

Society News

Meetings at a glance

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January meeting

At the first STC meeting of 2003, held January 21, Larry Adams of Adams Training and Consulting offered tips and tricks for FrameMaker version 7.0. Afterwards, Rahel Anne Bailie of Intentional Design Inc. walked us through a case study of multi-channel publishing using FrameMaker.

Larry began by citing the benefits found in FrameMaker 7.0—cross-platform file sharing, word processing features, graphics (creating/importing), enhanced table features, flexible page layout and document design, hypertext-linked index and table of contents, cross-referencing features, and output to a variety of platforms and viewing devices such as print, pdf, and XML—using WebWorks Publisher or other methods.

As well, Larry noted that FrameMaker 7.0 now offers the ability to:

- Work in “structured” or “unstructured” modes.
- Compose, import, edit, validate, and export XML/DTDs.
- Use vector graphics.

Membership directory

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- Publish to the Web with WebWorks Publisher.
- Create up to 12 headers and footers.
- Use new book templates.
- Import formats with the “select all”/“deselect all” button.

FrameMaker is renowned for its ability to work with large file sizes, and its stability—no crashing! Larry briefly reviewed the Catalogue feature, which is similar to a style sheet. Each file has a catalogue which you can import into other files. As well, he reviewed the numbering feature using the Paragraph Designer where you can increment chapter numbers and also have separate numbering for tables. Larry then showed us the advantages of using the running headers and footers, as well as the cross-referencing tool.

Rahel then stepped in and offered an explanation of exactly what “structuring” means when using FrameMaker. She showed us how to view the structure of your document, and how to export your file to other file extensions, such as HTML or XML. Many questions ensued from the attendees—some quite technical in nature.

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