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Proposal to provide a mechanism for different effective key definitions at different locations within a map structure.

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Future post DITA 1.2 work from Issue #12007: Item 2: Consider adding a scoping mechanism for use with key definitions and possibly other aspects of DITA based on the map hierarchy or the combined element hierarchy within a set of maps. Related topic: Consider allowing subsequent key definitions within the same map or within peer maps to override previous key definitions, probably as part of some hierarchal scope, and probably in a fashion that is the same as or similar to override mechanisms to be developed for other features such as ditaval.

Dependencies or interrelated proposals

13041, cross-deliverable linking, depends heavily on this proposal.

Modified DTDs

The topicref-atts entity and its relatives from map.mod will be modified with the new @keyscope attribute.

```
CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              processing-role
                         (normal |
                         resource-only |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              scope
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                         local |
                         peer |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              chunk
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                                   #IMPLIED
              keyscope
                         CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
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             'collection-type
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                          family |
                          sequence |
                          unordered |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              type
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```
#IMPLIED
              processing-role
                        (normal |
                         resource-only |
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              scope
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                         local |
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                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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                          yes |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              chunk
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                                   #IMPLIED
              keyscope
                         CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
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             "collection-type
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                          family |
                          sequence |
                         unordered |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              type
                         CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
```

```
processing-role
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                          resource-only |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              scope
                         (external |
                          local |
                          peer |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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              locktitle
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                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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                          -dita-use-conref-target)
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              chunk
                         CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              keyscope
                         CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
>
```

learningDomain.mod

```
keys
                        CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              keyscope
                        CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              query
                        CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              copy-to
                        CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              outputclass
                        CDATA
                                   #IMPLIED
              scope
                         (external |
                          local |
                          peer |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
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                         (normal |
                         resource-only |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              linking
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                         sourceonly|
                          normal|
                         none |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                  #IMPLIED
              locktitle
                         (yes|
                         no |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                 #IMPLIED
              toc
                         (yes|
                         no |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                  #IMPLIED
              print
                         (yes|
                         no |
                          printonly |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              search
                         (yes|
                         no |
                          -dita-use-conref-target)
                                   #IMPLIED
              %univ-atts;"
>
```

mapMod.xsd

```
<xs:attributeGroup name="topicref-atts">
    <xs:annotation>
      <xs:documentation>
```

```
The %topicref-atts; parameter entity represents a group of
attributes
        used in numerous map elements: map, topicref, relcolspec, relcell,
 topichead,
        and topicgroup. The set is similar to those documented in <xref
href="topicref-atts-no-toc.xml">topicref-atts-no-toc</xref>
        but includes the <i><keyword>toc</keyword></i> attribute.
      </xs:documentation>
    </xs:annotation>
     <xs:attribute name="collection-type" type="collection-type.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:attribute name="processing-role" type="processing-role-att.class" />
     <xs:attribute name="scope" type="scope-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="locktitle" type="yesno-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="format" type="xs:string"/>
     <xs:attribute name="linking" type="linkingtypes.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="toc" type="yesno-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="print" type="print-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="search" type="yesno-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="chunk" type="xs:string"/>
     <xs:attribute name="keyscope" type="xs:string"/>
  </xs:attributeGroup>
<!-- ... -->
 <xs:attributeGroup name="topicref-atts-no-toc">
    <xs:annotation>
      <xs:documentation>
        The %topicref-atts-no-toc; parameter entity represents the set
        of attributes used in the
          <xref href="reltable.xml">reltable</xref>
        map
        element. The set is similar to those documented in
          <xref href="topicref-atts.xml">topicref-atts</xref>
        for < <keyword>reltable </keyword>&gt; the <i><keyword>toc </
keyword></i> attribute
        defaults to \langle q \rangle no \langle /q \rangle. For the other elements that use the
 %topicref-atts;
        group declaration, the <i><keyword>toc</keyword></i> attribute
doesn't have
       a default; they can inherit their <i><keyword>toc</keyword></i>
value from
        the nearest container, otherwise it functions upon output as if set
 to \langle q \rangle yes \langle /q \rangle.
      </xs:documentation>
    </xs:annotation>
    <xs:attribute name="collection-type" type="collection-type.class"/>
    <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:string"/>
    <xs:attribute name="processing-role" type="processing-role-att.class" />
    <xs:attribute name="scope" type="scope-att.class"/>
    <xs:attribute name="locktitle" type="yesno-att.class"/>
    <xs:attribute name="format" type="xs:string"/>
     <xs:attribute name="linking" type="linkingtypes.class"/>
    <xs:attribute name="toc" type="yesno-att.class" default="no"/>
    <xs:attribute name="print" type="print-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="search" type="yesno-att.class"/>
     <xs:attribute name="chunk" type="xs:string"/>
     <xs:attribute name="keyscope" type="xs:string"/>
  </xs:attributeGroup>
```

Unlike the DTDs, in the schemas, the topicref-atts-without-format attribute group is defined in mapGroupMod.xsd instead of mapMod.xsd.

```
<xs:attributeGroup name="topicref-atts-without-format">
   <xs:annotation>
     <xs:documentation>
      The %topicref-atts-without-format; parameter entity represents a
group of attributes
      used in numerous map elements: mapref,
      and topicgroup. The set is similar to those documented in <xref
href="topicref-atts.xml">topicref-atts</xref> but
      excludes the <i><keyword>format</keyword></i> attribute.
     </xs:documentation>
   </xs:annotation>
  <xs:attribute name="collection-type" type="collection-type.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="type" type="xs:string"/>
  <xs:attribute name="processing-role" type="processing-role-att.class" />
  <xs:attribute name="scope" type="scope-att.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="locktitle" type="yesno-att.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="linking" type="linkingtypes.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="toc" type="yesno-att.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="print" type="print-att.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="search" type="yesno-att.class"/>
  <xs:attribute name="chunk" type="xs:string"/>
  <xs:attribute name="keyscope" type="xs:string"/>
 </xs:attributeGroup>
```

learningDomain.xsd

```
<xs:attributeGroup name="learningDomain-topicref-atts-no-chunk">
          <xs:attribute name="navtitle" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="href" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="keyref" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="keys" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="keyscope" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="query" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="copy-to" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="outputclass" type="xs:string"/>
          <xs:attribute name="scope" type="scope-att.class"/>
          <xs:attribute name="processing-role" type="processing-role-</pre>
att.class" />
          <xs:attribute name="locktitle" type="yesno-att.class"/>
          <xs:attribute name="linking" type="linkingtypes.class"/>
          <xs:attribute name="toc" type="yesno-att.class"/>
          <xs:attribute name="print" type="print-att.class"/>
          <xs:attribute name="search" type="yesno-att.class"/>
          <xs:attributeGroup ref="univ-atts" />
   </xs:attributeGroup>
```

Modified specification documentation

Provide a listing of new or modified topics. For existing topics, provide the location of the DITA 1.2 topic; for new topics, suggest where you think the topic should be located in the TOC.

List the exact language suggested for the topics. For existing topics, you can use a table to compare the DITA 1.2 text and the proposed text for DITA 1.3. For new topics, use the templates nested within this topic.

Table 1: dita-terminology.dita

DITA 1.2 Language		DITA 1.3 Language	
key definition	A <topicref> element or specialization of a <topicref> element that specifies the @keys attribute and defines one or more key names.</topicref></topicref>	key definition	A <topicref> element or specialization of a <topicref> element that specifies the @keys attribute and defines one or more key names.</topicref></topicref>
key resolution context	The root map that establishes the context for resolving key references. For a given key-resolution instance, there is at most	key scope	A root map or section of a map hierarchy associated with a unique key space for purposes of key reference resolution.
one root map that defines the effective value of the key space, as determined by the key definition precedence rules	key space	The set of unique key names that are defined for a given key scope. Within a given key scope, a key name has at most one	
key space The effective set of unique key names that are defined by a given key resolution context. Within a given key resolution context, a key name has at most one binding.		definition, as determined by the key definition precedence rules.	
	key resolution context, a key name has at most one	key resolution context	The key scope that establishes the context for resolving key references. For a given key-resolution instance, there is at most one key scope that defines the effective key space, which in turn provides the effective key definition.

Table 2: definition-of-ditamaps.dita

DITA 1.2 Language DITA 1.3 Language DITA maps are documents that organize topics and other DITA maps are documents that organize topics and other resources into structured collections of information. resources into structured collections of information. DITA maps specify hierarchy and the relationships DITA maps specify hierarchy and the relationships among the topics; they also provide the context in which among the topics; they also provide the contexts in which keys are defined and resolved. DITA maps should have keys are defined and resolved. DITA maps should have .ditamap file extensions. .ditamap file extensions. DITA maps also define keys and provide the context in DITA maps also define keys and organize the contexts which key references are resolved. A <topicref> element in which key references are resolved. A <topicref> or (or specialized <topicref> such as <keydef>) may be <map> element, or any specialization, may be used to used to define a key which binds that key name to a create a new context for key definition and resolution. specified resource. A <topicref> element, or specialized <topicref> such as <keydef>, may also be used to define a key which binds that key name to a specified resource for references in the same key scope.

DITA 1.2 Language		DITA 1.3 Language	
Defining keys	Maps can define keys, which provide an indirect addressing mechanism that enhances portability of content. The keys are defined by <topicref> elements or specialization of <topicref> elements, such as <keydef>. The <keydef> element is a convenience element; it is a specialized type of a <topicref> element with the following attributes: • A required @keys attribute • A @processing-role</topicref></keydef></keydef></topicref></topicref>	Defining keys and key scopes	Maps can define keys, which provide an indirect addressing mechanism that enhances portability of content. The keys are defined by <topicref> elements or specialization of <topicref> elements, such as <keydef>. The <keydef> element is a convenience element; it is a specialized type of a <topicref> element with the following attributes: • A required @keys attribute • A @processing-role</topicref></keydef></keydef></topicref></topicref>
	attribute with a default value of "resource-only". Maps also are the context for resolving key-based references, such as elements that specify the @keyref or @conkeyref attribute.		attribute with a default value of "resource-only". Maps also define the context or contexts for resolving key-based references, such as elements that specify the @keyref or @conkeyref attribute. Elements within a map structure that specify a @keyscope attribute create a new context for key reference resolution. Key references within such elements are resolved against the set of effective key definitions for that scope.

Table 4: ditamap-attributes.dita

DITA 1.2 Language	DITA 1.3 Languag	ge
	keyscope	Defines a new scope for key definition and resolution, and gives the scope one or more names, separated by white space. Key definitions within a scope can only be addressed directly by key references within

Table 5: overview of keys.dita

DITA 1.2 Language

To use key references, one must understand how keys are defined and bound to resources, how a map hierarchy establishes a key space, and the interaction of keys with conditional processing.

New section: Key scopes

DITA 1.3 Language

To use key references, one must understand how keys are defined and bound to resources, how a map hierarchy and key scopes establish key spaces, and the interaction of keys with conditional processing.

Key scopes

A key scope defines a unique key space associated with a segment of the map hierarchy. Key references within a key scope are resolved against the key space associated with that key scope.

A key scope is declared by setting the @keyscope attribute on a <map>, <topicref>, or any specialization of <map> or <topicref>, within the map structure. The value of the @keyscope attribute is the whitespace-delimited names for the key scope. The legal characters for a key scope name are the same as those for keys.



Note:

If the @keyscope attribute is specified both on a map element and on a topicref element referencing that map, only one new scope is introduced, not two. The set of names for the resulting key scope is the union of the unique values of the two @keyscope attributes.

The key space associated with a key scope consists of the following, in order of precedence:

1. All keys defined in the parent key scope's key space.

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- 2. All keys defined within the scope-defining element, including that element itself and any directly addressed, local scope maps contained by the scopedefining element, but excluding keys defined in other key scopes contained by the scope-defining element (i.e. child scopes).
- 3. Keys defined in child scopes, prefixed with the name of the key scope, followed by a period. If a child key scope has multiple names, then each of its keys is addressable from the parent key scope using any of the child key scope's names as a prefix.

The root element in the root map in a map hierarchy always necessarily defines a key scope, even if its @keyscope attribute is unspecified.

Key spaces

A root map and its directly addressed, local scope descendant maps establish a unique key space within which each unique key name has exactly one binding to a space within which each unique key name has exactly set of resources.

For the purposes of determining the effective key definitions for the key space represented by a given root map, a map tree is determined by considering only directly addressed, local scope maps descending from the root map. The order of subordinate maps is determined by the document order of the topicrefs that point to them. Indirect references to maps with key references are necessarily ignored until after the key space is determined.

Maps addressed by <navref> do not contribute to the key space of a map tree. Maps referenced by <navref> are equivalent to maps referenced with a scope of "peer" or "external" and therefore need not be present or available at the time the referencing map is processed for purposes of key space construction.

Effective key definitions

For a given key there is at most one effective definition within a key space. A key definition is the effective definition for a given key if it is the first, in document order, within the map document that contains it, and is the first in the map tree in breadth-first order. It is not an error for the same key name to be defined more than once within a map or map tree, and duplicate key definitions should be ignored without warning.

Note: A given <topicref> element that defines more than one key may be the effective definition for some of its keys but not for others. It is the duplicate binding of a key name to its definition that is ignored, not the key-defining topic reference as a whole.

Key spaces

A key scope-defining element and its directly addressed, local scope descendant maps establish a unique key one binding to a set of resources.

For the purposes of determining the effective key definitions for the key space represented by a given key scope, a map tree is determined by considering only directly addressed, local scope maps descending from the key scope-defining element. The order of subordinate maps is determined by the document order of the topicrefs that point to them. Indirect references to maps with key references are necessarily ignored until after the key space is determined.

Maps addressed by <navref> do not contribute to the key space of a key scope. Maps referenced by <navref> are equivalent to maps referenced with a scope of "peer" or "external" and therefore need not be present or available at the time the referencing map is processed for purposes of key space construction.

Effective key definitions

For a given key there is at most one effective definition within a key space. A key definition is the effective definition for a given key if it is the first, in document order, within the key scope-defining element that contains it, and is the first in the map tree beneath the scope-defining elemnt in breadth-first order. It is not an error for the same key name to be defined more than once within a map or key scope, and duplicate key definitions should be ignored without warning.



Note: A given <topicref> element that defines more than one key may be the effective definition for some of its keys but not for others. It is the duplicate binding of a key name to its

DITA 1.2 Language

Key definitions are not scoped by the map document within which they occur or by the element hierarchy of their containing map document. Keys do not have to be declared before they are referenced. The key space is effective for the entire document, so the order of key definitions and key references relative to one another within the map hierarchy is not significant, and keys defined in any map in the map tree are available for use with key references from all maps and topics processed in the context of the root map.

Note: These rules mean that key definitions higher in the map tree hierarchy take precedence over key definitions lower in the map tree and that key definitions in referencing maps always take precedence over key definitions in referenced maps. These rules also mean that the entire key space must be determined before any keys can be resolved to their ultimately-addressed resources (if any).

Note: Because keys are defined in maps, all key-based processing must be done in the context of a root map that establishes the effective key space.

For key definitions in a submap to be included in the key space, there must be a direct URI reference to that submap from another directly addressed map in the map tree. However, if that same submap is referenced indirectly and has no direct URI reference as a backup (using @keyref without providing a fallback @href value, or using @conkeyref without providing a fallback @conref value), that reference is ignored for purposes of constructing the key space, and the definitions in that submap consequently do not enter into the construction of the key space at that point.

DITA 1.3 Language

definition that is ignored, not the key-defining topic reference as a whole.

Key definitions are scoped by the key scope-defining elements within which they occur. Keys do not have to be declared before they are referenced. The key space is effective for the entire key scope, so the order of key definitions and key references relative to one another within the hierarchy of a key scope is not significant, and keys defined in any map in the key scope are available for use with key references from all maps and topics processed in the context of the key scope.

Note: These rules mean that key definitions higher in the map tree hierarchy take precedence over key definitions lower in the map tree and that key definitions in referencing maps always take precedence over key definitions in referenced maps. These rules also mean that all key spaces must be fully determined before any keys can be resolved to their ultimately-addressed resources (if any).

Note: Because keys are defined in maps, all key-based processing must be done in the context of a root map that establishes the root key scope and scope hierarchy.

For key definitions in a submap to be included in the key space, there must be a direct URI reference to that submap from another directly addressed map in the map tree. However, if that same submap is referenced indirectly and has no direct URI reference as a backup (using @keyref without providing a fallback @href value, or using @conkeyref without providing a fallback @conref value), that reference is ignored for purposes of constructing the key space, and the definitions in that submap consequently do not enter into the construction of the key space at that point.

Table 6: commonLRdefs.dita

DITA 1.2 Language

topicref-atts attribute group (collection-type, processing-role, type, scope, locktitle, format, linking, toc, print, search, chunk)

topicref-atts-no-toc attribute group (collection-type, processing-role, type, scope, locktitle, format, linking, toc, print, search, chunk)

topicref-atts-without-format attribute group (collectiontype, processing-role, type, scope, locktitle, linking, toc, print, search, chunk)

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topicref-atts attribute group (collection-type, processing-role, type, scope, locktitle, format, linking, toc, print, search, chunk, keyscope)

topicref-atts-no-toc attribute group (collection-type, processing-role, type, scope, locktitle, format, linking, toc, print, search, chunk, keyscope)

topicref-atts-without-format attribute group (collectiontype, processing-role, type, scope, locktitle, linking, toc, print, search, chunk, keyscope)

DITA 1.2 Language	DITA 1.3 Language
New attribute table entry for 'keyscope', to be referenced from topicref-atts.dita	Specifies that the element marks the boundaries of a key scope. See <i>The keyscope attribute</i> on page 17 for details on how to use the keyscope attribute.

Table 7: thekeysattribute.dita

DITA 1.2 Language	DITA 1.3 Language
A keys attribute consists of one or more space-separated keys. Map authors define keys using a topicref or topicref specialization that contains the "keys" attribute. Each key definition introduces a global identifier for a resource referenced from a map. Keys resolve to the resources given as the href value on the key definition topicref element, to content contained within the key definition topicref element, or both.	A keys attribute consists of one or more space-separated keys. Map authors define keys using a topicref or topicref specialization that contains the "keys" attribute. Each key definition introduces an identifier for a resource referenced from the map. Keys resolve to the resources given as the href value on the key definition topicref element, to content contained within the key definition topicref element, or both.

Examples of keys

<!-- etc. -->

</task>

Topic reuse with varying key behavior

In this example, the "oil change" procedures for Tractor X and Tractor Y are similar enough to reuse the same topic for both, but the name of the product is included in the title via keyref. In the map below, the topic common/oilchange.dita is referenced twice. Each reference is wrapped within a topicgroup that defines a key scope, and each scope has its own definition of the ProductName key.

```
<map xml:lang="en">
  <title>Equipment Oil Change Procedures</title>
  <topicgroup keyscope="Tractor-X">
    <keydef keys="ProductName">
      <topicmeta>
        <linktext>Tractor X</linktext>
      </topicmeta>
    </keydef>
    <topicref href="common/oilchange.dita"/>
  </topicgroup>
  <topicgroup keyscope="Tractor-Y">
    <keydef keys="ProductName">
     <topicmeta>
        <linktext>Tractor Y</linktext>
      </topicmeta>
   </keydef>
    <topicref href="common/oilchange.dita"/>
  </topicgroup>
</map>
<task id="oilchange" xml:lang="en">
 <title>Changing the Oil on the <ph keyref="ProductName"/></title>
```

Combination of standalone maps with their own key spaces

```
<map xml:lang="en">
    <title>Training Courses</title>
    <mapref href="course-1.ditamap" keyscope="course-1"/>
    <mapref href="course-2.ditamap" keyscope="course-2"/>
    <mapref href="course-3.ditamap" keyscope="course-3"/>
    <topicref keys="summary" href="omnibus-summary.dita"/>
    </map>
```

This map combines three standalone maps, each with its own set of keys. Each of the mapref elements is marked with a keyscope attribute, meaning that the key definitions within the referenced maps will be confined to those sub-structures.

Since the summary key is defined in this map as part of the implicit root scope, and keys defined in parent scopes override those in child scopes, its definition overrides any conflicting definition of summary in any of the referenced maps.

Examples of scope-qualified key references

```
<map xml:lang="en">
 <title>Scoped Key Example</title>
 <topicgroup keyscope="scope-1">
   <keydef keys="key-1" href="topic-1.dita" />
   <!-- This topicref will refer to topic-1.dita.
         This key is defined in this scope. -->
    <topicref keyref="key-1" />
   <!-- This topicref will also refer to topic-1.dita.
         This key is inherited from the root scope. -->
    <topicref keyref="scope-1.key-1" />
   <!-- This topicref will refer to topic-2.dita.
         This key is inherited from the root scope. -->
    <topicref keyref="scope-2.key-1" />
  </topicgroup>
  <topicgroup keyscope="scope-2">
    <keydef keys="key-1" href="topic-2.dita" />
   <!-- This topicref will refer to topic-2.dita.
         This key is defined in this scope. -->
    <topicref keyref="key-1" />
   <!-- This topicref will refer to topic-1.dita.
         This key is inherited from the root scope. -->
   <topicref keyref="scope-1.key-1" />
   <!-- This topicref will refer to topic-2.dita.
         This key is inherited from the root scope. -->
    <topicref keyref="scope-2.key-1" />
  </topicgroup>
  <!-- This topicref will result in an error, because
       no key definition 'key-1' exists at this scope. -->
  <topicref keyref="key-1" />
  <!-- This topicref will refer to topic-1.dita.
       Keys defined in a scope become a part of the
      parent scope, prefixed with the scope name and
      a period. -->
```

This example illustrates the way keys defined within a key scope can be addressed from key references outside that scope.

The keyscope attribute

The keyscope attribute consists of one or more space-separated key scope names. Map authors define the boundaries for key scopes by specifying the keyscope attribute on map elements, topicref elements, or elements that are specializations of map or topicref. Such elements, their contents, and any locally-scoped content referenced from within the element, are considered to be part of the scope. Keys defined within a scope are only directly referenceable from within the same scope. They can be referenced from the parent scope using the scope's name, followed by a period, followed by the key name.