



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>

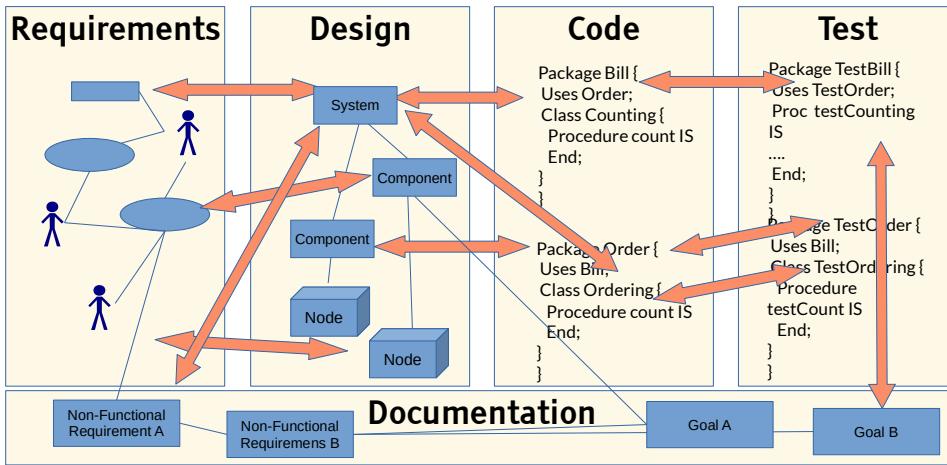


31.1 Tasks of Documentation Tools

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

Q12: The ReDoDeCT Problem and its Macromodel

- ▶ The **ReDoDeCT problem** is the problem how requirements, documentation, design, code, and tests are related (\rightarrow 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

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

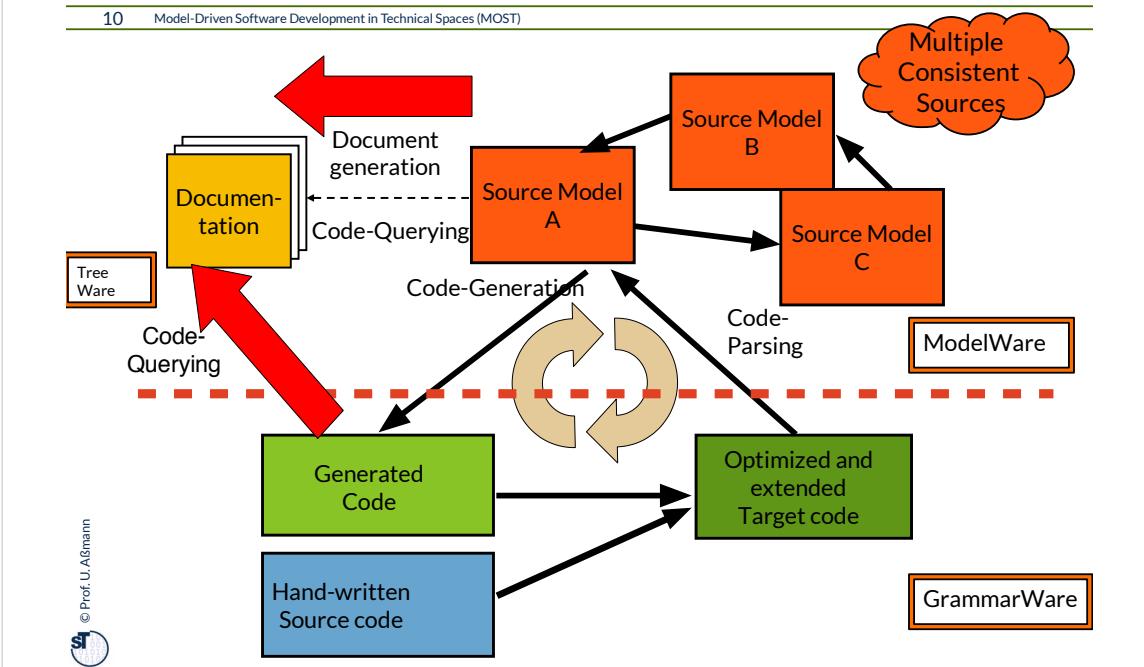


31.2 Generative, Template-Driven Documentation Tools

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

Macromodel Principle and Round-Trip Engineering

10 Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)



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

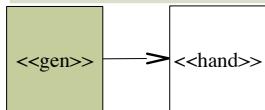
In separate files: Coupling by “include”

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

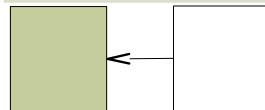
In one file:

Coupling with **hedges** (Trennmarkierung)

Generated Delegator



Generated Delegatee



Generated Wrapper

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

```
/* Hedge */
```

... Hand-written
Documentation

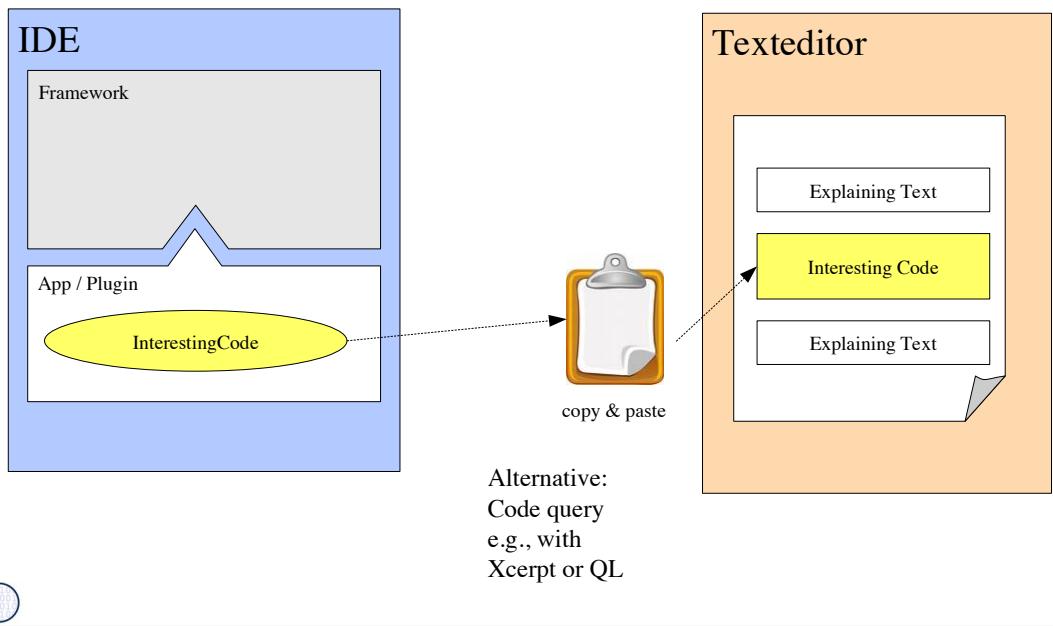
```
/* Hedge */
```



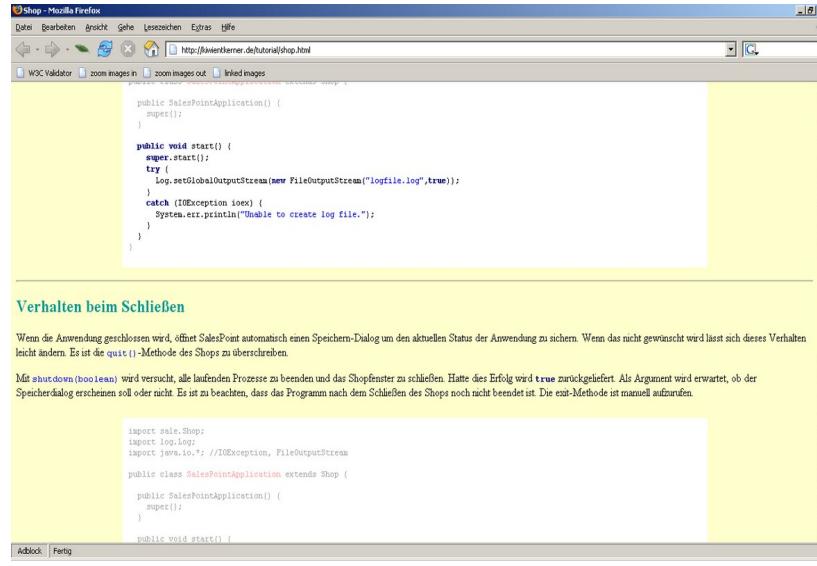
31.3 Literate Programming

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

Classic: Manual Writing of Tutorials



How to Write Integrated Documentation and Tutorials?



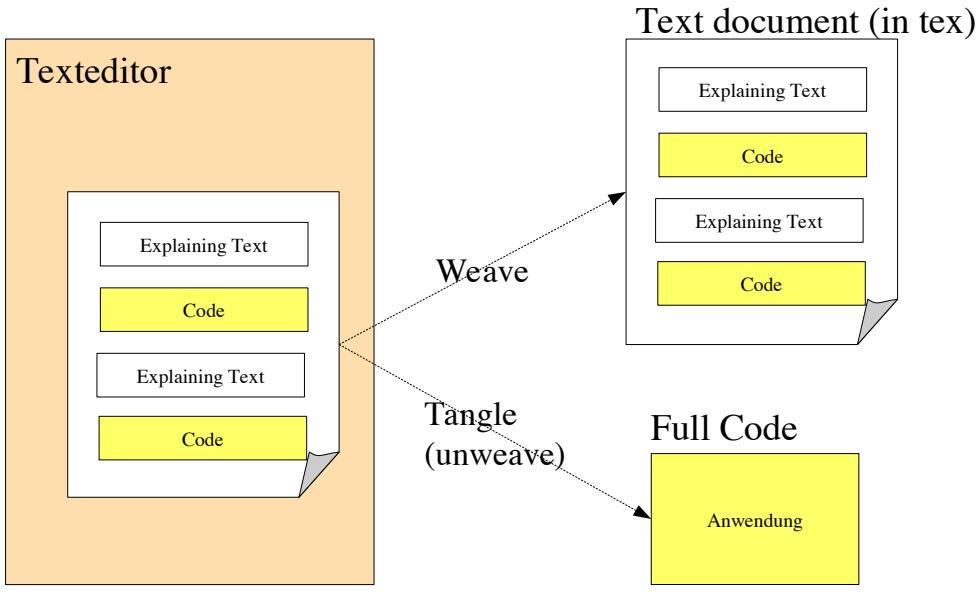
Verhalten beim Schließen

Wenn die Anwendung geschlossen wird, öffnet SalesPoint automatisch einen Speicher-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 der 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



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

The screenshot shows the OMNotebook interface with the title "Exercise 2 - Instances". The interface has a menu bar with File, Edit, Cell, Format, Insert, Window, Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The main area contains sections for "1 Question" and "1.1 Answer". Under "1 Question", there is a question "What is an instance?". Under "1.1 Answer", there is a section titled "2 Creating Instances" containing a code snippet:

```
class Dog
constant Real legs = 4;
parameter String name = 'Dummy';
end dog;
```

Below the code, there is an "Ok" button and a text input field with the placeholder "Create an instance of the class Dog". A second text input field below it contains the instruction "Create another instance and give the dog the name "Tim".

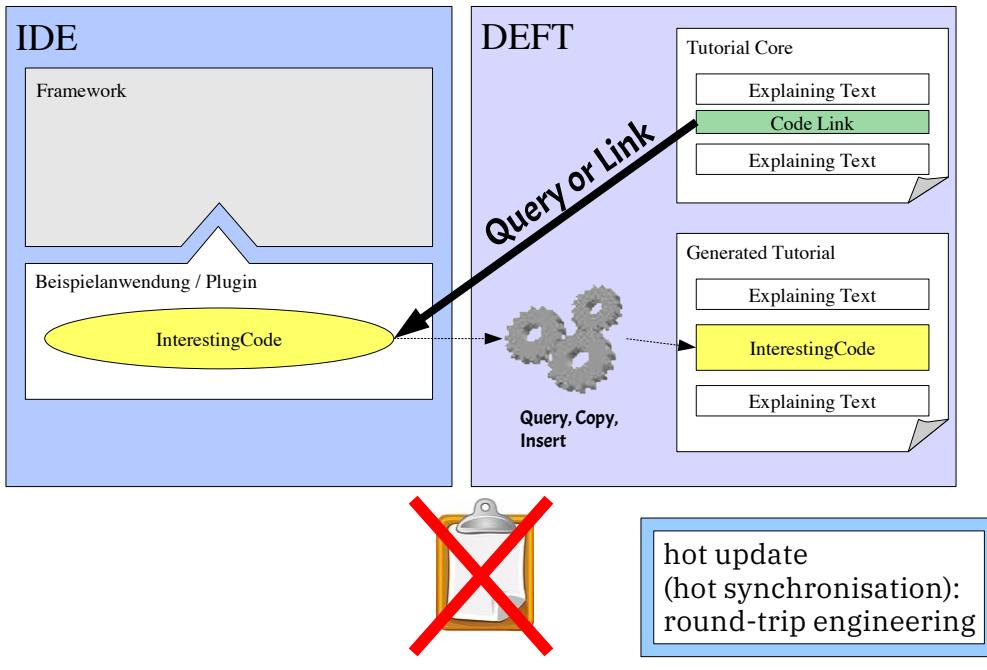
- ▶ Linked documents with interactive exercises
- ▶ Inspired by DrScheme und DrJava, learning tools for Scheme resp. Java
- ▶ www.openmodelica.org



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

The screenshot shows a window titled "Elucidative Programming". At the top, there are three tabs: "1 Introduction", "2 The solution", and "3 Post Scriptum". Below the tabs, it says "Generated: 22. Juni 2000, 10:23:01". The main area has two panes. The left pane contains a hierarchical navigation tree with sections like "1 Introduction", "1.1 Time systems and functions", and "1.2 The plan of attack". The right pane displays Scheme code:

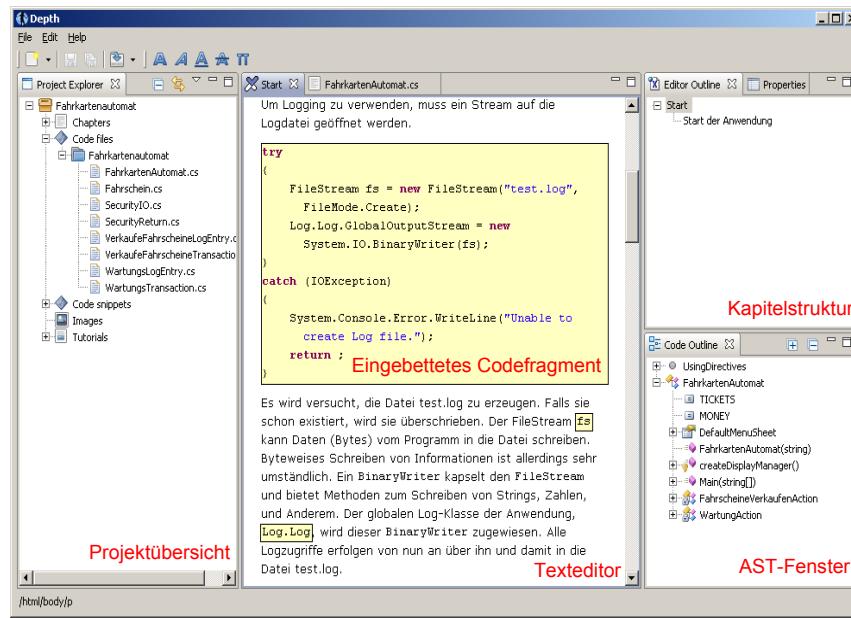
```
(define seconds-in-a-normal-year 31536000)
(define seconds-in-a-leap-year 31622400)
(define seconds-in-a-week 604800)
(define seconds-in-a-day 86400)
(define seconds-in-an-hour 3600)
(define base-year 1970)
(define month-length-normal-year
  (vector 31 28 31 30 31 30 21 31 30 21 31 30 31))
```

A red dashed oval highlights the right pane and is labeled "„Scheme Elucidator“ Environment". A blue box on the right contains the text:

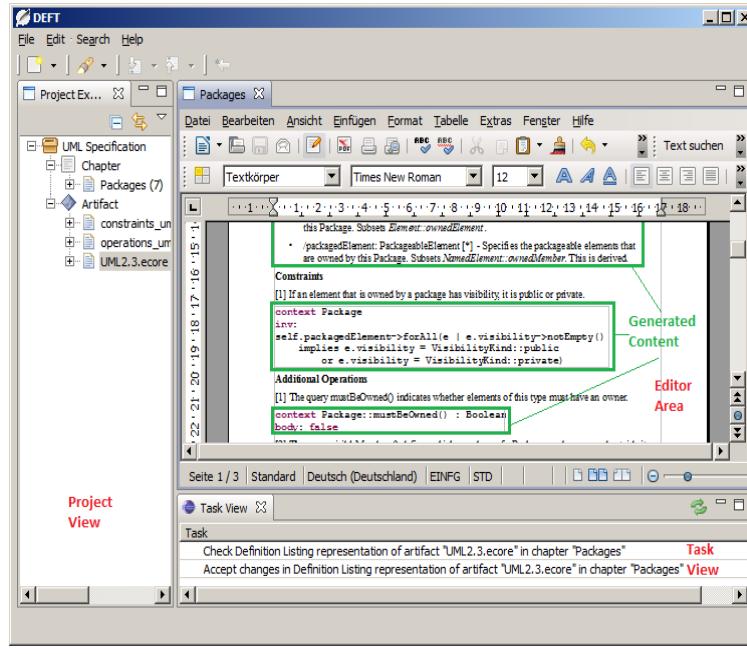
hot update
(hot synchronisation):
round-trip engineering

Development Environment For Tutorials (DEFT)

www.deftproject.org



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

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox window with two panes. The left pane displays a Java code editor with a yellow background, and the right pane shows a browser window displaying a generated HTML tutorial.

Browser Content (Right Pane):

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 instantiiert.

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 erzeugen. 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 unterstützt den FileStream und bietet Methoden zum Schreiben von String, Werten, und Anderem. Der globale Log-Klasse der Anwendung, `Log.Log`, wird dieser BinaryWriter zugewiesen. Alle

Code Editor (Left Pane):

```
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
    // FahrtscheinKatolog
    Catalog cTickets = Catalog.forName(TICKETS);

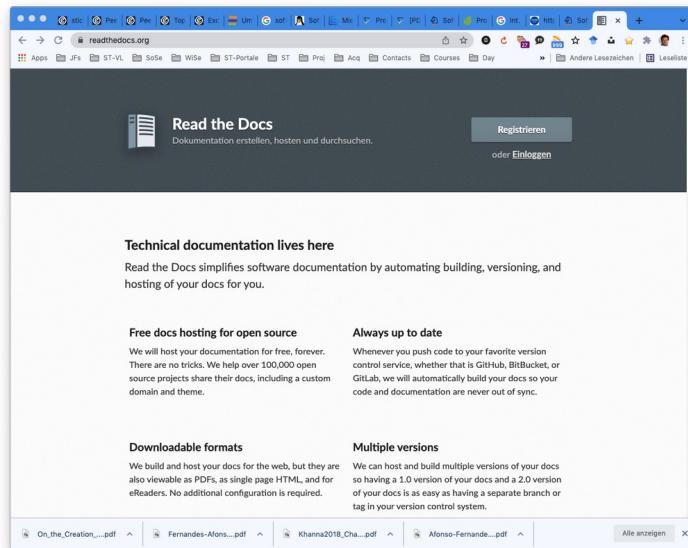
    cTickets.addItem(new Fahrschein("Einzelfahrt", 300));
    cTickets.addItem(new Fahrschein("Sammelfahrschein", 1500));
    cTickets.addItem(new Fahrschein("Ermaoegte Einzelfahrt", 150));
}
```





31.5 Web-based Documentation Generators based on Markdown

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



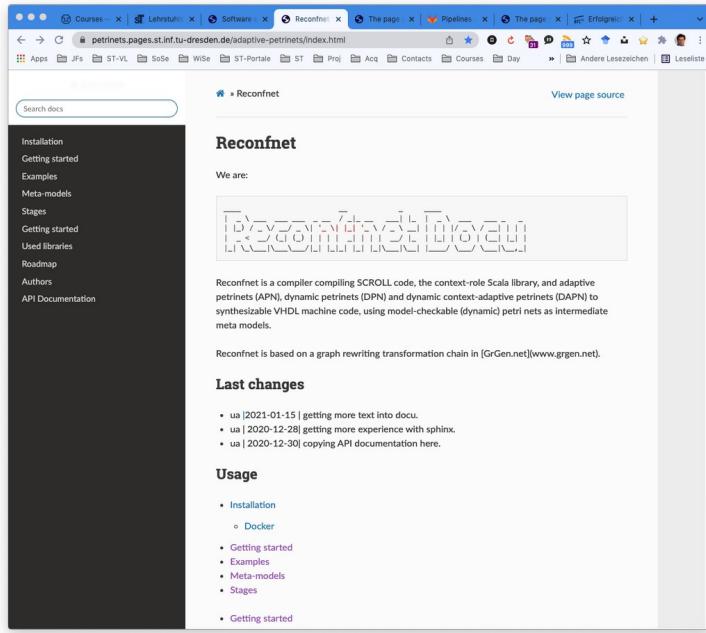
Sphinx

- ▶ 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 window displaying the Sphinx documentation on the Read the Docs platform. The URL in the address bar is docs.readthedocs.io/en/stable/intro/getting-started-with-sphinx.html. The page title is "Getting Started with Sphinx". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links such as "Getting Started with Sphinx", "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 main content area is titled "Getting Started with Sphinx" and describes Sphinx as a powerful documentation generator. It lists several features: generating web pages, printable PDFs, documents for e-readers (ePub), and more from the same sources; using reStructuredText or Markdown; an extensive system of cross-referencing code and documentation; syntax-highlighted code samples; and a vibrant ecosystem of first and third-party extensions. Below this, there's a "Quick start" section with a "See also" link to "Importing Your Documentation". A note says: "If you want to learn more about how to create your first Sphinx project, read on. If you are interested in exploring the Read the Docs platform using an already existing Sphinx project, check out Read the Docs tutorial." At the bottom, there's a note: "Assuming you have Python already, [install Sphinx](#): \$ pip install sphinx". The footer shows a list of PDF files: "On_the_Creation_...pdf", "Fernandes-Alfons...pdf", "Khanna2018_Cha...pdf", and "Alfonso-Fernande...pdf". There's also a link to "Alle anzeigen".

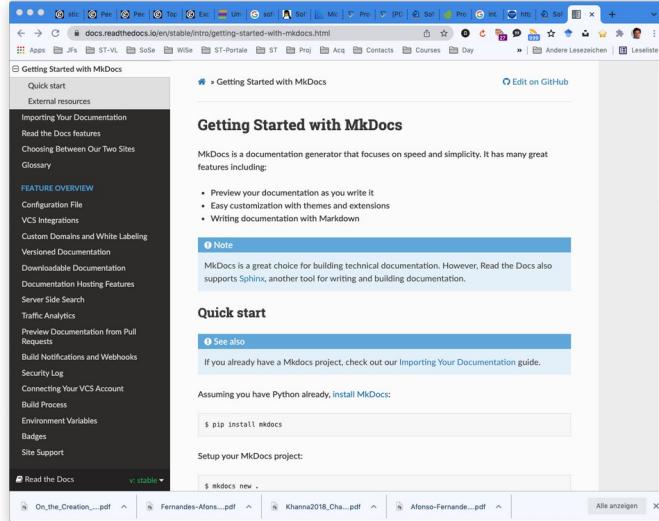
Example Sphinx Project

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



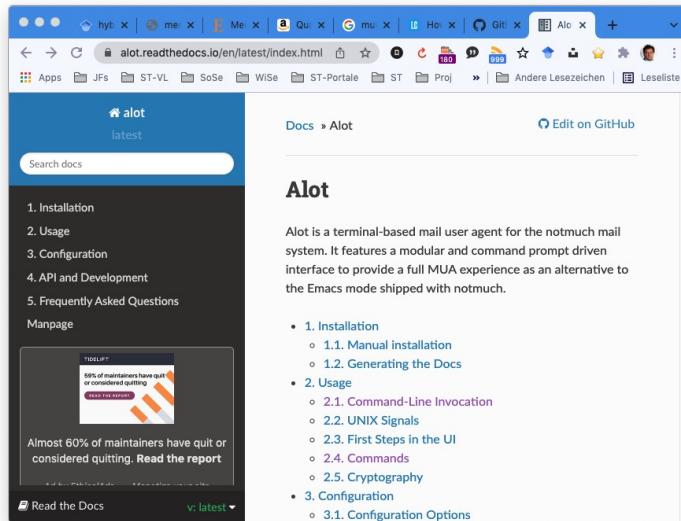
The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open. The active tab is titled "Reconfnet" and displays the content of the [Reconfnet documentation](https://petrinets.pages.st.inf.tu-dresden.de/adaptive-petrinets/index.html). The page has a dark sidebar on the left containing links to "Installation", "Getting started", "Examples", "Meta-models", "Stages", "Used libraries", "Roadmap", "Authors", and "API Documentation". The main content area features a heading "Reconfnet" and a sub-section "We are:" which includes a small diagram of a Petri net. Below this, a paragraph describes Reconfnet as a compiler that compiles 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. A section titled "Last changes" lists three commits from GitHub: "ua | 2021-01-15 | getting more text into docu.", "ua | 2020-12-28| getting more experience with sphinx.", and "ua | 2020-12-30| copying API documentation here.". A "Usage" section at the bottom contains a bulleted list of links: "Installation", "Getting started", "Examples", "Meta-models", "Stages", and "Getting started".

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



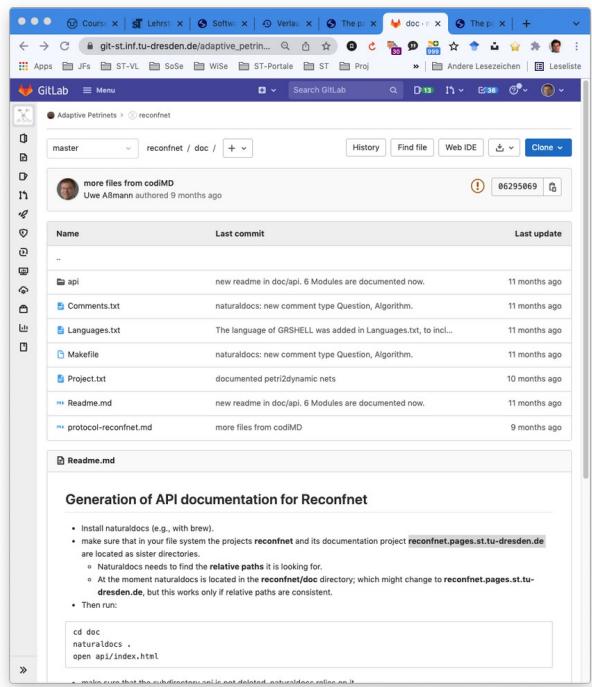
Alot - a Mail User Agent Documented on readthedocs

- ▶ <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_petrinets/reco_nfnet/-/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 screenshot shows a web-based interface for the Reconfignet Compiler. The title bar reads "Reconfignet Compiler for Dynamic Adaptive Petrinets, Version 0.6.0". The main content area displays the "ContextDependencyModel.gm" file. On the left, there is a sidebar with tabs for "Filter", "Classes", and "context". The "context" tab is selected, showing the file structure: "ContextDependencyModel.gm" (Properties: Author: CM, Commented by UA (2020-12-29)) and "Rules.grg". Below this, a "Graphs" section lists "Weak Inclusion", "Strong Inclusion", "requirement", "exclusion", and "arrow". The right side of the interface contains detailed documentation for these concepts, such as "Weak Inclusion" which describes activation/deactivation triggers and "Strong Inclusion" which describes source activation and target deactivation. The bottom right corner of the interface includes a footer with "STgroup - 2021-01-09 - Generated by Natural Docs".

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?



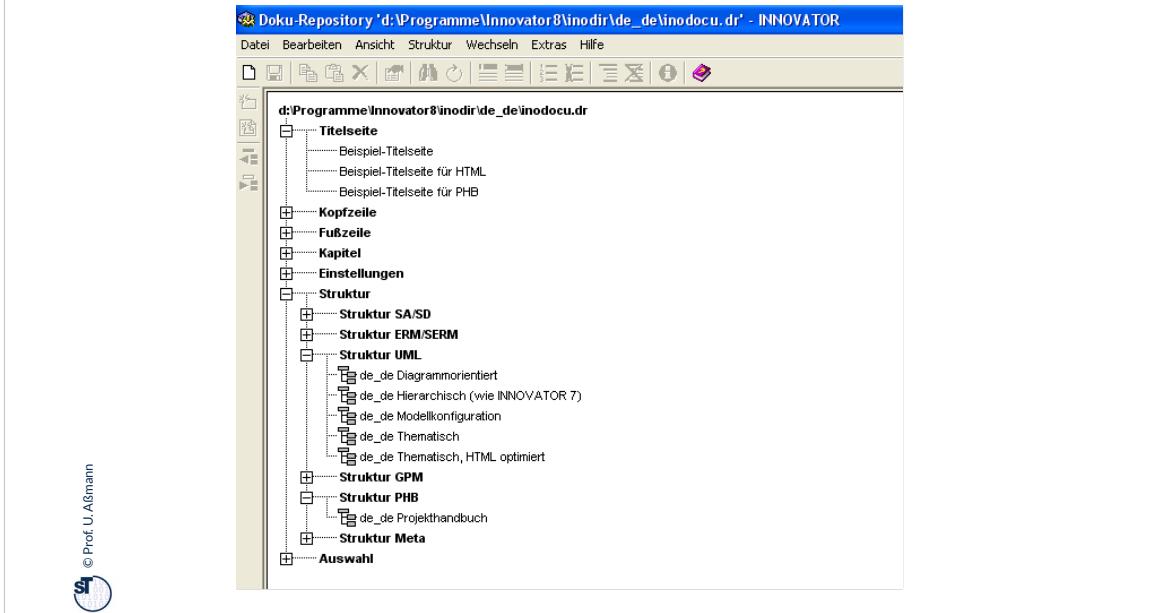
A.1 Other Template Expanders for Documentation Generation

Documentation Tools of MID Innovator

- ▶ Innovator provides documentation templates, into which diagrams, models, code can be embedded
- ▶ Several formats:
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 - Word
 - ASCII
 - XML

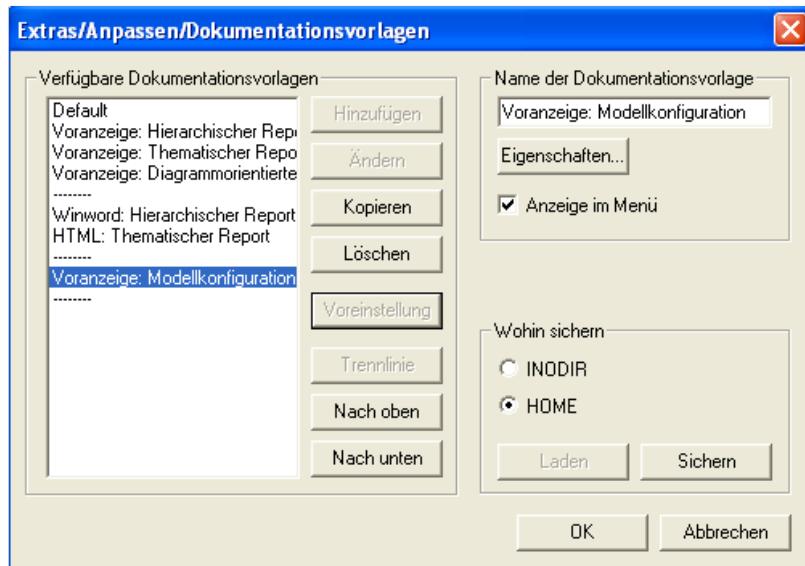
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Ex.: Innovator Documentation Template (Dokumentationsvorlage): Adaptation

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Innovator - Generated Example Word Document

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(section 2.1.1.1.)

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