DocBook Installation for Ubuntu

Ubuntu 16.04 and Ubuntu 18.04

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Introduction

This document is a guide to installing DocBook [https://docbook.org/whatis] on Ubuntu 16.04. An installation on Fedora or CentOS will be similar but it is not the same due to different package names and different paths.

The installation requires six components and it includes the DocBook stylesheets and processors. A seventh component is optional and it is fop-hyphenate.

The guide installs DockBook 4.5 and not version 5. If you want DockBook v5 then install docbook5 and docbook-xsl-ns instead of docbook and docbook-xsl. You will also need to change some URI's to use version 5 paths.

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
                                inline.xsl
                                                    sections.xsl
annotations.xsl
                  docbook.xsl
autoidx-kimber.xsl ebnf.xsl
                               keywords.xsl
                                                    spaces.xsl
                  footnote.xsl
autoidx-kosek.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
```

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

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
```

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

Java runtime

The Java runtime environment is needed by Apache FOP. It is provided by the openjdk-8-jdk package on Ubuntu 16, and openjdk-11-jdk on Ubuntu 18. To install the package on Ubuntu 16 issue the following.

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

After installing the JRE you can export JAVA_HOME from your login script. If you are using Ubuntu 18, then JAVA_HOME is /usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64.

```
# .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
```

At the time of this writing Ubuntu's Java 9 is unstable. It could cause unexplained crashes. You should not use the openjdk-9-jdk package.

After you install Java you should run hash -r to clear Bash's program cache.

FO processor

The Formatted Object Processor (FOP) is an Apache binary. Ubuntu provides fop and fop-doc packages. You can download the Apache binary or install the FOP package.

To install the packages issue the following.

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

If you are happy with Ubuntu's version of FOP then you are finished. You can move on to the next section.

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

```
$ wget https://mirror.cogentco.com/pub/apache/xmlgraphics/
fop/binaries/fop-2.4-bin.tar.gz
$ tar -xzf fop-2.4-bin.tar.gz
$ chmod +x fop-2.4/fop/fop
$ sudo mv fop-2.4 /usr/local/bin
```

Once fop is installed locally, add a wrapper script to execute it. In the cat below, JAVA_HOME is setup for Ubuntu 16. If you are using Ubuntu 18, then use /usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64.

After you install the 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 [http://offo.sourceforge.net/]. Install fop-hyph.jar in FOP's lib/ directory.

```
$ sudo cp fop-hyph.jar /usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/fop/lib/
$ ls /usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/fop/lib/*.jar
...
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/fop/lib/commons-io-1.3.1.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/fop/lib/commons-logging-1.0.4.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/fop/lib/fontbox-2.0.4.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/fop/lib/fop-hyph.jar
/usr/local/bin/fop-2.4/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 2.4
```

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.

Fedora

The instructions detail the steps for a Ubuntu system. If you install on Fedora then you will need to manually tune the path to the DocBook stylesheets. This manual change is due to limitations in DocBook. DocBook does not allow us to conditionally include a local file. Also see How to import stylesheets in xslt conditionally? [https://stackoverflow.com/q/4471992] and How to overcome differences in location of docbook style files [https://stackoverflow.com/q/5765886] on Stack Overflow.

To make the change on Fedora open the file custom.xsl and locate the line <code><xs-l:import href="/usr/share/xml/docbook/stylesheet/docbook-xsl/fo/docbook.xsl"/></code>. Change it to the location of the stylesheet, like <code>/usr/share/sgml/docbook/xsl-stylesheets-l.79.2/fo/docbook.xsl</code>.

The location will depend on the package you install. The location /usr/share/sgml/... is due to installing the Fedora package docbook-style-xsl, which is Norman Walsh's XSL stylesheets for DocBook.

Other packages you may need on Fedora include docbook-dtds, docbook-style-xsl, docbook-utils and docbook-utils-pdf.