these tools. The latest release can be downloaded at:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/sgmltools-lite/>

This package is optional, but does make things easier sometimes.

2.6 HTMLdoc

HTMLdoc is a free program for converting websites into Portable Document Format (`pdf`) or PostScript (`ps`). For `pdf`, it creates a tree of bookmarks that make navigation easy. Both **htmldoc** and **pdfjadetex** output `pdf` files, but in slightly different formats. Try both and see which turns out best for a particular docbook file. See quick links below for download site.

You can download the latest version of HTMLdoc from [Easy Software Products'](#) [ftp site](#).

2.7 DocBook2X

DocBook2X requires `perl5` and the `SGMLS.pm` perl module, available at the Comprehensive Perl Archive Network (CPAN). `SGMLS.pm` provides libraries and a program called `sgmlspl` which translates DocBook files into other formats by using specification files. The specification files are perl files that provide the logic for the translation to a particular format.

<http://www.cpan.org/>

<http://docbook2x.sourceforge.net/>

3 Install the Packages

3.1 Before You Install

The following sections suggest how you might install the downloaded packages to setup your DocBook SGML environment. The examples may make reference to old versions of the packages but you should adapt the examples and use the most recent versions instead.

For the most up-to-date, authoritative information, always read the documentation that comes with a package you are installing. Often, you will find a `README` and a `INSTALL` file after you unpack an archive.

The detailed instructions below may not work exactly as shown since packages are changing all the time. However, the instructions should still give you a general idea of the procedure to get DocBook SGML working.

3.2 Install OpenJade

3.2.1 openjade

Here is what to do, but remember to read the files that come with OpenJade to see if there are any things you want to do special for your platform:

```
cd /usr/local
tar -xvzf ~/openjade-1.3.tar.gz
cd openjade-1.3
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/openjade-1.3
make
make install

# Once installed, the objects etc. can be deleted.
make clean
```

The installation puts libraries in `/usr/local/openjade-1.3/lib`, so you might like to add it to `/etc/ld.so.conf` and run `ldconfig`. Add `/usr/local/openjade-1.3/bin` to your `$PATH`.

You might be wondering why I dump the openjade source directly into `/usr/local`. The author experienced some issues with openjade's installation. However, with newer releases of OpenJade, you might try a standard (`/usr/local/src`) location for the openjade source package with some other prefix install location, and see how it goes.

3.2.2 jadetex & pdfjadetex

As mentioned, **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex** are TeX macros that are packaged with OpenJade. They can be found in `/usr/local/openjade-3.1/dsssl`. A handy guide to installing these macros was prepared by Frank Atanassow Christoph and can be found at:

<ftp://ftp.dante.de/tex-archive/macros/jadetex/install.pdf>

<http://reaster.com/installjadetex.pdf>

The following is based on the instructions in `install.pdf`:

3.2.2.1 Create hugelatex (if needed)

The **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex** tex macros require more memory than a regular run of **tex**. The default **tex** memory limit configuration is often too limited. The tex configuration file, `texmf.cnf`, can be edited and variables which limit tex's memory use can be increased. But rather than just editing the `texmf.cnf` file to allow tex in all instances to have more memory, a custom **tex** context can be created, called **hugelatex**. If **hugelatex** is already configured on your system, you can skip this subsection (**which hugelatex**).

Verify that a working TeX is installed and find its directory:

```
bash$ which tex
/usr/share/texmf/bin/tex
bash$ kpsewhich -expand-var=' $TEXMFMAIN'
/usr/share/texmf
bash$
```

Using **which** should find the location of the **tex** program. If its not found, then you might need to install teTeX then return here. **kpsewhich** is a utility that comes with teTeX and finds the main tex directory if all goes well.

Now that the `texmf` directory is known, installation can begin:

```
cd /usr/share/texmf
cd tex/latex
cp -r config config-temp
cd config-temp
tex -ini -programe=hugelatex latex.ini
```

```
mv latex.fmt hugelatem.fmt
mv hugelatem.fmt /usr/share/texmf/web2c
cd ..
rm -r config-temp
cd /usr/share/texmf/bin
ln -s tex hugelatem
cd /usr/share/texmf/web2c
```

The web2c directory contains the `texmf.cnf` configuration file. Make a backup of this file: **cp texmf.cnf texmf.cnf.orig**. Edit the file using whatever editor you like, and add the following lines at the end:

```
% hugelatem settings
extra_mem_top.hugelatem = 8000000
extra_mem_bot.hugelatem = 8000000
hash_extra.hugelatem = 15000
pool_size.hugelatem = 5000000
string_vacancies.hugelatem = 45000
max_strings.hugelatem = 55000
pool_free.hugelatem = 47500
nest_size.hugelatem = 500
param_size.hugelatem = 1500
save_size.hugelatem = 5000
stack_size.hugelatem = 15000

% jadetex
extra_mem_top.jadetex = 8000000
extra_mem_bot.jadetex = 8000000
hash_extra.jadetex = 20000
pool_size.jadetex = 5000000
string_vacancies.jadetex = 45000
max_strings.jadetex = 55000
pool_free.jadetex = 47500
nest_size.jadetex = 500
param_size.jadetex = 1500
save_size.jadetex = 5000
stack_size.jadetex = 15000

% pdfjadetex
extra_mem_top.pdfjadetex = 8000000
extra_mem_bot.pdfjadetex = 8000000
hash_extra.pdfjadetex = 20000
pool_size.pdfjadetex = 5000000
string_vacancies.pdfjadetex = 45000
max_strings.pdfjadetex = 55000
pool_free.pdfjadetex = 47500
nest_size.pdfjadetex = 500
param_size.pdfjadetex = 1500
save_size.pdfjadetex = 5000
stack_size.pdfjadetex = 15000
```

Here, we've gone ahead and added entries for **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex**, which we'll be setting up below. You can play with these memory settings any way you like if you experience trouble with them.

After setting up **hugelatem**, like above, it may not work until the **texhash** program is called:

```
root# texhash
texhash: Updating /usr/share/texmf/ls-R...
texhash: Updating /var/cache/fonts/ls-R...
texhash: Done.
root#
```

3.2.2.2 jadetex & pdfjadetex

Setting up **jadetex** and **pdfjadetex** is similar to **hugelatex**.

```
cd /usr/local/openjade-1.3/dsssl
make -f Makefile.jadetex install
# make creates and installs the .fmt
# files to /usr/share/texmf/web2c

# Now create symlinks ...
cd /usr/share/texmf/bin
ln -s tex jadetex
ln -s pdftex pdfjadetex

# Finally, run texhash.
root# texhash
```

This Makefile uses **hugelatex**, so **hugelatex** must have been setup already. When **tex** is run as **hugelatex**, **jadetex**, or **pdfjadetex**, it gets its program name (context) from `argv[0]` in the environment. Then, it scans `texmf.cnf`, and uses any context-specific settings it finds. The format (`.fmt`) files in `/usr/share/texmf/web2c` are also loaded based on the context.

The **jadetex** command takes a **tex** file generated from **openjade**, and outputs a **dvi** file. **pdfjadetex** takes a **tex** file generated from **openjade**, and outputs a **pdf**. The **dvips** program takes the **dvi** file and outputs a PostScript **ps** file that you can send to your printer or view with **ghostscript** **gs**.

3.3 DocBook SGML DTD

3.3.1 Unpack the DocBook SGML DTD

The DocBook DTD is just some **sgml** text files, so there is nothing to compile. Just **unzip** them somewhere:

```
# DocBook DTD V4.1 in
# /usr/local/share/sgml/docbook/4.1

cd /usr/local/share
mkdir sgml; cd sgml
mkdir docbook; cd docbook
mkdir 4.1; cd 4.1
unzip -a ~/docbk41.zip
```

If you install **doctools-1.2** from the XFree86 distribution, it will put some older versions of DocBook DTD, like **2.4.1/** and **3.0/** in subdirectories of **docbook**.

There are some differences between the different versions of the DocBook DTD. The `xxissues.txt` files document those issues. Tags have been added, removed, and renamed between the versions.

If you need to use DocBook DTD V3.1, it is available from the same place where V4.1 is downloaded. V3.1 is used a lot, so its a good idea to get it and install it in a **3.1/** subdirectory.

3.3.2 Unpack the ISO8879 Entities

For each DocBook DTD version unpacked, go into its directory and unpack the `iso8879-entities.tar.gz` file:

```
cd /usr/local/share/sgml/docbook/4.1
tar -xvzf ~/iso8879-entities.tar.gz
```

In each DocBook directory, there should be a `docbook.cat` file or a `catalog` file, or both. If both are present, they are likely to be identical. If only `docbook.cat` is present, go ahead and make a symlink:

```
# If needed ...
cd /usr/local/share/sgml/docbook/4.1
ln -s docbook.cat catalog
```

3.4 DocBook DSSSL

Installation of the DocBook DSSSL, which works for all versions of DocBook, is just a matter of **unzipping** it somewhere.

```
cd /usr/local/share/sgml
mkdir dsssl; cd dsssl
unzip -a ~/db160.zip

# If you downloaded the ldp.dsl stylesheet
# customization, copy it to ...
cd docbook
cp ~/ldp.dsl html
cp ~/ldp.dsl print
# Copy into both directories.
```

That's all there is to installing the DSSSL, except for the setup of the `$SGML_CATALOG_PATH` discussed later. Don't forget to straighten out the file modes and owner/group of these unpacked files - often they are scrambled and inappropriate.

3.5 SGMLtools-Lite

If you like it, you can install the SGMLtools-Lite, but it is optional. Its installation is the standard:

```
cd /usr/src
tar -xvzf ~/sgmltools-lite-3.0.2.tar.gz
cd sgmltools-lite-3.0.2
./configure
make install
```

This installs the **sgmltools python** script to `/usr/local/bin`. Note that it uses **python**, so if you don't have it, then this package is useless.

One tweak that has to be done to make the **sgmltools** script work, is you have to edit it and set the path to **openjade**: **vi `which sgmltools`**. Consult its docs to learn more about it.

3.6 htmldoc

3.6.1 binary

Preferrably you downloaded a binary distribution of **htmldoc** for your platform. The installation is straightforward: just unpack it and run the setup. Read the docs in the package for more info.

3.6.2 source

If you downloaded the source, you will also need the *Fast Light Tool Kit* or else it will not link:

<http://www.fltk.org/>

Installation is **autoconf** style. Just run the **configure** script, **make**, **make install**. If all goes well, it will install in `/usr/bin`.

3.6.3 ldp_print

The **htmldoc** program has (or had) a few glitches when generating output from `html` files from **openjade**. For instance, bullet items are not rendered properly and shaded areas are not always shaded.

To fix this problem, a **perl** script (**ldp_print**) is available from LinuxDoc.org. The **ldp_print** script processes a `nochunks html` file from **openjade** and then runs **htmldoc** on it to produce correctly rendered `pdf` and `ps`.

Tip

Get it!

```
tar -xvzf ldp_print.tar.gz
cd ldp_print

# Copy the lib somewhere where perl looks.
cp fix_print_html.lib /usr/lib/perl5/site_perl

cp ldp_print /usr/local/bin
```

Take a look at the script in case there are lines in it you need to change for your system. Perhaps someday **htmldoc**'s bugs will be fixed and this script will not be needed anymore.

3.7 DocBook2X and SGMLS.pm (sgmlspl)

3.7.1 sgmlspl

Before the spec files from DocBook2X are of any use, the `SGMLS.pm` module for **perl** version 5 has to be installed, assuming that **perl** version 5 is installed. The installation of this module is not as automated as most **perl** module installs. It uses a `Makefile` that has to be edited first before running **make**.

```
cd /usr/src
tar -xvzf ~/SGMLSpm-1.03ii.tar.gz
cd SGMLSpm

# Edit Makfile
vi Makefile
# In the user options of the Makefile
# set everything correct for
# your system.
# Example:
# PERL = /usr/bin/perl
# BINDIR = /usr/local/bin
# PERL5DIR = /usr/lib/perl5/site_perl
# MODULEDIR = ${PERL5DIR}/SGMLS
# SPECDIR = ${PERL5DIR}
# HTMLDIR= /usr/local/apache/htdocs

make install
```

`sgmlspl` gets copied to `/usr/local/bin`.

3.7.2 docbook2X (docbook2man-spec.pl)

DocBook2X contains no program to compile or **install**, though it has some scripts you might want to look at, so all there is to do is unpack it somewhere.

```
cd /usr/local/share/sgml
tar -xvzf ~/docbook2X-0.6.0.tar.gz
cd docbook2X
```

In the unpacked directory is the `docbook2man-spec.pl` and a patch file for it that corrects a few things. Applying the patch is optional but recommended.

```
patch docbook2man-spec.pl docbook2man-spec.pl.patch
```

Later, in *Using DocBook*, you will see how to use **sgmlspl** and `docbook2man-spec.pl` to generate a **man** page from a `<refentry>` DocBook document.

3.8 \$SGML_CATALOG_FILES

The `$SGML_CATALOG_FILES` environment variable is used by **openjade** (and other SGML software) to locate DTDs and DSL (stylesheets). SGML software cannot function without finding these files, which have been unpacked to various directories. Given the setup as done so far, here is how `$SGML_CATALOG_FILES` can be set in `/etc/profile`:

```
#####
# SGML DocBook - openjade sgmltools-lite
JADE_HOME=/usr/local/openjade-1.3
SGML_SHARE=/usr/local/share/sgml

PATH=$PATH:$JADE_HOME/bin

# DSSSL stylesheets
#      Norman Walsh's Modular DocBook Stylesheets
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/catalog
#      OpenJade stylesheets
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$JADE_HOME/dsssl/catalog
#      sgmltools-lite's stylesheets
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$SGML_SHARE/stylesheets/sgmltools/sgmltools.cat

# DocBook DTD
#      From OASIS-Open.org
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$SGML_SHARE/docbook/3.1/catalog
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$SGML_SHARE/docbook/4.1/catalog
#      These old ones were installed with doctools-1.2 from XFree86.org
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$SGML_SHARE/docbook/2.4.1/catalog
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$SGML_SHARE/docbook/3.0/catalog

# sgmltools-lite catalogs for LinuxDoc
SGML_CATALOG_FILES=$SGML_CATALOG_FILES:$SGML_SHARE/dtd/sgmltools/catalog

export JADE_HOME SGML_SHARE PATH SGML_CATALOG_FILES
#####
```

Save your profile, **logout** and then log back in to take effect.

Installation is complete! In the next section, we'll test the installation and **convert** some test DocBook files.

4 Using DocBook

Now that everything is installed, it's time to test it out and see how to use **openjade** and the other tools.

```
<!DOCTYPE article PUBLIC "-//OASIS//DTD DocBook V4.1//EN">
```

```
<article lang="en">
```

```
<articleinfo>
```

```
<title>This is a Test</title>
```

```
<author>
```

```
<firstname>John</firstname>
```

```
<surname>Doe</surname>
```

```
<othername role="mi">L</othername>
```

```
<affiliation>
```

```
<address>
```

```
<email>j.doe@jdoe dot com</email>
```

```
</address>
```

```
</affiliation>
```

```
</author>
```

```
<revhistory>
```

```
<revision>
```

```
<revnumber>v1.0</revnumber>
```

```
<date>2000-12-30</date>
```

```
<authorinitials>jld</authorinitials>
```

```
</revision>
```

```
</revhistory>
```

```
<abstract>
```

```
<para>
```

```
This is a test DocBook document.
```

```
</para>
```

```
</abstract>
```

```
</articleinfo>
```

```
<sect1 id="test1">
```

```
<title>Test 1</title>
```

```
<para>
```

```
Test section 1.
```

```
</para>
```

```
<sect2>
```

```
<title>Test 1.1</title>
```

```
<para>
```

```
Test section 1.1
```

```
</para>
```

```
</sect2>
```

```
<sect2>
```

```
<title>Test 1.2</title>
```

```
<para>
```

```
<screen>
```

```
-- Test section 1.2
```

```
openjade -t sgml -d $DSLFILE test.sgml
```

```
</screen>
```

```
</para>
```

```
</sect2>
```

```
</sect1>
```

```
<sect1 id="test2">
```

```
<title>Test 2</title>
```

```
<para>
```

```
Test section 2.
```

```
</para>
```

```
<sect2>
```

```
<title>Test 2.1</title>
```

```
<para>
```

```
Test section 2.1
```

```
</para>
```

```
</sect2>
```

For a guide to DocBook and a reference of DocBook elements, see:

DocBook: The Definitive Guide <http://www.docbook.org/tdg/en/>

4.1 Generating HTML

4.1.1 docbook.dsl

```
bash$ ls -l
total 4
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1077 Dec 31 16:25 test.sgml
bash$ echo $SGML_SHARE
/usr/local/share/sgml
bash$ openjade -t sgml -d $SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/html/docbook.dsl test.sgml
[snip - DTDDECL catalog entries are not supported, repeats]
bash$ ls -l
total 12
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1885 Dec 31 17:34 t1.htm
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1077 Dec 31 16:25 test.sgml
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1544 Dec 31 17:34 x27.htm
bash$
```

Figure 2: Generating HTML output using `docbook.dsl`

The warnings about DTDDECL can be ignored. They might be a little annoying, but these warnings are normal when using **openjade**. Other warnings and errors should be looked at and often indicate syntax errors that you should fix.

Two `htm` files are generated, one for each `<sect1>`. The filenames are not very descriptive. Section one appears on the same page as the article information. These are the results of using the default stylesheet that comes with the *Modular DocBook Stylesheets*, `docbook.dsl`.

Stylesheets can be customized to improve on these defaults. If you downloaded the [Linux Documentation Project's ldp.dsl](#) file and installed it as shown in Section 3.3, then you already have a customized style available.

4.1.2 ldp.dsl

```
bash$ openjade -t sgml -d $SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/html/ldp.dsl#html test.sgml
bash$ ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          2006 Dec 31 18:00 index.html
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1077 Dec 31 16:25 test.sgml
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1677 Dec 31 18:00 test1.html
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users          1598 Dec 31 18:00 test2.html
bash$
```

Figure 3: Generating HTML output using `ldp.dsl`

Using `ldp.dsl`, the output looks better:

- An index file has been created that contains the article information.
- A table of contents has been automatically generated.
- Each `<sect1>` is in its own file.

- Filenames are derived from ID attributes of the `<sect1>` elements.
- The file extension has changed to `html`.
- The `<screen>` elements are shaded.

Note how the `ldp.dsl` file is written in the command line: it has `"#html"` appended. `ldp.dsl` contains two `<STYLE-SPECIFICATION>` elements, one with `ID="html"` and another with `ID="print"`. This selects the `html` style from within `ldp.dsl`. The DocBook DSSSL contains support for converting DocBook files into `html` and `print` formats. In Section 3.3, we copied `ldp.dsl` into both the `print` and `html` directories. When generating `html` output, the `html` style should be selected like above. When generating other types of files, such as `rtf` and `tex`, they fall under the `print` style and so the `print` style should be selected from `ldp.dsl`. The alternative is to comment out or delete the `print` or `html` style in the copy of `ldp.dsl` in the respective directory. If a `dsl` file has more than one style-spec in it and none is selected like in the example above, then the first style encountered in the file is selected. For `ldp.dsl`, the `print` style-spec is first in the file, so it gets selected by default. So in the example above, without appending `"#html"` when specifying `ldp.dsl` as the dsssl stylesheet, the `"print"` style-spec would be selected and used when generating the `html` output. It will work, but is intended for when selecting the `print/ldp.dsl` and the formatting will be different.

To learn more about how the stylesheet customization files are made, read the [documentation for the Modular DocBook Stylesheets](#). Customization mainly involves setting boolean option parameters to toggle style features on and off. Completely new style logic can be programmed using the the [DSSSL](#) language.

The **openjade** option `"-t output_type"` specifies the output type. The `"-d dsssl_spec"` option is the path to the dsssl stylesheet to use. In the example above, the output type specified is `sgml`, which is for SGML to SGML transformations. HTML, defined by the [HTML Document Type Definition \(DTD\)](#), is an SGML document type just as DocBook is, so `"sgml"` is the correct `output_type` option. The other two output types commonly used are `"rtf"` and `"tex"`. The `tex` `output_type` will be used later as an intermediate format for the generation of `pdf` and `ps` formats. The `dsssl_spec` must specify a `dsl` file, not a directory.

4.2 Generating rtf and tex

```
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users      1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
bash$ openjade -t rtf -d $SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/print/ldp.dsl#print test.sgml
bash$ openjade -t tex -d $SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/print/ldp.dsl#print test.sgml
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users      4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users      1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users     18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
```


4.3 Generating dvi and ps

```

-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users      4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users      1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users     18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
bash$ jadetex test.tex
This is TeX, Version 3.14159 (Web2C 7.3.1)
(test.tex
JadeTeX 1999/06/29: 2.7
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlptm.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/jadetex/isoents.tex)
Elements will be labelled
Jade begin document sequence at 19
No file test.aux.
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/cyrillic/ot2cmr.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/base/ts1cmr.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/lucidabr/lmrhlcm.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/hyperref/nameref.sty)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlphv.fd)

LaTeX Warning: Reference 'TEST1' on page 1 undefined on input line 238.

LaTeX Warning: Reference '20' on page 1 undefined on input line 262.

LaTeX Warning: Reference '23' on page 1 undefined on input line 285.

LaTeX Warning: Reference 'TEST2' on page 1 undefined on input line 316.

LaTeX Warning: Reference '30' on page 1 undefined on input line 340.

LaTeX Warning: Reference '33' on page 1 undefined on input line 363.

[1.0.46] (/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlpcr.fd) [2.0.46] [3.0.46]
(test.aux)

LaTeX Warning: There were undefined references.

)
Output written on test.dvi (3 pages, 34984 bytes).
Transcript written on test.log.
bash$ ls -l
total 80
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users      771 Dec 31 20:55 test.aux
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users     34984 Dec 31 20:55 test.dvi
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users      5072 Dec 31 20:55 test.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users      4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users      1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users     18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
bash$ jadetex test.tex
This is TeX, Version 3.14159 (Web2C 7.3.1)
(test.tex
JadeTeX 1999/06/29: 2.7
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlptm.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/jadetex/isoents.tex)
Elements will be labelled
Jade begin document sequence at 19
(test.aux) (/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/cyrillic/ot2cmr.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/base/ts1cmr.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/lucidabr/lmrhlcm.fd)
/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/hyperref/nameref.sty)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlphv.fd) [1.0.46]
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlpcr.fd) [2.0.46] [3.0.46] (test.aux) )
Output written on test.dvi (3 pages, 34148 bytes).
Transcript written on test.log

```

The first time **jadetex** is run, warnings are printed. They can be ignored. Running it a second time, they do not appear again.

```
bash$ ls -l
total 80
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 753 Dec 31 20:58 test.aux
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34148 Dec 31 20:58 test.dvi
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4433 Dec 31 20:58 test.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
bash$ dvips test.dvi
This is dvips(k) 5.86 Copyright 1999 Radical Eye Software (www.radicleeye.com)
' TeX output 2000.12.31:2058' -> test.ps
<texc.pro><8r.enc><texps.pro><special.pro><color.pro>. [1] [2] [3]
bash$ ls -l
total 116
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 753 Dec 31 20:58 test.aux
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34148 Dec 31 20:58 test.dvi
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4433 Dec 31 20:58 test.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34817 Dec 31 21:06 test.ps
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
bash$
```

Figure 5: Running **dvips** to generate a PostScript (ps) file.

```
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
bash$ export DSL_HTML=$SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/html/ldp.dsl\#html
bash$ openjade -t sgml -V nochunks -d $DSL_HTML test.sgml | htmldoc -f test-htmldoc.ps -
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 9050 Jan 1 00:44 test-htmldoc.ps
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
bash$
```

Figure 6: Running **htmldoc** to generate a PostScript (ps) file.

If the ps file doesn't appear as expected, it may be due to bugs in **htmldoc**. Look inside the **ldp_print** script if you want to use it to make ps.

4.4 Generating pdf

```

bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 753 Dec 31 20:58 test.aux
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34148 Dec 31 20:58 test.dvi
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4433 Dec 31 20:58 test.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34817 Dec 31 21:06 test.ps
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
bash$ pdfjadetex test.tex
This is pdfTeX, Version 3.14159-13d (Web2C 7.3.1)
(test.tex[/usr/share/texmf/pdftex/config/pdftex.cfg]
JadeTeX 1999/06/29: 2.7
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlptm.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/jadetex/isoents.tex)
Elements will be labelled
Jade begin document sequence at 19
(test.aux) (/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/cyrillic/ot2cmr.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/base/ts1cmr.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/lucidabr/lmrhlcm.fd)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/context/base/supp-pdf.tex
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/context/base/supp-mis.tex
loading : Context Support Macros / Missing
)
loading : Context Support Macros / PDF
) (/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/hyperref/nameref.sty)
(/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlphv.fd) [1.0.46[/usr/share/texmf/dvips/con
fig/pdftex.map]] (/usr/share/texmf/tex/latex/psnfss/tlpcr.fd) [2.0.46] [3.0.46]
(test.aux) )<8r.enc>
Output written on test.pdf (3 pages, 9912 bytes).
Transcript written on test.log.
bash$ ls -l
total 128
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 753 Dec 31 21:13 test.aux
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34148 Dec 31 20:58 test.dvi
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 5075 Dec 31 21:13 test.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 9912 Dec 31 21:13 test.pdf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 34817 Dec 31 21:06 test.ps
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 4584 Dec 31 20:51 test.rtf
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 18719 Dec 31 20:51 test.tex
bash$
bash$ pdfjadetex test.tex
[snip]
bash$ pdfjadetex test.tex
[snip]

```

Figure 7: Running **pdfjadetex** to generate a Portable Document Format (pdf) file.

pdfjadetex must be run up to three times to resolve all internal references for things such as TOC page numbers.

```
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users      1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
bash$ export DSL_HTML=$SGML_SHARE/dsssl/docbook/html/ldp.dsl\#html
bash$ openjade -t sgml -V nochunks -d $DSL_HTML test.sgml > test-htmldoc.htm
bash$ ldp_print test-htmldoc.htm
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users      9050 Jan  1 01:17 test-htmldoc.pdf
-rw-r--r--  1 reaster  users      1143 Dec 31 18:18 test.sgml
bash$
```

Figure 8: Running **htmldoc** to generate a Portable Document Format (pdf) file.

If enabled in the **ldp_print** script, this would generate a **ps** file also.

4.5 Using make

Repeating the commands to generate the output files is tedious. The **make** command works perfectly to automate the process.

```
# Generates online and print versions of SGML source file.
```

```
BASENAME=DocBook-Install
```

```
# SGML source file.
```

```
SGML_FILE=$(BASENAME).sgml
```

```
# Stylesheets
```

```
DSL_PRINT=$(SGML_SHARE)/dsssl/docbook/print/ldp.dsl\#print
```

```
DSL_HTML=$(SGML_SHARE)/dsssl/docbook/html/ldp.dsl\#html
```

```
# Generated files.
```

```
HTML_FILE=index.html
```

```
HTM_FILE=$(BASENAME).htm
```

```
TEX_FILE=$(BASENAME).tex
```

```
RTF_FILE=$(BASENAME).rtf
```

```
PDF_FILE=$(BASENAME).pdf
```

```
DVI_FILE=$(BASENAME).dvi
```

```
PS_FILE=$(BASENAME).ps
```

```
# Build rules.
```

```
html: $(HTML_FILE)
```

```
htm: $(HTM_FILE)
```

```
tex: $(TEX_FILE)
```

```
rtf: $(RTF_FILE)
```

```
pdf: $(PDF_FILE)
```

```
dvi: $(DVI_FILE)
```

```
ps: $(PS_FILE)
```

```
all: html htm tex rtf pdf dvi ps
```

```
clean:
```

```
rm -f $(BASENAME).{htm,log,aux,ps,pdf,tex,dvi,rtf,fot}
```

```
rm -f *.html
```

```
distclean: clean
```

```
rm -f $(BASENAME).tgz
```

```
package:
```

```
rm -f $(BASENAME).tgz
```

```
tar -C .. -czf /tmp/$(BASENAME).tgz $(BASENAME)
```

```
mv /tmp/$(BASENAME).tgz .
```

```
dist: clean package
```

```
distall: all package
```

```
# Compile rules.
```

```
$(HTML_FILE): $(SGML_FILE)
```

```
openjade -t sgml -d $(DSL_HTML) $(SGML_FILE)
```

```
$(HTM_FILE): $(SGML_FILE)
```

```
openjade -t sgml -V nochunks -d $(DSL_HTML) \
```

```
$(SGML_FILE) > $(HTM_FILE)
```

```
$(TEX_FILE): $(SGML_FILE)
```

```
openjade -t tex -d $(DSL_PRINT) $(SGML_FILE)
```

```
$(RTF_FILE): $(SGML_FILE)
```

```
openjade -t rtf -d $(DSL_PRINT) $(SGML_FILE)
```

Usage is just like for most projects:

```
-- generate html (default)
make
-- generate just pdf
make pdf
-- generate all files
make all
-- delete all generated files
make clean
-- create tgz distribution
-- with no generated files
make dist
-- create tgz distribution
-- containing all generated files
make distall
```

Figure 10: Invoking **make** to run Makefile

Notice the commented compile rules for `pdf` and `ps` which provide alternative means of generating those files.

4.6 Generating a man page

During the section on installing everything, we installed the **perl** version 5 module `SGMLS.pm`. Then we installed Docbook2X which provides the `spec.pl` files for transforming DocBook `<refentry>` documents into **nroff** (**man** page) format with **sgmlspl**.

An example Docbook `<refentry>` document, for the **foo** command, is given below.


```

<!DOCTYPE refentry PUBLIC "-//OASIS//DTD DocBook V4.1//EN">
<refentry>
<refentryinfo>
  <date>2001-01-01</date>
</refentryinfo>
<refmeta>
  <refentrytitle>
    <application>foo</application>
  </refentrytitle>
  <manvolnum>1</manvolnum>
  <refmiscinfo>foo 1.0</refmiscinfo>
</refmeta>
<refnamediv>
  <refname>
    <application>foo</application>
  </refname>
  <refpurpose>
    Does nothing useful.
  </refpurpose>
</refnamediv>
<refsynopsisdiv>
  <refsynopsisdivinfo>
    <date>2001-01-01</date>
  </refsynopsisdivinfo>
  <cmdsynopsis>
    <command>foo</command>
    <arg><option>-f </option><replaceable class="parameter">bar</replaceable></arg>
    <arg><option>-d<replaceable class="parameter">n</replaceable></option></arg>
    <arg rep="repeat"><replaceable class="parameter">file</replaceable></arg>
  </cmdsynopsis>
</refsynopsisdiv>
<refsect1>
  <refsect1info>
    <date>2001-01-01</date>
  </refsect1info>
  <title>DESCRIPTION</title>
  <para>
    <command>foo</command> does nothing useful.
  </para>
</refsect1>
<refsect1>
  <title>OPTIONS</title>
  <variablelist>
    <varlistentry>
      <term>-f <replaceable class="parameter">bar</replaceable></term>
      <listitem>
        <para>
          Takes <filename>bar</filename> as it's run
          control file. If this were a real program,
          there might be more to say here about what
          bar is and how it will be used.
        </para>
      </listitem>
    </varlistentry>
    <varlistentry>
      <term>-d<replaceable class="parameter">n</replaceable></term>
      <listitem>
        <para>
          Do something, where integer
          <replaceable class="parameter">n</replaceable>
          specifies how many times.
        </para>
      </listitem>
    </varlistentry>
    <varlistentry>
      <term><replaceable class="parameter">file...</replaceable></term>
      <listitem>
        <para>
          Processes the files in the order listed,
          reading all contents into a single

```

```

bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 2434 Jan 3 03:51 foo-ref.sgml
bash$ onsgmls foo-ref.sgml | sgmlspl $SGML_SHARE/docbook2X/docbook2man-spec.pl
bash$ ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 2434 Jan 3 03:51 foo-ref.sgml
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 1129 Jan 3 04:03 foo.1
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 0 Jan 3 04:03 manpage.links
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 0 Jan 3 04:03 manpage.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 reaster users 15 Jan 3 04:03 manpage.refs
bash$ groff -mandoc -Tascii foo.1

FOO(1)

NAME
    foo - Does nothing useful.

SYNOPSIS
    foo [ -f bar ] [ -dn ] [ file... ]

DESCRIPTION
    foo does nothing useful.

OPTIONS
    -f bar Takes bar as its run control file. If this were a
        real program, there might be more to say here about
        what bar is and how it will be used.

    -dn Do something, where integer n specifies how many
        times.

    file...
        Processes the files in the order listed, sending
        all output to stdout.

USAGE
    foo -f foo.conf -d2 foodata.foo

CAVEATS
    Other programs named foo may exist and actually do some-
    thing!

BUGS
    None. Program does nothing.

AUTHOR
    Foo E Bar (Original author)

[snip - several extra blank lines that man would not show]
foo 1.0 2001-01-01 1
bash$ groff -mandoc -Tascii foo.1 | less
bash$ less foo.1

```

Figure 12: Generating a **man** page with **onsgmls**, **sgmlspl**, and **docbook2man-spec.pl**

The **man** page, `foo.1`, is generated as a Section 1 page. The **groff** command is used to give a quick look at its formatted appearance.

To **install** this **man** page, it belongs in any `man/man1` directory, where the directory `man/` is added to `$MANPATH` in the environment. The standard location is `/usr/local/man/man1`. The standard sections in the **man** pages system are 1 though

9. Each is for holding specific catagories of documentation.

Section	Purpose
man1	User programs
man2	System calls
man3	Library functions and subroutines
man4	Devices
man5	File formats
man6	Games
man7	Miscellaneous
man8	System administration
man9	Kernel internal variables and functions

Table 1: Manual Pages Sections

Tip

The source file for a **man** page, like `foo-ref.sgml`, can be processed into all the other formats just like any other DocBook file. So using the same commands discussed earlier to generate `html` and print output types, a **man** page can be made into `html` and `rtf`, `tex`, `pdf`, `dvi`, and `ps`. This can really save a lot of conversion work!

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