

Upgrading to Author-it 5



Today's Agenda

- ▶ Overview of new features in Author-it 5
- ▶ New optional modules and changes to existing modules
- ▶ The upgrade process
- ▶ Opportunities for saving



What's New in Author-it 5?



General Information



- ▶ Author-it 5 was recoded on .NET application platform.
- ▶ All releases since the initial 5.0 release (fall 2007) include performance improvements and bug fixes.
- ▶ The latest release is the best!
- ▶ Continuous development process rolls out new features in planned quarterly releases.
- ▶ More information about new features is available in a recorded webinar on **SDI's Author-it web pages** (<http://www.sdicorp.com/authorit>).
- ▶ See release notes on the **Author-it Knowledge Center** (<http://www.author-it.com/kc/index.mv>) for more details.
- ▶ Author-it 5.2 will provide support for structured authoring.

New Features - 5.0.8.317 & 5.0.10.510



Author-it 5.0.8.317 (24-Sep-2007)

- ▶ New graphical user interface
- ▶ Publishing profiles
- ▶ Active Directory integration
- ▶ New licensing model
- ▶ Author-it Xtend (optional module)
- ▶ Integrated Project Manager (optional module)

Author-it 5.0.10.510 (12-Dec-2007)

- ▶ Integration with acrocheck™

New Features - 5.0.11.625 & 5.0.12.670



Author-it 5.0.11.625 (13-Feb-2008)

- ▶ Improved table layout controls
- ▶ Quick Tables
- ▶ Recently Used Styles listing
- ▶ Support for Word 2007 .dotm (macro-enabled template) files

Author-it 5.0.12.670 (14-Apr-2008)

- ▶ UTF-8 used in dhtml_search.js and dhtml_search.htm files
- ▶ Publishing Profiles: Can use the Theme tab to substitute any object type that can be placed into the Book Contents (e.g., Title Page, TOC, Index) as well as Styles and Media objects.

New Features - 5.1.15.759

Author-it 5.1.15.759 (23-Jul-2008)



- ▶ Object variants
- ▶ Quick Search
- ▶ Drag and drop to create file objects
- ▶ Preview pane location setting
- ▶ Quick Access toolbar
- ▶ Topic content reference tags
- ▶ Publishing profile can create additional book XML output
- ▶ Publishing profile can run specific Word macros

Other Changes



(Some) Changes Not Mentioned in Release Notes



- ▶ Main window remembers previous folder location.
- ▶ Find function only finds terms in headings and text *within* topics (not object properties)
- ▶ Publishing log shows cross references that do not map to topics included in the book.
- ▶ Importing an XML file that includes variables into a different library now prompts for creation of variables if they do not exist.
- ▶ Double click on a command ribbon tab to hide or display the ribbon.



Changes in Library Defaults (V4 to 5)

- ▶ New libraries in Author-it 5 have HTML Presentations enabled; libraries created in Author-it V4 may need setup for this capability.
- ▶ Libraries created in Author-it V4 have different folder and object template names from libraries created in Author-it 5:
 - Restricted folder (V4) > Standards folder (5)
 - Shared folder (V4) > Common Content folder (5)
 - Normal Template (V4) > Book Template, Topic Template, ... (5)
- ▶ Object property tab names are automatically changed when you upgrade a library to Author-it 5:
 - Document (V4) > Print (5)
 - Windows Help (V4) > Help (5)
 - HTML (V4) > Web (5).
- ▶ DITA capability must be set up in both Author-it V4 and Author-it 5.

New Licensing Model



Licensing Changes

- ▶ Base User Licenses provide core functions.
- ▶ All Base User Licenses are floating licenses.
- ▶ Extended licenses for specific users:
 - Project Manager users
 - Offline Authoring users
 - MIF Import
 - Localization Manager users
- ▶ All license information is stored in the library (entered through Administrator)
- ▶ Enterprise Edition licenses are upgraded to a SQL Server Connector plus same number of Base User Licenses.

Server Capability Licenses

- ▶ SQL Database Connector
- ▶ Localization Manager locales
- ▶ Author-it Xtend (memory indexing server)
- ▶ Author-it Live (web editor)
- ▶ Publishing Server
- ▶ Integration Server (free)
- ▶ Website Manager



Author-it Xtend (5.0.8.317)

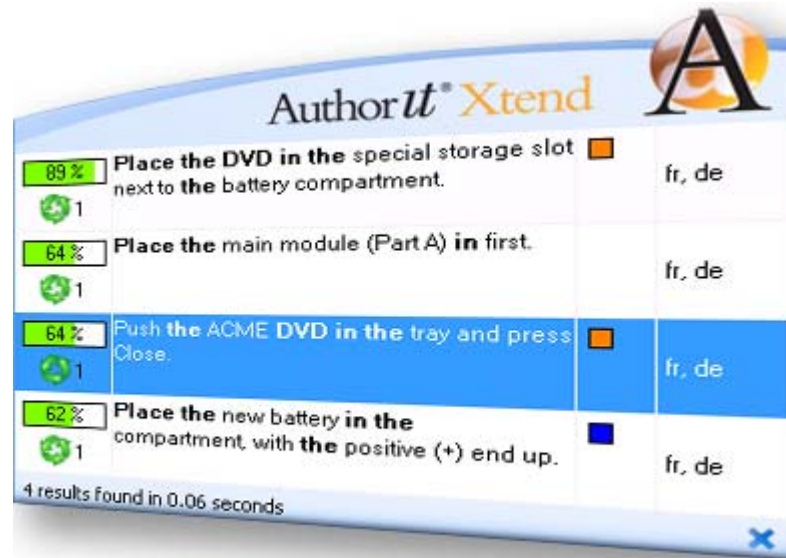


Automating Reuse



- ▶ Author-it Xtend provides advanced capabilities for reuse of content.
- ▶ It requires a SQL Server database and an Author-it Xtend server license.
- ▶ Suggestive reuse popup displays possible existing content that matches the words you type.
- ▶ Color highlighting displays identical or similar paragraphs in existing topics.
- ▶ Displays are configurable for each user.

Introducing Author-it Xtend



Benefits

- ▶ Find content easily by typing keywords in a new topic.
- ▶ View existing content in the context of a complete topic.
- ▶ Copy content at the paragraph level.
- ▶ Paragraphs in different topics can be edited independently, but identical paragraphs are only stored once.
- ▶ Choose to paste or embed a topic when appropriate.
- ▶ Reduce review time and localization costs by reusing existing content that has already been approved or translated.

Author-it Localization Manager (4.1.444)



Localization Manager Overview



- ▶ Licensed per user or locale in Author-it 5.
- ▶ Unicode support.
- ▶ Manages new and changed content for each language/locale.
- ▶ Ensures shared content is only translated once (for all documents and output formats).
- ▶ Content is packaged as XML that can be sent to translators and translated using translation memory applications.
- ▶ Translated content is published from Author-it (for all documents and output formats).

Author-it Live (4.5)



Web-Based Editing

- ▶ Access Author-it through a web browser (currently only Internet Explorer).
- ▶ No client software to install.
- ▶ Simplifies administration of software, users, and library.
- ▶ Supports contractors, remote writers, and traveling staff.
- ▶ Does not include import and design capabilities.
- ▶ Publishing Server provides publishing capability for the web editor.



Integration Server (4.5)



- ▶ Integration Server provides a Web Services API that enables programmatic access to Author-it libraries.
- ▶ Enables programmed interaction with other Enterprise applications.
- ▶ Reference information is available on the **Author-it Knowledge Center** (<http://www.author-it.com/kc/index.mv>).
- ▶ Available free on request.

The Upgrade Process



Steps for Upgrading



- 1 Consider adding licenses or extending maintenance *before* upgrading. Author-it®
- 2 Back up all of your libraries, graphics, templates, V4 setup files, and any other supporting files.
- 3 Install .NET 2.0 and Author-it 5.
- 4 Perform acceptance testing using evaluation licenses and a copy of your production library.
- 5 After successful acceptance testing, get upgraded licenses and upgrade your production library.

Acceptance Testing



- 1 Ensure all users are logged out of your library.
- 2 Backup existing V4 libraries and supporting files.
- 3 Install .NET 2.0.
- 4 Install Author-it 5. (Leave your existing V4 implementation in place).
- 5 Copy 5.0 Data folder to shared location.
- 6 Copy test libraries from V4 to Author-it 5 folders. (Or use SQL backup file and install to new SQL Server database.)
- 7 Upgrade test libraries by opening in Author-it 5 Administrator.

Acceptance Testing 2



- 1 Assign Author-it 5 license file and license key to library (Administrator)
- 2 Move Publishing Profiles folder to Standards (Restricted) folder and assign permissions.
- 3 Check folder locations.
- 4 For Xtend:
 - Need SQL backend.
 - Install Author-it Services Manager on server.
 - Add SQL library to Services Manager.
 - Index library (start in Services Manager & view status in Administrator).
- 5 Complete acceptance script and return to your Account Manager when done. We recommend supplementing the acceptance script with more extensive testing of key features!
- 6 For problems, log a support call.

How Do I Get Author-it 5?



- ▶ Clients with an existing maintenance plan receive a free upgrade to Author-it 5.
- ▶ After the webinar, you will receive:
 - *Upgrading to Author-it 5* documentation
 - Acceptance script (we recommend you add your own frequently used tasks)
 - Evaluation licenses
 - Print version of these slides
- ▶ Once you have completed the testing process, contact your Author-it Account Manager to receive your upgraded licenses.

How We Can Help



Author-it®

- ▶ Author-it is offering a number of specific services to help with your upgrade to Author-it 5:
 - Training on new features
 - Upgrade support, both onsite and web based
 - Implementation reviews
- ▶ To get a customized upgrade assistance plan, please contact your Author-it Account Manager

Opportunities for Savings



Special Offers

- ▶ Add V4 licenses at V4 pricing *before you upgrade*.
- ▶ Existing clients can purchase up to 3 years of support at their current 4.5 pricing:
 - 17% per year for 3 years; 18% per year for 2 years; 19% for 1 year
 - Maintenance is based on your total license value, which is likely to be less expensive for V4 than Author-it 5.



Additional Resources

- ▶ Other free webinars and training opportunities are described on **SDI's Website** (<http://www.sdicorp.com>, <http://www.sdicorp.com/authorit/>).



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