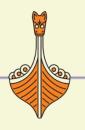






Documenting Dyalog APL

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Agenda

- My background
- Proposed changes:
 - to documentation set
 - to deliverable formats
 - to documentation webpage
- Balloon debate





About Me

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Education:

- Engineer (Pascal)
- Metallurgist (Fortran 77)

12 ½ years experience as TA in telecommunications industry



Documentation Set (1 of 3) Changes to Existing Documents for 14.0

- Split each into two documents:
 - Installation and User Guide
 - Programmer Guide and Language Reference
 - UNIX Installation and User Guide
- Completely rewrite:
 - SALT
 - User Commands





Documentation Set (2 of 3)

Planned New Documents for 14.0

- DFS Guides (User and Admin)
- RConnect Interface Guide
- RIDE Guide
- MiServer Guide
- Starter Guide
- Cheat Sheets/Reference Cards
- Raspberry Pi User Guide done @ 13.2



Documentation Set (3 of 3)

Long-term Intentions

- New templates
 - Cohesive set of documents
- Comprehensive coverage
- Terminology standardisation
- More beginner-level documents
- Greater range of formats



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Deliverable Formats

- At 13.2:
 - .pdf, .chm and printed
- Planned for 14.0:
 - .pdf, .chm and .zip (incl. white-on-black)
- Longer term plans:
 - ? (eBook/ePUB, Wiki pages, YouTube)



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Documentation Centre

http://docs.dyalog.com/13.2/

New company website imminent ⇒ opportunity to redesign Documentation Centre page (see doc_centre_WORK_IN_PROGRESS.html)

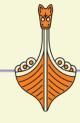


Balloon Debate (1 of 2)

Should documents be:

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- Platform-specific or multi-platform?
- Release-specific or include legacy?
- Large and all-encompassing or small and targeted?
- Edition-specific or separate Unicode and Classic?



Balloon Debate (2 of 2)

What is preferred for:

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- Colour schemes?
- Deliverable formats?
- Font size (.pdf)?

Additional documents?



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