

Astoria On-Demand & XMetaL Author 5 create a powerful XML Content Authoring & Management solution for technical documentation in the DITA standard.

Benefits of this end-to-end solution include:

#### DITA COMPLIANCE

- Drag-n-drop DITA Map creation and management
- DITA-based topic authoring
- DITA-style reusable content references
- Output to the DITA Open Toolkit

#### UNPARALLELED INTEGRATION

- Creation and storage of XML objects
- “Where used” tracking
- Content searching and XML object inspection

#### OFFLINE EDITING

- Work productively without an always-on Internet connection
- Content checked out while you are offline
- Save changes without losing check-out status

*“As a JustSystems Certified Solution Partner, Astoria Software demonstrates the level of excellence we look for in our partners, and enables customers to leverage a complete, end-to-end content lifecycle solution across the enterprise.”*

Michelle De Hertogh, VP of Bus. Dev.,  
JustSystems



# Astoria **ON** Demand

## Dynamic Product Documentation



## AN END-TO-END SOLUTION FOR XML CONTENT AUTHORING & MANAGEMENT

The customer has spoken:

*“Deliver product documentation in a timely manner, relevant to how I use your product, and available in formats compatible with my business operations. If you can’t, I’ll talk to a competitor who will give me what I need.”*

Today’s manufacturers of complex, technology-dependent products face these kinds of insistent documentation demands with every customer. And a customer’s threat to talk to the competition is more than just posturing; it’s a promise. There are so many capable manufacturers in the global market place that it’s not hard to find one that will say, “Yes, I can provide that product and its documentation for you.”

So, manufacturers are forced to do two things at the same time:

- 1) Deliver more products at a faster rate without compromising product quality
- 2) Deliver a superior end-user experience through the documentation that supports the product

Enter JustSystems’ XMetaL Author 5 and Astoria On-Demand. Working together, they provide a combined technology advantage that drives away the pain associated with producing product content. Our customers create and update content with the powerful, proven capabilities of XMetaL, which are accelerated when combined with Astoria’s industry-leading XML content management and collaboration solution.

This seamless, easy-to-use service for creating, reusing, and distributing XML content allows users to enjoy:

- Increased authoring productivity
- Streamlined publishing processes
- A significant reduction in content management costs
- An immediate improvement in content quality

## DITA Compliance

Astoria On-Demand and XMetaL Author reflect a joint commitment to the Darwin Information Typing Architecture (DITA). XMetaL Author's drag-n-drop Map Editor makes it a snap to add reusable topics from within Astoria On-Demand to a DITA Topicmap. To create new DITA topics, XMetaL Author keeps you organized and in compliance with the DITA standard. Then, you save your work right back to Astoria On-Demand, which also checks the topic for correctness and compliance with DITA. Looking to reference a DITA topic you authored a few months ago? Simply invoke the Astoria On-Demand content search tool from **inside XMetaL Author** and make a "conref" to it in your document. And when your document is ready to publish, Astoria On-Demand incorporates the DITA Open Toolkit, the reference implementation of the DITA standard.

## Unparalleled Integration

Engineers from Just Systems and Astoria Software have worked very closely together to ensure an absolutely **smooth, seamless experience** for users of the Astoria On-Demand service. All of the authoring support functions of Astoria On-Demand are available as menu commands in XMetaL Author 5. This includes creation and storage of DITA topics and XML objects, finding where a particular DITA object is used throughout the repository, and inspecting object details. Also, XMetaL Author integrates with Astoria On-Demand over the Internet. No other editor-to-CMS integration can do that.

## Offline Editing

Astoria On-Demand is **always on, always available**. But your Internet service provider may go down, or you may be hopping onto an airplane without Internet access. Either way, you've lost access to Astoria On-Demand. Fortunately, with XMetaL Author you are still productive through Astoria On-Demand's innovative "Offline Editing" capability. This feature — unique to the XMetaL Author + Astoria On-Demand integration — allows you to work with content checked out from Astoria On-Demand even while you're offline. When your Internet connection is restored, you can save your changes back to Astoria On-Demand and still keep the content checked out, allowing you to save work-in-progress versions safely. Offline Editing with XMetaL Author and Astoria On-Demand keeps you productive all the time.

## About JustSystems, Inc.

JustSystems is a leading global software provider with a 27-year history of successful innovation in office productivity, information management, and consumer and enterprise software. With over 2,500 customers worldwide and annual revenues over \$110M, the company is continuing a global expansion strategy that includes the launch of its new enterprise software offering called xfy (pronounced 'x-fie'), and XMetaL content lifecycle solutions. XMetaL, the XML-based software for structured authoring and content collaboration, helps your organization get to market faster with your information products by bringing structure and automation to managing high volumes of valuable content. JustSystems has worldwide office locations including headquarters in Tokyo, Japan; regional sales and marketing offices in Palo Alto, California and London, UK; and a technology center in Vancouver, Canada. For more information, visit [www.justsystems.com](http://www.justsystems.com)

## About Astoria Software

Astoria Software drives efficiencies in dynamic product documentation with on-demand delivery of structured content management. GE Healthcare, Texas Instruments, and other Forbes Global 2000 manufacturers rely on Astoria to meet rigorous market demands — increasing product volumes, accelerating time-to-market, and concurrent global customization. Astoria On-Demand reduces documentation costs up to 90% and compresses product launch cycles from months to weeks. Astoria Software is based in San Mateo, California. For more information, visit [www.astoriasoftware.com](http://www.astoriasoftware.com).

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