

Documentation: How to contribute

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1 General rules

Writing the documentation is a team effort so let's first set some basic rules to prevent a mess:

- Four spaces, no tabs! Period.
- If you write a complete document or participate substantially to one, please add your name to the <header><authors> list.
- If you only contribute partially to the document (correcting errors), please add your name to the Author : list.

Note:

If you know an Open Source XML beautifier that can be used in our build process, please drop [me](#) a line!

2 Using Forrest

The Xindice website and documentation are generated using the [Forrest](#) tool. If you are new to Forrest, please read the [Using Forrest](#) guide to get you started. After several tries, I recommend the following settings:

```
<Context path="/Xindice-documentation"
         docBase="${path-to-the-webapp-documentation}/webapp"
         reloadable="true"/>
```

After restarting Tomcat, you can browse the documentation on localhost:8080/Xindice-documentation and edit the source from the `src/documentation` folder.

Have fun!