

"Der Code ist Dokumentation genug!"

- Peter Herklotz, 2007

File structure

```
pom.xml
src/
  L main/
    L java/
      L com/
        L sqlag/
          L slides/
            L HelloWorld.java
.git/
```

HelloWorld.java

```
package com.sqlag.slides;

public class HelloWorld {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

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Developers Documentation Dilemma

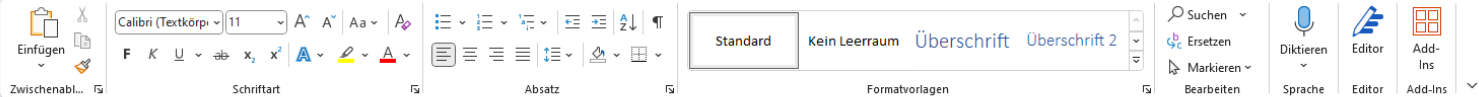


Writing/updating
documentation

be annoyed
by
missing/incorrect
documentation

Can the right tool help?

Lets try a few things!



Deployment Guide

Application: HelloWorld

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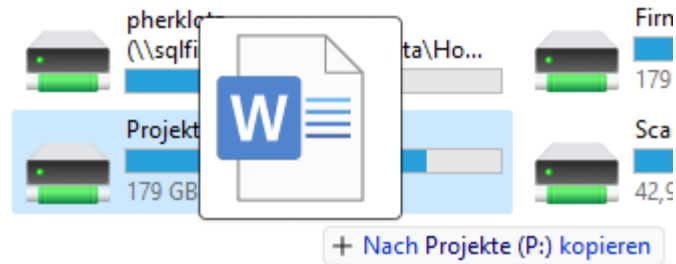
👉 Benefits

🎉 Documentation is possible

⚠️ Problem

👤 Only editable by one person

✅ Solution



Word file on a network drive

Benefits

 Documentation is possible

 Editable by different persons

Problem

 Not versioned

Solution



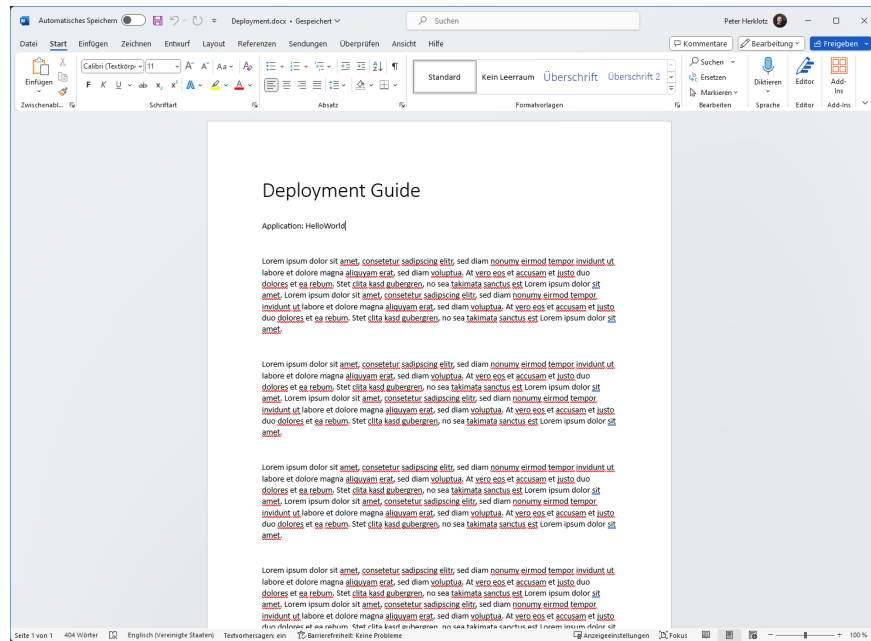
File structure

```
pom.xml
```

```
Deployment.docx
```

```
src/  
├── main/  
│   └── java/  
│       ├── com/sqlag/slides/  
│           └── HelloWorld.java  
└── .git/
```

Deployment.docx



Word file in version control system

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Problem

 No diff

Solution

Text Format

```
# Deployment Guide
```

```
Application: [HelloWorld](https://example.com/HelloWorld)
```

File structure

```
pom.xml
Deployment.md
src/
├── main/
│   └── java/
│       ├── com/sqlag/slides/
│       └── HelloWorld.java
.git/
```

Deployment.md

Deployment Guide

```
| Name | [HelloWorld](https://example.com/HelloWorld) |
| --- | --- |
| Language | Java |
```

Table 1: Application information

Output





Deployment Guide

Name	<u>HelloWorld</u>
Language	Java

Table 1: Application information

Markdown

Benefits

-  Documentation is possible
-  Editable by different persons
-  Versioned
-  Diffs are possible

Problem

 Limited expressions

Solution






AsciiDoc

```
= Deployment Guide
```

```
Application: https://example.com/HelloWorld[HelloWorld]
```

Asciidoctor

Benefits

-  Documentation is possible
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-  More markup expressions

File structure - HelloX

```
pom.xml
Deployment.adoc
src/
  L main/
    L java/
      L com/sqlag/slides/
        L HelloX.java
.git/
```

File structure - WorldSupplier

```
pom.xml
src/
  L main/
    | java/
    |   L com/sqlag/worldsupplier/
    |     L WorldSupplier.java
    L resources/
      L META-INF/services/
        L java.util.function.Supplier
.git/
```






HelloX.java

```
package com.sqlag.slides;

import java.util.ServiceLoader;
import java.util.function.Supplier;
/**
 * ...
 */
public class HelloX {
    /**
     * ...
     */
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        var serviceLoader = ServiceLoader.load(Supplier.class);
        serviceLoader.forEach(
            sup -> System.out.println("Hello "+sup.get())
        );
    }
}
```

Asciidoctor

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Problem

-  Multi Repository Documentation

Solution

Antora

The multi-repository documentation site generator for tech writers who ♥
writing in AsciiDoc.

File structure - HelloX

```
...
docs/
├── modules/
│   └── ROOT/
│       ├── pages/
│       │   └── Deployment.adoc
│       └── nav.adoc
└── antora.yml
antora-playbook.yml
```

File structure - WorldSupplier

```
...
docs/
├── modules/
│   └── ROOT/
│       ├── pages/
│       │   └── Deployment.adoc
│       └── nav.adoc
└── antora.yml
```

antora.yml







```
name: hellox
title: Hello X
version: ~
display_version: ""
start_page: Deployment.adoc
nav:
  - modules/ROOT/nav.adoc
```

antora-playbook.yml

```
site:
  title: Hello X Documentation
  start_page: hellox::Deployment.adoc
content:
  sources:
    - url: .
      start_path: docs
      branches: HEAD
    - url: https://url.to.git/world-supplier-repo
      start_path: docs
      branches: main
```


Antora

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Problem

-  Diagrams

Solution

Kroki

Kroki Diagrams Zoo

Common Graphs

Block Diagram

BlockDiagram

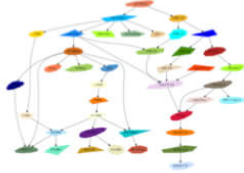


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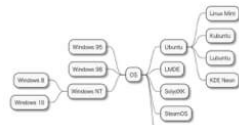
DAG

Graphviz



Mindmap

PlantUML



Data Visualization

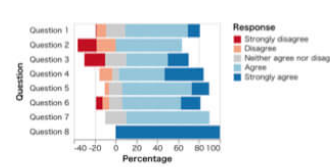
Word Cloud

Vega



Bar Chart

Vega-lite



UML/ C4

Sequence

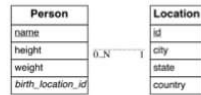
SeqDiagram

Mermaid



E-R

Erd



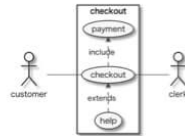
Activity

ActDiagram



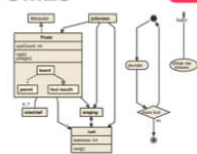
Use Case

PlantUML



UMLs

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C4 Diagram

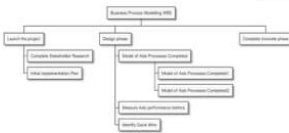
PlantUML



Project Management

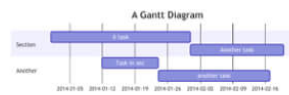
WBS

PlantUML



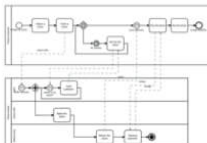
Gantt Diagram

Mermaid



Business Process

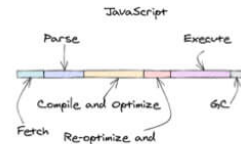
BPMN



Freestyle

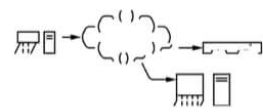
Hand-drawn look

Excalidraw



Ascii Art

SvgBob



Hardware

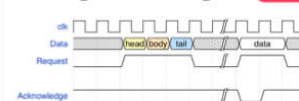
Byte Field

Bytefield



Digital Timing

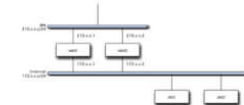
WaveDrom



Network

Network

NwDiagram



Packets

PacketDiagram










Rack

RackDiagram



Kroki

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-  Diagrams

Problem

 Editorial Style Guide

Solution

```
jdkato@jdkato: ~/Desktop/docs
789:50 suggestion 'is involved' looks like Microsoft.Passive
passive voice.
794:12 suggestion Consider using 'more or extra' Microsoft.ComplexWords
instead of 'additional'.
810:78 error Use 'they're' instead of 'they Microsoft.Contractions
are'
```

File structure

```
...
.vale.ini
styles/
  └─ Microsoft
     └─ ComplexWords.yml
        └─ ...
```

.vale.ini

```
StylesPath = styles
MinAlertLevel = suggestion
Packages = Microsoft
[asciidoctor]
experimental = YES
attribute-missing = drop
[*]
BasedOnStyles = Vale, Microsoft
```

ComplexWords.yml


```
extends: substitution
message: "Consider using '%s' instead of '%s'."
link: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/style-guide/word-choice/us
ignorecase: true
level: suggestion
action:
  name: replace
swap:
  "approximate(?:ly)?: about
  abundance: plenty
  accelerate: speed up
  ...
```

Tooling


- 🎉 Documentation is possible
- Git
 - 👩👦 Editable by different persons
 - 🔑 Versioned
- AsciiDoc
 - ➕ Diffs are possible
 - ⚡ More markup expressions
- Antora
 - 🔗 Multi Repo. Doc.
- Kroki
 - 📐 Diagrams as text
- Vale
 - 💬 Editorial Style Guide

And what is with AI?

Thank you!

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