DocXpress Quick Guide

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DocXpress Markup

Markup within the template document is identified by color-coded¹² Microsoft Word[®] content controls (henceforth referred to informally as "lozenges"):



¹ The colors of markup elements can be changed using the ^{Color} button in the Options group.

² A content control lozenge generally has a solid background when it occurs within a paragraph, and a white background when it spans one or more paragraphs.

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1 Questionnaire

The questionnaire group supports the launching of an in-situ questionnaire and the generation of instance documents³ based upon the template wording and the answers given.

Launch	Launch an in-situ questionnaire
Layout	Choose the layout of the questionnaire
Default Locale	Choose the default locale of the questionnaire
Using Locales	Choose any other locales referenced in the template

1.1 Launch

Launch a questionnaire in the chosen layout and with the chosen default locale and any other using locales.

1.2 Layout

Choose the layout in which the questionnaire is launched.

The built-in layouts are:

- Standard The layout is divided into 3 columns containing the sections, the questions for the current section, and the document wording
- Tablet The layout is divided into 2 columns containing the sections with in-situ questions for the current section, and the document wording
- Mobile The layout is a single column containing the sections with in-situ questions for the current section

The layout can be overridden (baked into the template itself) by adding a Dictionary > Add > Configuration > Layout table to the dictionary.

³ The file type of the generated documents is determined by the chosen file type in the Options group.

1.3 Default Locale

Choose the default locale for the questionnaire.

The built-in locales are:

- English (United States)
- English (United Kingdom)
- German (Germany)
- Spanish (Spain)
- French (France)

The default locale can be overridden (baked into the template itself) by adding a Dictionary > Add > Configuration > Locale table to the dictionary.

1.4 Using Locales

Choose one or more other locales that are referenced in the template.

2 Markup

The markup group supports the creation and management of markup within the template wording.

Edit	Edit the selected markup
Insert	Insert a new markup
Delete	Delete the selected markup
Go To	Go to some markup chosen by its type and label
Walk To	Go to some markup relative to the current selection
Go Back	Go back to the previous selection

2.1 Edit⁴

The editor pops up for the selected markup.

Agreement date (e.g.	29th of February, 2024	
Choose and insert an ope	erator	
Choose and	insert a function	
	Choose and insert a custom function	
	Choose and insert the name of a variable	
	Choose and insert the name of a computation	
	Choose and insert the name of a literal value	
	Choose and insert the name of a format	
📑 Markup Editor		×
Operator Function Cu	ustom Function Variable Computation Literal Format	
Markup Value		-
Markup value.	Format(AgreementDate, "Long Date")	The expression that is evaluated
Markup Label:	Agreement date	The label which appears on the lozenge
Example Value:	e.g. 29th of February, 2024	Example text within the lozenge
	OK Cancel	

2.2 Insert

Insert a new markup at the current selection point⁵.

Value, Punctuation Mark, Clause Label, Clause Reference, Risk Figure and Risk Factor markups occupy a singleton point in the template document.

Conditional, Repeat By, Punctuation, and Attach markups occupy a range in the template document.

2.3 Delete

Remove a Conditional, Repeat By, Punctuation, or Attach markup without destroying its content.

2.4 Go To

Select a markup by its type (Value, Repeat By, etc.) and its label (e.g. Agreement date, For each other party, etc.).

Alternatively, select a markup that contains a named variable, computation, or literal value.

Note that if there are multiple occurrences in the template document then the next occurrence is selected.

2.5 Walk To

Select a markup relative (parent, first child, next sibling, etc.) to the current selection.

2.6 Go Back

Go back to the previously selected markup.

 $^{^{4}}$ The ${\tt Edit}$ button can also be used to change the name of a searchable table.

⁵ Subject to Microsoft Word rules on the positioning of Content Controls.

3 Dictionary

The dictionary group supports the creation and management of the dictionary.

Add	Add a new table to the dictionary
Insert	Insert a textual value into a table cell
Go To	Go to the definition of a dictionary component
Go Back	Go back to the previous selection
Rename	Rename a dictionary component

Unlike most other authoring environments the dictionary (or its equivalent) is not hidden behind a user interface, but is a series of Microsoft Word tables. As such, the dictionary can be read, edited, and printed just like any other part of the document.

The components of the dictionary are identified by Microsoft Word content controls:

Questionnaire Form Questionnaire Form	The arrangement of (repetitious) sections and questions that form the questionnaire
(Notifications Notifications)	Notification messages that can be raised against the answers on the questionnaire
(Variables Variables	The variables whose values are collected on the questionnaire
(Computations Computations	Named computations over the variables
(Literals Literals	Named literal values
(Formats) Formats)	Named formats that can be applied to values
<pre>(Entities)</pre>	Complex entities that have numerous properties
Artefacts	Static entity instances that can be chosen
Searchable Tables	Searchable tables from which cell texts can be selected (SQL-like)



3.1 Add

If the dictionary content control (variables, computations, etc.) does not exist then a new content control is inserted at the end of the template document. Add a new table at the end of the dictionary content control.

3.2 Insert

Insert some textual value into a dictionary table.

In particular, Dictionary > Insert > By Context uses the selected table cell to make suggestions.

For example, a cell in the Input column of a Variables table will suggest the different types of input that can be used to collect a data value.

For example, a cell in the Mode column of a Variables table will suggest the different modes for that particular type of input.

3.3 Go To

Select a table row that defines a named dictionary component.

3.4 Go Back

Go back to the previously selected dictionary component.

4 Help

The help group on the ribbon contains buttons that assist the author.

Examples	Insert examples of tables that collectively define the dictionary
Columns	The meaning of each column in the dictionary tables
Types	The types of entries in the dictionary tables
Operators	The built-in operators
Functions	The built-in functions

4.1 Examples

Add, at the selection point, an Author Note content control containing an example dictionary table.

4.2 Columns

Popup the definition of a column in a dictionary table.

4.3 Types

Popup the definition of a DocXpress type that is used in the dictionary.

4.4 Operators

Popup the definition of a built-in operator.

4.5 Functions

Popup the definition of a built-in function.

5 Options

The options group on the ribbon contains buttons that configure the authoring environment.

Color	Change the color theme for the content control lozenges or names that occur in the dictionary
DOCX, DOC, PDF	The Microsoft Word format of the generated documents
Auto Save	Automatically save the template document, if necessary, prior to launching the questionnaire
Author Note	Add an author note column when adding new tables to the dictionary
Menu Size	Determines the maximum menu size for dictionary names before they are partitioned (A-Z)

5.1 Color

Change the color of the content control lozenges, or change the color of the names of dictionary components such as variables, computations, etc..

5.2 DOCX, DOC, PDF

DOCX	Instance documents are generated in DOCX format
DOC	Instance documents are generated in DOC format
PDF	Instance documents are generated in PDF format

5.3 Auto Save

Selected	The document is automatically saved, if necessary, prior to launching the questionnaire
Deselected	The author is prompted to save the document, if necessary, prior to launching the questionnaire

5.4 Author Note

Selected An author note column is included whenever a ne	ew table is added to the dictionary
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Deselected

5.5 Menu Size

This button determines the maximum number of names in a dropdown menu beyond which the names are partitioned by their initial letter (A-Z).

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		Entity		•	OtherPartyCount
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		Entity A	Artefact	•	OtherPartyName
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6 Foreign

The foreign group on the ribbon helps authors integrate foreign documents and data.

6.1 Contract Express

The steps taken to transform a Contract Express template into a DocXpress template are:

Detect	detect the presence of a hidden Contract Express dictionary
Find markup fields	find the locations of fields taking the form {expression}
Transform markup fields	transcribe the expressions and replace with DocXpress markup content controls
Find markup spans	find the locations of spans taking the form [^{expression}]
Transform markup spans	transcribe the expressions and replace with DocXpress markup content controls
Transform dictionary	transcribe the dictionary expressions and insert DocXpress dictionary content controls
Edit transcriptions	edit any expressions that were not successfully transcribed