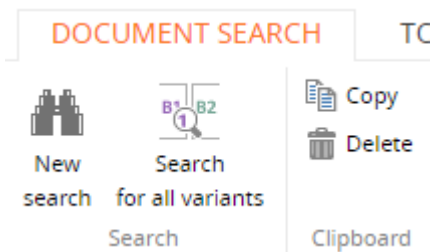# Variant of a document

It's possible to create documents with the same content but with different key attributes. Here you will find out more about the creation of a variant.
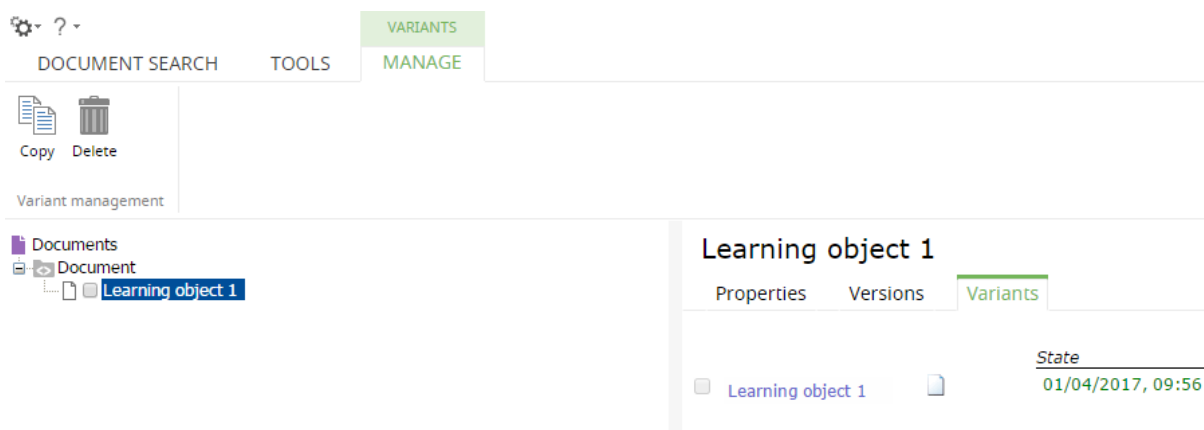
Creating a variant means that a document with essentially the same content, but with certain deviations (broadly speaking), is generated. This normally has to do with the language.

Should you ever require an e-learning in different languages (for example), you should create variants of the original document. But there are also other types of variants: Let's assume a company operates at several sites, each of which is subject to different regulations which are explained in an e-learning. In this scenario, it would be a good idea to create variants.

You can display the existing variants of every document in the **Documents** view. To do so, start by selecting the document of interest and then click the **Search for all variants** button in the **Search** function group.

Alternatively, you can access the **Variants** tab in the **Documents** view on the right of the window to display an overview of all variants of the selected document.

As is the case with other documents, you also need to specify the properties when creating a variant:

Create new document variant

2 Properties

Document variants are used if two or more documents form a logical relationship but are different in their properties and content. Variants have the same technical name as the source document and distinguish themselves in one or more key attributes. These key attributes can be identified by their highlighting. Please change at least one of them to create a valid variant.

Which properties should your document variant have?

Title:	Learning object 1
Workflow status:	Work in progress Workflow action: [▼]
Assigned to :	[--- ▼]
Description:	
Content language:	[English (US) ▼]
	English (US)
Author:	Achim Kümmerle
qaContext:	

The red frame indicates the fields in which entries have to be made. These fields are known as **variant-forming metadata**. They can be defined individually for each customer.

🖉 The Title field will be emptied if you choose a different content language. You then need to specify a title for the variant to help you distinguish between the original document and the new variant.

The original document could be used several times in courses, topics or processes. When creating a variant, you can decide whether the new variant is also to apply to every other usage context.