PDF Bookmarks

PDF has a 'bookmark' feature for creating a hierarchical table of contents. By clicking a bookmark when viewing the PDF, you can jump to its target location. FO represents the hierarchy using an <fo:bookmark-tree> and its child <fo:bookmark> elements. The title is given by <fo:bookmark-title>, and the target location is given by either 'internal-destination' or 'external-destination'. <fo:bookmark-tree> is positioned right under <fo:root> and between <fo:declarations> and <fo:page-sequence>.

Styling bookmarks

The style of a bookmark is independent of the style of the FO, if any, to which the bookmark refers.

Color

The 'color' property specifies the color of the bookmark title.

Font style

The 'font-style' property specifies the font style of the bookmark title. The allowed values are 'normal' and 'italic'.

Font weight

The 'font-weight' property specifies the font weight of the bookmark title. The allowed values are 'normal' and 'bold'.

Starting state

The 'starting-state' property on <fo:bookmark> specifies whether the bookmark subtree starting at that bookmark initially appears expanded or collapsed.

starting-state="show"

starting-state="show" specifies that the bookmark subtree is initially shown expanded. This is the default.

starting-state="hide"

starting-state="hide" specifies that the bookmark subtree is initially shown collapsed.