

31. Documentation as Synchronized Dependent Model in a Macromodel

Documentation Generation as App for RAG

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Interesting

- ▶ <https://www.writethedocs.org/> is a conference for documentation practitioners
- ▶ <https://waset.org/software-implementation-and-software-documentation-conference>

31.1 Tasks of Documentation Tools

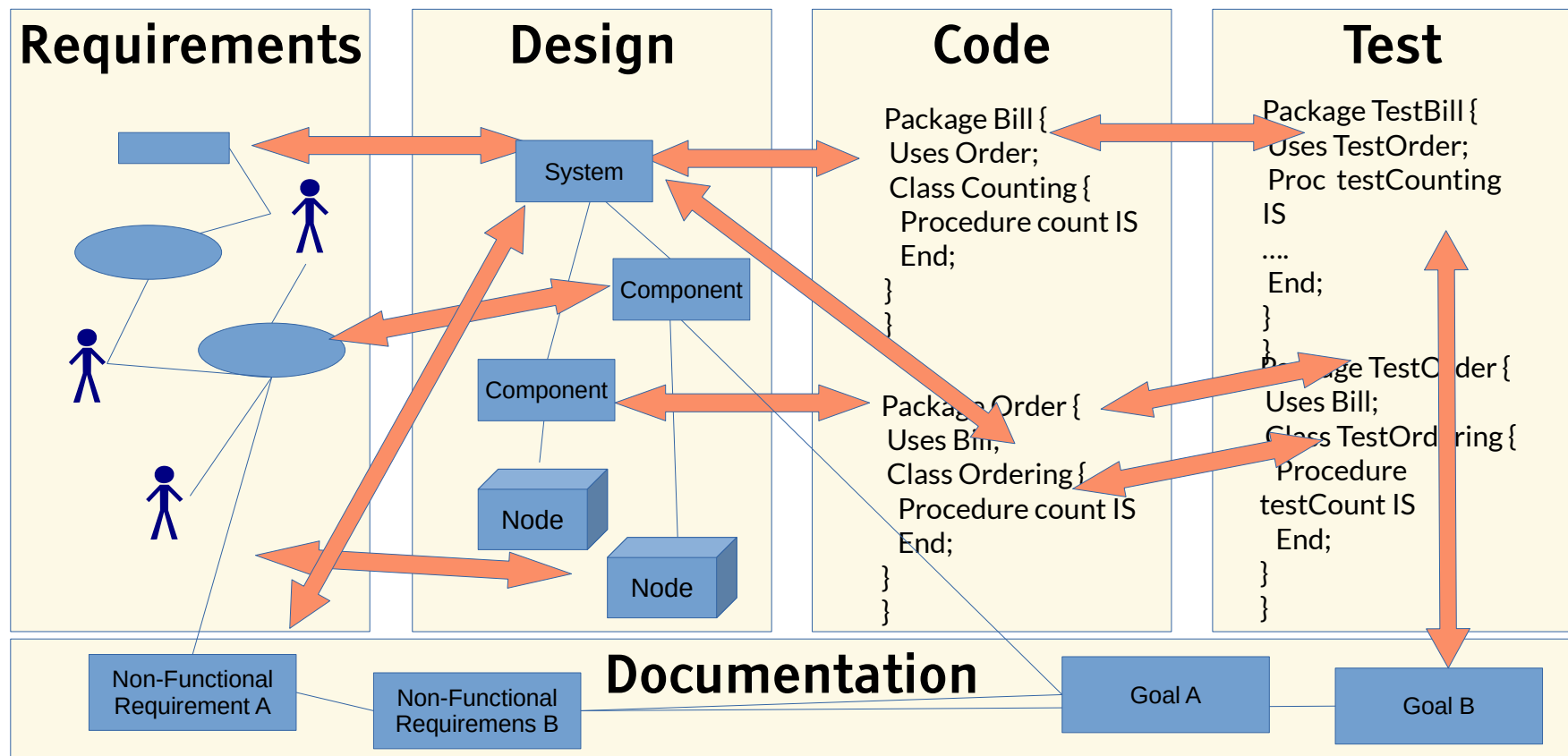
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_documentation

Q12: The ReDoDeCT Problem and its Macromodel

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ The **ReDoDeCT problem** is the problem how requirements, documentation, design, code, and tests are related (→ V model)
- ▶ Mappings between the Requirements model, Documentation files, Design model, Code, Test cases
- ▶ A **ReDoDeCT macromodel** has maintained mappings between all 5 models



Basics of Software Documentation

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ Documentation is a means of **communication** to keep software alive
 - between developers and future developers
 - between coders and testers
 - between developers and managers (for reviews and audits)
- ▶ Problems:
 - Documentation **ages** because code is modified and evolved (*documentation aging*)
 - Good documentation costs time and money
- ▶ Different kinds of documentation:
 - **Generated documentation** is derived from code and models
 - **Integrated Documentation** is derived from the code (e.g., in comments), e.g., JavaDoc
 - **Elucidative Documentation**, derives both from another and keeps it consistent (generative or round-trip engineering)
- ▶ Standards:
 - national DIN 66230, 66231, 66232, 66270(1998)
 - international ISO/IEC 6592(2000), ISO/IEC 18019(2004)

Without documentation, a program is not software

Quelle: [24 S. 241 ff.]

Taxonomy of Documentation Documents

- ▶ **User documentation** (Benutzerdokumentation) explains the program to end users
 - Tutorials, user handbook, online documentation
- ▶ **System documentation** for installation, test cases, code documentation, maintenance, operations
 - **API documentation** documents interfaces of the system or framework, to let programmers use them for writing apps
 - **Architecture documentation** to highlight the architectural structure of the software, e.t., with arc42 (<https://www.arc42.de/>)
- ▶ **Project documentation**
 - Developer documentation
 - Project documentation (project plan, requirements specification, status reports, after study)
- ▶ **Quality documentation**
 - Test-, review, audit documentation
- ▶ **Process documentation**
 - Standards, processes

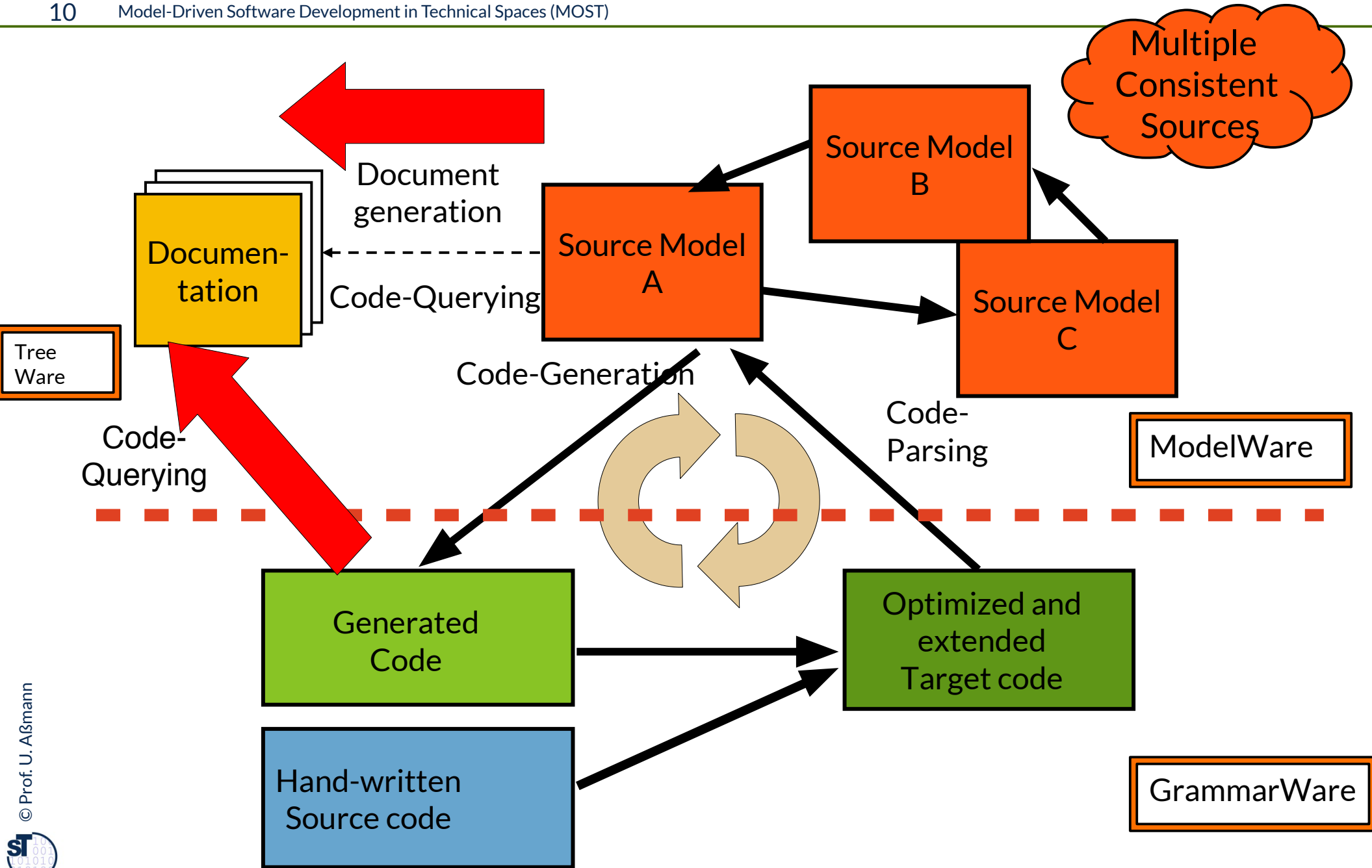
Tasks of Documentation Tools

- ▶ Basically, documentation generation is similar to code generation. Documentation is created in higher-order attributes on a link tree by a RAG
- ▶ **Documentation generation is an application areas for RAG**
- ▶ **Generation** of derived documents from code and models
 - Generation of Word (docx), LibreOffice (odt), rtf, xml, html formats
 - Generation of figures (svg, png, pdf)
 - Generation of snippets and generic snippets
 - Back-linking to originals
- ▶ **Filling** of documentation templates (with the hedge-principle)
- ▶ **Parameterization** with layouts
 - via css-style sheets

31.2 Generative, Template-Driven Documentation Tools

.. Documentation derived from code and models, based on template-based code generation

Macromodel Principle and Round-Trip Engineering



Documentation Tool JavaDoc is a Template Expander

- ▶ JavaDoc reads Java source code and extracts html from the code comments, based on **html templates**
 - Typical hedge-based code generation with generic snippets
- ▶ Generation of additional contents and indices
- ▶ Controlled by Java metadata attributes
 - @author, @date, @param
- ▶ Layouting via plugin classes called *doclets*
- ▶ JavaDoc has been realized for all programming languages

JavaDoc is a Typical HRAG Application

- ▶ The html documentation is computed in a higher-order synthesized attribute `htmlDoc : HTML`

```
// schematic, synthesis from bottom to top
Interpretation javaDoc(Tree → Tree) {
  Attributions of Root(classes[]) {
    this.htmlDoc := map + classes.htmlDoc;
    <println(„Result is %S“, this.htmlDoc)>
  }
  Attributions of Class(superclass:Class,methods[]) {
    this.htmlDoc := <superclass.Name + methods.htmlDoc;
  }
  Attributions of Method(name,comment) {
    this.htmlDoc := „<h1>“+name+“</h2>“+comment.htmlDoc;
  }
  Attributions of Comment(text) {
    this.htmlDoc := text;
  }
}
```

Composition of Separated Hand-Written and Generated Documentation Snippets

In separate files: Coupling by “include”

- ▶ Only possible if document format supports subdocument inclusion
 - e.g., TeX or Framemaker

In one file:

Coupling with **hedges** (Trennmarkierung)

Generated Wrapper

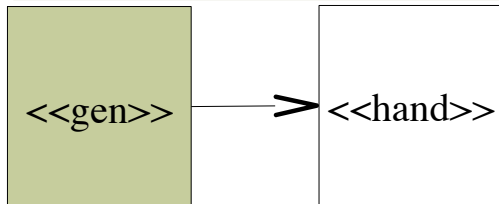
```
/** Generated documentation  
***/
```

```
/** Hedge **/
```

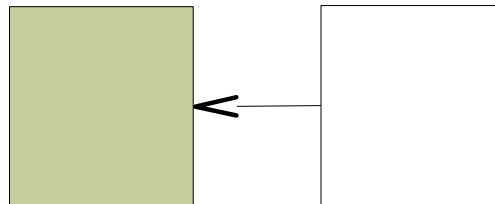
```
... Hand-written  
Documentation ...
```

```
/** Hedge **/
```

Generated Delegator



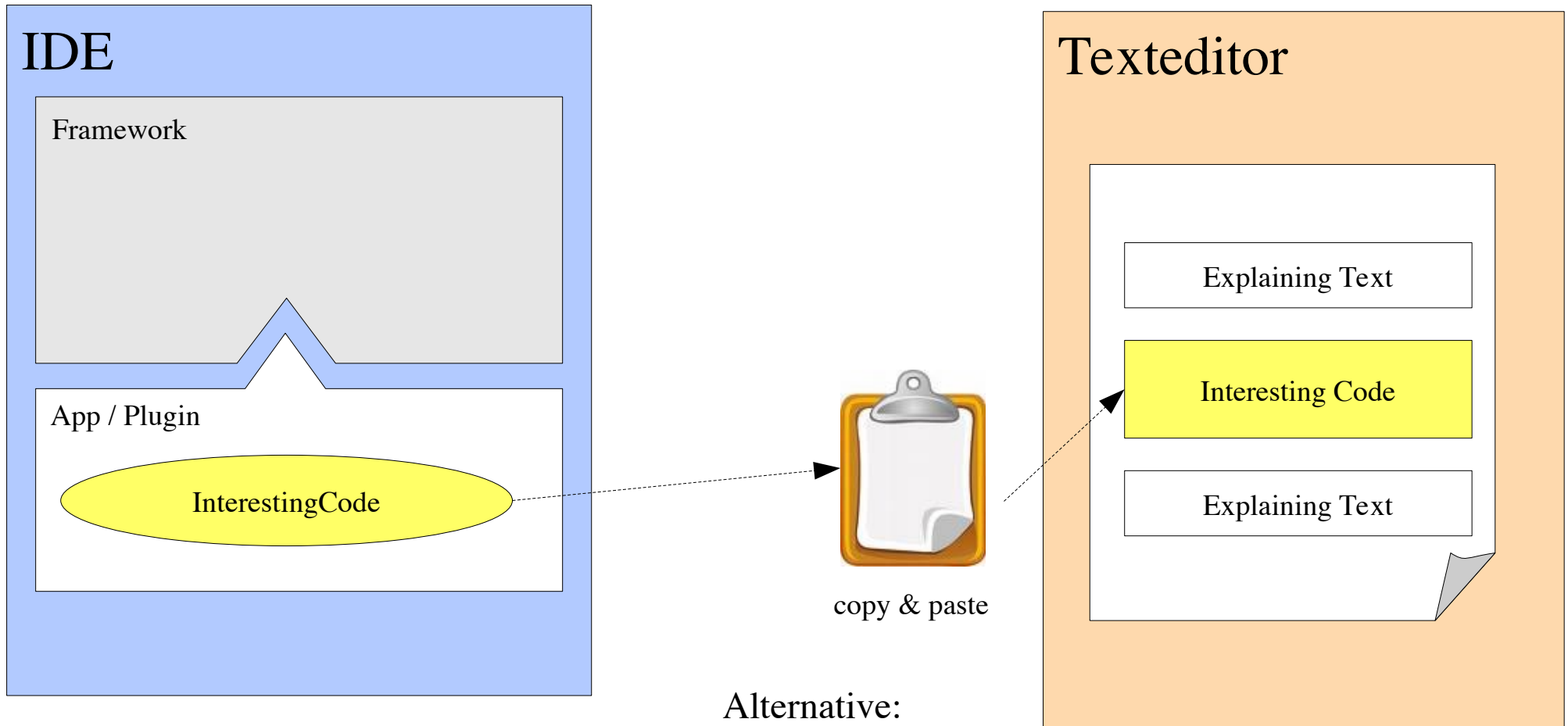
Generated Delegatee



31.3 Literate Programming

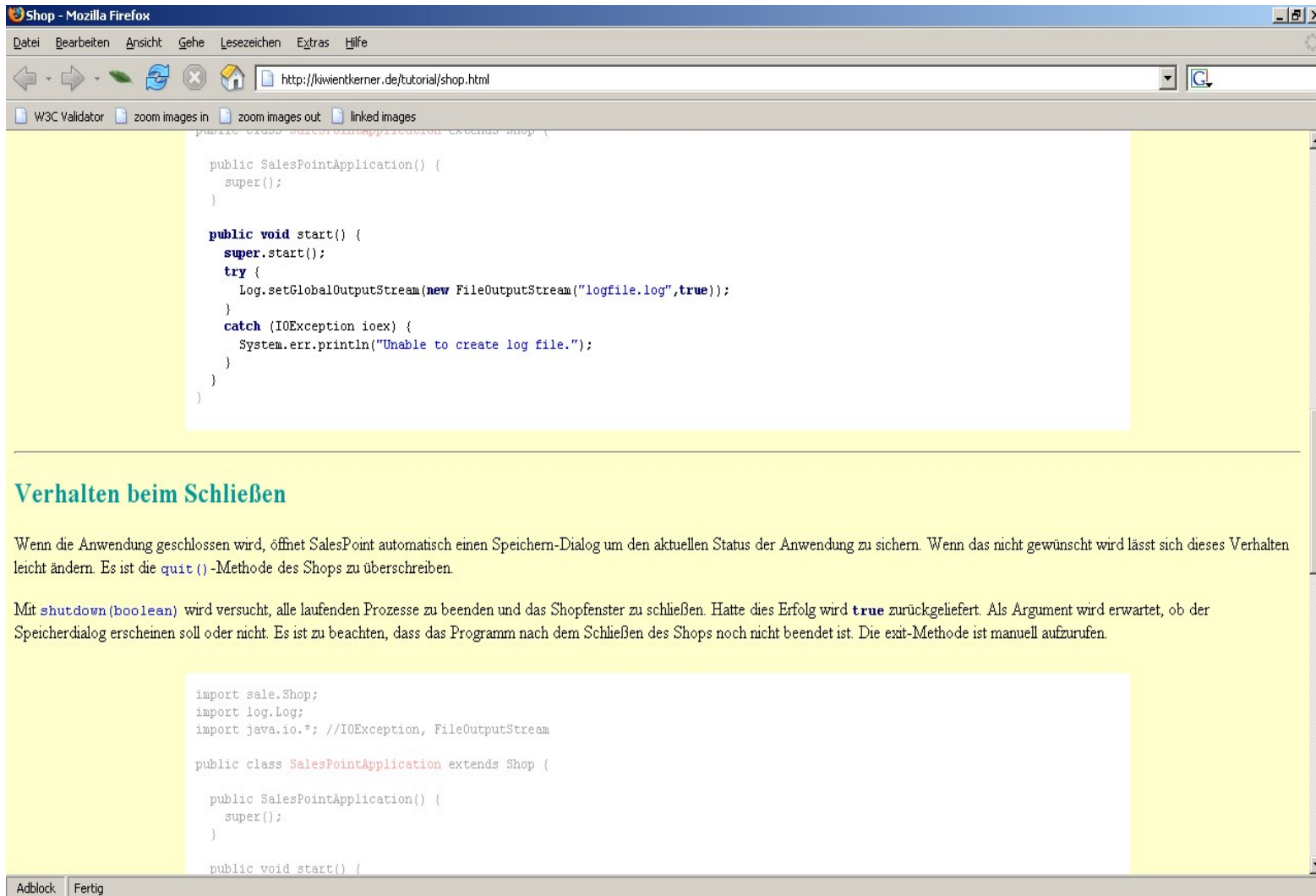
- They integrate code, models and documentation by **separating code from documentation**

Classic: Manual Writing of Tutorials



Alternative:
Code query
e.g., with
Xcerpt or QL

How to Write Integrated Documentation and Tutorials?



Shop - Mozilla Firefox

http://kiwientkerner.de/tutorial/shop.html

```
public class SalesPointApplication extends Shop {  
  
    public SalesPointApplication() {  
        super();  
    }  
  
    public void start() {  
        super.start();  
        try {  
            Log.setGlobalOutputStream(new FileOutputStream("logfile.log", true));  
        }  
        catch (IOException ioex) {  
            System.err.println("Unable to create log file.");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Verhalten beim Schließen

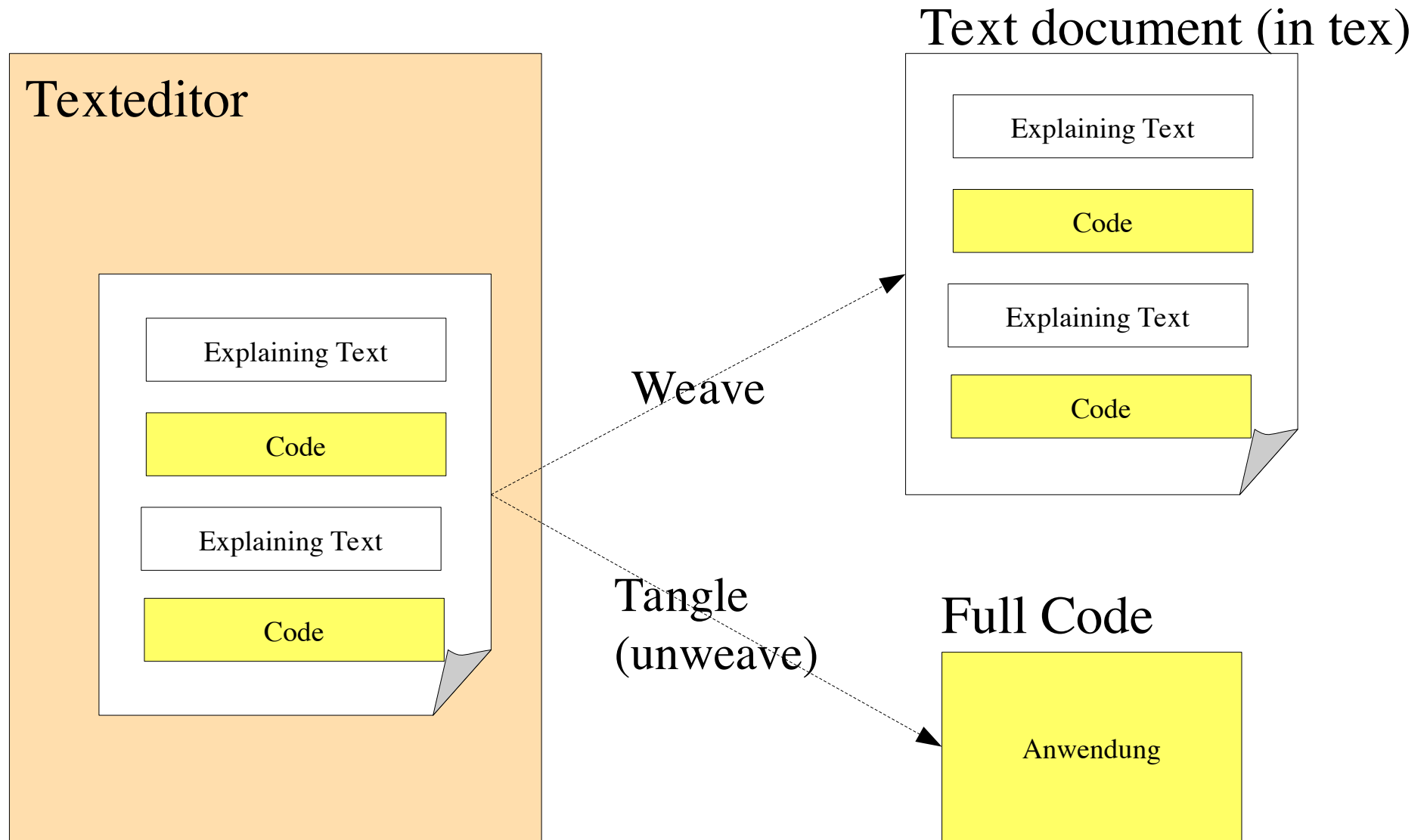
Wenn die Anwendung geschlossen wird, öffnet SalesPoint automatisch einen Speichern-Dialog um den aktuellen Status der Anwendung zu sichern. Wenn das nicht gewünscht wird lässt sich dieses Verhalten leicht ändern. Es ist die `quit()`-Methode des Shops zu überschreiben.

Mit `shutdown(boolean)` wird versucht, alle laufenden Prozesse zu beenden und das Shopfenster zu schließen. Hatte dies Erfolg wird `true` zurückgeliefert. Als Argument wird erwartet, ob der Speicherdialog erscheinen soll oder nicht. Es ist zu beachten, dass das Programm nach dem Schließen des Shops noch nicht beendet ist. Die `exit`-Methode ist manuell aufzurufen.

```
import sale.Shop;  
import log.Log;  
import java.io.*; //IOException, FileOutputStream  
  
public class SalesPointApplication extends Shop {  
  
    public SalesPointApplication() {  
        super();  
    }  
  
    public void start() {
```

Adblock Fertig

[Knuth] Literate Programming by Code Unweaving



Literate Programming

[[The program text below specifies the “expanded meaning” of ‘⟨Program to print ... numbers 2⟩’; notice that it involves the top-level descriptions of three other sections. When those top-level descriptions are replaced by their expanded meanings, a syntactically correct PASCAL program will be obtained.]]

```
⟨Program to print the first thousand prime
  numbers 2⟩ ≡
program print_primes(output);
  const m = 1000;
  ⟨Other constants of the program 5⟩
  var ⟨Variables of the program 4⟩
  begin ⟨Print the first m prime numbers 3⟩;
  end.
```

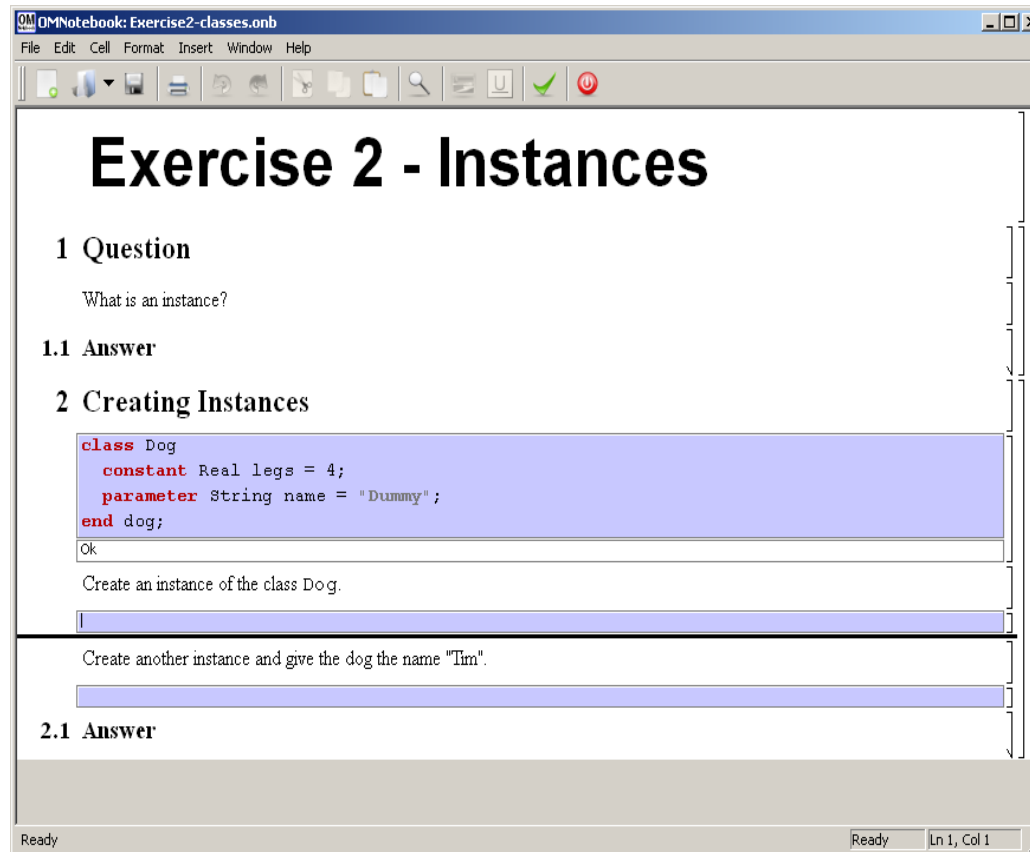
[Literate Programming
von Donald E. Knuth]

- ▶ The TeX engine is programmed literately
- ▶ Overview: <http://www.literateprogramming.com/>
- ▶ OMNotebook/DrModelica: <http://www.modelica.org/tools>

OMNotebook – Literate Programming with DrModelica

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

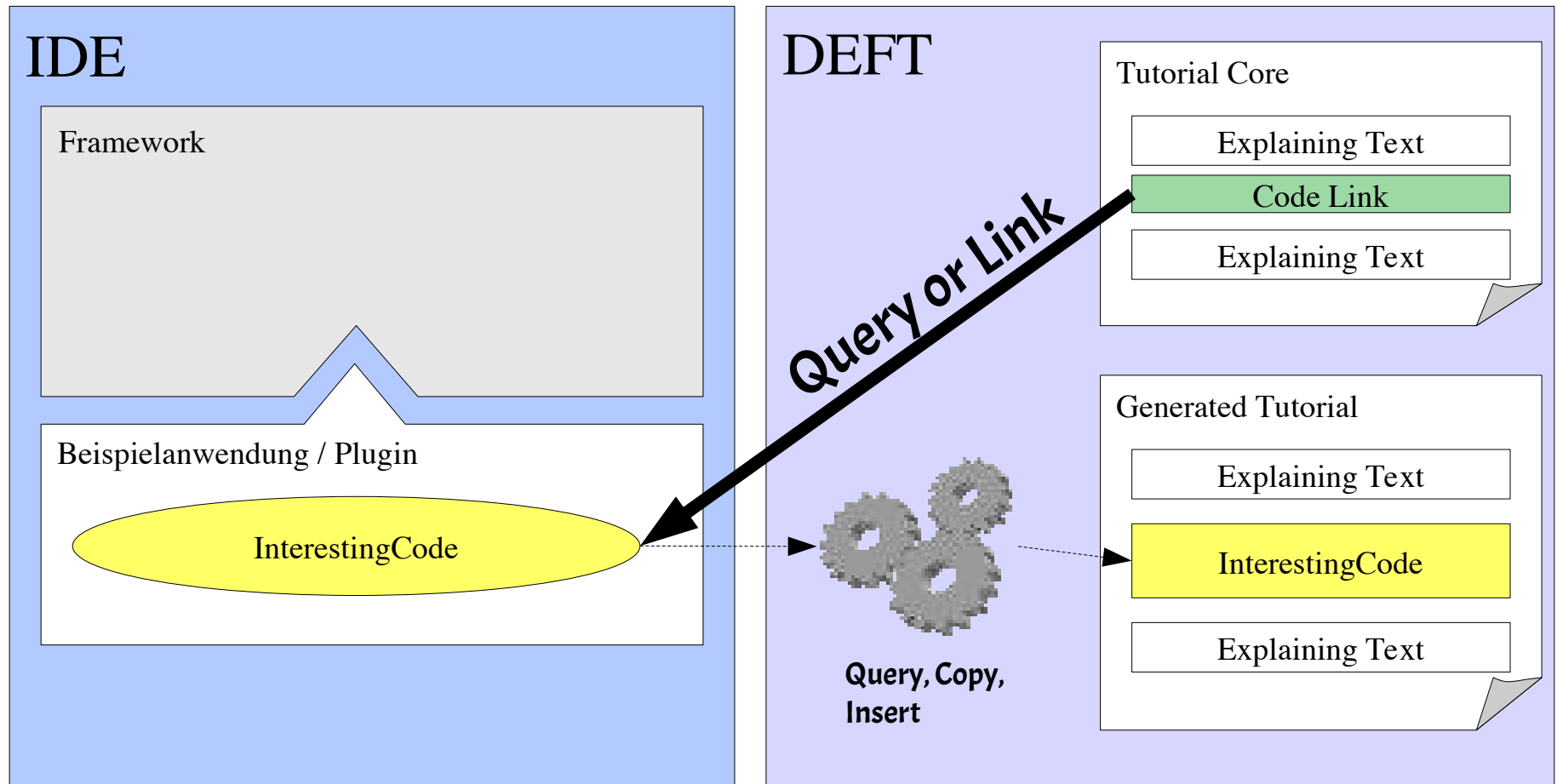


- ▶ Linked documents with interactive exercises
- ▶ Inspired by DrScheme und DrJava, learning tools for Scheme resp. Java
- ▶ www.openmodelica.org

31.4 Elucidative Documentation Tools

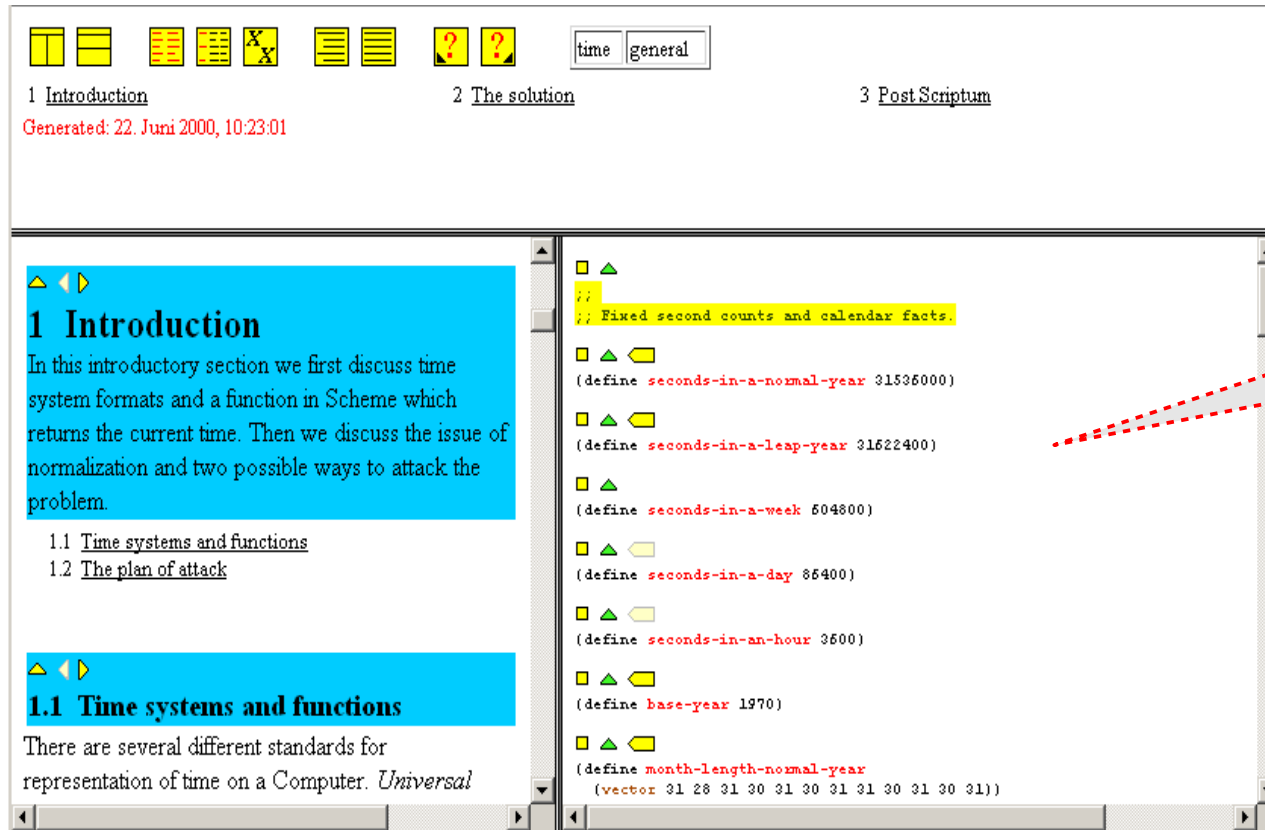
- They link code, models and documentation by **model and code mapping**
- and renew the documentation by *hot updates*

Elucidative Programming Links Documentation with Queries to Code



hot update
(hot synchronisation):
round-trip engineering

Elucidative Programming



„Scheme Elucidator“ Environment

- ▶ Elucidative Programming shows documentation and code in parallel
- ▶ <http://www.cs.aau.dk/~normark/elucidative-programming/>
- ▶ <http://deftproject.org>

hot update
(hot synchronisation):
round-trip engineering

Development Environment For Tutorials (DEFT www.deftproject.org)

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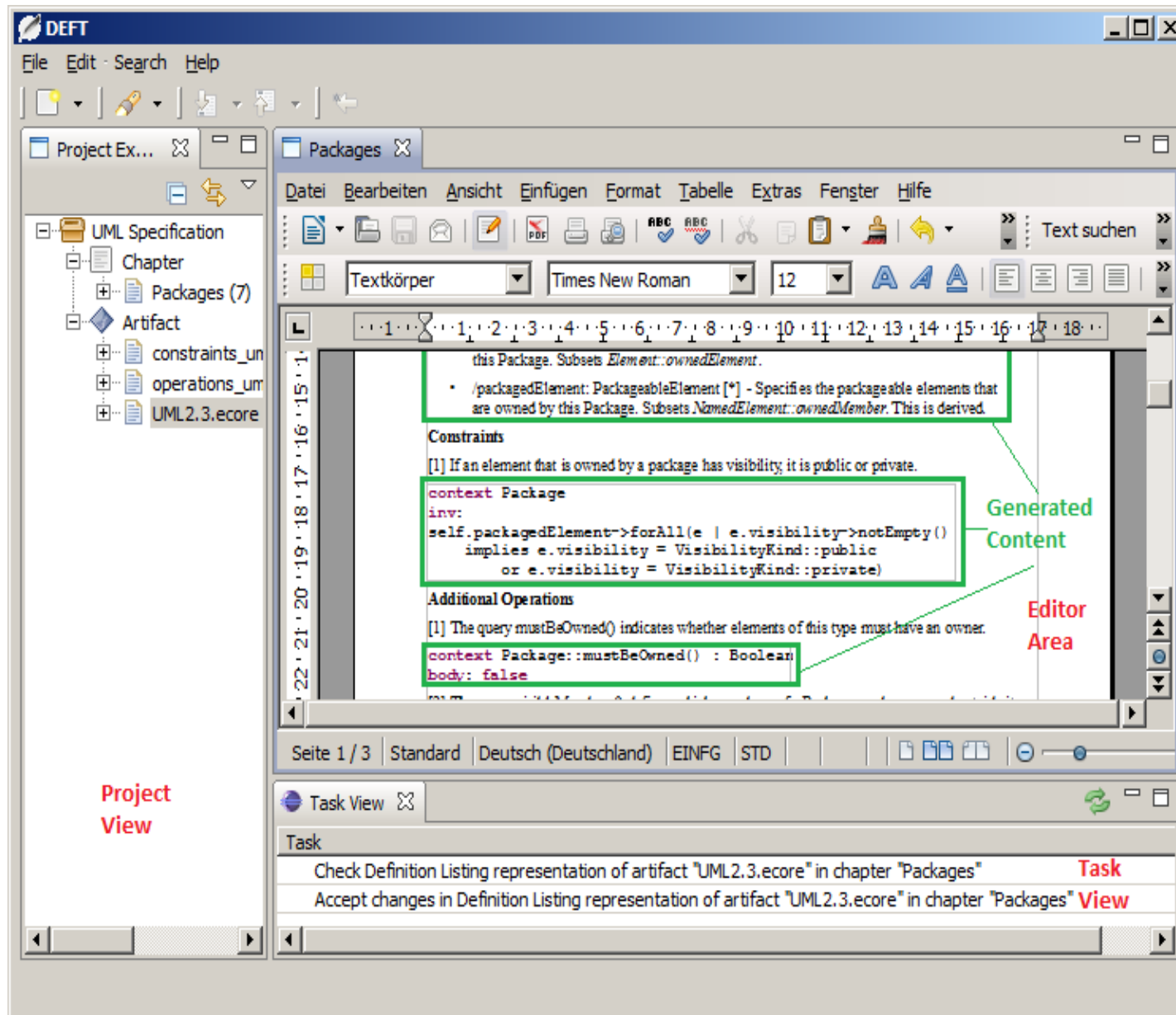
Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

The screenshot displays the DEFT development environment with the following components:

- Project Explorer (Projektübersicht):** Shows a project named 'Fahrkartenautomat' with a tree structure including 'Chapters', 'Code files', 'Code snippets', 'Images', and 'Tutorials'. Under 'Code files', there is a sub-folder 'Fahrkartenautomat' containing files like 'FahrkartenAutomat.cs', 'Fahrchein.cs', 'SecurityIO.cs', 'SecurityReturn.cs', 'VerkaufeFahrcheinLogEntry.c', 'VerkaufeFahrcheinTransactio', 'WartungsLogEntry.cs', and 'WartungsTransaction.cs'.
- Texteditor:** Displays the source code for 'FahrkartenAutomat.cs'. The code includes a comment: 'Um Logging zu verwenden, muss ein Stream auf die Logdatei geöffnet werden.' followed by a `try` block that creates a `FileStream` for 'test.log' and sets up logging. A `catch` block handles `IOException` by writing an error message to the console. A red label 'Eingebettetes Codefragment' points to the code block.
- Editor Outline (Kapitelstruktur):** Shows a simple outline with 'Start' and 'Start der Anwendung'.
- Code Outline (AST-Fenster):** Shows the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) for the current file, listing 'UsingDirectives', 'FahrkartenAutomat', 'TICKETS', 'MONEY', 'DefaultMenuSheet', 'FahrkartenAutomat(string)', 'createDisplayManager()', 'Main(string[])', 'FahrcheinVerkaufenAction', and 'WartungAction'.

Additional text in the image includes 'Texteditor' at the bottom right and 'Projektübersicht' at the bottom left of the editor area.

Embedding UML Constraints for UML Models into Documentation



Development Environment For Tutorials (DEFT)

- ▶ Eclipse RCP application, language independent
- ▶ Management of code, models and text
- ▶ Prettyprinting of code fragments from code templates
- ▶ Hot update of generated documentation
 - Automatic update of embedded code fragments
 - Notification if code fragments have changed

Generated HTML Tutorial

Start der Anwendung

In der Klasse `FahrkartenAutomat` befindet sich die `Main`-Methode, mit der sich das Programm starten lässt. Dort werden Daten initialisiert und der Fahrkartenautomat instanziiert.

Logging

Der erste Schritt ist die Konfiguration des Loggings. Das SalesPoint-Framework bietet Funktionen und Datentypen an, mit denen Aktionen geloggt werden können. Es gibt GUI-Komponenten, mit denen die Inhalte des Logs wieder nutzerfreundlich angezeigt werden können. Eine Anzeige des Logs ist derzeit nicht im Fahrkartenautomaten implementiert, geloggt wird aber trotzdem schon.

Um Logging zu verwenden, muss ein Stream auf die Logdatei geöffnet werden.

```
try
{
    FileStream fs = new FileStream("test.log", FileMode.Create);
    Log.Log.GlobalOutputStream = new System.IO.BinaryWriter(fs);
}
catch (IOException)
{
    System.Console.Error.WriteLine("Unable to create Log file.");
    return ;
}
```

Es wird versucht, die Datei `test.log` zu erstellen. Falls sie schon existiert, wird sie überschrieben. Der `FileStream fs` kann Daten (Bytes) vom Programm in die Datei schreiben. Byteweises Schreiben von Informationen ist allerdings sehr umständlich. Ein `BinaryWriter` kapselt den `FileStream` und bietet Methoden zum Schreiben von Strings, Zahlen, und Anderem. Der globale Log-Klasse der Anwendung, `Log.Log`, wird dieser `BinaryWriter` zugewiesen. Alle

```
{
}

protected override DisplayManager createDisplayManager()
{
    Size d = System.Windows.Forms.Screen.PrimaryScreen.Bounds.Size;
    Point tempAux = new Point((d.Width - 100) / 2, (d.Height - 80) / 2);
    Point tempAux2 = new Point(5, 5);
    return new AWTDisplayManager(this, ref tempAux, ref tempAux2);
}

[STAThread]
public static void Main(string[] args)
{
    //System initialisieren
    try
    {
        FileStream fs = new FileStream("test.log", FileMode.Create);
        Log.Log.GlobalOutputStream = new System.IO.BinaryWriter(fs);
    }
    catch (IOException)
    {
        System.Console.Error.WriteLine("Unable to create Log file.");
        return ;
    }

    // Kataloge anlegen

    // Fahrscheinkatalog
    Catalog cTickets = Catalog.forName(TICKETS);

    cTickets.addItem(new Fahrschein("Einzelfahrt", 300));
    cTickets.addItem(new Fahrschein("Sammelfahrschein", 1500));
    cTickets.addItem(new Fahrschein("ermäßigte Einzelfahrt", 150));
}
```



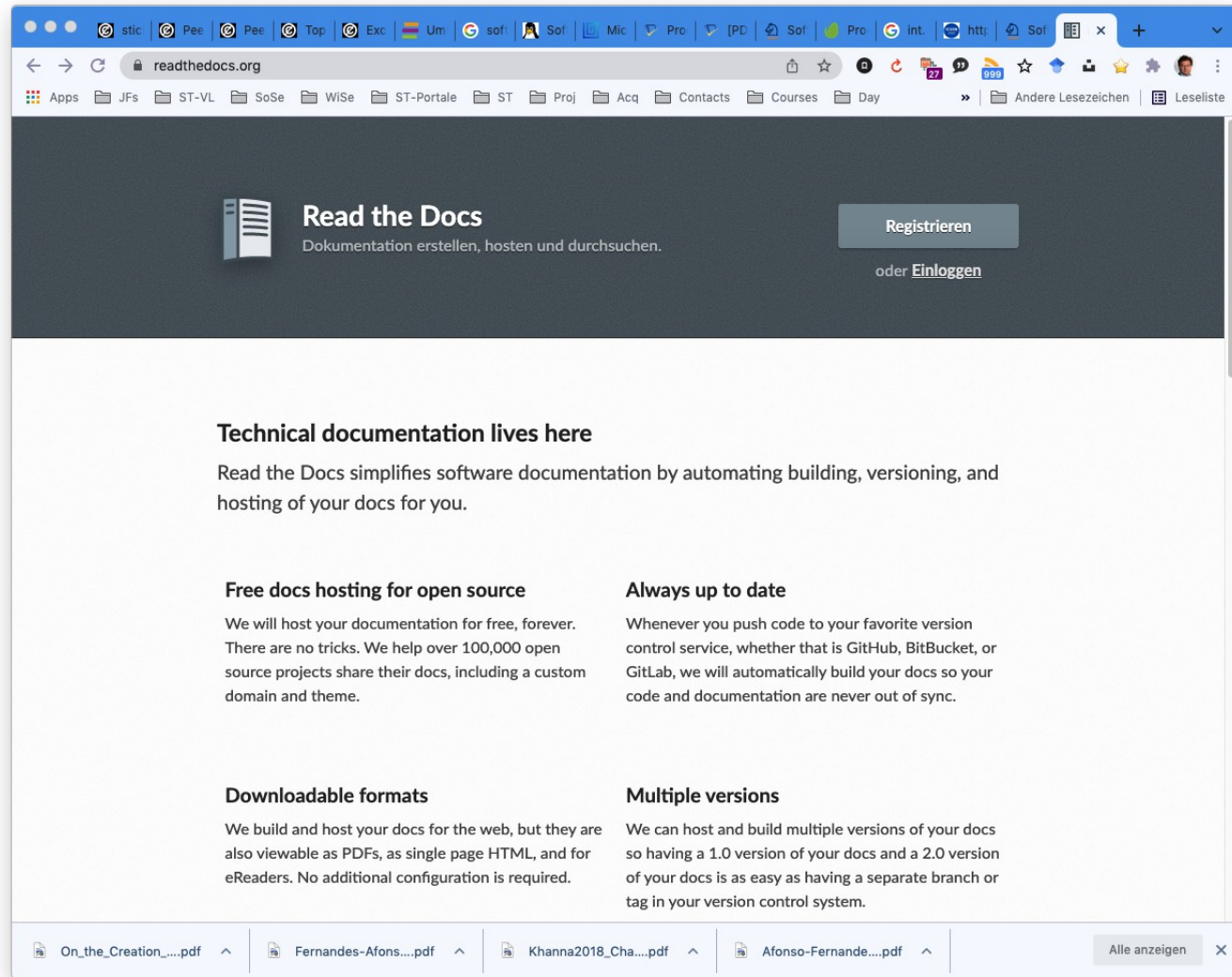
31.5 Web-based Documentation Generators based on Markdown

Sphinx and the Documentation Cloud readthedocs.org

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ readthedocs is a cloud for documentation projects
- ▶ supporting two documentation generators *sphinx* and *mkdocs*



- ▶ Architecture documentation
- ▶ User documentation
- ▶ Files in formats reStructuredText and Markdown are transformed to HTML
- ▶ Treats entire directories
- ▶ many output formats (e.g., Latex)
- ▶ Can be coupled with Javadoc or similar API doc generators

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Sphinx documentation page. The browser's address bar shows the URL `docs.readthedocs.io/en/stable/intro/getting-started-with-sphinx.html`. The page title is "Getting Started with Sphinx". The main content area includes a "Quick start" section, a "See also" section with a link to "Importing Your Documentation", and a "Quick start" section with a code block for installing Sphinx: `$ pip install sphinx`. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like "Quick start", "Using Markdown with Sphinx", "External resources", "Getting Started with MkDocs", "Importing Your Documentation", "Read the Docs features", "Choosing Between Our Two Sites", "Glossary", "FEATURE OVERVIEW", "Configuration File", "VCS Integrations", "Custom Domains and White Labeling", "Versioned Documentation", "Downloadable Documentation", "Documentation Hosting Features", "Server Side Search", "Traffic Analytics", "Preview Documentation from Pull Requests", "Build Notifications and Webhooks", "Security Log", "Connecting Your VCS Account", "Build Process", "Environment Variables", and "Read the Docs". The bottom of the browser shows several open tabs for PDF documents.

Example Sphinx Project

- ▶ Petrinet compiler
Reconfnet
<https://petrinets.pages.st.inf.tu-dresden.de/adaptive-petrinets/index.html>



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Reconfnet website. The browser's address bar shows the URL `petrinets.pages.st.inf.tu-dresden.de/adaptive-petrinets/index.html`. The website has a dark sidebar on the left with a search bar and a list of navigation items: Installation, Getting started, Examples, Meta-models, Stages, Getting started, Used libraries, Roadmap, Authors, and API Documentation. The main content area has a header with the title "Reconfnet" and a "View page source" link. Below the title, it says "We are:" followed by a large, stylized graphic of the word "Reconfnet" in a grid-like font. The text below the graphic explains that Reconfnet is a compiler that takes SCROLL code, the context-role Scala library, and adaptive petrinets (APN), dynamic petrinets (DPN), and dynamic context-adaptive petrinets (DAPN) as input and produces synthesizable VHDL machine code. It also mentions that Reconfnet is based on a graph rewriting transformation chain from GrGen.net. There are sections for "Last changes" and "Usage".

Installation

Getting started

Examples

Meta-models

Stages

Getting started

Used libraries

Roadmap

Authors

API Documentation

Reconfnet

We are:

Reconfnet is a compiler compiling SCROLL code, the context-role Scala library, and adaptive petrinets (APN), dynamic petrinets (DPN) and dynamic context-adaptive petrinets (DAPN) to synthesizable VHDL machine code, using model-checkable (dynamic) petri nets as intermediate meta models.

Reconfnet is based on a graph rewriting transformation chain in [GrGen.net](www.grgen.net).

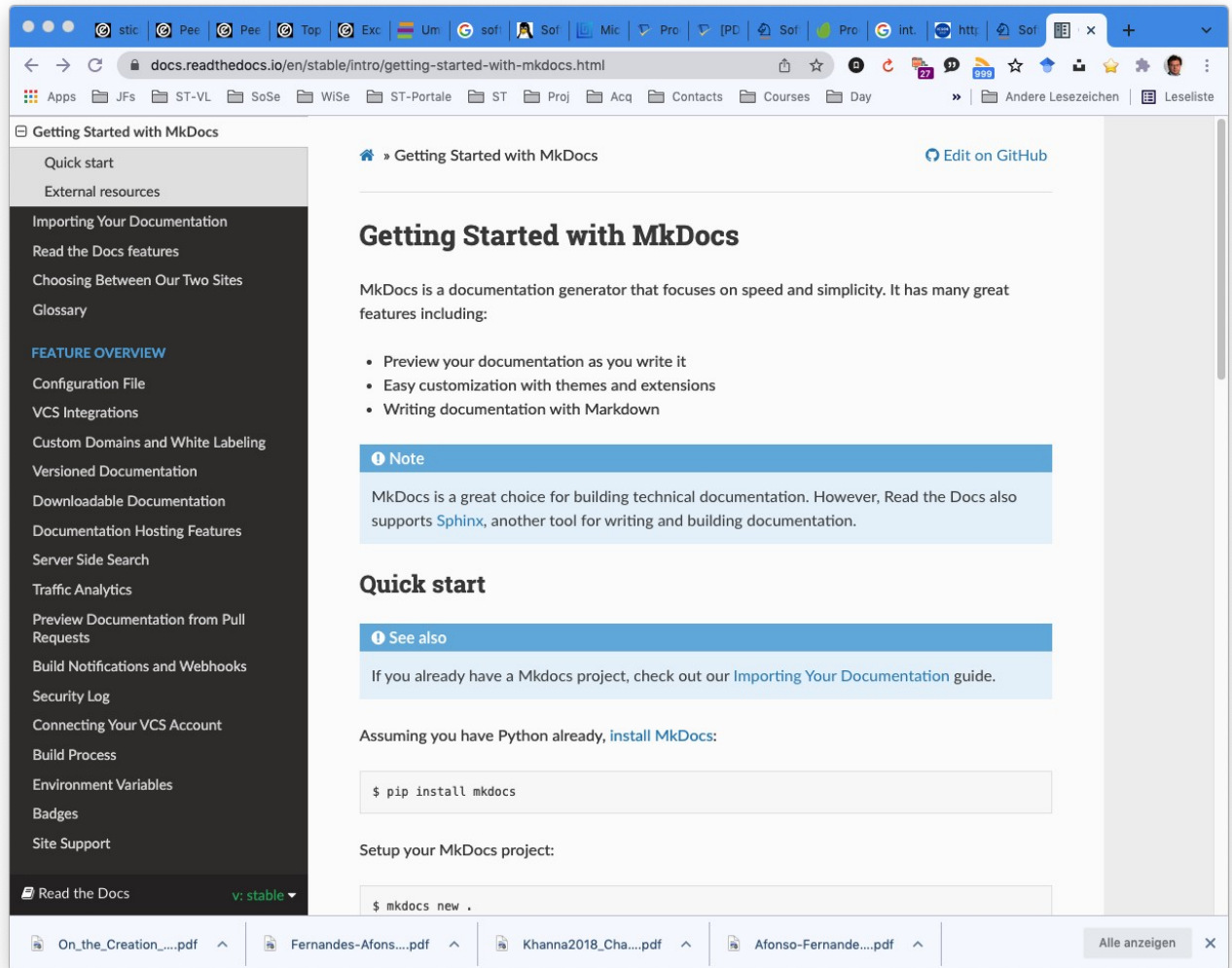
Last changes

- ua |2021-01-15| getting more text into docu.
- ua |2020-12-28| getting more experience with sphinx.
- ua |2020-12-30| copying API documentation here.

Usage

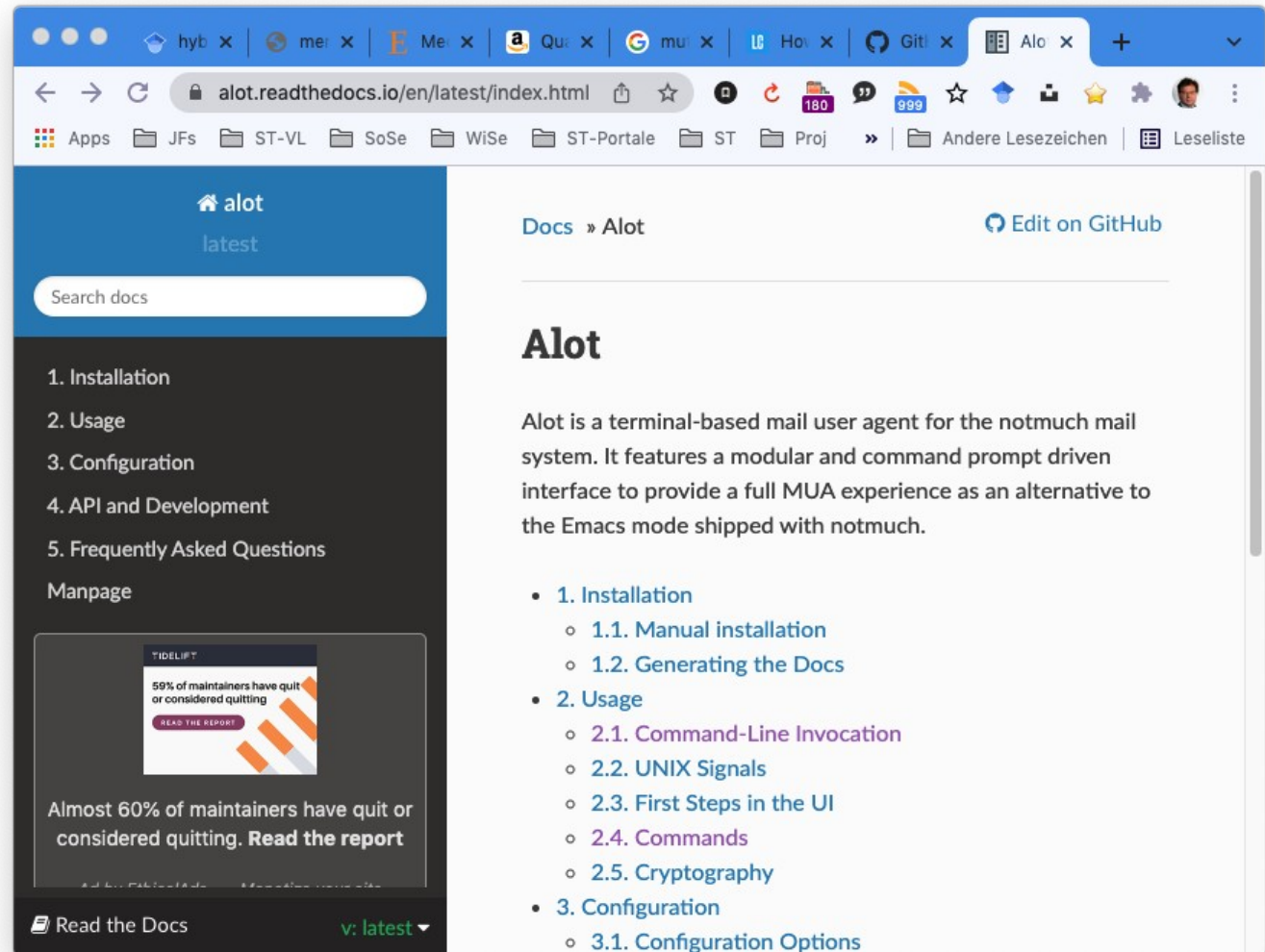
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- ▶ Markdown files to HTML files
- ▶ several output formats



Alot – a Mail User Agent Documented on readthedocs

- ▶ <https://alot.readthedocs.io/>



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Alot documentation page on ReadTheDocs. The browser's address bar shows the URL `alot.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html`. The page has a dark blue header with the Alot logo and the word "latest". Below the header is a search bar labeled "Search docs". A navigation menu on the left lists the following sections: 1. Installation, 2. Usage, 3. Configuration, 4. API and Development, 5. Frequently Asked Questions, and Manpage. Below the menu is a dark grey box with a white text overlay that reads: "59% of maintainers have quit or considered quitting. Read the report". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Read the Docs" and a dropdown menu showing "v: latest". The main content area of the page has a white background and contains the following text: "Docs » Alot" with a link to "Edit on GitHub". The main heading is "Alot", followed by a paragraph: "Alot is a terminal-based mail user agent for the notmuch mail system. It features a modular and command prompt driven interface to provide a full MUA experience as an alternative to the Emacs mode shipped with notmuch." Below this paragraph is a table of contents with three main sections: 1. Installation (with sub-sections 1.1. Manual installation and 1.2. Generating the Docs), 2. Usage (with sub-sections 2.1. Command-Line Invocation, 2.2. UNIX Signals, 2.3. First Steps in the UI, 2.4. Commands, and 2.5. Cryptography), and 3. Configuration (with sub-section 3.1. Configuration Options).

NaturalDocs Generic API Documentation Generator

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ Similar to JavaDoc, but more than 20 languages
- ▶ own keywords can be defined
- ▶ Example gitlab project from which API documentation for GrGen can be generated
 - https://git-st.inf.tu-dresden.de/adaptive_petrinets/reconfnet/-/tree/master/doc

The screenshot shows a GitLab repository page for the 'reconfnet' project. The browser address bar shows the URL: `git-st.inf.tu-dresden.de/adaptive_petrinets/reconfnet/-/tree/master/doc`. The repository is on the 'master' branch. A table lists the files in the 'doc' directory:

| Name | Last commit | Last update |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| .. | | |
| api | new readme in doc/api. 6 Modules are documented now. | 11 months ago |
| Comments.txt | naturaldocs: new comment type Question, Algorithm. | 11 months ago |
| Languages.txt | The language of GRShell was added in Languages.txt, to incl... | 11 months ago |
| Makefile | naturaldocs: new comment type Question, Algorithm. | 11 months ago |
| Project.txt | documented petri2dynamic nets | 10 months ago |
| Readme.md | new readme in doc/api. 6 Modules are documented now. | 11 months ago |
| protocol-reconfnet.md | more files from codiMD | 9 months ago |

Below the table, the 'Readme.md' file is displayed with the following content:

Generation of API documentation for Reconfnet

- Install naturaldocs (e.g., with brew).
- make sure that in your file system the projects **reconfnet** and its documentation project **reconfnet.pages.st.tu-dresden.de** are located as sister directories.
 - Naturaldocs needs to find the **relative paths** it is looking for.
 - At the moment naturaldocs is located in the **reconfnet/doc** directory; which might change to **reconfnet.pages.st.tu-dresden.de**, but this works only if relative paths are consistent.
- Then run:

```
cd doc
naturaldocs .
open api/index.html
```

Example NaturalDocs API generated for GrGen

- ▶ GrGen.net is a generator for graph rewrite specifications (see Part IV)
- ▶ There is no specific API doc generator for GrGen, but NaturalDocs can be tailored to it

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the API documentation for the Reconfnet Compiler. The page title is "Reconfnet Compiler for Dynamic Adaptive Petrinets, Version 0.6.3". The main content area is titled "context / ContextDependencyModel.gm" and contains the following sections:

- Properties**: Author: CM. Commented by UA (2020-12-29)
- GraphTypes**: Weak Inclusion, Strong Inclusion, requirement, exclusion, arrow
- Weak Inclusion**: empty triangle on activation/deactivation trigger this with target act(source) -> act(target) deact(source) -> deact(target) act(target) -> deact(target) ->
- Strong Inclusion**: when target gets deactivated source also empty triangle act(source) -> act(target) deact(source) -> deact(target) act(target) -> deact(target) -> deact(source) -> deact(target)
- requirement**: can only be activated when target is already empty triangle act(source) -> only if already: act(target) deact(source) -> act(target) -> deact(target) -> deact(source)
- exclusion**: empty boxes both can not be active at same time act(source) -> deact(target) act(target) -> deact(source)
- arrow**

The footer of the page reads "STgroup - 2021-01-09 - Generated by Natural Docs".

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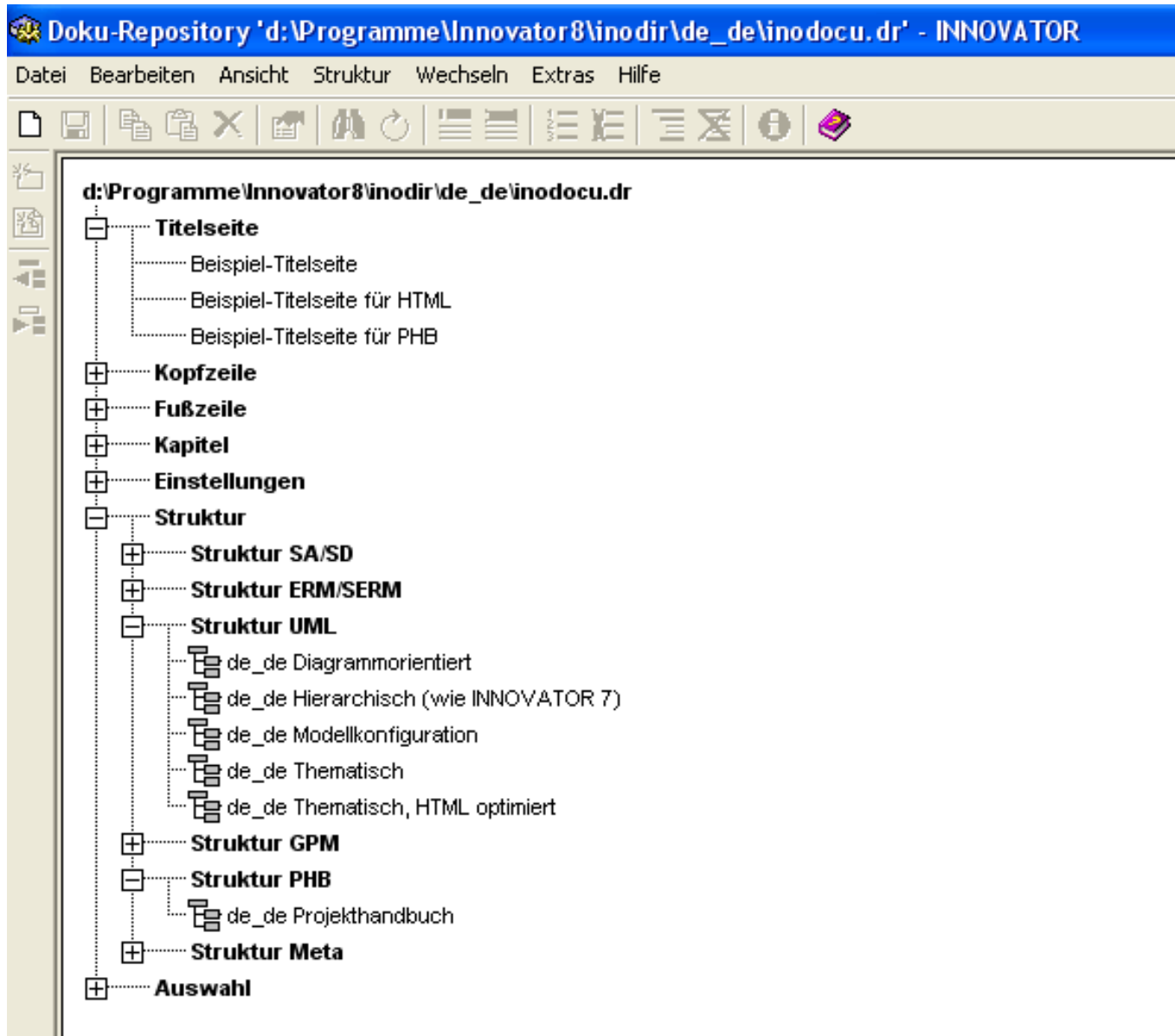
- ▶ Why is generation of documentation similar to code generation?
- ▶ Explain why a higher-order RAG is useful for documentation generation
- ▶ Which role does a pattern-matching language such as Xcerpt play in documentation generation?
- ▶ Why is the generation of documentation part of a macromodel?
- ▶ Why is a documentation a *derived model*?
- ▶ What happens if text from the API documentation flows back into the code as comments?

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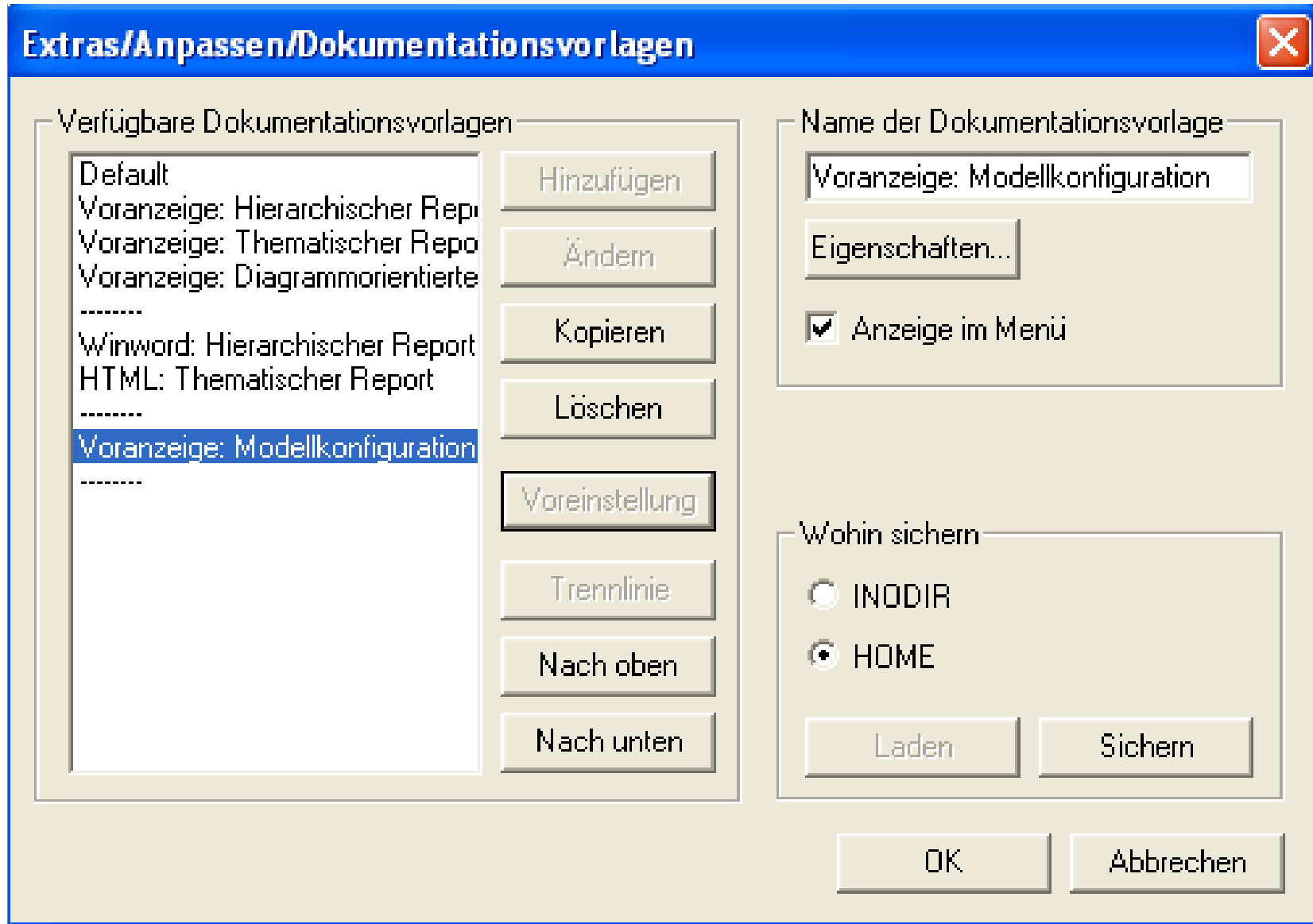
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Ex.: Innovator Documentation Template (Dokumentationsvorlage)



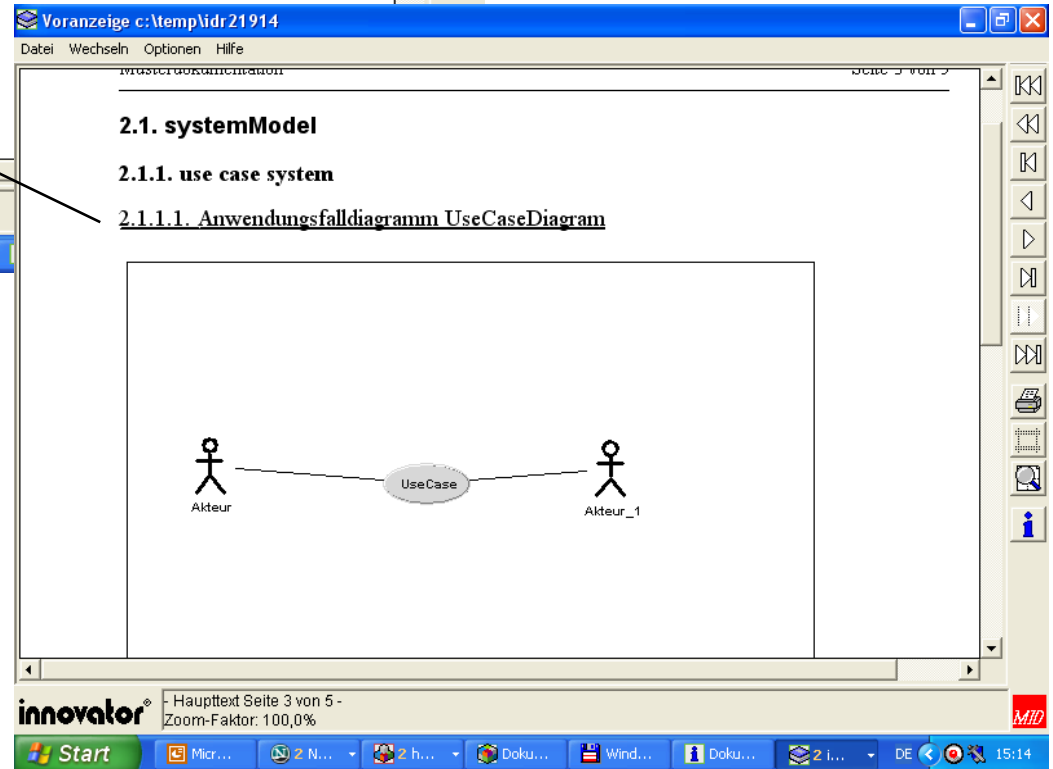
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Documentation Generation as App for RAG

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mehr code examples mit xcerpt und EMod

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Interesting

- ▶ <https://www.writethedocs.org/> is a conference for documentation practitioners
- ▶ <https://waset.org/software-implementation-and-software-documentation-conference>

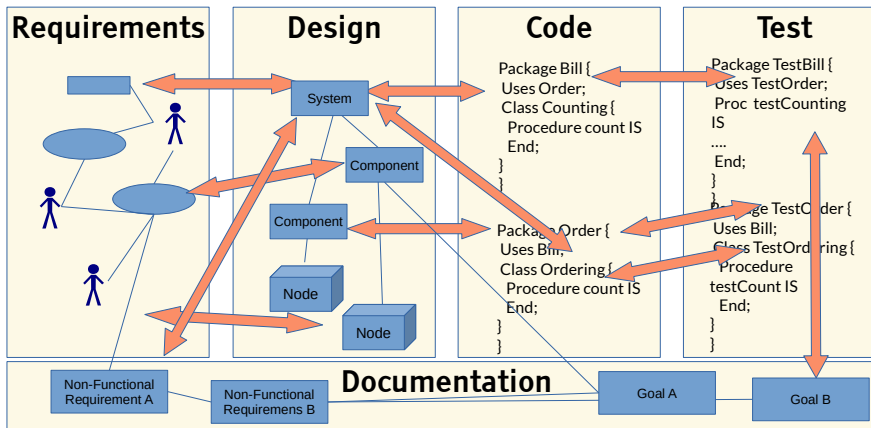


31.1 Tasks of Documentation Tools

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_documentation

Q12: The ReDoDeCT Problem and its Macromodel

- ▶ The **ReDoDeCT problem** is the problem how requirements, documentation, design, code, and tests are related (→ V model)
- ▶ Mappings between the Requirements model, Documentation files, Design model, Code, Test cases
- ▶ A **ReDoDeCT macromodel** has maintained mappings between all 5 models



Basics of Software Documentation

- ▶ Documentation is a means of **communication** to keep software alive
 - between developers and future developers
 - between coders and testers
 - between developers and managers (for reviews and audits)
- ▶ Problems:
 - Documentation **ages** because code is modified and evolved (**documentation aging**)
 - Good documentation costs time and money
- ▶ Different kinds of documentation:
 - **Generated documentation** is derived from code and models
 - **Integrated Documentation** is derived from the code (e.g., in comments), e.g., JavaDoc
 - **Elucidative Documentation**, derives both from another and keeps it consistent (generative or round-trip engineering)
- ▶ Standards:
 - national DIN 66230, 66231, 66232, 66270(1998)
 - international ISO/IEC 6592(2000), ISO/IEC 18019(2004)



Without documentation, a program is not software

Taxonomy of Documentation Documents

- ▶ **User documentation** (Benutzerdokumentation) explains the program to end users
 - Tutorials, user handbook, online documentation
- ▶ **System documentation** for installation, test cases, code documentation, maintenance, operations
 - **API documentation** documents interfaces of the system or framework, to let programmers use them for writing apps
 - **Architecture documentation** to highlight the architectural structure of the software, e.t., with arc42 (<https://www.arc42.de/>)
- ▶ **Project documentation**
 - Developer documentation
 - Project documentation (project plan, requirements specification, status reports, after study)
- ▶ **Quality documentation**
 - Test-, review, audit documentation
- ▶ **Process documentation**
 - Standards, processes

Tasks of Documentation Tools

- ▶ Basically, documentation generation is similar to code generation. Documentation is created in higher-order attributes on a link tree by a RAG
- ▶ **Documentation generation is an application areas for RAG**
- ▶ **Generation** of derived documents from code and models
 - Generation of Word (docx), LibreOffice (odt), rtf, xml, html formats
 - Generation of figures (svg, png, pdf)
 - Generation of snippets and generic snippets
 - Back-linking to originals
- ▶ **Filling** of documentation templates (with the hedge-principle)
- ▶ **Parameterization** with layouts
 - via css-style sheets



31.2 Generative, Template-Driven Documentation Tools

.. Documentation derived from code and models, based on template-based code generation

Documentation Tool JavaDoc is a Template Expander

- ▶ JavaDoc reads Java source code and extracts html from the code comments, based on **html templates**
 - Typical hedge-based code generation with generic snippets
- ▶ Generation of additional contents and indices
- ▶ Controlled by Java metadata attributes
 - @author, @date, @param
- ▶ Layouting via plugin classes called *doclets*
- ▶ JavaDoc has been realized for all programming languages

JavaDoc is a Typical HRAG Application

- ▶ The html documentation is computed in a higher-order synthesized attribute `htmlDoc: HTML`

```
// schematic, synthesis from bottom to top
Interpretation javaDoc(Tree → Tree) {
  Attributions of Root(classes[]) {
    this.htmlDoc := map + classes.htmlDoc;
    <println(„Result is %S“, this.htmlDoc)>
  }
  Attributions of Class(superclass:Class,methods[]) {
    this.htmlDoc := <superclass.Name + methods.htmlDoc;
  }
  Attributions of Method(name,comment) {
    this.htmlDoc := „<h1>“+name+“</h2>“+comment.htmlDoc;
  }
  Attributions of Comment(text) {
    this.htmlDoc := text;
  }
}
```



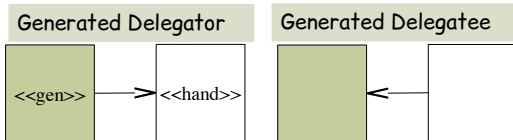
Composition of Separated Hand-Written and Generated Documentation Snippets

In separate files: Coupling by "include"

- ▶ Only possible if document format supports subdocument inclusion
 - e.g., TeX or Framemaker

In one file:

Coupling with **hedges** (Trennmarkierung)



Generated Wrapper

```
/** Generated documentation  
**/  
**/
```

```
/** Hedge **/
```

```
... Hand-written  
Documentation ...
```

```
/** Hedge **/
```

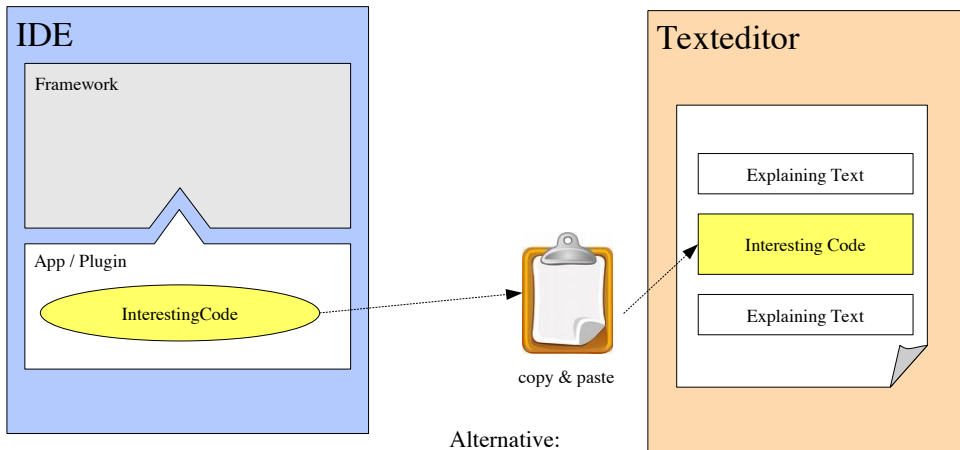




31.3 Literate Programming

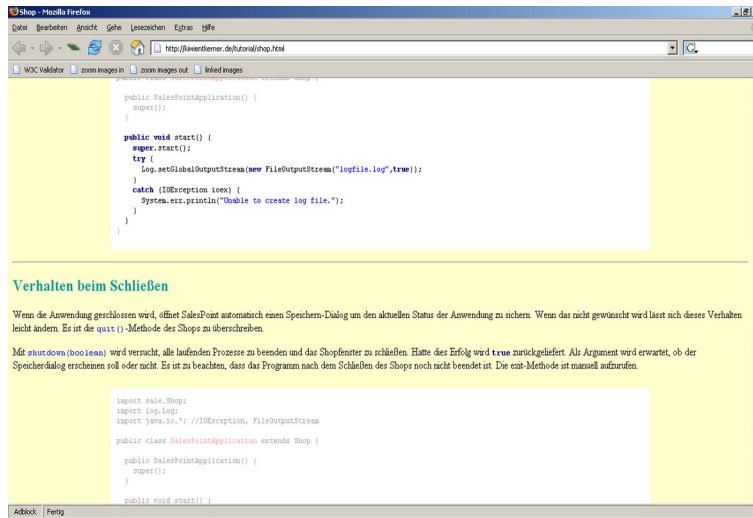
- They integrate code, models and documentation by **separating code from documentation**

Classic: Manual Writing of Tutorials



Alternative:
Code query
e.g., with
Xcerpt or QL

How to Write Integrated Documentation and Tutorials?



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying a tutorial page. The page content is as follows:

```
public SalesPointApplication() {
    super();
}

public void start() {
    super.start();
    try {
        log.setGlobalOutputStream(new FileOutputStream("logfile.log", true));
    }
    catch (IOException ioex) {
        System.err.println("Unable to create log file.");
    }
}
```

Verhalten beim Schließen

Wenn die Anwendung geschlossen wird, öffnet SalesPoint automatisch einen Speichern-Dialog um den aktuellen Status der Anwendung zu sichern. Wenn das nicht gewünscht wird lässt sich dieses Verhalten nicht ändern. Es ist die `quit()`-Methode des Shops zu überschreiben.

Mit `shutdown(boolean)` wird versucht, alle laufenden Prozesse zu beenden und das Shopfenster zu schließen. Hatte dies Erfolg wird `true` zurückgeliefert. Als Argument wird erwartet, ob der Speicherdialog erscheinen soll oder nicht. Es ist zu beachten, dass das Programm nach dem Schließen des Shops noch nicht beendet ist. Die `exit`-Methode ist manuell aufzurufen.

```
import sale.Shop;
import log.Log;
import java.io.*; //IOException, FileOutputStream

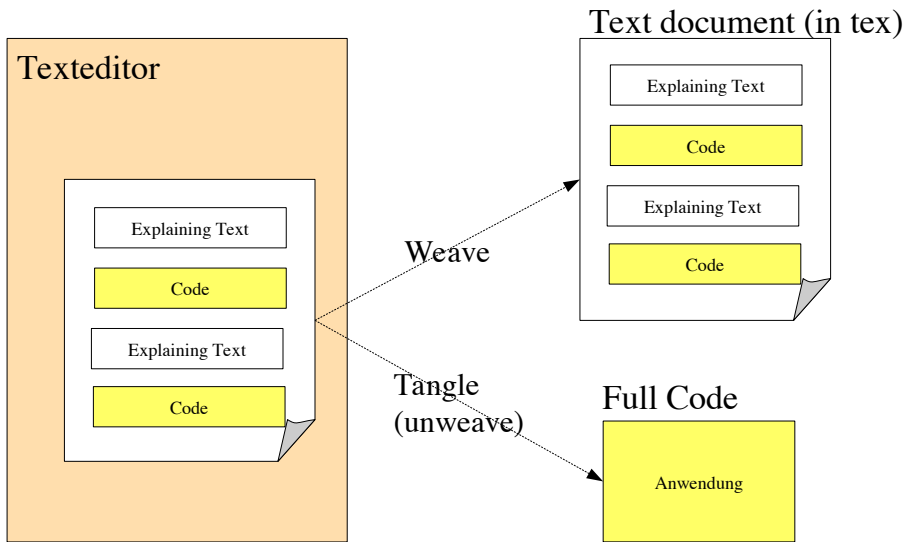
public class SalesPointApplication extends Shop {

    public SalesPointApplication() {
        super();
    }

    public void start() {
```



[Knuth] Literate Programming by Code Unweaving



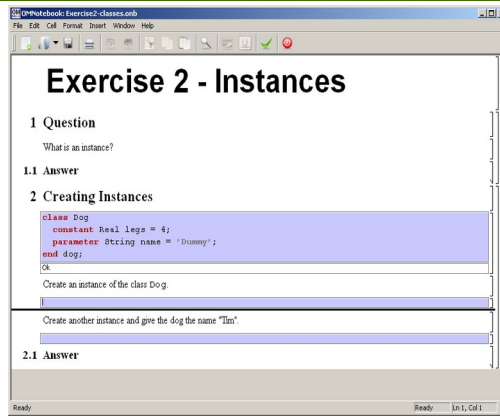
[The program text below specifies the “expanded meaning” of ‘⟨Program to print . . . numbers 2⟩’; notice that it involves the top-level descriptions of three other sections. When those top-level descriptions are replaced by their expanded meanings, a syntactically correct PASCAL program will be obtained.]

```
⟨Program to print the first thousand prime
  numbers 2⟩ ≡
program print_primes(output);
  const m = 1000;
    ⟨Other constants of the program 5⟩
  var ⟨Variables of the program 4⟩
    begin ⟨Print the first m prime numbers 3⟩;
  end.
```

[Literate Programming
von Donald E. Knuth]

- ▶ The TeX engine is programmed literately
- ▶ Overview: <http://www.literateprogramming.com/>
- ▶ OMNotebook/DrModelica: <http://www.modelica.org/tools>





- ▶ Linked documents with interactive exercises
- ▶ Inspired by DrScheme und DrJava, learning tools for Scheme resp. Java
- ▶ www.openmodelica.org

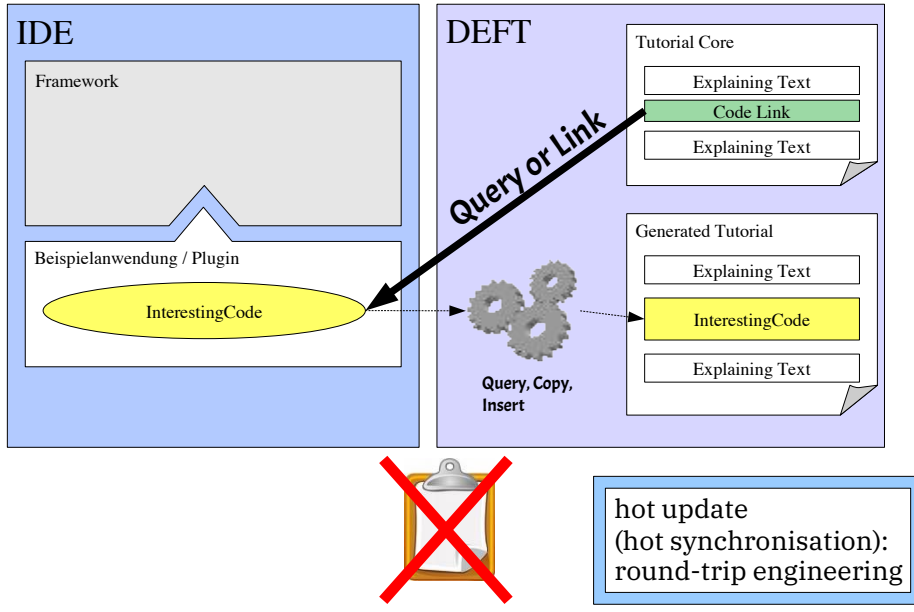




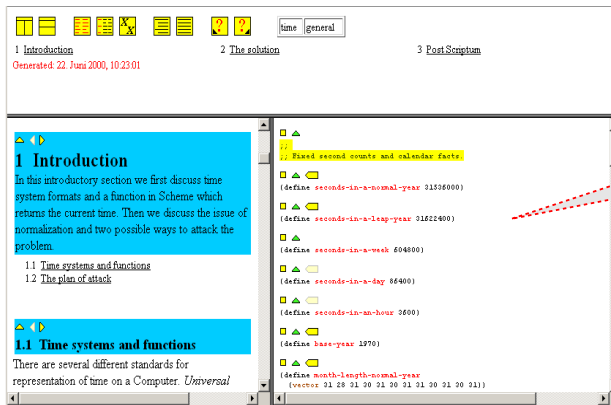
31.4 Elucidative Documentation Tools

- They link code, models and documentation by **model and code mapping**
- and **renew the documentation by *hot updates***

Elucidative Programming Links Documentation with Queries to Code



Elucidative Programming



- ▶ Elucidative Programming shows documentation and code in parallel
- ▶ <http://www.cs.aau.dk/~normark/elucidative-programming/>
- ▶ <http://deftproject.org>

hot update
(hot synchronisation):
round-trip engineering



Development Environment For Tutorials (DEFT)

www.deftproject.org

The screenshot displays the DEFT development environment with three main components:

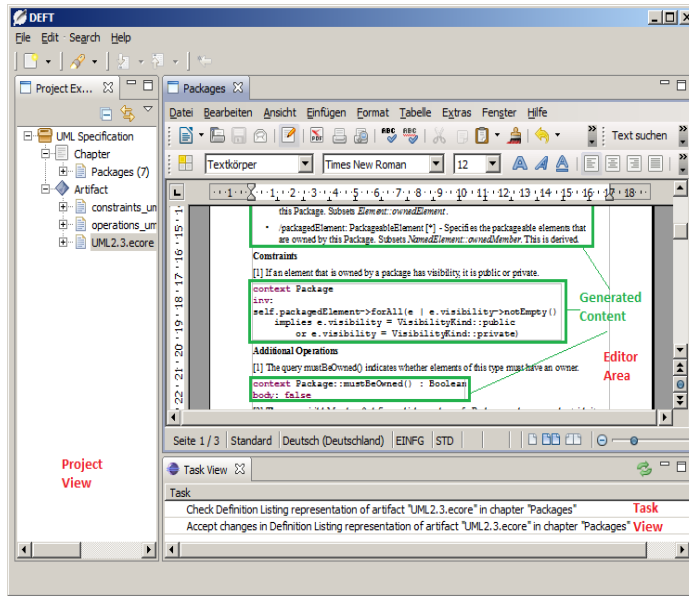
- Projektübersicht (Project Explorer):** Located on the left, it shows a tree view of the project structure. The root is 'Fahrtkartenautomat', which contains 'Chapters', 'Code files', and 'Tutorials'. Under 'Code files', there are sub-folders for 'Fahrtkartenautomat' and 'Code snippets'. The 'Fahrtkartenautomat' folder contains files like 'FahrtkartenAutomat.cs', 'Fahrtschein.cs', 'SecurityIO.cs', 'SecurityReturn.cs', 'VerkaufeFahrtscheineLogEntry.cs', 'VerkaufeFahrtscheineTransactio...', 'WartungsLogEntry.cs', and 'WartungsTransaction.cs'.
- Texteditor:** The central window shows the source code for 'FahrtkartenAutomat.cs'. It contains a code fragment for logging to a file. The code is as follows:

```
try  
{  
    FileStream fs = new FileStream("test.log",  
        FileMode.Create);  
    Log.Log.GlobalOutputStream = new  
        System.IO.BinaryWriter(fs);  
}  
catch (IOException)  
{  
    System.Console.Error.WriteLine("Unable to  
        create Log file.");  
    return ;  
}
```

Below the code, there is a paragraph of German text explaining the logging process: "Es wird versucht, die Datei test.log zu erzeugen. Falls sie schon existiert, wird sie überschrieben. Der FileStream kann Daten (Bytes) vom Programm in die Datei schreiben. Byteweises Schreiben von Informationen ist allerdings sehr umständlich. Ein BinaryWriter kapselt den FileStream und bietet Methoden zum Schreiben von Strings, Zahlen, und Anderem. Der globalen Log-Klasse der Anwendung, Log.Log wird dieser BinaryWriter zugewiesen. Alle Logzugriffe erfolgen von nun an über ihn und damit in die Datei test.log."
- AST-Fenster (Code Outline):** Located on the right, it shows the Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) for the code. It includes 'UsingDirectives' and a list of classes and methods: 'FahrtkartenAutomat', 'TICKETS', 'MONEY', 'DefaultMenuSheet', 'FahrtkartenAutomat(string)', 'createDisplayManager()', 'Main(String[])', 'FahrtscheineVerkaufenAction', and 'WartungAction'.



Embedding UML Constraints for UML Models into Documentation



Development Environment For Tutorials (DEFT)

- ▶ Eclipse RCP application, language independent
- ▶ Management of code, models and text
- ▶ Prettyprinting of code fragments from code templates
- ▶ Hot update of generated documentation
 - Automatic update of embedded code fragments
 - Notification if code fragments have changed

Start der Anwendung

In der Klasse `FahrkartenAutomat` befindet sich die `Main`-Methode, mit der sich das Programm starten lässt. Dort werden Daten initialisiert und der Fahrkartenautomat instanziiert.

Logging

Der erste Schritt ist die Konfiguration des Loggings. Das SalesPoint-Framework bietet Funktionen und Datentypen an, mit denen Aktionen geloggt werden können. Es gibt GUI-Komponenten, mit denen die Inhalte des Logs wieder nutzerfreundlich angezeigt werden können. Eine Anzeige des Logs ist derzeit nicht im Fahrkartenautomaten implementiert, geloggt wird aber trotzdem schon.

Um Logging zu verwenden, muss ein Stream auf die Logdatei geöffnet werden:

```
try {
    FileStream fs = new FileStream("test.log", FileMode.Create);
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```
{
}

protected override DisplayManager createDisplayManager() {
    Size d = System.Windows.Forms.Screen.PrimaryScreen.Bounds.Size;
    Point tempAux = new Point((d.Width - 100) / 2, (d.Height - 80) / 2);
    Point tempAux2 = new Point(5, 5);
    return new AUTDisplayManager(this, ref tempAux, ref tempAux2);
}

[STAThread]
public static void Main(string[] args) {
    //System initialisieren
    try {
        FileStream fs = new FileStream("test.log", FileMode.Create);
        Log.Log.GlobalOutputStream = new System.IO.BinaryWriter(fs);
    } catch (IOException) {
        System.Console.Error.WriteLine("Unable to create Log file.");
        return ;
    }

    // Kataloge anlegen
    // Fahrscheinkatalog
    Catalog oTickets = Catalog.forName(TICKETS);
    oTickets.addItem(new Fahrchein("Einzelfahrt", 300));
    oTickets.addItem(new Fahrchein("Samstagsfahrchein", 1500));
    oTickets.addItem(new Fahrchein("ermäßigte Einzelfahrt", 150));
}
```

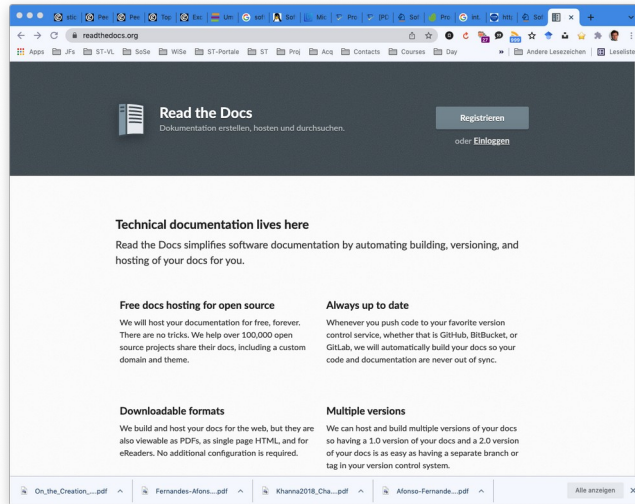




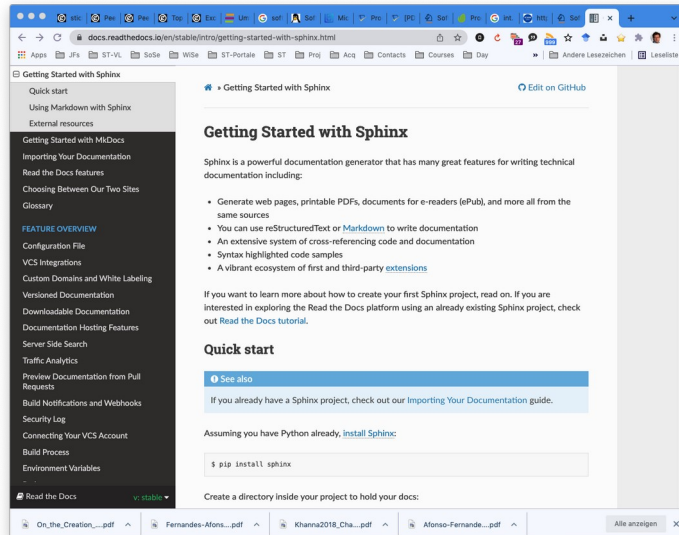
31.5 Web-based Documentation Generators based on Markdown

Sphinx and the Documentation Cloud readthedocs.org

- ▶ readthedocs is a cloud for documentation projects
- ▶ supporting two documentation generators *sphinx* and *mkdocs*

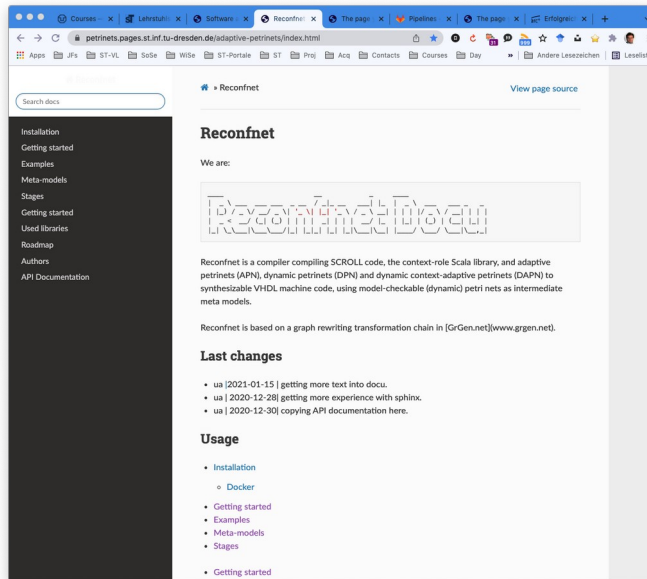


- ▶ Architecture documentation
- ▶ User documentation
- ▶ Files in formats reStructuredText and Markdown are transformed to HTML
- ▶ Treats entire directories
- ▶ many output formats (e.g., Latex)
- ▶ Can be coupled with Javadoc or similar API doc generators

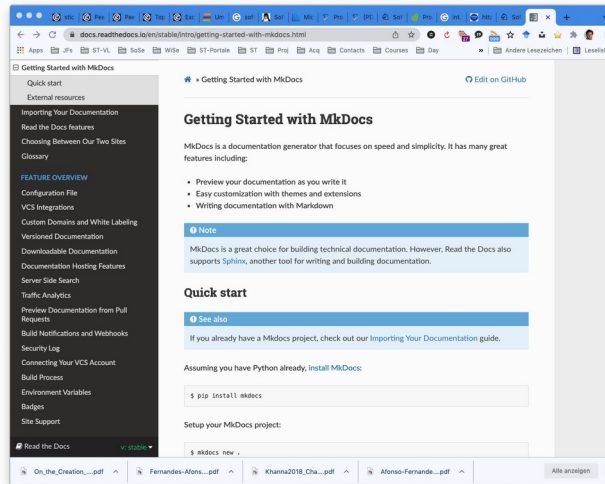


Example Sphinx Project

- ▶ Petrinet compiler
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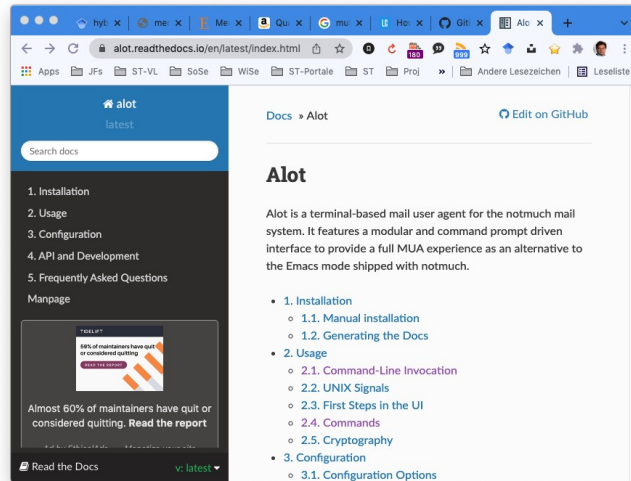


- ▶ Markdown files to HTML files
- ▶ several output formats



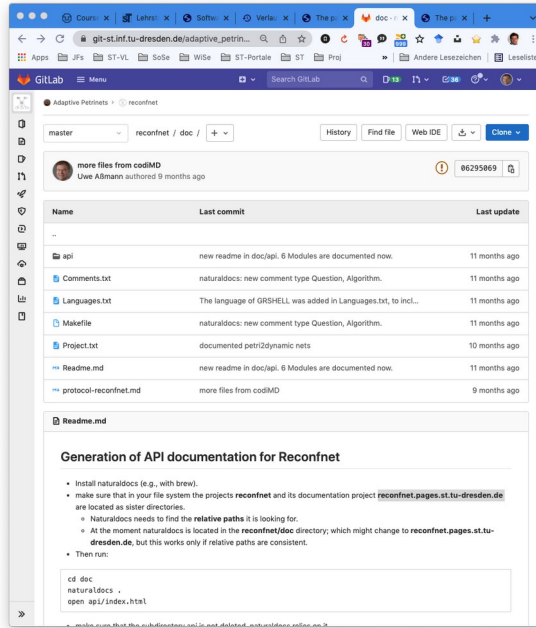
Alot - a Mail User Agent Documented on readthedocs

- ▶ <https://alot.readthedocs.io/>



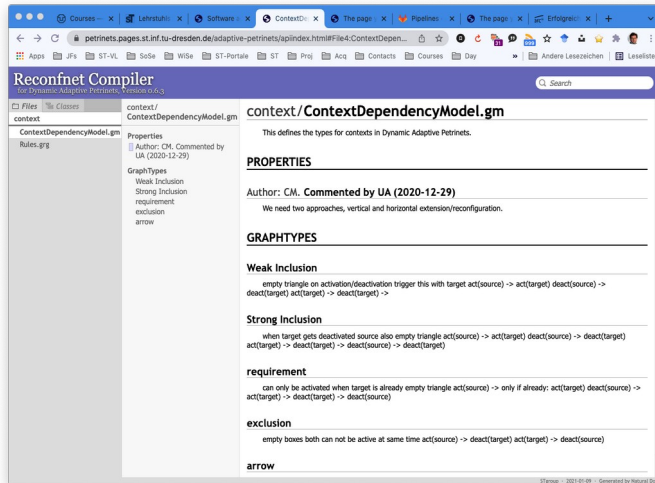
NaturalDocs Generic API Documentation Generator

- ▶ Similar to JavaDoc, but more than 20 languages
- ▶ own keywords can be defined
- ▶ Example gitlab project from which API documentation for GrGen can be generated
 - https://git-st.inf.tu-dresden.de/adaptive_petrinet/reconfnfnet/-/tree/master/doc



Example NaturalDocs API generated for GrGen

- ▶ GrGen.net is a generator for graph rewrite specifications (see Part IV)
- ▶ There is no specific API doc generator for GrGen, but NaturalDocs can be tailored to it



The End

- ▶ Why is generation of documentation similar to code generation?
- ▶ Explain why a higher-order RAG is useful for documentation generation
- ▶ Which role does a pattern-matching language such as Xcerpt play in documentation generation?
- ▶ Why is the generation of documentation part of a macromodel?
- ▶ Why is a documentation a *derived model*?
- ▶ What happens if text from the API documentation flows back into the code as comments?

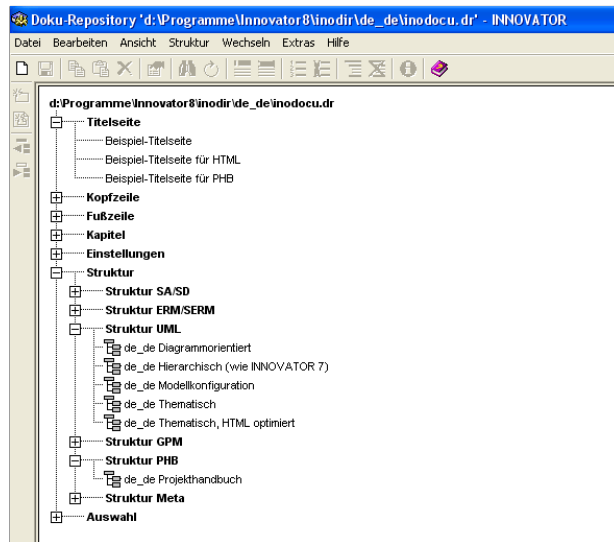


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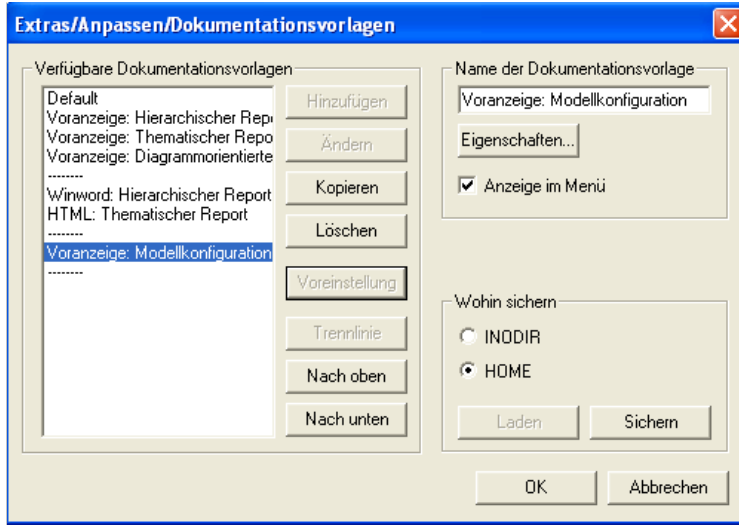
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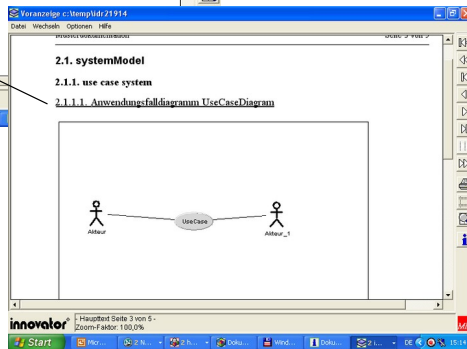
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