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# 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

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



# 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)



# 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:

- 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:

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

Additional documents?



# Have Your Say...

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# Thankyou

Feedback always welcome

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