DocBook Installation on Ubuntu 16.04

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Introduction

This document is a guide to installing DocBook [https://docbook.org/whatis] on Ubuntu 16.04. The installation requires six components. A seventh component is optional. The optional component is fophyphenate.

The guide installs DockBook 4 and not version 5. If you want DockBook v5 then install docbook5 and docbook-xsl-ns instead of docbook and docbook-xsl.

Be careful when copying and pasting from this document. If you copy and paste commands from the document to the terminal then the dash used in commands may be translated into hyphens used in typesetting. They are not the same thing in the terminal, and it usually leads to obscure failures when installing packages.

Components

DocBook requires a DTD, XSLTPROC, and FOP. In addition, Apache's FOP requires a Java subsystem. The components are as follows:

- 1. DocBook DTD DocBook entity definitions
- 2. DocBook XSL DocBook stylesheets
- 3. XMLLINT XML validator and formatter
- 4. XSLTPROC XML processor which reads the XML source and produces Formatted Objects (FOs)
- 5. Java Runtime environment for Apache FOP
- 6. FOP Apache's Formatted Object Processor which transforms FOs to output file types such as HTML, PS, and PDF
- 7. FOP-HYPH used by FOP to hyphenate words in a DocBook

DockBook DTD

The DockBook DTD provides entity definitions. It is provided by the docbook package. To install the package issue the following.

```
$ sudo apt-get install docbook
```

DockBook XSL

The DockBook XSL provides stylesheets. It is provided by the docbook-xsl and docbook-xsl-doc-pdf packages. To install the packages issue the following.

```
$ sudo apt-get install docbook-xsl docbook-xsl-doc-pdf
```

The stylesheets are installed in /usr/share.

```
$ ls /usr/share/xml/docbook/stylesheet/docbook-xsl/fo/
admon.xsl
                   division.xsl info.xsl
                                                       refentry.xsl
annotations.xsl
                   docbook.xsl
                                 inline.xsl
                                                       sections.xsl
autoidx-kimber.xsl ebnf.xsl
                                  keywords.xsl
                                                       spaces.xsl
autoidx-kosek.xsl footnote.xsl
                                  lists.xsl
                                                       synop.xsl
autoidx-ng.xsl
                  fop.xsl
                                  math.xsl
                                                       table.xsl
```

XML lint

The XML lint provides validation and formatting. It is provided by the libxml2-utils package. To install the package issue the following.

```
$ sudo apt-get install libxml2-utils
```

XML processor

The XML processor translates XML source and produces Formatted Object (FO). It is provided by the xsltproc package. To install the package issue the following.

```
$ sudo apt-get install xsltproc
```

Java runtime

The Java runtime environment is needed by Apache FOP. It is provided by the openjdk-8-jdk package. To install the package issue the following.

```
$ sudo apt-get install openjdk-8-jdk
```

After installing the JRE you can export JAVA_HOME from your login script:

```
# User .bashrc or .bash_profile
$ export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
$ source ~/.bash profile
```

```
$ echo $JAVA_HOME
/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
```

FO processor

The Formatted Object Processor (FOP) is provided by Apache. It is provided by the fop and fop-doc packages. To install the packages issue the following.

```
$ sudo apt-get install fop fop-doc
```

Alternatively, you can install the latest Apache FOP by downloading the binary from the Apache website. This can be useful if Ubuntu's version has trouble. To manually install FOP perform the following.

```
$ wget https://mirror.cogentco.com/pub/apache/xmlgraphics/
  fop/binaries/fop-2.2-bin.tar.gz
$ tar -xzf fop-2.2-bin.tar.gz
$ chmod +x fop-2.2/fop/fop
$ sudo mv fop-2.2 /usr/local/bin
```

Once fop is installed locally, add a wrapper script to execute it. In the cat below, both JAVA_HOME and CLASSPATH are a single line.

```
$ cat /usr/local/bin/fop
#!/usr/bin/env bash

JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64
CLASSPATH=/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2:/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/lib \
    /usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/fop $*
```

After you manually install the new processor you should run hash -r to clear Bash's program cache.

FO hyphenate

You can add hyphenation to the book by installing FOP XML Hyphenation Patterns. Download the compiled binary for FOP XML Hyphenation Patterns from the Objects For Formatting Objects (OFFO) website [https://offo.sourceforge.net/]. Install fop-hyph.jar in FOP's lib/ directory.

```
$ sudo cp fop-hyph.jar /usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/
$ ls /usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/*.jar
...
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/commons-io-1.3.1.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/commons-logging-1.0.4.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/fontbox-2.0.4.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/fop-hyph.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.2/fop/lib/serializer-2.7.2.jar
```

Testing

You should test the installation using command -v. The Posix command is the standard way to check availability of a program.

```
$ command -v xmllint
```

/usr/bin/xmllint
\$ command -v xsltproc
/usr/bin/xsltproc
\$ command -v fop
/usr/local/bin/fop

You should also verify the version of fop.

```
$ fop -version
FOP Version 2.2
```

If the version is unexpected then verify the shell script located in /usr/local/bin/fop, and ensure it is executable. If the script is correct then run hash -r to clear the Bash program cache.