

Drasil: From generating code to generating software

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- ▶ Massive amounts of **knowledge duplication**
 - ▶ Implies that either
 - ▶ non-code artefacts do not get maintained well enough, OR
 - ▶ are felt to be an expensive nuisance
 - ▶ duplication harms traceability

Example SRS/LP

(see document)

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3. Chunk labels add convenient **traceability** information.

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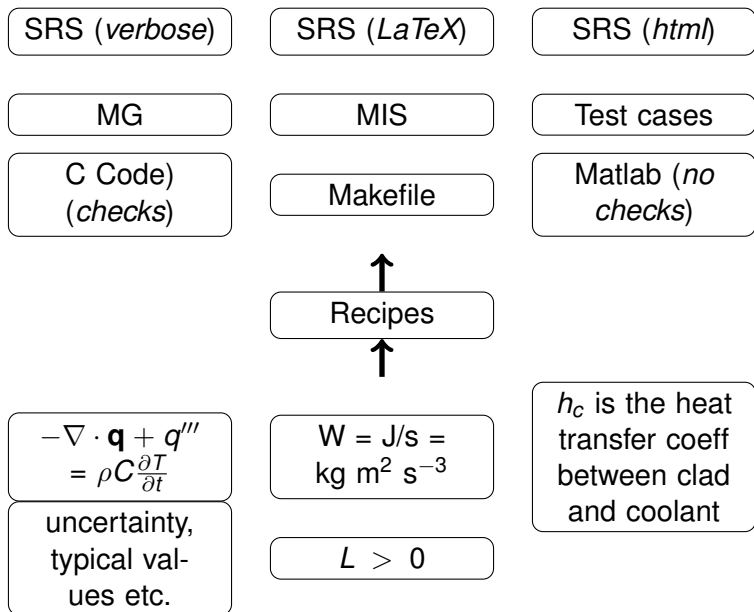
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- ▶ Doesn't work if you have no theory.

Example (high level)



Sanity checks

Var	Constraints	Typical Value	Uncertainty
L	$L > 0$	1.5 m	10%
D	$D > 0$	0.412 m	10%
V_P	$V_P > 0$	0.05 m ³	10%
A_P	$A_P > 0$	1.2 m ²	10%
ρ_P	$\rho_P > 0$	1007 kg/m ³	10%

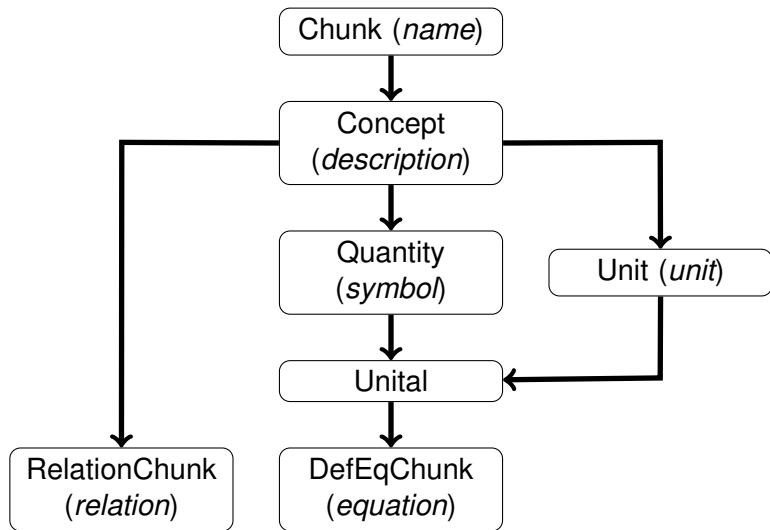
$$E_W = \int_0^t h_C A_C (T_C - T_W(t)) dt - \int_0^t h_P A_P (T_W(t) - T_P(t)) dt$$

- ▶ Sanity checks captured and reused
- ▶ Generate guards against invalid input
- ▶ Generate test cases

Reusability

Ref	T1
Label	Conservation of energy
Eq	$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + q''' = \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$
Desc.	Conservation of energy for time varying heat transfer in a material of specific heat capacity C and density ρ , where $\mathbf{q}$ is the thermal flux vector, q''' is the volumetric heat generation, T is the temperature, ∇ is the del operator and t is time.

Basic Drasil Design



Example Recipe

```
vars :: [EqChunk]
vars = [h_g, h_c]

s1, s2, s3, s4 :: LayoutObj
s1=table_of_units si_units
s2=table_of_symbols vars
s3=Section 0 (S "Data Definitions") $ map (Definition.Data) vars
s4=Section 0 (S "Code") $ map (CodeBlock.toCode CLang Calc) [h_c]

srs :: Quantity s => [s] -> String -> [LayoutObj] -> Document
srs ls author body =
  Document ((S "SRS for ") :+
    ( foldr1 (:+) ( intersperse (S " and ")
      ( map (\x -> U $ x ^. symbol) ls )))
    (S author) body

srsBody :: Document
srsBody = srs vars "Spencer Smith" [s1, s2, s3, s4]
```

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Classy Optics

```
class Chunk c where
  name :: Simple Lens c String
class Chunk c => Concept c where
  descr :: Simple Lens c Sentence
```


Units Recipe

```
fundamentals :: [FundUnit]
fundamentals = [metre, kilogram, second, kelvin, mole, ampere, candela]

derived :: [DerUChunk]
derived = [centigrade, joule, watt, calorie, kilowatt]

si_units :: [UnitDefn]
si_units = map UU fundamentals ++ map UU derived
```

Fundamental SI Units

```
fund :: String -> String -> String -> FundUnit
fund nam desc sym = UD (CC nam (S desc)) (UName $ Atomic sym)
```

```
metre, kilogram, second, kelvin, mole, ampere, candela :: FundUnit
metre      = fund "Metre"      "length"      "m"
kilogram   = fund "Kilogram"   "mass"        "kg"
second     = fund "Second"     "time"         "s"
kelvin     = fund "Kelvin"     "temperature" "K"
mole       = fund "Mole"       "amount of substance" "mol"
ampere     = fund "Ampere"     "electric current" "A"
candela    = fund "Candela"    "luminous intensity" "cd"
```

The h_c Chunk

$$h_c = \frac{2k_ch_b}{2k_c + \tau_ch_b}$$

```
heat_transfer :: DerUChunk
heat_transfer = DUC (UD ht_con ht_symb) heat_transfer_eqn

ht_con :: ConceptChunk
ht_con = makeCC "Heat transfer" "Heat transfer"

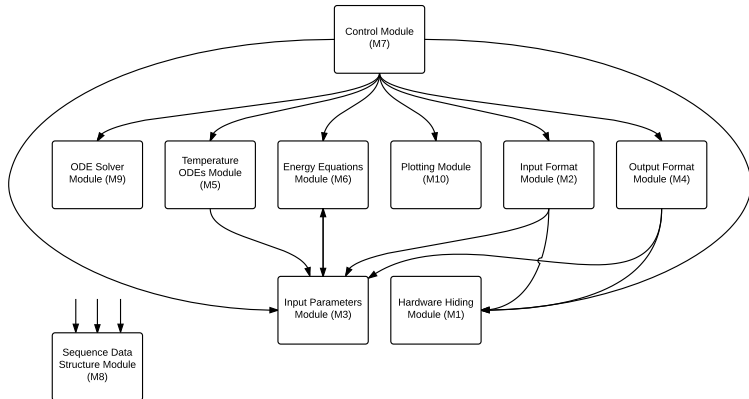
ht_symb :: USymb
ht_symb = from_undefn heat_transfer_eqn

heat_transfer_eqn = USynonym (UProd
  [kilogram ^. unit, UPow (second ^. unit) (-3),
   UPow (centigrade ^. unit) (-1)])

h_c_eq :: Expr
h_c_eq = 2*(C k_c)*(C h_b)/(2*(C k_c)+(C tau_c)*(C h_b))

h_c :: EqChunk
h_c = fromEqn "h_c" (S "convective heat transfer ...")
  (IH 'sub' IC) heat_transfer h_c_eq
```

Design Documentation



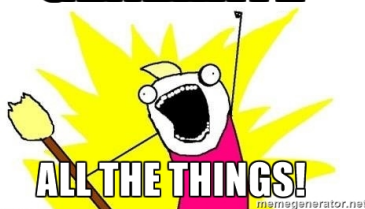
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