

ADOBE® FRAMEMAKER® 8

AUTHOR AND PUBLISH TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION



Adobe FrameMaker 8 software is a flexible, user-friendly, enterprise-class authoring and publishing solution for technical communicators. It combines word processing and XML-based structured authoring with template-based publishing and powerful single-sourcing support to help you create polished technical documentation and books in multiple languages.

Work in a flexible authoring environment

Adobe FrameMaker 8 contains a full set of integrated WYSIWYG authoring tools that enable you to create, edit, and publish technical documentation. Work in a familiar, style-tagging word processing mode or in a fully structured authoring environment optimized for producing valid XML and SGML. Speed up routine tasks with powerful book authoring and layout features, such as automatic numbering, cross-references, rich formatting, and more. Import content from many other formats, including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, QuarkXPress, and Adobe PageMaker® software. Effortlessly single-source variations of the same document for different channels and purposes based on conditional tags or attribute values. Easily convert existing documents to structured content and XML with conversion tables. Define content structure and metadata using a Document Type Definition (DTD) or XML Schema. Get started quickly by using templates, and work with industry standards such as DITA and DocBook.

Publish in multiple languages

Adobe FrameMaker 8 supports Unicode text encoding that enables you to author and publish technical documentation in more languages than ever before. Standardize and automate your formatting with templates. Use a context-sensitive styling language when working in structured mode with XML or SGML. Generate high-quality print and PDF documents, as well as valid XML output.

Automate your publishing workflows

Extend the publishing power of FrameMaker 8 to server-based applications with Adobe FrameMaker Server 8. Use FrameMaker Server 8 and the free Adobe FrameMaker Developer's Kit (FDK) to build a scalable, data-driven document generation solution for efficient multichannel publishing. Use the FDK and the software's built-in import filters and XML support to automate information assembly from relational databases, XML repositories, content management systems, and other data sources, to generate catalogs, directories, digital publications, and more. Call on expert third-party support and consulting services to help you build the technical authoring and publishing solution that suits your needs.

System requirements

Windows®

- Intel® Pentium® III or 4 processor
- Microsoft® Windows Vista™, Windows XP, or Windows 2000
- 512MB of RAM
- 600MB of available hard-disk space
- CD-ROM drive
- Video card capable of displaying 256 colors recommended
- Adobe PostScript®, PCL, or GDI printer (Adobe PostScript printer recommended)

Solaris™ UNIX®

- Sun™ SPARCstation®
- Solaris 8, 9, or 10
- 512MB of RAM
- 256–512MB of swap space
- 1–1.2GB of available hard-disk space
- X Window System™ X11R6
- CD-ROM drive

Features

Unicode support

Edit and create content in multiple languages. Author content for global audiences with dictionary and hyphenation support.

Enhanced conditional output

Simplify your single-sourcing workflow—build complex Boolean expressions for defining output filters in structured and unstructured mode; easily distinguish multi-conditional text through color coding.

Filter by Attribute

Use attribute values to control conditional output in structured mode.

Rich media support

Create more engaging online documentation by incorporating 3D models, animations created with Adobe Flash® software, and simulations created with Adobe Captivate® software; generate Adobe PDF files with live 3D models and content viewable with Adobe Flash Player (Windows® only).

Microsoft Office 2007 support

Import content created in Word 2007 and Excel 2007 (Windows only).

DITA support

Use a prebuilt DITA application to author, publish, and exchange topic-oriented information in XML and create DITA maps.

Improved XML roundtripping

Preserve comments, system variables, conditional text, and processing instructions (PIs) when importing and exporting structured XML content.

Track text edits

Easily track text edits and undo multiple changes with a single click.

Powerful XML and XSLT support

Use XML Schema as an alternative to DTDs for defining the structure of your content; and incorporate XSLT scripts into your editing workflow.

Conversion tables

Migrate existing content to XML and structured content with minimal manual touch-up.

For more information

For more information about FrameMaker 8, visit www.adobe.com/frameMaker.



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