

Plain Text Publishing User Guide

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Chapter 1

Welcome to Plain Text Publishing

1.1. LIBRARY STRUCTURE

Library content consists of prose and “chunks”. Using inclusion, prose is intermixed with topical “chunks” to ultimately create a book or wiki. Books tend to take a linear approach to a topic, adding extra information to core units of information: exposition surrounding a “chunk” identified as a List, Task, Figure, Function, etc.

Documentation source directories and filenames are structured for human use:

- `_filename`
 - root document name is prefixed with an underscore.
 - assists in command line autocompletion.
 - file list placement tends to be consistently at the top or bottom
 - content mainly comprises top-level inclusions, ie. articles and chapters.
 - transformed to the ultimate deliverable: a PDF, HTML, EPub, etc.
- `filename`
 - no prefixed underscore.
 - not publishable from commandline.
 - content mainly comprises limited prose introducing mid-level inclusions, ie. chapters and sections.
 - may need to use macros to adjust inclusion title levels
- `directoryname`
 - contains fine-grained “chunks”.
 - for inclusion in mid-level content, ie. chapters and sections.
 - named to indicate content/relevance.
- `directoryname/filename`
 - topical “chunks”
 - content comprises prose and lower-level inclusions, ie. sections, lists, tables, etc.
 - content comprises lowest-level chunks, ie. List, Task, Figure, etc.
 - filenames to indicate content; avoid redundancy w/directory “chunk” category