

xtpxlib-xdoc

An xtpxlib component for generating documentation

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0 Documentation generation with xtpplib-xdoc



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xtpplib-xdoc is part of the **xtpplib** library. **xtpplib** contains software for processing XML, using languages like XSLT and XProc. It consists of several separate components, all named **xtpplib-***. Everything can be found on GitHub (<https://github.com/xatapult>).

The **xtpplib-xdoc** component contains an XProc (1.0) based DocBook publication toolchain.

- Starting point is some narrative written in DocBook, with the following extensions:
 - Parameter references that are expanded (for dates, times, phrases, names, etc.)
 - Special elements that trigger conversions. These conversions can insert generated DocBook into the source. For instance complex tables, documentation, etc.
- The resulting "pure" DocBook can be used for further processing.
- The component contains specific pipelines for converting the DocBook to PDF and XHTML

Installation and usage information can be found on **xtpplib**'s main website <https://www.xtpplib.org>.

Technical information:

Component documentation: <https://xdoc.xtpplib.org>

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Git URI: [git@github.com:xatapult/xtpplib-xdoc.git](https://github.com:xatapult/xtpplib-xdoc.git)

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This component depends on:

- [xtpplib-container](#) (Support for XML containers (multiple files wrapped into one))
- [xtpplib-common](#) (Common component: Shared libraries and IDE support)

Release information:

v1.1.2 - 2020-11-30 (current)

Various small changes and fixes

v1.1.1 - 2020-10-15

Added `id-suffix` option to generating code documentation.

When XProc options are declared twice (using `@use-when`), only the first is used.

v1.1 - 2020-05-01

Updated the DocBook to PDF conversion (added footnotes, callouts, nested tables, etc.).

v1.0.A - 2020-02-16

New logo and minor fixes.

v1.0 - 2019-12-18

Initial release

(Abbreviated. Full release information in `README.md`.)

*** Unhandled element encountered: `<xi:include href="xtpplib-xdoc-chapter-description.xml">`
 (phase: structure)]

*** Unhandled element encountered: `<xi:include href="xtpplib-xdoc-chapter-instructions.xml">`
 (phase: structure)]

*** Unhandled element encountered: `<xi:include href="xtpplib-xdoc-chapter-transforms.xml">`
 (phase: structure)]

1 XProc Pipelines

The xtpxlib-xdoc component contains the following XProc (1.0) pipelines:

Module/Pipeline	Description
docbook-to-pdf.xpl	This turns Docbook (5.1) into a PDF using FOP.
docbook-to-xhtml.xpl	This turns Docbook (5.1) into XHTML.
xdoc-to-docbook.xpl	Pipeline that transforms a DocBook source containing xdoc extensions into "pure" DocBook format.
xdoc-to-pdf.xpl	Convenience pipeline: Combines the xdoc-to-docbook and the docbook-to-pdf steps in one.
xdoc-to-xhtml.xpl	Convenience pipeline: Combines the xdoc-to-docbook and the docbook-to-xhtml steps in one.

Table 1-1 - Module overview

1.1 XProc (1.0) pipeline: docbook-to-pdf.xpl

File: `xpl/docbook-to-pdf.xpl`

Type: `xdoc:docbook-to-pdf`

This turns Docbook (5.1) into a PDF using FOP.

All necessary xdoc pre-processing (usually with [xdoc-to-docbook.xpl](#)) must have been done.

It will only convert a ***** Referenced linkend id "xdoc-docbook-dialect" not found (phase: inline)**.

If you don't use [xdoc-to-docbook.xpl](#), you have to make sure to get correct `xml:base` attributes in, so the pipeline can find includes and images. The following XProc (1.0) code takes care of that:

```
<p:xinclude>
  <p:with-option name="fixup-xml-base" select="true()" />
</p:xinclude>
<p:add-attribute attribute-name="xml:base" match="/*">
  <p:with-option name="attribute-value" select="/reference/to/source/document.xml"/>
</p:add-attribute>
```

Port	Type	Primary?	Description
source	in	yes	The docbook source document, fully expanded (with appropriate <code>xml:base</code> attributes)
result	out	yes	The resulting XSL-FO (that was transformed into the PDF).

Option	Rq?	Default	Description
chapter-id		' '	Specific chapter identifier to output.
create-pdf		true()	Whether to actually create the PDF. If false, it will only output the XSL-FO
fop-config		resolve-uri('../..//xtpxlib-common/data/fop-default-config.xml', static-base-uri())	Reference to the FOP configuration file
global-resources-directory		()	Images that are tagged as <code>role="global"</code> are searched here (discarding any directory information in the image's URI)
href-pdf	yes		The name of the resulting PDF file (must have <code>file://</code> in front).
href-xsl-fo		()	If set, writes the intermediate XSL-FO to this href (so you can inspect it when things go wrong in FOP)
main-font-size		10	Main font size as an integer. Usual values somewhere between 8 and 10.
output-type		'a4'	Output type. Use either <code>a4</code> or <code>sb</code> (= standard book size)
preliminary-version		false()	If true, adds a preliminary version marker and output any <code>db:remark</code> elements. If false, output of <code>db:remark</code> elements will be suppressed.

1.2 XProc (1.0) pipeline: docbook-to-xhtml.xpl

File: `xpl/docbook-to-xhtml.xpl`

Type: `xdoc:docbook-to-xhtml`

This turns Docbook (5.1) into XHTML.

All necessary `xdoc` pre-processing (usually with `xdoc-to-docbook.xpl`) must have been done.

It will only convert a ***** Referenced linkend id "xdoc-docbook-dialect" not found (phase: inline)**.

The resulting XHTML will not be directly useable, post-processing the result into a complete and correct HTML page is necessary. The result of this pipeline consists of nested `div` elements. There is no surrounding `html` or `body` element.

Port	Type	Primary?	Description
source	in	yes	The docbook source document.
result	out	yes	The resulting XHTML

1.3 XProc (1.0) pipeline: xdoc-to-docbook.xpl

File: `xpl/xdoc-to-docbook.xpl`

Type: `xdoc:xdoc-to-docbook`

Pipeline that transforms a DocBook source containing `xdoc` extensions into "pure" DocBook format.

Port	Type	Primary?	Description
source	in	yes	The DocBook source with <code>xdoc</code> extensions
result	out	yes	The resulting DocBook

Option	Rq?	Default	Description
<code>alttarget</code>		<code>()</code>	The target for applying alternate settings.
<code>href-parameters</code>		<code>()</code>	Optional reference to a document with parameter settings. See here for details.
<code>parameter-filters</code>		<code>()</code>	Optional filter settings for processing the parameters. Format: <code>name=value name=value ...</code>

1.4 XProc (1.0) pipeline: xdoc-to-pdf.xpl

File: `xpl/xdoc-to-pdf.xpl`

Type: `xdoc:xdoc-to-pdf`

Convenience pipeline: Combines the `xdoc-to-docbook` and the `docbook-to-pdf` steps in one.

Port	Type	Primary?	Description
source	in	yes	The DocBook source with <code>xdoc</code> extensions
result	out	yes	Some XML report about the conversion

Option	Rq?	Default	Description
<code>alttarget</code>		<code>()</code>	The target for applying alternate settings.
<code>chapter-id</code>		<code>' '</code>	Specific chapter identifier to output.
<code>fop-config</code>		<code>resolve-uri('../..//xtpxlib-common/data/fop-default-config.xml', static-base-uri())</code>	Reference to the FOP configuration file
<code>global-resources-directory</code>		<code>()</code>	Images that are tagged as <code>role="global"</code> are searched here (discarding any directory information in the image's URI)
<code>href-docbook</code>		<code>()</code>	If set, writes the intermediate full DocBook to this href (so you can inspect it when things go wrong)
<code>href-parameters</code>		<code>()</code>	Optional reference to a document with parameter settings. See here for details.
<code>href-pdf</code>	yes		The name of the resulting PDF file

Option	Rq?	Default	Description
href-xsl-fo		()	If set, writes the intermediate XSL-FO to this href (so you can inspect it when things go wrong in FOP)
main-font-size		10	Main font size as an integer. Usual values somewhere between 8 and 10.
output-type		'a4'	Output type. Use either a4 or sb (= standard book size)
parameter-filters		()	Optional filter settings for processing the parameters. Format: name=value name=value ...
preliminary-version		false()	If true, adds a preliminary version marker and output any db:remark elements. If false, output of db:remark elements will be suppressed.

1.5 XProc (1.0) pipeline: xdoc-to-xhtml.xpl

File: xpl/xdoc-to-xhtml.xpl

Type: xdoc:xdoc-to-xhtml

Convenience pipeline: Combines the [xdoc-to-docbook](#) and the [docbook-to-xhtml](#) steps in one.

Port	Type	Primary?	Description
source	in	yes	The DocBook source with xdoc extensions
result	out	yes	The resulting XHTML

Option	Rq?	Default	Description
alttarget		()	The target for applying alternate settings.
href-parameters		()	Optional reference to a document with parameter settings. See here for details.
parameter-filters		()	Optional filter settings for processing the parameters. Format: name=value name=value ...

2 XProc Libraries

The xtpxlib-xdoc component contains the following XProc (1.0) library module:

Module/Pipeline	Description
xtpxlib-xdoc.mod.xpl	Library with support pipelines for xdoc and related conversions.

Table 2-1 - Module overview

2.1 XProc (1.0) library: xtpxlib-xdoc.mod.xpl

File: `xplmod/xtpxlib-xdoc.mod/xtpxlib-xdoc.mod.xpl`

Library with support pipelines for xdoc and related conversions.

Prefix	Namespace URI
xdoc	<code>http://www.xtpxlib.nl/ns/xdoc</code>

2.1.1 Step: xdoc:markdown-to-docbook

Converts the contents of `xdoc:MARKDOWN` elements into DocBook.

This pipeline checks the incoming XML for `xdoc:MARKDOWN` elements. The contents of these elements is assumed to contain Markdown. The pipeline tries to convert this into DocBook. The `xdoc:MARKDOWN` element is removed/unwrapped.

The following rules apply:

- The contents of an `xdoc:MARKDOWN` element is stringified (so any child elements are lost).
- The resulting text can be indented, using space characters only (no tabs!). The non-empty line with the *minimum* indent is assumed to be its left margin.
- Only simple Markdown is supported. Specifically:
 - Inline markup for emphasis, bold, code, etc.
 - Links. A link target starting with a % is handled as an *internal* link (the `@xml:id` of something in the encompassing DocBook).
 - Code blocks (using three consecutive back-ticks)
 - Headers (these are all converted into the same DocBook bridgehead elements)
- Specifically not supported (yet?) are tables.

If you add an `header-only="true"` attribute to the `xdoc:MARKDOWN` element, only the first paragraph will be output.

Port	Type	Primary?	Description
source	in	yes	Any XML that might contain <code>xdoc:MARKDOWN</code> elements for conversion.
result	out	yes	The same XML but with the <code>xdoc:MARKDOWN</code> element's contents converted into DocBook.

***** Unhandled element encountered: <xi:include href="xtpxlib-chapter-docbook-dialect.xml"> (phase: structure)**