

Kit de documentation

Documentation — Publishing and reuse — EN

1 Purpose

This document is a translation in substance. The reference is the original document in French; extensions and changes are always made there.

The Kit is the common base of the sub-sites. This document describes how a sub-site presents itself to its readers, what it keeps outside that presentation, and on what condition this second part becomes public.

It holds for every project using the Kit. The mechanisms described belong to the Kit; their content belongs to the project.

2 Two parts

Each sub-site covers one subject — a press review, an equipment *inventory*, a family record, the documentation of a tool. It has two parts, both present from the first session.

Part	Contains	Reader
Shown	The subject itself, and a page explaining how to read the display	Whoever comes to read
Technical	Operating documentation, <i>Prompt</i> , own stylesheets and modules, generators, <i>Registry</i>	Whoever maintains the project

Note: *The technical part is not an extra: it exists because that is how a Kit project is run. It serves its author first, and whoever takes over maintenance — published or not.*

3 The decision to share

At some point the technical part of a sub-site may be packaged and made downloadable. That is a decision, taken or not; not taking it is a stable state, not unfinished work.

The criterion is not the maturity of the documentation but the value to a third party. A project can be carefully documented and have nothing to offer anyone — a family record, a personal *inventory*. The question is: would someone else get something out of it.

- **What the decision produces.** A downloadable file, named after the sub-site: Kit-News, Kit-Testament. In prose, the kit of the news sub-site. The file name carries its version — kit-news-1.4.zip — as the Kit carries its own.
- **What it makes visible.** The footer sentence and the download icon, which do not render without it. The page explaining the display exists independently.

Note: *The Kit is the common base of every sub-site; a sub-site kit is what that sub-site hands to whoever wants to take it up. Never write “the Kit” alone for the second.*

4 What a sub-site kit contains

It contains what is needed to reproduce the sub-site, not what describes it. A store of documents without a production chain does not meet the contract.

- **Operating documentation.** What the sub-site produces, where its data comes from, how a pass runs.
- **Project Prompt.** The permanent instructions: conventions, constraints, what is no longer decided.
- **Own stylesheets and modules.** What the project added to the Kit, and the tables it declares.
- **Generators and Registry.** The production chain, and what declares its active state.

Note: *A technical reader must be able to know where to start, not to understand everything before starting. The index therefore opens on what can be changed, not on the architecture: that is the order in which the questions arise.*

5 Two readers

The two parts serve two readers whose needs do not overlap.

Reader	Wants	Receives
The reader	To understand what is in front of them	A short explanation of the display
The reuser	To reproduce what they see	The documentation and the sub-site kit

Note: *What the first lacks concerns the display — block order, grouping, timestamps — not the project. The second knows what they are after: they need a kit that runs, not a description of one.*

6 Three ways in

Each sits where its reader looks, and renders only if the project declares it.

Way in	Location	Leads to
Information badge	Top of the page being read, scrolls with it	Explanation of the display
Footer sentence	End of the documentation index	Instructions for adapting
Download icon	Index bar	The sub-site kit

Note: *The badge scrolls with the text: a fixed element reads as furniture and stops being clicked. The sentence comes after the content, so a reader who came to read meets it only by scrolling. None of the three interrupts reading.*

7 Split

The Kit provides the mechanism, the project provides what it carries.

The Kit provides	The project provides
The bar, its slots, the two language selectors	Site name, published languages, icon target
The two shapes of reader-facing page	The words they carry
The download mechanism and its contract	The contents of its kit, if it publishes one
The palette and the means to replace it	Its colours, if it declares any
The rule: an undeclared element does not render	Its declarations, hence what renders
The rule: no link underlined, in any state	Nothing — the rule is not declared

Note: *A slot for an icon, not a calendar. A prose page, not an about text. A download contract, not a kit.*

Note: *No link is underlined, in any state. Colour carries the affordance and the hand cursor confirms it; an underline on hover does not exist on a touch screen and would therefore serve only half the readers.*

8 Rules

- **Inform on request.** The three ways in answer whoever uses them and stay silent otherwise. Their rendering depends on a declaration by the project.
- **One publication.** A sub-site kit is served from the same pages as its subject. Nothing is duplicated, no section is reserved.
- **Runnable kit.** A published kit unpacks and produces the site. What does not run is not published.
- **No commitment to support.** A published kit must be complete and accurate. Its use by a third party remains their affair.