EPUB 3 Solutions Landscape

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Agenda

- Authoring tools
- Content production tools
- Distribution services
- Open source developments

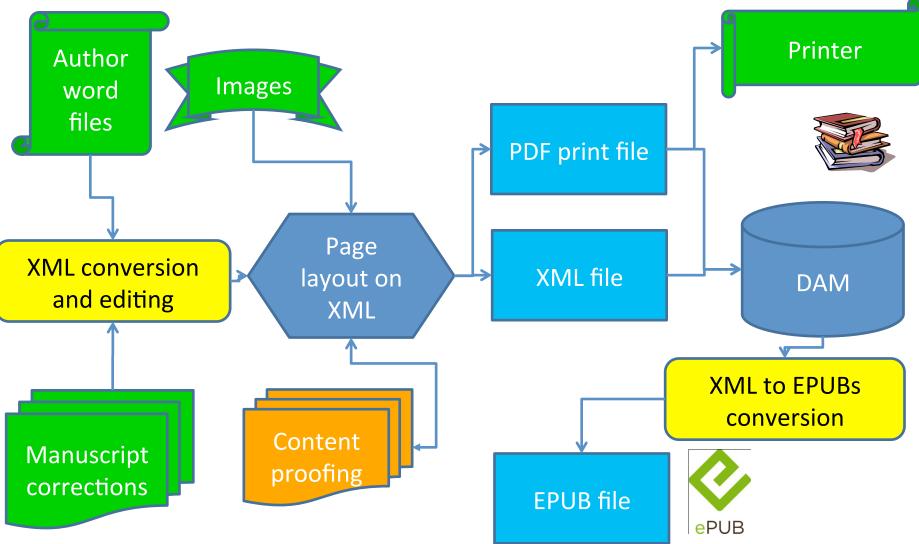
Strategic Questions

- How much to do yourself vs. outsource to a content conversion partner?
- What inputs do you have available (InDesign files, PDFs, XML database)
- Three possible workflows
 - Print, then digital ("PDF first")
 - Parallel development (ideally from shared asset DB e.g. "XML first")
 - Digital, then print ("HTML first")

Light Semantics Content driven

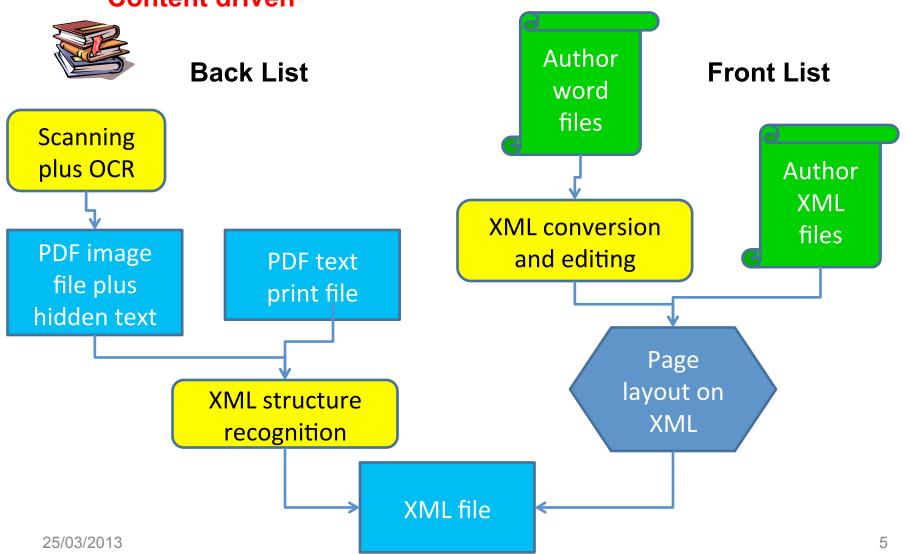
XML first in novels from books to ebooks

Hachette Livre start in 2001



XML process : Where do you do XML?

Light Semantics Content driven



Fixed Layout production

Layout driven

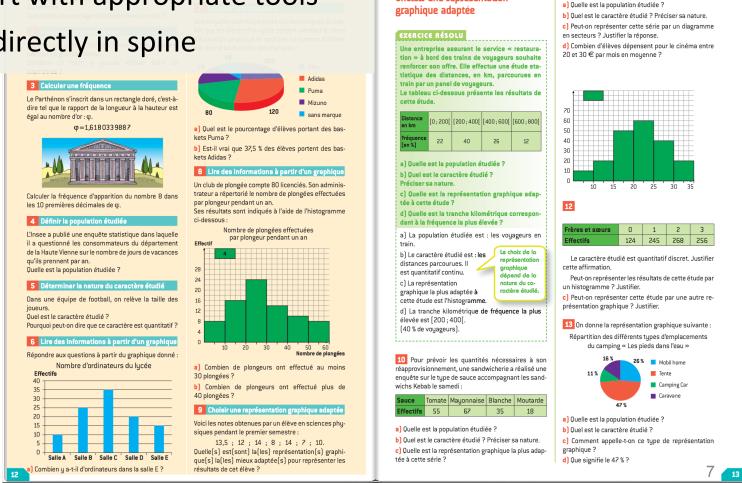


Fixed Layout production

Layout driven

PDF to Fixed Layout

- SVG export with appropriate tools
- Use SVG directly in spine



Connaître le vocabulaire de base -

Choisir une représentation

11 Une étude statistique est représentée par le gra-

phique ci-dessous.

Fixed Layout production

Layout driven

PDF to Fixed Layout Images

- High quality image export form PDF
- Embed images in HTML5 files



Unstructured PDF

- * PDF *does* encode precise, fixed-layout drawing instructions for glyphs, shapes and images, enabling a consistent appearance
- * PDF *does not* (usually) encode reading order, words, paragraphs, columns, lists, tables, stories, chapters, text roles, shape/image groupings, shape/image roles, etc.

Structure Reconstruction

| Analysis | Structure |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Border shapes | Tables, Callouts, Articles |
| Clusters of glyph positions | Words |
| Clusters of word positions | Alignment |
| Vertical white strips | Line breaks, Columns, Lists |
| Text line spacing & alignment | Paragraphs |
| Shape grouping | Diagram |

Authoring EPUB 3

- There is not and may never be a "one size fits all" EPUB authoring tool
- Authoring EPUB is creating a special kind of website
 - Infinite range of potential expression
 - Wide range of suitable approaches
 - Specialized tools may be best for piece parts (widgets, animations)
- EPUB reading system implementations have differing levels of feature support

Classifying EPUB 3 Authoring Tools

- EPUB native EPUB is output format
- WYSIWYG code-level batch (converter)
- Reflow fixed-layout
- WP-ish interactivity-centric
- CMS/cloud-based standalone
- Workflow-oriented = single-user
- (Available to all-comers vs. requires a business relationship)

Adobe InDesign CC

- EPUB is output format
- WYSIWYG only
- Reflow only (for EPUB app is oriented for complex page designs)
- WP-ish, standalone, single-user

Blue Griffon EPUB Edition

- EPUB native (arbitrary input, round-trip)
- WYSIWYG and code-level
- Reflow only
- WP-ish, standalone, single-user

Inkling Habitat

- EPUB is output format
- WYSIWYG
- Reflow
- WP-ish
- CMS/cloud-based, Workflow-oriented

AerBook

- EPUB is output format
- WYSIWYG
- Fixed-layout
- Interactivity-centric
- CMS/cloud-based, multi-user but not workflow-oriented

PressBook

- EPUB is output format
- WYSIWYG
- Reflow
- WP-ish (WordPress-based)
- CMS/cloud-based, multi-user but not workflow-oriented

AerBook vs. PressBook

- Commonalities
 - EPUB is output format
 - WYSIWYG
 - CMS/cloud-based, multi-user but not workflow-oriented
- Differences
 - Reflow (PressBook) vs. Fixed (AerBook)
 - WP-ish (PressBook) vs. Interactivitycentric (AerBook)

Oxygen XML Editor

- EPUB is output format
- Code-level only
- Reflow, WP-ish (fixed-layout / interactivity could be coded better in other apps)
- Standalone, single-user

Magic EPUB

- EPUB is output format
- Batch converter (PDF input)
- Fixed-layout only (various options)
- CMS/cloud-based, some workflow features

Flipick

- EPUB is output format
- WYSIWYG, Fixed-layout, interactivityoriented
- Standalone, single-user (InDesign plug-in)

PubCoder

Demo

Authoring Tool Observations

- Lots of EPUB 3 tools, but still significant capability gaps
- Situation evolving rapidly; best-of-breeds likely to be more clear in next 6 months (+ more EPUB 3 RS support)
- Track #eprdctn (note: that crew is hand-coding centric)
- Seek to streamline/focus on your unique content requirements
- A much better idea to "hire" experts via their tools rather than go with hand-coding by web developers
 - Unless you have truly unique content/experience requirements and the ROI pencils out
- Solutions directory will be available on new EPUB 3 microsite by EOY

The Next Open Web Platform



- HTML 5
- CSS 2.1
- CSS 3 Selectors
- CSS 3 Media Queries
- CSS 3 Text
- CSS 3 Backgrounds and Borders
- CSS 3 Colors
- CSS 3 2D Transformations
- CSS 3 3D Transformations
- CSS 3 Transitions
- CSS 3 Animations
- CSS 3 Multi-Columns
- CSS Namespaces

- SVG 1.1
- WAI-ARIA I.0
- MathML 2.0
- ECMAScript 5
- 2D Context
- WebGL
- Web Storage
- Indexed Database
- Web Workers
- Web Sockets Protocol/API
- Geolocation
- Server-Sent Events
- Element Traversal
- DOM Level 3 Events

- Media Fragments
- XMLHttpRequest
- Selectors API
- CSSOM View Module
- Cross-Origin Resource Sharing
- File API
- RDFa
- Microdata
- WOFF
- HTTP I.I part I to part 7
- TLS 1.2 (updated)
- IRI (updated)
- ...

EPUB 3 Content Production Tools

- Content validation
 - EPUBCheck (http://validator.idpf.org)
- Content operability check (preflight)
 - DIY using iBooks, Kobo, Readium, ...
 - "CanIUse" for EPUB http://epubtest.org
- Convert to Mobi/KF8 format
 - KindleGen

Distribution and Conversion Services

- Most larger US/EU publishers presently outsourcing most EPUB conversion/enhancement
 - Conversion specialists often assemble customized tool chains per content type
 - Ex: MS Word -> OpenOffice Writer -> HTML -> custom assembly tool -> EPUB
- Many providers offer to host content and offer downstream distribution services
 - Direct online retailing (w/ or w/out DRM)
 - Distribution to 3rd-party retail channels
 - P.O.D.
 - Integrated content editing/proofing

Thank you.

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