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1.1 Prerequisites

Following software must be installed:

a) Java 1.2.x or later

b) All libraries you need are part of the Fop distribution and can be found in the xml-fop/lib directory. Look at the batch/shell script fop.bat/fop.sh to see, how Fop can be invoked easily. These libraries are included:

- An XML parser which supports SAX and DOM like Xerces-J. (Xerces is the default xml parser)
- An XSLT processor (Xalan is included)
- The SVG library batik.jar is the library from the batik project at xml.apache.org.

1.2 Starting FOP as an standalone application

```
Fop [options] [-fo|-xml] infile [-xsl file]
[-awt|-pdf|-mif|-pcl|-txt|-svg|-at|-print] <outfile>
```

[OPTIONS]

```
-d          debug mode
-x          dump configuration settings
-q          quiet mode
-c cfg.xml  use additional configuration file cfg.xml
-l lang     the language to use for user information
```

[INPUT]

```
infile      xsl:fo input file (the same as the next)
-fo infile  xsl:fo input file
-xml infile xml input file, must be used together with -xsl
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-xsl stylesheet  xslt stylesheet
```

[OUTPUT]

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outfile          input will be rendered as pdf file into outfile
-pdf outfile     input will be rendered as pdf file (outfile req'd)
-awt             input will be displayed on screen
-mif outfile     input will be rendered as mif file (outfile req'd)
-pcl outfile     input will be rendered as pcl file (outfile req'd)
-txt outfile     input will be rendered as text file (outfile req'd)
-svg outfile     input will be rendered as an svg slides file (outfile req'd)
-at outfile      representation of area tree as XML (outfile req'd)
-print           input file will be rendered and sent to the printer
                 see options with "-print help"
```

[Examples]

```
Fop foo.fo foo.pdf
Fop -fo foo.fo -pdf foo.pdf (does the same as the previous line)
Fop -xsl foo.xsl -xml foo.xml -pdf foo.pdf
Fop foo.fo -mif foo.mif
Fop foo.fo -print or Fop -print foo.fo
Fop foo.fo -awt
```

1.3 Problems

If you have problems running FOP, please have a look at the "How to get Help" page.