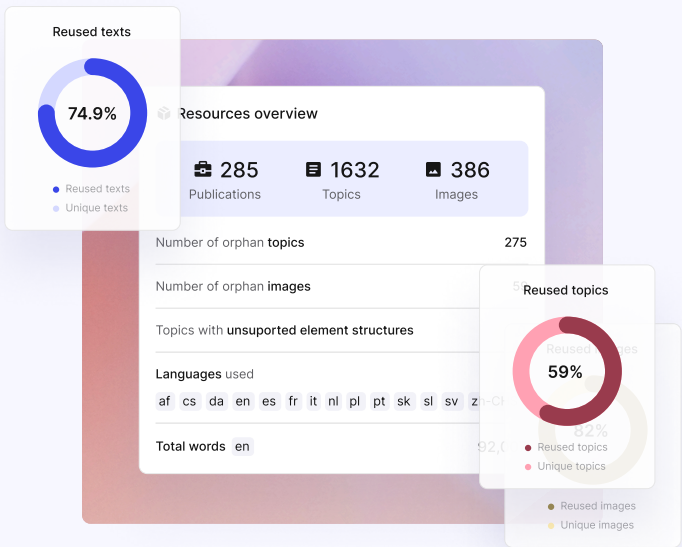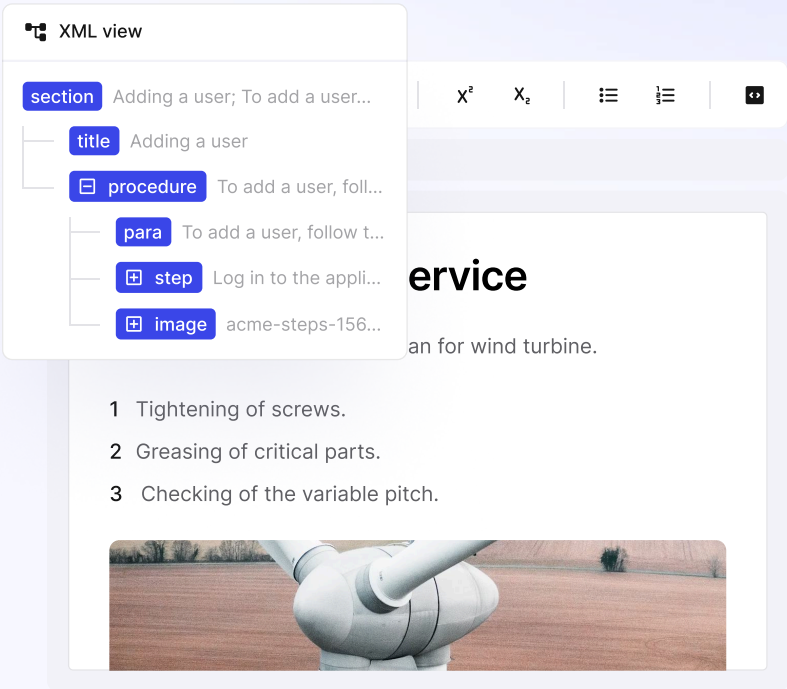# How Paligo uses DocBook

This document covers importing legacy content into Paligo, content migration out of Paligo, and how Paligo uses the DocBook content model to achieve its structured authoring architecture.

Changes to the standard content model

Paligo uses the official OASIS DocBook 5.0 schema with minor additions. No elements have been added to, or removed from, the standard DocBook content model. The only changes made are the addition of several name-spaced attributes that are primarily used for profiling and reuse use cases beyond what the standard DocBook content model supports.
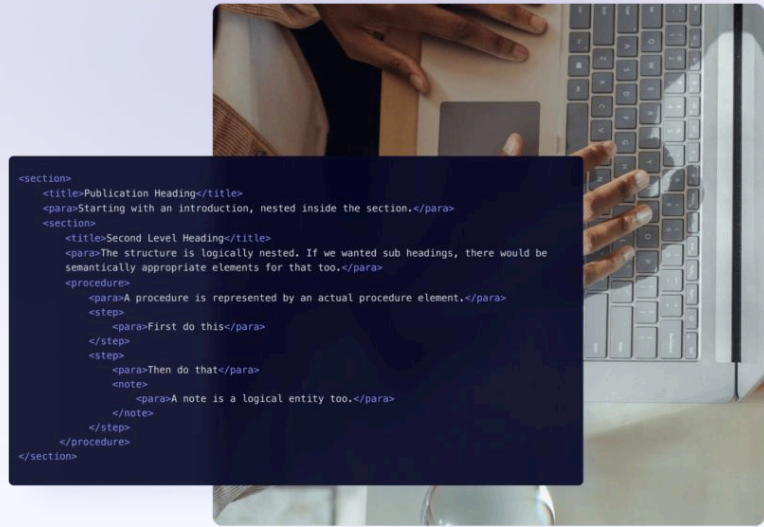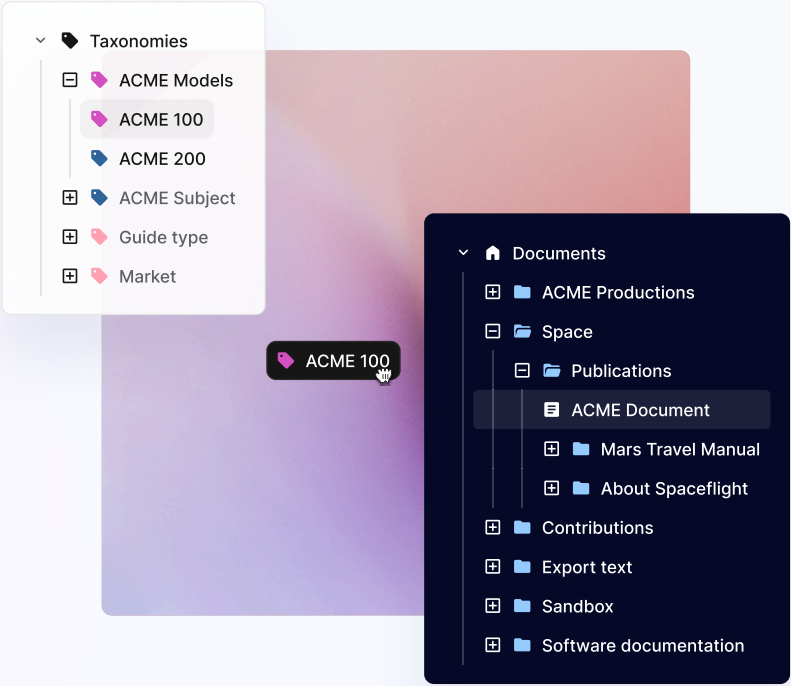

Paligo usage of select elements

Paligo uses some DocBook elements to map to topic-based authoring concepts, giving them different names in the application. However, this usage does not affect anything in terms of content model, validation, and publishing. These usages are listed here.

Paligo publications

Paligo uses the <article> element to represent a publication. Various elements within the <article> content model are used to represent the cover pages and other relevant front and back matter content. Most of this usage is within the intended use of <article> elements.
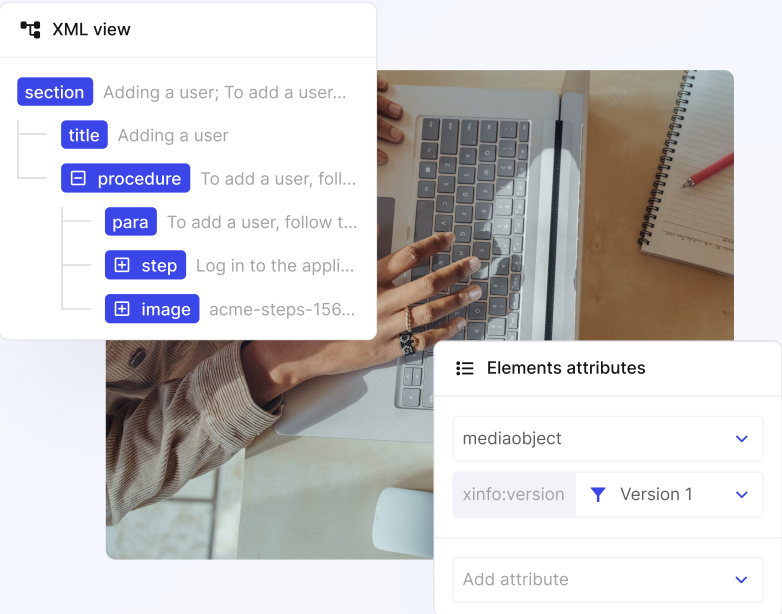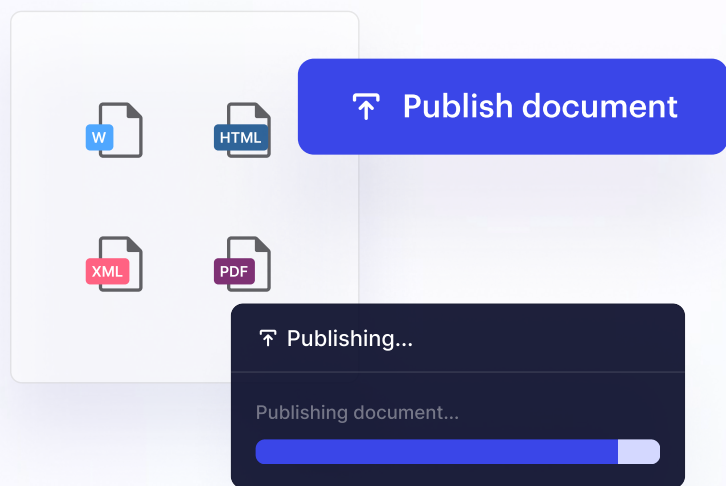
Paligo topics

Paligo uses the <section> element to represent a topic. Child sections within the topic also use the <section> element. The DocBook content model allows <section> elements to be nested in other <section> elements, making them ideal elements to represent topics in a topic-based authoring model.

Paligo reusable components

Paligo uses the <sidebar> element to represent an informal topic, a convenient container element for miscellaneous groups of reusable XML elements.
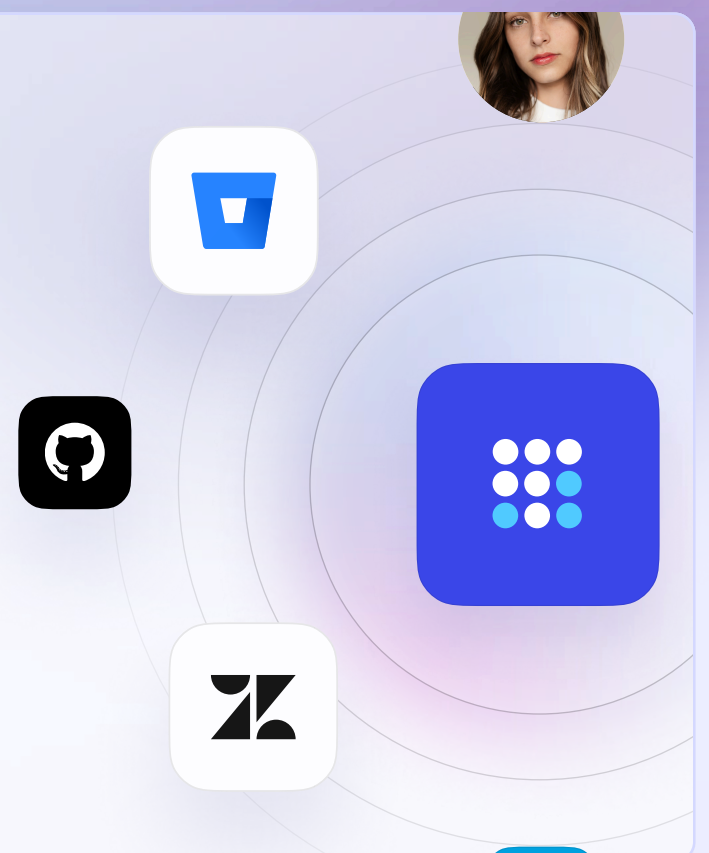
Migration to Paligo

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Paligo provides import functionality to import from many common file formats, both unstructured and structured, into Paligo. Any unsupported format can be converted to Microsoft Word, HTML, or DocBook XML for import into Paligo. Depending on the nature of the source content, some pre-migration rework, post-migration cleanup, or both may be required.

Migration from Paligo

Migrating out of Paligo is relatively straightforward. The Paligo content can be exported to the Paligo Export File, an XML schema that extends the DocBook content model to capture the additional data stored in the Paligo database. Alternatively, Paligo content can be published to DocBook XML or any other supported output format for ingestion into another tool. Paligo customers are not locked into Paligo, thanks to the open DocBook content model.

I love that it is based on DocBook (portable). I love that it is cost effective and easy to sell to my purchasing department.

Rochelle Fisher – Knowledge and Training Manager, SentinelOne

Find out more at paligo.net