

BookStack - Fundamentals


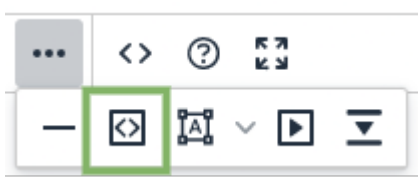
Content Nesting


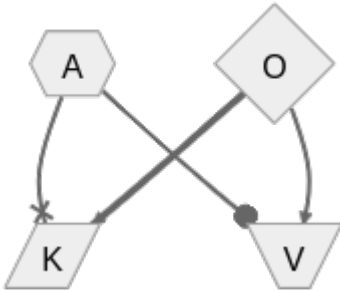
BookStack offers 4 levels of content nesting:

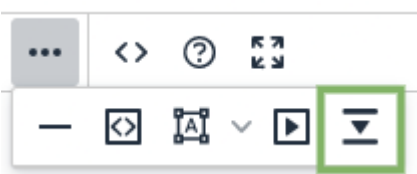
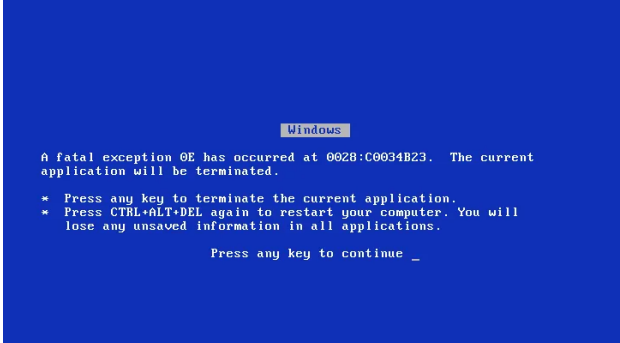
- **Shelves** - The top level
 - **Books** - Used for top level content grouping. Book can belong to several Shelves
 - **Chapters** - Used to organize low level content elements.
 - **Pages** - Used to organize low level content elements. Note that pages can also be directly below a book.

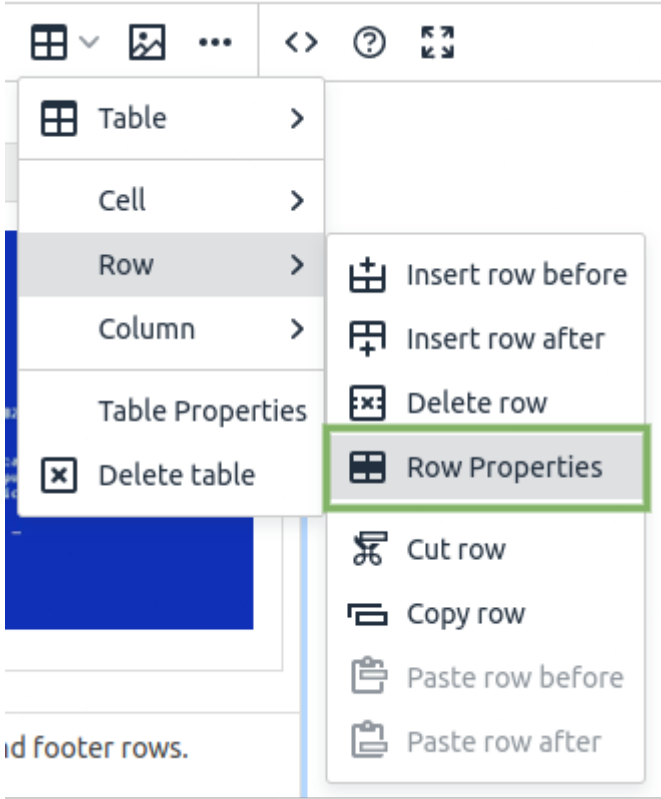

Useful Features

BookStack offers a lot of useful features that will help you create beautiful documents in a very efficient way. Here's a list of the most useful features.

Feature	Description
Keyboard Shortcuts	<p>Most formatting options have a keyboard shortcut that allows you write most pages directly from your keyboard.</p> 
Code Blocks with Syntax Highlighting	<p>Many languages are supported.</p>  <p>Example</p> <pre>program hello write(*,*) 'Hello, Akvo!' end program hello</pre>

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Diagrams, Drawings & Math Formulas	<p>You can create and insert diagrams, drawings and even math formulas (LaTeX) using the Diagrams.net application. There's even support for Mermaid.</p>  <p>Examples</p>  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$

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Collapsible Blocks	<p data-bbox="810 197 1492 264">Collapsible block are useful display content on demand, in particular for long pages.</p>  <p data-bbox="810 510 922 544">Example</p> <div data-bbox="815 573 1485 1021"><p data-bbox="836 595 1118 629">I Dare You To Open <input type="checkbox"/></p><p data-bbox="839 779 1377 925">A fatal exception 0E has occurred at 0028:C0034B23. The current application will be terminated.</p><ul data-bbox="874 846 1361 898" style="list-style-type: none">* Press any key to terminate the current application.* Press CTRL+ALT+DEL again to restart your computer. You will lose any unsaved information in all applications.<p data-bbox="1046 902 1262 925">Press any key to continue _</p></div>

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Table Formatting	<p>You can pimp your tables with header and footer rows. See this table as an example.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a table editing interface. At the top, there are icons for table, image, and more options. Below these is a dropdown menu with the following items: 'Table', 'Cell', 'Row', 'Column', 'Table Properties', and 'Delete table'. The 'Row' item is selected, and a sub-menu is open to its right. This sub-menu contains the following options: 'Insert row before', 'Insert row after', 'Delete row', 'Row Properties' (highlighted with a green box), 'Cut row', 'Copy row', 'Paste row before', and 'Paste row after'. The text 'id footer rows.' is visible at the bottom of the table area.</p>
Ordering Content	<p>You can change the display order to pages and chapters using the "Sort" menu option on the right pane of a book. See official documentation.</p>
Full Screen Mode	<p>For distraction free writing you can toggle the fullscreen mode.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a toolbar with several icons: a picture icon, a three-dot menu icon, a code icon, a question mark icon, and a fullscreen icon. The fullscreen icon, which consists of four arrows pointing outwards from a square, is highlighted with a green box.</p>
Templates	<p>You can mark a page as a template so that its content can easily be reused when editing and creating pages. This can be super useful when you need to create many pages following a similar format. See official documentation.</p>

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Webhooks	<p>You can configure webhooks from BookStack in order to perform POST requests to other services (like n8n). Many (if not all) application events can trigger a webhook.</p> <p>API Documentation: https://wiki.cloud.akvo.org/api/docs</p>

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