

# Announcing DocBook V5.0

On 27 October 2005, the first release of DocBook V5.0 was published:  
<http://www.oasis-open.org/docbook/specs/wd-docbook-docbook-5.0b1.html>

## Major changes

- In a namespace: <http://docbook.org/ns/docbook>
- Normatively defined with RELAX NG
- Supports ubiquitous linking
- Non-normative XML DTDs and W3C XML Schemas generated mechanically

## Design goals

- Must “feel like” DocBook. Most valid DocBook V4.x documents must be valid DocBook V5.0 documents after simple, mechanical transformations
- Enforce as many constraints as possible
- Augment grammar-based constraints with Schematron
- Clean up many content models
- Make subsets and extensions easier to manage

## A few details

- Uniform info elements (<bookinfo>, <chapterinfo>, etc. → <info>)
- Attribute co-constraints
- Simple data types (e.g., dates)
- Improved accessibility
- HOWTO: <http://docbook.org/docs/howto/>