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#### **Summary of Li-Pro.Net Sphinx Primer**

**Abstract** This document has documentation of the Li-Pro.Net community which is a effort to improve the technical writing of any kind of documents and publishings. In short words: How to write Li-Pro.Net documentation with Sphinx.

#### **Involved Components**

- Sphinx
- Docutils
- reStructuredText

#### **Audience**

- · Project members / maintainer
- · Hard- and software developer
- · Integrators and testers
- · Technical writer / editor

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## **Version history of Li-Pro.Net Sphinx Primer**

Table 1: Li-Pro.Net Sphinx Primer Document Revisions

Version	Change	Passed	Date
0.0.4	initial content in chapters "Concepts"	Stephan Linz	2020-09-14
0.0.3	initial content in chapters "Extensions"	Stephan Linz	2020-09-11
0.0.2	initial content in chapters "Cheat Sheet" and	Stephan Linz	2020-09-08
	"Themes"		
0.0.1	base document skeleton	Stephan Linz	2020-09-08
0.0	preliminary, project created	Stephan Linz	2020-09-05

#### **PREAMBLE**

#### How to write Li-Pro.Net documentation with Sphinx.

Excerpts from the Sphinx Tutorial by Eric Holscher and Documentation Style Guide by Bareos GmbH & Co. KG and others. See [juh2019swdocwspx] for an introduction to Sphinx.

This documentation is built using *Sphinx*, a static-site generator designed to create structured, semantic, and internally consistent documentation. Source documents are written in *reStructuredText*, a semantic, extensible markup syntax similar to Markdown. *reStructuredText* is a better tool than Markdown for documentation ...

- reStructuredText Primer 
   — introduction to reStructuredText
  - reStructuredText Quick Reference ☑
  - reStructuredText 1-page cheat sheet ☑
- Sphinx Markup 🗹 detailed guide to Sphinx's markup concepts and reStructuredText extensions
- Sphinx/Rest Memo ☑ serve as quick reference for reStructuredText and Sphinx syntax

**Note:** *Sphinx* and *reStructuredText* can be very flexible. For the sake of consistency and maintainability, this how to guide is *highly opinionated* about how documentation source files are organized and marked up.

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## Concepts

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## 1.1 Use of whitespace

All reStructuredText files use an indentation of three (3) spaces; no tabs are allowed. The maximum line length is 80 characters for normal text, but tables, deeply indented code samples and long links may extend beyond that. Code example bodies should use normal four-(4)-space indentation.

Make generous use of blank lines where applicable; they help group things together.

#### 1.1.1 Indentation

Indentation is meaningful in *Sphinx* and *reStructuredText* text. Usually, indenting a section means that is "belongs to" the line it is indented under.

#### for example

```
1 .. figure:: path-to-image.*

This is the caption of the figure. Notice that it is indented under the line defining the figure.
```

The rules for indentation are:

- Use spaces, not tabs.
- Generally, indent three (3) spaces.
- Code example, indent **four (4) spaces**, except *reStructuredText* examples.

The exception to the three (3) spaces rule is *Unordered (bullet) Lists* (page 31) and *Ordered (numbered) Lists* (page 32), where indentation follows the content of the list item.

#### unordered (bulleted) list

#### (2) spaces

```
* This is a list item.

This is some additional content related to first item. Notice that it is indented to the same column as the first line of content. In this case, that's three (2) spaces.

This is a list item.

* The N-th item in a list.

This is a list item.

* The N-th item in a list.
```

#### ordered (numbered) list

### (4) spaces

## 1.2 Sphinx naming

#### 1.2.1 Roles

A role or "custom interpreted text role" is an inline piece of explicit markup, see *Inline Markup* (page 28) and *Explicit Markup* (page 35). It signifies that the enclosed text should be interpreted in a specific way. *Sphinx* uses this to provide semantic markup and cross-referencing of identifiers, as described in the appropriate section.

The general syntax is :rolename:`content`. Like *Directives* (page 15), roles are extensible. Own roles can be created. They are used inside other text structures.

*Docutils* supports the following roles (incomplete list):

:code:
 code ♂ - :code:`code` - equivalent of ``code``

:subscript:

subscript -: subscript: `subscript` - subscript text

The example The Fibonacci numbers (without inline role for *Mathematics* (page 62)).

```
.. |gE| unicode:: U+02267 .. GREATER-THAN OVER EQUAL TO

*f*\ :subscript:`n` = *f*\ :subscript:`n-1` + *f*\ :subscript:`n-2`
for *n* |gE| 3 with *f*\ :subscript:`1` = *f*\ :subscript:`2` = 1
```

Which gives  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$  for  $n \ge 3$  with  $f_1 = f_2 = 1$ 

#### :superscript:

```
superscript ☑ - : superscript: `superscript` - superscript text
```

**The example** The elementary charge (without inline role for *Mathematics* (page 62)).

```
1  .. |sdot| unicode:: U+022C5 .. DOT OPERATOR
2
3  *e* = 1.602176634 |sdot| 10\ :superscript:`-19` C
```

Which gives  $e = 1.602176634 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ 

#### :math:

```
math ☑ - :math: `mathematic equations` - for Mathematics (page 62) equations
```

#### :pep-reference:

pep-reference — : pep-reference: `pep-reference` - equivalent to :pep: `pep reference number` - for *External References* (page 71) into the PEP (Python Enhancement Proposal) index

#### :rfc-reference:

rfc-reference — :rfc-reference: rfc-reference — equivalent to :rfc: rfc reference number — for External References (page 71) into the RFC (Request for Comments) index

#### :title-reference:

title-reference —: title-reference: `title-reference` - for titles of books, periodicals, and other materials

#### See also:

- Refer to Roles ☑ for roles added by *Sphinx*.

#### 1.2.2 Directives

A directive  $\square$  is a generic block of *Explicit Markup* (page 35). Besides roles, it is one of the extension mechanisms of *reStructuredText*, and *Sphinx* makes heavy use of it.

Basically, a directive consists of a **name**, **arguments**, **options** and **content**. Keep this terminology in mind, it is used in section *Explicit Markup* (page 35) describing custom directives. Looking at this example, that allows marking a block of content with special meaning.

#### basic directive syntax looks like this

#### the example

This line is no longer part of the block controlled by the directive.

**directive** That is the *directive name*. It is given two arguments here.

- **arg1**, **arg2**, ... *Arguments*. The last argument can contain spaces (depending on the directive implementation).
- :option0:, :option1:, ... :option9: Options are optional. As you can see,
   options are given in the lines immediately following the arguments and indicated
   by the colons.
- **Multiline content of the directive,** The *directive content* follows after a blank line and is indented relative to the directive start.

Directives are supplied not only by *Docutils*, but *Sphinx* and custom extensions can add their own. Directives are written as a block.

Docutils supports the following directives (incomplete list):

- Admonitions (page 64): attention \$\overline{\circlet}\$, caution \$\overline{\circlet}\$, danger \$\overline{\circlet}\$, error \$\overline{\circlet}\$, hint \$\overline{\circlet}\$, important \$\overline{\circlet}\$, note \$\overline{\circlet}\$, warning \$\overline{\circlet}\$ and the generic admonition \$\overline{\circlet}\$. (Most themes style only "note" and "warning" specially.)
- Images and Figures (page 41):
  - image ☑
  - figure (an image with caption and optional legend)

- Additional body elements:
  - contents ☑ (a local, i.e. for the current file only, table of contents)
  - section numbering <a>™</a> (automatically)
  - container ☑ (a container with a custom class, useful to generate an outer <div> in HTML)
  - rubric ☑ (a heading without relation to the document sectioning)
  - topic ☑, sidebar ☑ (special highlighted body elements)
  - parsed-literal ♂ (literal block that supports inline markup)
  - epigraph 

    ✓ (a block quote with optional attribution line)
  - highlights ♂, pull-quote ♂ (block quotes with their own class attribute)
  - compound <a>™</a> (a compound paragraph)
- Special *Tables* (page 48):
  - table <a>™</a> (a table with title)
  - csv-table ☑ (a table generated from comma-separated values)
  - list-table 

    ✓ (a table generated from a list of lists)
- Special directives and *Include a Shared File* (page 38):
  - raw <a> dinclude raw target-format markup</a>)
  - include ☑ (include reStructuredText from another file) in Sphinx, when given an absolute include file path, this directive takes it as relative to the source directory
  - class 

    ✓ (assign a class attribute to the next element)¹
- HTML specifics:
  - meta ☑ (generation of HTML <meta> tags, see also HTML Metadata ☑ below)
  - title ☑ (override document title)
- Influencing markup:
  - default-role <a>™</a> (set a new default role)
  - role <a> create a new role</a>)

- References and *Substitutions* (page 39):
  - target footnotes (for each external URL target)
  - replacement text 

     (for a substitution)
  - unicode characters <a>✓</a> (used in substitution)

When the default domain contains a **class** directive, this directive will be shadowed. Therefore, *Sphinx* re-exports it as **rst-class**.

**Warning:** Do *not* use the directives sectnum  $\mathbb{Z}$ , header  $\mathbb{Z}$  and footer  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### See also:

- Refer to Directives for directives provided by *Docutils*.
- Refer to Directives 

  for directives added by Sphinx.

#### 1.2.3 Domains

A domain is a collection of explicit (page 35) and inline (page 28) markup (reStructuredText Directives (page 15) and Roles (page 13)) to describe and link to objects belonging together, e.g. elements of a programming language. Directive and role names in a domain have names like domain:name, e.g. .. c:function:: int main(int argc, char \*\*argv, char \*\*env) or:c:func:`main`.

An object  $\mathcal{C}$  is the basic building block of *Sphinx* documentation. Every "object directive" (e.g. function or object) creates such a block; and most objects can be cross-referenced to.

The Standard Domain of collects all markup that does not warrant a domain of its own. Its directives and roles are not prefixed with a domain name.

There is a set of directives allowing documenting command-line programs:

Table 1.1: Sphinx directives for command-line programs		
short description	directive (target)	role (reference)
Following document	program:: name	
options for the		
program.☑		
Describes a command	option:: name args,	:option:`name arg`
line argument or		
switch.☑		
Describes an environ-	envvar:: name	:envvar:`name`
ment variable.♂		

There is also a very generic object description directive, which is not tied to any domain. This directive produces the same formatting as the specific ones provided by domains, but does not create index entries or cross-referencing targets:

Table 1.2: Sphinx directives for unspecific objects without referencing		
short description	directive (target)	role (reference)
Describes an unspe-	describe:: text	
cific element.☑		
Describes an unspe-	object:: text	
cific object.⊄		

Originally, *Sphinx* was conceived for a single project, the documentation of the *Python* language. Shortly afterwards, it was made available for everyone as a documentation tool, but the documentation of *Python* modules remained deeply built in – the most fundamental directives, like function,

were designed for Python objects.

Since *Sphinx* has become somewhat popular, interest developed in using it for many different purposes: *C/C++* projects, *JavaScript*, or even *reStructuredText* markup (like in this documentation). The following specific domains are provided by *Sphinx* (without additional extensions):

- The C Domain ☑ (name c)
- The C++ Domain ☑ (name cpp)
- The JavaScript Domain (name js)
- The Math Domain ☑ (name math)
- The *Python* Domain (name **py**)
- The *reStructuredText* Domain (name **rst**)

#### See also:

• Refer to Domains of for domains provided by *Sphinx*.

## 1.3 Parts, Chapters, Titles, Sections

Every *Sphinx* document has multiple level of headings. Section headers are created by underlining (and optionally overlining) the section title with a punctuation character, at least as long as the text.

Normally, there are no heading levels assigned to certain characters as the structure is determined from the succession of headings. However, for this documentation, here is a suggested convention as covered in the *Sphinx* reStructuredText Primer of to use them in this order:

- # for title with overline, for parts
- \* for subtitle with overline, for chapters
- =, for sections
- -, for subsections
- · ^, for subsubsections
- =, for paragraphs

They give structure to the document, which is used in navigation and in the display in all output formats. The part section header is not used at all. All regular documents starts with a title heading underlined by #. Therefore the specific names part, chapter, section,... might not match the actual context. Generally we speak about "sections" (or "section headings" or "section markers").

**Note:** With *reStructuredText*, there is no leaving out a section level. If you write a chapter it is not possible to continue with a paragraph. Instead the next section must be of the type title.

If you try to do it overwise (chapter 1 \* with overline  $\rightarrow$  paragraph"), the "paragraph" is treated as a "title". And if you continue by another chapter in the same file (chapter 2 \* with overline  $\rightarrow$  title #), **sphinx-build** got confused and at least produces a warning (*Title level inconsistent*) and possibly renders the result incorrectly.

#### the convention

```
Part -- Number Signs above and below
  with overline, for parts
  ***********
  Chapter -- Asterisks above and below
  **********
10
  with overline, for chapters
11
 Title -- Number Signs
 14
  Suptitle -- Asterisks
16
  *******
17
18
  Section -- Equal Signs
19
20
  ______
  Subsection -- Hyphens
  -----
23
  Subsubsection -- Circumflex
25
  ^^^^^
26
 Paragraph -- Double Quotes
```

## 1.4 Table of Contents Tree

Now would be a good time to introduce the .. toctree::. One of the main concepts in *Sphinx* is that it allows multiple pages to be combined into a cohesive hierarchy. Since *reStructuredText* does not have facilities to interconnect several documents, or split documents into multiple output files, *Sphinx* uses a custom directive to add relations between the single files the documentation is made of, as well as tables of contents.

The .. toctree:: directive is the central element and a fundamental part of this structure. Consider this example:

#### .. toctree::

For more details, see toctree directive.

#### The example

```
1 .. toctree::
2    :maxdepth: 2
3
4    install
5    support
6    (many more files listed here)
```

#### Which gives

The above directive example will output a TOC (Table of Contents) in the page where it occurs, using the individual TOCs (including "sub-TOC trees") of the files given in the directive body. The :maxdepth: 2 argument tells *Sphinx* to include 2 levels of headers in it's output. It will output the 2 top-level headers of the pages listed; by default, all levels are included. This also tells *Sphinx* that the other pages are sub-pages of the current page, creating a "tree" structure of the pages.

This accomplishes two things:

- Tables of contents from all those files are inserted, with a maximum depth of argument :maxdepth:, that means one nested heading. . . toctree:: directives in those files are also taken into account.
- Sphinx knows that the relative order of the files install, support and so forth, and it knows that they are children of the shown file, the library index. From this information it generates "next chapter", "previous chapter" and "parent chapter" links.

In the end, all files included in the build process must occur in (only) one .. toctree:: directive; Sphinx will emit a warning if it finds a file that is not included, because that means that this file will not be reachable through standard navigation.

The special file index.rst at the root of the source directory is the "root" of the TOC tree hierarchy; from it the "Contents" page is generated.

**Note:** The TOC Tree is also used for generating the navigation elements inside *Sphinx*. It is quite important, and one of the most powerful concepts in *Sphinx*.

#### 1.4.1 Sidebar navigation menu

The index.rst file serves as a front-page to the documentation and contains the main tables of content, defined using .. toctree:: directives. These .. toctree:: directives control the sidebar navigation menu. To add a new document to a table of content, add the file name (without the .rst extension) to the relevant list of file names in index.rst or any other (but only one) "sub-TOC trees".

### 1.4.2 Secondary sub-TOC trees

Collections of documents are mostly given their own table of content on an individual page (see, for example: *Appendix* (page 135) and *Glossary* (page 145)). In these cases, the page containing the .. toctree:: serves as a sort of intro page for the collection. That intro must, itself, be included in the *Sidebar navigation menu* (page 23). The contents of a .. toctree:: appear as section links in another .. toctree:: it is included in. That is, if a .. toctree:: in index.rst lists .. glossary::, and glossary.rst has a .. toctree::, then the contents of that second .. toctree:: will appear in the *Sidebar navigation menu* (page 23), as sub-items to *Glossary* (page 145).

Indeed, this is precisely the case in this Li-Pro.Net Sphinx Primer document currently.

#### 1.4.3 How this document uses main and secondary TOC

• Major topics get a .. toctree:: in index.rst

Major topics include things like:

- Each major parts (Extensions (page 81), Themes (page 127),...)
- Large, general categories like Releases, Contributing, or Building

Major topic tables of content include both sub-collection intro pages and also individual pages that don't fit into a sub-collection.

The :caption: attribute of the .. toctree:: directive may but not must define the section label in the *Sidebar navigation menu* (page 23).

Within a large topic, documents are grouped into collections of related pages, defined by a ...
toctree:: on a topic intro page.

Intro pages (pages that contain secondary .. toctree:: directives) may include additional content, introducing the collection or providing contextual way-finding. However, this is not always necessary or desirable. Use your judgment, and avoid stating things just for the sake of having some text. ("Here are the pages in this collection.")

We also (very occasionally) include .. toctree:: directives in sub-collection pages, such as:

- BibTeX Citations (page 84),
- Spelling Checker (page 83),
- ...
- Read the Docs Sphinx Theme (page 129),
- ...

**Tip:** If it not obvious where a new document should appear in the navigation, the best practice is to simply ask about it in the GitHub issue driving the new page.

**Note:** For way-finding purposes, we sometimes create an *Unordered (bullet) Lists* (page 31) of page links rather than a . . toctree:: directive (for example, see index.rst). We do this when using a . . toctree:: would create redundant links in the *Sidebar navigation menu* (page 23).

## 1.5 Paragraphs

The paragraph  $\mathcal{C}$  is the most basic block in a *reStructuredText* document. Paragraphs are simply chunks of text separated by one or more blank lines. As in *Python*, indentation is significant in *reStructuredText*, so all lines of the same paragraph must be left-aligned to the same level of indentation. General rules can be looked up under *Use of whitespace* (page 11).

#### the example

```
Paragraphs are separated by blank lines. Line breaks in the source
code do not create line breaks in the output.

This means that you *could*, in theory,
include a lot of arbitrary line breaks
in your source document files.
These line breaks would not appear in the output.
Some people like to do this because they have been trained
to not exceed 80 column lines, and they like
to write :file:`.txt` files this way.
Please do not do this.

There is **no reason** to put a limit on line length in source files

ofor documentation, since this is prose and not code.
Therefore, please do not put arbitrary line breaks in your files.
```

**which gives** Paragraphs are separated by blank lines. Line breaks in the source code do not create line breaks in the output.

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There is **no reason** to put a limit on line length in source files for documentation, since this is prose and not code. Therefore, please do not put arbitrary line breaks in your files.

#### 1.5.1 Quotes (block quotation) Element

Block quoted **a** paragraphs are quoted by just indenting them more than the surrounding paragraphs.

#### the example

```
This line is not a block quote. Block quotes are indented, and otherwise unadorned.

(continues on next page)
```

1.5. Paragraphs 25

(continued from previous page)

```
This is a block quote.

--Adam Michael Wood - `Technical Content Writer`_

--Adam Michael Wood - `Technical Content Writer`_

--Adam Michael Wood - `Technical Content Writer`_

http://adammichaelwood.com/portfolio/
```

**which gives** This line is not a block quote. Block quotes are indented, and otherwise unadorned.

This is a block quote.

—Adam Michael Wood - Technical Content Writer ✓

#### .. pull-quote::

Pull-quoted paragraphs are similar to blockquotes but are directives for small selection of text to "pull out and quote", typically in a larger typeface.

#### The example

```
This line is not a pull quote.
Pull quotes are directive content.

.. pull-quote::

This is a pull quote.

--Adam Michael Wood - `Technical Content Writer`_

.. _`Technical Content Writer`:

http://adammichaelwood.com/portfolio/
```

**Which gives** This line is not a pull quote. Pull quotes are directive content.

This is a pull quote.

—Adam Michael Wood - Technical Content Writer ☑

#### 1.5.2 Line Blocks

Line blocks are useful for addresses, verse, and adornment-free lists. They are quoted by just a pipe sign in front of each single line.

#### the example

```
| Each new line begins with a | vertical bar ("``|``"). (continues on next page)
```

(continued from previous page)

```
Line breaks and initial indents
are preserved.
```

#### which gives

```
Each new line begins with a vertical bar ("|").

Line breaks and initial indents are preserved.
```

#### 1.5.3 Doctest Blocks

Doctest blocks are interactive *Python* sessions cut-and-pasted into docstrings. They do not require the *literal blocks* (page 57) syntax. The doctest block must end with a blank line and should not end with an unused prompt, see Doctest blocks in *Sphinx* for more informations.

#### the example

```
>>> print('this is a Doctest block')
this is a Doctest block

>>> print('Python-specific usage examples; begun with ">>>"')
Python-specific usage examples; begun with ">>>"
>>> print('(cut and pasted from interactive Python sessions)')
(cut and pasted from interactive Python sessions)

>>> a = [51,27,13,56]
>>> b = dict(enumerate(a))
>>> print(b)
(0: 51, 1: 27, 2: 13, 3: 56}
```

#### which gives

```
>>> print('this is a Doctest block')
this is a Doctest block
```

```
>>> print('Python-specific usage examples; begun with ">>>"')
Python-specific usage examples; begun with ">>>"
>>> print('(cut and pasted from interactive Python sessions)')
(cut and pasted from interactive Python sessions)
```

```
>>> a = [51,27,13,56]
>>> b = dict(enumerate(a))
>>> print(b)
{0: 51, 1: 27, 2: 13, 3: 56}
```

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## 1.6 Inline Markup

If you want to make sure that text is shown in monospaced fonts for code examples or concepts, use double backticks around it. It looks like this on output.

#### the example

```
You can use **backticks** for showing ``highlighted`` code.
```

which gives You can use backticks for showing highlighted code.

Refer to Inline markup added by *Sphinx*.

All the standard *reStructuredText* inline markups are guite simple, use:

- one asterisk: \*text\* for emphasis (italics),
- two asterisks: \*\*text\*\* for strong emphasis (**boldface**), and
- backquotes: ``text`` for code samples as shown above (literal).

If asterisks or backquotes appear in running text and could be confused with inline markup delimiters, they have to be escaped with a backslash or encapsulated by *Roles* (page 13):

#### one escaped asterisk

#### the example

```
*italics \*with\* asterisk*,
**boldface \*with\* asterisk**
```

which gives italics \*with\* asterisk, boldface \*with\* asterisk

#### two escaped asterisks

#### the example

```
*italics \*\*with\*\* asterisks*,
**boldface \*\*with\*\* asterisks**
```

which gives italics \*\*with\*\* asterisks, boldface \*\*with\*\* asterisks,

#### two escaped backquotes

#### the example

```
*italics \`\`with\`\` backquotes*,
**boldface \`\`with\`\` backquotes**
```

which gives italics "with" backquotes, boldface "with" backquotes

#### escaped backquote and asterisks

#### the example

```
:literal:`literal \`\`with\`\` backquotes **and** asterisks`
```

which gives literal ``with`` backquotes \*\*and\*\* asterisks

Be aware of some restrictions of this markup:

- it may not be nested (see nested inline markup ☑ in *Docutils* To Do List),
- content may not start or end with whitespace: \* text\* is wrong,
- it must be separated from surrounding text by non-word characters. Use a backslash escaped space to work around that: thisis\ \*\*one\*\*\ word (thisis**one**word).

1.6. Inline Markup

## 1.7 File, Directory, Path

File and directories (or generally paths) are formated by :file: inline markup. Backslashes (Windows paths) \ have to written as \\. The name of an executable program should be documented by :program: inline markup. This may differ from the file name for the executable for some platforms. In particular, the .exe (or other) extension should be omitted for Windows programs. For OS-level command use :command: inline markup.

#### :file:

For more details, see file or role; about the program or role in Semantic Descriptions and References (page 73), and about the command or role in Writing about User Interface (page 75).

#### The example

```
| :file:`/bin/bash` or :file:`bash` -- but better is :command:`bash`
| :file:`/usr/local/bin/myapp` -- but better is :program:`myapp`

| :file:`file:`filename.txt`
| :file:`/path/filename.txt`
| :file:`/path/subdir/` (ends with a ``/``)

| :file:`..\\MyApp\\core.conf`
| :file:`C:\\ProgramData\\MyApp\\core.conf`
| :file:`C:\\ProgramData\\MyApp\\` (ends with a ``\``)

| :file:`/usr/share/man/man{N}` (ends with a variable mark, *N* = 1.
| →.9)
```

#### Which gives

```
/bin/bash or bash - but better is bash
/usr/local/bin/myapp - but better is myapp

filename.txt
/path/filename.txt
/path/subdir/ (ends with a /)

..\MyApp\core.conf
C:\ProgramData\MyApp\core.conf
C:\ProgramData\MyApp\ (ends with a \)

/usr/share/man/manN (ends with a variable mark, N = 1..9)
```

## 1.8 Lists, Definition Lists

List markup is natural: just place an asterisk or hyphen at the start of a paragraph and indent properly. The same goes for numbered list (number or letter with tailed dot); they can also be automatically numbered using a # sign.

Nested lists are possible, but be aware that they must be separated from the parent list items by blank lines.

#### 1.8.1 Unordered (bullet) Lists

Bullet lists contains list item elements which are uniformly marked with bullets. Bullets are typically simple dingbats (symbols) such as circles and squares.

#### bulleted lists ( )

#### the example

```
* This is a bulleted list ...
   * ... use asterisks.
   |* It has fife items, the third
     item uses two lines.
   * Are unindented at the first level.
   * Must have a blank line before and after.
     - This is a bulleted list ...
     - ... use hyphens.
     - Are indented at the first level to stand out from the
10
       previous paragraph.
       - the blank line requirement means that nested list items
         will have a blank line before and after as well
14
15
       - you may *optionally* put a blank line *between* list items
```

#### which gives

- This is a bulleted list ...
- ... use asterisks.
- It has fife items, the third item uses two lines.
- Are unindented at the first level.
- Must have a blank line before and after.
  - This is a bulleted list ...

- ... use hyphens.
- Are indented at the first level to stand out from the previous paragraph.
  - \* the blank line requirement means that nested list items will have a blank line before and after as well
  - \* you may optionally put a blank line between list items

#### 1.8.2 Ordered (numbered) Lists

Enumerated lists (a.k.a. "ordered" lists) are similar to bullet lists, but use enumerators instead of bullets. An enumerator consists of an enumeration sequence member and formatting, followed by whitespace. Different enumeration sequences are possible, e.g. Arabic or Roman numerals or alphabet characters.

#### numbered lists ( )

#### the example

```
1. This is a numbered list.
2. Start each line with a number and period.
3. Can begin on any number.

4. 8. Must have a blank line before and after.
9. Can have nested sub-lists.

7. a. nested lists are numbered separately
9. #. nested lists need a blank line before and after

10. #. Can have automatic number with the ``#`` character.
```

#### which gives

- 1. This is a numbered list.
- 2. Start each line with a number and period.
- 3. Can begin on any number.
- 8. Must have a blank line before and after.
- 9. Can have nested sub-lists.
  - a. nested lists are numbered separately
  - b. nested lists need a blank line before and after
- 10. Can have automatic number with the # character.

# 1.8.3 Definition (description) Lists

Definition Lists contains a list of terms and their definitions. Each list item element contains a term, optional classifiers, and a definition.

#### definition list ( <dl> )

#### the example

```
Definition list
      a list with several term-definition pairs in the form
      .. parsed-literal::
         **TERM**
             DEFINITION (*description of term*)
      Terms
         should not be indented
11
      Definitions
12
         should be indented under the term
13
14
   Line spacing
15
      there should be a blank line between term-definition pairs
16
```

#### which gives

**Definition list** a list with several term-definition pairs in the form

#### **TERM**

```
DEFINITION (description of term)
```

Terms should not be indented

**Definitions** should be indented under the term

Line spacing there should be a blank line between term-definition pairs

#### Field (description) Lists

Field lists are special definition lists. They may also be used for two-column table-like structures resembling database records (label & data pairs). *Sphinx* extends standard docutils behavior for Field Lists and intercepts field lists specified at the beginning of documents and adds some extra (optional) functionality.

#### field list

# the example

```
:Date: 2001-08-16
:Version: 1
:Authors: - Me
- Myself
- I
:Indentation: Since the field marker may be quite long, the second and subsequent lines of the field body do not have to line up with the first line, but they must be indented relative to the field name marker, and they must line up with each other.
:Parameter i: integer
```

## which gives

**Date** 2001-08-16

Version 1

#### **Authors**

- Me
- Myself
- |

**Indentation** Since the field marker may be quite long, the second and subsequent lines of the field body do not have to line up with the first line, but they must be indented relative to the field name marker, and they must line up with each other.

Parameter i integer

# 1.9 Explicit Markup

"Explicit markup" is used in *reStructuredText* for most constructs that need special handling, such as footnotes, specially-highlighted paragraphs, comments, and generic directives.

An explicit markup block begins with a line starting with two dots followed by whitespace (".. ") and is terminated by the next paragraph at the same level of indentation. There needs to be a blank line between explicit markup and normal paragraphs. This may all sound a bit complicated, but it is intuitive enough when you write it.

#### 1.9.1 Comments

Every explicit markup block which is not a valid markup construct (like the footnotes above) is regarded as a comment .

However, it must have some text in the "..." line, otherwise it is ignored, and content will be displayed (indented).

#### the example

```
.. This is a comment

...
so: is this!

...
[and] this!

this:: too!

peren | this:: !
```

#### 1.9.2 Directives

*Directives* (page 15) are generic blocks of explicit markup. Besides *Roles* (page 13), it is one of the extension mechanisms of *reStructuredText*, and *Sphinx* makes heavy use of it. Basically, a directive consists of a name, arguments, options and content. Keep this terminology in mind, it is used in one of the next chapter describing custom directives.

#### the example

#### which gives

```
char *foo(x)
char *foo(y, z)
```

Return a line of text input from the user.

.. cpp:function:: is the directive name. It is given two arguments here, the remainder of the first line and the second line, as well as one option:noindexentry:. As you can see, options are given in the lines immediately following the arguments and indicated by the colons.

The directive content follows after a blank line and is indented relative to the directive start.

If you want to suppress the addition of an entry in the shown index, you can give the directive option flag:noindexentry:. If you want to typeset an object description, without even making it available for cross-referencing, you can give the directive option flag:noindex: (which implies:noindexentry:).

**Hint:** As far as possible, all examples in this document use the :noindexentry: option to keep the automatically created index as clean as possible but still be able to reference it.

#### 1.9.3 Footnotes

For footnotes  $\mathbb{Z}$ , use [#]\_ to mark the footnote location, and add the footnote body at the bottom of the document after a "Footnotes" rubric heading.

#### the example

```
Lorem ipsum [#]_ dolor sit amet ... [#]_

.. rubric:: Footnotes

.. [#] Text of the first footnote.

.. [#] Text of the second footnote.
```

which gives Lorem ipsum<sup>1</sup> dolor sit amet ...<sup>2</sup>

You can also explicitly number the footnotes for better context.

Text of the first footnote.

Text of the second footnote.

## 1.9.4 Citations

#### the example

```
Here is a citation reference: [CIT2002]_.

.. [CIT2002] This is the citation. It's just like a footnote,
except the label is textual.
```

which gives Here is a citation reference: [CIT2002].

To use a professional bibliography, you should use the Sphinx extension BibTeX Citations (page 84).

# 1.10 Reuse Content

Sphinx supports several ways to reuse content within and across projects.

#### 1.10.1 Include a Shared File

#### .. include::

For more details, see Including an External Document Fragment ☑ in Docutils.

You can store complex content, such as tasks, or code samples, in a file that is then included in multiple *reStructuredText* document files.

If you are working on multiple documents, you can save entire topics in shared files, and include those files in multiple documents.

You add a shared file to content in your project with the .. include:: directive. For example:

```
.. include:: /{absolut-document-subdirectory}/{file}.rsti
.. include:: {relative-document-subdirectory}/{file}.rsti
```

The contents of the shared file will then be built in the document.

**Caution:** Include paths are relative to the file in the document project, not the file in shared content.

Standard data files intended for inclusion in *reStructuredText* documents are distributed with the *Docutils* source code, located in the docutils package in the docutils/parsers/rst/include directory. To access these files, use the special syntax for standard include data files, angle brackets around the file name:

```
.. include:: <isonum.txt>
```

**Note:** You must reference the shared file from a file within the document. You cannot use a direct TOC reference to files outside of the document directory.

#### 1.10.2 Substitutions

Substitutions are a useful way to define a value which is needed in many places. Substitution definitions are indicated by an explicit markup start ("..") followed by a vertical bar, the substitution text (which gets substituted), another vertical bar, whitespace, and the definition block.

A substitution definition block may contain inline-compatible directives such as *Images and Figures* (page 41), *Downloadable Files* (page 72), or other Substitution Directives :

- Replacement Text ☑
- Unicode Character Codes ☑
- Date ☑

For more information, see reStructuredText Primer , section *Substitutions*, or refer the Substitution References . *Sphinx* provides additional predefined Substitutions .

## .. replace::

#### The example

```
1    .. |RST| replace:: reStructuredText
2    Here, :rst:`|RST|` will be replaced by |RST|.
```

Which gives Here, |RST| will be replaced by reStructuredText.

#### **Styled Reference**

You can also create a reference with styled text, nested inline markup ...

#### the example

```
.. |gh| replace:: :strong:`GitHub`
.. _`gh`: https://github.com/

Here, :rst:`|gh|` will be replaced by |gh|.

You can use the hyperlink reference by appending a :rst:`"_"` at theuend
of the vertical bars and :rst:`|gh|_` will be replaced by |gh|_.
```

which gives Here, |gh| will be replaced by GitHub.

You can use the hyperlink reference by appending a "\_" at the end of the vertical bars and |gh|\_ will be replaced by **GitHub**.

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#### **Use Prolog and Epilog**

The *Sphinx* configuration values rst\_prolog and rst\_epilog in conf.py contains a list of global substitutions that can be used from any file. The (incomplete) list for this document is given below:

```
"|project|" → leads to: "Li-Pro.Net Sphinx Primer"
"|author|" → leads to: "The LP/N Documentation Team"
"|publisher|" → leads to: "Li-Pro.Net"
"|copyright|" → leads to: "2020, Li-Pro.Net, The LP/N Documentation Team and individual contributors."
"|LICENSE|" → leads to: "LICENSE"
"|CREDITS|" → leads to: "CREDITS"
```

#### **Inline Image**

You can add inline images in the document using substitutions. The following block of code substitutes arrow in the text with the image specified.

#### the example

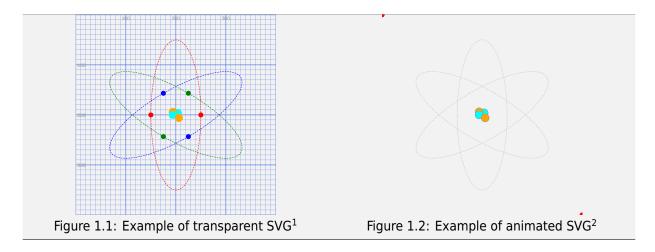
## which gives

The logo as in front of this documentation.

# 1.11 Images and Figures

# 1.11.1 SVG Graphics only

All vector graphics or diagrams should be SVG files. This helps us keep our graphic conversion tooling simple, and generally results in higher-quality representation. SVG graphics with an parameterized opacity (transparency) should be possible as well as an animated SVG, see Figure 1.1 and Figure 1.2.



Whenever possible, you should generate your graphics as *SVG* rather than converting to *SVG* from another format. That avoids bitmap raster images embedded in a *SVG* container. The goal of *SVG* usage is to hold vector graphic as long as possible, from the editor up to the presentation. If you have to start in another vector graphic format **use lossless vector formats** whenever possible. These include EPS (Encapsulated PostScript)/PS (PostScript), AI (Adobe Illustrator Artwork), DXF (AutoCAD Drawing Exchange Format), EMF (Enhanced Metafile Format)/EMZ (Compressed Enhanced Metafile Format), WMF (Windows Metafile Format)/WMZ (Compressed Windows Metafile Format) or some special *XML* vector graphics schemes. In any case avoid embedded bitmaps, as this is a lossy format for vector informations that does not replicate scaling very well. Figure 1.3 demonstrats differences between bitmapped raster and vector graphics. The bitmap raster is composed of a fixed set of pixels, while the vector is composed of a fixed set of shapes. In the picture, scaling the bitmap reveals the pixels while scaling the vector image preserves the shapes.

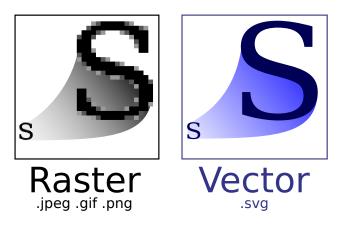


Figure 1.3: Demonstration of differences between bitmapped raster and vector images.<sup>3</sup>

Bitmap raster images are good for photographic images or screenshots but not for stencils, sketches, diagrams or graphs and often they do not support transparency.

—Superuser - IPEG vs. PNG vs. BMP vs. GIF vs. SVG ☑

Raster graphics are resolution dependent, meaning they cannot scale up to an arbitrary resolution without loss of apparent quality. This property contrasts with the capabilities of vector graphics, which easily scale up to the quality of the device rendering them. Raster graphics deal more practically than vector graphics with photographs and photo-realistic images, while vector graphics often serve better for typesetting or for graphic design.

—Wikipedia - Raster graphics ☑

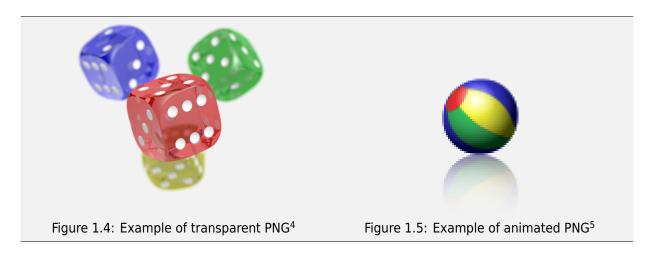
Vector graphics have the unique advantage over raster graphics in that the points, lines, and curves may be scaled up or down to any resolution with no aliasing.

—Wikipedia - Vector graphics ☑

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# 1.11.2 PNG Images only

All still bitmap raster images or photos should be *PNG* files. This helps us keep our image compression tooling simple, and generally results in higher-quality screenshots. *PNG* images with an 8-bit transparency channel should be possible as well as an animated *PNG*, see Figure 1.4 and Figure 1.5.



Whenever possible, you should generate your images as *PNG* rather than converting to *PNG* from another format. If you have to start in another format, **use lossless formats** whenever possible. These include BMP (Bitmap Format)/DIB (Device Independent Bitmap Format), GIF (Graphics Interchange Format), and TIFF (Tagged Image File Format). Avoid JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group)/JFIF (JPEG File Interchange Format) if possible, as this is a lossy format that does not replicate screenshots very well. Figure 1.6 comparing lossy compression in JPEG with lossless compression in *PNG*: the JPEG artifacts can be easily visible in the background of this kind of image data, where the *PNG* image has solid color.

Indication of provenance: Wikimedia: 4/47/PNG\_transparency\_demonstration\_1.png (licensed under CC-BY-SA-3.0 ) Indication of provenance: Wikimedia: 1/14/Animated\_PNG\_example\_bouncing\_beach\_ball.png (released into the public domain by its author, Holger Will)

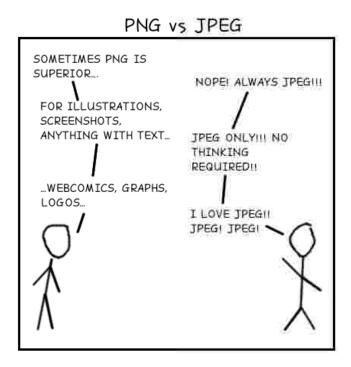


Figure 1.6: Demonstration of differences between lossy encoding and lossless method.<sup>6</sup>

JPEG is good for photographic images but not for sharp transitions and does not support transparency.

—Wikipedia - PNG comparison with JPEG ✓

The JPEG format can produce a smaller file than *PNG* for photographic (and photolike) images, since JPEG uses a lossy encoding method specifically *designed for photographic image data*. Using *PNG* instead of a high-quality JPEG for such images would result in a large increase in filesize with negligible gain in quality. In comparison, when storing images that contain text, line art, or graphics – images with sharp transitions and large areas of solid color – the *PNG* format can compress image data more than JPEG can. Additionally, *PNG* is lossless, while JPEG produces visual artifacts around high-contrast areas.

JPEG's lossy compression also suffers from generation loss, where repeatedly decoding and re-encoding an image to save it again causes a loss of information each time, degrading the image. This does not happen with repeated viewing or copying, but only if the file is edited and saved over again. Because *PNG* is lossless, it is suitable for storing images to be edited.

Where an image contains both *sharp transitions* and *photographic parts*, a choice must be made between the two effects:

# 1.11.3 Inserting

To place an graphic or image in a document, use the .. image:: directive (see Image ).

```
.. image:: /img/{absolut-document-subdirectory}/{file}.svg
 :alt: Alt text. Every image should have descriptive alt text.
.. image:: {relative-document-subdirectory}/{file}.*
  :alt: Alt text. Every image should have descriptive alt text.
```

Note the literal asterisk (\*) at the end, in place of a file extension. Use the asterisk, and omit the file extension (see reStructuredText Primer ☑, section *Images*).

## .. image::

#### The example

```
.. image:: /_images/lpn.svg
      :alt: The Li-Pro.Net logo. (explicitely as SVG)
      :height: 32px
      :width: 32px
  .. image:: /_images/lpn.*
6
      :alt: The Li-Pro.Net logo. (scaled to the half)
      :scale: 50 %
8
      :align: right
```

# Which gives





# 1.11.4 Inserting with Captions

Use .. figure:: directive to markup a graphic or image with a caption (see Figure  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

```
.. figure:: {file-with-directory-same-as-for image}.*
    :alt: Alt text. Every image should have descriptive alt text.

The rest of the indented content will be the (optional) caption.
This can be a short sentence or multiline paragraph.
```

Captions can contain any other complex *reStructuredText* markup. Further paragraphs after the caption will be the (optional) legend which are also arbitrary body elements.

# .. figure::

#### The example

```
.. figure:: /_images/lpn.*
       :name: the-lpn-logo
2
      :alt: The Li-Pro.Net logo.
      :figclass: align-center
      :align: center
      :scale: 75 %
      The |ghlpn|_ logo.
      Legend of all elements you can see in the graphic:
10
11
       .. list-table:: The legend for the |ghlpn|_ logo.
12
          :widths: 10 40
          :width: 50 %
14
          :align: center
15
          :header-rows: 1
16
          :stub-columns: 1
17
18
          * - Letter
19
            - Meaning
20
          * - L (in blue)
            - Li
          * - P (in blue)
23
            - Pro
24
          * - N (in red)
25
            - Net
26
27
   .. | ghlpn | unicode:: Li U+02013 Pro.Net U+0040 GitHub
   .. _`ghlpn`: https://github.com/lipro
```

#### Which gives



Figure 1.7: The Li-Pro.Net@GitHub ☑ logo. Legend of all elements you can see in the graphic:

Table 1.3: The legend for the Li-Pro.Net@GitHub logo.

Letter	Meaning
L (in blue)	Li
P (in blue)	Pro
N (in red)	Net

# 1.11.5 Inserting Inline

To information on creating inline images, see *Inline Image* (page 40).

# 1.12 Tables

For more details, see Table ☑ in *Docutils* or Tables Basics ☑ and Tables Directives ☑.

#### .. table::

The .. table:: directive serves as optional wrapper of the *Grid Style* (page 49) and *Simple Style* (page 50).

## .. tabularcolumns::

The .. tabularcolumns:: directive gives a column spec for the next table occurring in the source file. The spec is the second argument to the LaTeX tabulary package's environment (which Sphinx uses to translate tables). For more details, see tabularcolumns  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

# 1.12.1 Grid Style

For more details, see Grid Tables ☑ in *Docutils*.

#### the example

```
.. tabular columns:: p{0.132\linewidth}p{0.198\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330
              →linewidth}
             .. table:: Example table in grid style
                         :name: tables-grid-example
                        :widths: 20, 30, 50
                         :class: longtable
                        :align: center
                         :width: 66%
                        +----+
                        | Header 1 | Header 2 | Header 3 |
10
                        +======+===+
11
                         | body row 1 | column 2
                                                                                                                      | column 3 |
12
                        +----+
13
                         | body row 2 | Cells may span columns.|
14
                        +----+
15
                         | body row 3 | Cells may | - Cells |
                        +----- span rows. | - contain |
                         | body row 4 |
                                                                                                                      | - blocks. |
                        +----+
```

## which gives

Table 1.4: Example table in grid style		
Header 1	Header 2	Header 3
body row 1	column 2	column 3
body row 2	Cells may span co	olumns.
body row 3	Cells may span	• Cells
	rows.	• contain
body row 4		• blocks.

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# 1.12.2 Simple Style

For more details, see Simple Tables ☑ in *Docutils*.

## the example

```
.. tabular columns:: p{0.132\linewidth}p{0.198\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330\linewidth}p{0.330
                       →linewidth}
                    .. table:: Example table in simple style
                                       :name: tables-simple-example
                                      :widths: 20, 30, 50
                                       :align: center
                                       :width: 66%
                                      ====== ======
                                                             Inputs
                                                                                                                         Output
10
                                                                      В
                                                                                                                    A or B
11
                                      _____
12
                                      False
13
                                        -----
14
15
16
                                       True False True
                                        -----
                                      False True
19
```

# which gives

Table 1.5: Example table in simple style

Inputs		Output
A	В	A or B
False		
True		
True	False	True
False	True	

## 1.12.3 List Table

#### .. list-table::

For more details, see List Tables ☑ in *Docutils*.

**Hint:** For table content that needs a higher complexity than the list table is able to support use the *flat-table* (page 86).

#### The example

```
.. tabularcolumns:: p{0.132\\linewidth}p{0.198\\linewidth}p{0.330}
   →linewidth}
   .. list-table:: Example list table
      :name: tables-list-example
      :widths: 20, 30, 50
      :class: longtable
      :header-rows: 1
      :align: center
      :width: 66%
      * - Treat
10
        - Quantity
11
        - Description
12
      * - Albatross
13
        - 2.99
        - On a stick!
      * - Crunchy Frog
        - 1.49
        - If we took the bones out, it would not be
18
          crunchy, now would it?
19
      * - Gannet Ripple
20
        - 1.99
21
         - On a stick!
```

#### Which gives

Table 1.6: Example list table		
Treat	Quantity	Description
Albatross	2.99	On a stick!
		continues on next page

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Table 1.6 - continued from previous page		
Treat	Quantity	Description
Crunchy	1.49	If we took the bones out, it
Frog		would not be crunchy, now
		would it?
Gannet	1.99	On a stick!
Ripple		

## 1.12.4 CSV Table

#### .. csv-table::

For more details, see CSV Tables 

In Docutils.

**Hint:** In almost all cases, *csv-table* (page 53) is the easiest and most maintainable way to insert a table into a document. It should be preferred unless there is a compelling reason to use one of the other styles.

#### The example

## Which gives

Table 1.7: Example CSV table		
Treat	Quantity	Description
Albatross	2.99	On a stick!
Crunchy	1.49	If we took the bones out, it
Frog		would not be crunchy, now
		would it?
Gannet	1.99	On a stick!
Ripple		

Some of the options recognized are:

## :widths:

Contains a comma or space-separated list of relative column widths. The default is equalwidth columns.

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The special value auto may be used by writers to decide whether to delegate the determination of column widths to the backend.

In most cases, the best result is either the default or auto. If you're unsure, try it both ways and see which looks better to you.

#### :header:

Contains column titles. It must use the same CSV format as the main CSV data.

#### :delim:

Contains a one character string used to separate fields. Default value is comma. It must be a single character or Unicode code.

The only reason to use something other than a comma is when copying large blocks of content from another source that uses a different style. If you are creating new table content yourself, use the comma.

## The example

## Which gives

Table 1.8: Example CSV table with customized delimiter

Name	Password
Peter	QW8rTn@*emk;=J3f
Paul	b3%C/-9`][cnG,;{

# :align:

It specifies the horizontal alignment of the table. It can be left, right or center.

# The example

```
.. csv-table:: Example CSV table with right alignment
..name: tables-csv-align-example
.header: "Name", "Password"
.delim: #
.align: right
```

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(continued from previous page)

```
"Peter"#":literal:`QW8rTn@*emk;=J3f`"
"Paul"# ":literal:`b3%C/-9\`][cnG,;{`"
```

# Which gives

Table 1.9: Example CSV table with right alignment

Name	Password
Peter	QW8rTn@*emk;=J3f
Paul	b3%C/-9`][cnG,;{

#### :url:

Contains an Internet URL reference to a CSV data file.

#### :file:

Contains the local file system path to a CSV data file.

# The example

```
.. csv-table:: Example CSV table from source file
:name: tables-csv-srcfile-example
:file: example.csv
:delim: |
:encoding: utf-8-sig
:header-rows: 1
:stub-columns: 1
:width: 66%
```

# Which gives

Table 1.10: Example CSV table from source file

Name	Password
Peter	QW8rTn@*emk;=J3f
Paul	b3%C/-9`][cnG,;{

Which needs The example above processed the following CSV file content:

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Listing 1.1: CSV example file (tables/csv/srcfile/example.csv)

```
Name|Password
Peter|:literal:`QW8rTn@*emk;=J3f`
Paul|:literal:`b3%C/-9\`][cnG,;{`
```

**Note:** There is no support for checking that the number of columns in each row is the same. However, this directive supports CSV generators that do not insert "empty" entries at the end of short rows, by automatically adding empty entries.

# 1.13 Code Example

The syntax for displaying code is the :: mark, see Literal blocks . When it is used at the end of a sentence, *Sphinx* is smart and displays one : sign in the output, and knows there is a code example in the following indented block, the Indented literal (code) block . Quoted literal (code) block are unindented contiguous blocks of text where each line begins with the same non-alphanumeric printable 7-bit ASCII character.

#### .. highlight::

For more details, see highlight \( \mathbb{I} \) directive.

### The example

```
.. highlight:: none
   This is a normal text paragraph. The next paragraph
   is a code sample::
      It is not processed in any way, except
      that the indentation is removed.
      It can span multiple lines.
10
   This is a normal text paragraph again.
11
   The next paragraph is a quoted sample -- John Doe wrote::
   >> Great idea!
15
16
   > Why didn't I think of that?
17
18
   You just did! ;-)
```

Which gives This is a normal text paragraph. The next paragraph is a code sample:

```
It is not processed in any way, except
that the indentation is removed.
It can span multiple lines.
```

This is a normal text paragraph again.

The next paragraph is a quoted sample – John Doe wrote:

```
>> Great idea!
>
> Why didn't I think of that?
```

You just did! ;-)

The handling of the :: marker is smart:

- If it occurs as a paragraph of its own, that paragraph is completely left out of the document.
- If it is preceded by whitespace, the marker is removed.
- If it is preceded by non-whitespace, the marker is replaced by a single colon.

That way, the first sentence in the above example's first paragraph would be rendered as "... The next paragraph is a code sample:".

Sphinx extends the default language setup for each literal (code) block with the .. highlight:: directive. That is very useful if a specific directive is not able to set the language by argument or option, even in this case here.

# 1.13.1 Explicit Code Blocks

Source code will be formatted by the directive . . code-block: : . *Sphinx*, like *Python*, uses meaningful whitespace. Blocks of content are structured based on the indention level they are on.

#### .. code-block::

For more details, see code-block directive.

#### The example

```
.. highlight:: bash
       :linenothreshold: 1
   A cool bit of code::
      #!/bin/bash
6
      # Some cool Bash code
      echo ${BASH VERSINFO[*]}
   .. highlight:: none
11
   .. code-block:: rst
12
       :caption: Documentation
13
14
      A bit of **rst** which should be *highlighted* properly.
15
16
   .. code-block:: python
       :caption: Script
18
       :linenos:
19
20
      import sys
21
      sys.exit(1)
```

#### Which gives A cool bit of code:

```
#!/bin/bash
# Some cool Bash code
echo ${BASH_VERSINFO[*]}
```

Listing 1.2: Documentation

```
A bit of **rst** which should be *highlighted* properly.
```

Listing 1.3: Script

```
import sys
sys.exit(1)
```

Valid values for the highlighting: language: (first argument) are:

- none (no highlighting)
- python (the default)
- c and cpp (*C*/*C*++)
- rst or rest (reStructuredText)
- bash or ksh or sh (Unix Shell scripts)
- shell-session (Unix Shell sessions)
- ps1 or posh or powershell (Windows PowerShell code)
- ps1con (Windows PowerShell sessions)
- dosbatch or winbatch (MS-DOS (Microsoft Disk Operating System)/Windows Batch file)
- doscon (MS-DOS sessions)
- cfg or ini (Generic configuration file, mostly INI files)
- sql (Generic SQL (Structured Query Language) commands)
- registry (Windows Registry files produced by **regedit**)
- guess (let *Pygments* guess the lexer based on contents, only works with certain well-recognizable languages)
- ... and any other lexer alias that Pygments supports ♂.

# 1.13.2 Explicit Code Includes

If the text resides in a separate file, use the .. literalinclude:: directive:

#### .. literalinclude::

#### The example

```
.. literalinclude:: /docutils.conf
2 :language: cfg
```

## Which gives

```
;
; Docutils Configuration
;
; The configuration file consists of sections, lead by a "[section]"
; header and followed by "name: value" entries, with continuations
; in the style of RFC 822; "name=value" is also accepted. Note that
; leading whitespace is removed from values. ... Lines beginning
; with "#" or ";" are ignored and may be used to provide comments.
;
; see: https://docutils.sourceforge.io/docs/user/config.html
;
; https://docutils.sourceforge.io/docs/user/config.html
—#restructuredtext-parser

[restructuredtext parser]
syntax_highlight = short
```

All included files could be located under /include. The beginning / means, root directory of the documentation source directory. Without it, the path is relative to the directory of the including file.

# 1.14 Mathematics

In *Sphinx* you can include inline math  $x \leftarrow y \ x \forall y \ x - y$  (as role :math:`x\leftarrow y\ x\forall y\ x-y`) or display math as directive block which is able to cross-referencing equations:

$$W_{\delta_1 \rho_1 \sigma_2}^{3\beta} = U_{\delta_1 \rho_1}^{3\beta} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{\alpha_2}^{\alpha_2} d\alpha_2' \left[ \frac{U_{\delta_1 \rho_1}^{2\beta} - \alpha_2' U_{\rho_1 \sigma_2}^{1\beta}}{U_{\rho_1 \sigma_2}^{0\beta}} \right]$$
(1.1)

#### .. math::

To include math in your document, just use the .. math:: directive. For more details, see  $math \nearrow$  directive.

#### The example

```
.. math::

W^{3\beta}_{\delta_1 \rho_1 \sigma_2}

Approx U^{3\beta}_{\delta_1 \rho_1}
```

#### Which gives

$$W_{\delta_1 \rho_1 \sigma_2}^{3\beta} \approx U_{\delta_1 \rho_1}^{3\beta} \tag{1.2}$$

#### :math:numref:

The math domain (name **math**) provides the role :math:numref:`label` which is for cross-referencing equations defined by .. math:: directive via their label. For more details, see math:numref role.

#### The example

```
.. math:: e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0

:label: euler

Euler's identity, :math:numref:`euler`, was elected one
of the most beautiful mathematical formulas.
```

#### Which gives

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0 ag{1.3}$$

Euler's identity, Equastion 1.3, was elected one of the most beautiful mathematical formulas.

When the equation is only one line of text, it can also be given as a directive argument (as used in Euler's identity above).

#### :eq:

The role :eq:`euler` is the same as :math:numref:`euler`. For more details, see eq 🗷

Recent versions of *Sphinx* include built-in support for math. There are three flavors:

- sphinx.ext.imgmath ☑: uses dvipng to render the equation
- sphinx.ext.mathjax 2: renders the math in the browser using Javascript
- sphinx.ext.jsmath : it's an older code, but it checks out

Additionally, there are special *Sphinx* extensions provided by matplotlib that has its own math support for writing mathematical expressions and inserting automatically-generated plots:

- matplotlib.sphinxext.mathmpl
- matplotlib.sphinxext.plot directive ✓

#### See also:

See *Mathematical Plots* (page 94) for more details about the *Sphinx* matplotlib extensions with examples.

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# 1.15 Admonitions

#### 1.15.1 Generic Admonition

The Generic admonition is a simple titled admonition. The title may be anything the author desires. The author-supplied title is also used as a "classes" attribute value after being converted into a valid identifier form. As well as this implicitly behavior the : class: option value can set to any implemented specific type and overrides the computed "classes" attribute value.

#### .. admonition::

#### The example

```
.. admonition:: Neque porro quisquam
.:class: error

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut
tempus nibh.
```

#### Which gives

#### Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

## 1.15.2 Specific Admonitions

Specific Admonitions are specially marked "topics" that can appear anywhere an ordinary body element can. Typically, an admonition is rendered as an offset block in a document, sometimes outlined or shaded, with a title matching the admonition type. The following admonition directives have been implemented.

#### **Attention Admonition**

#### .. attention::

#### The example

```
1 .. attention:: Neque porro quisquam
2 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
(continues on next page)
```

(continued from previous page)

mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

# Which gives

Attention: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

#### **Caution Admonition**

#### .. caution::

# The example

```
1 ... caution:: Neque porro quisquam
2
3 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
4 mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut
5 tempus nibh.
```

## Which gives

Caution: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

#### **Danger Admonition**

#### .. danger::

#### The example

```
1  ... danger:: Neque porro quisquam
2
3  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
4  mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut
5  tempus nibh.
```

## Which gives

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Danger: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

#### **Error Admonition**

#### .. error::

# The example

```
1 .. error:: Neque porro quisquam
2
3 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
4 mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut
5 tempus nibh.
```

## Which gives

Error: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

#### **Hint Admonition**

#### .. hint::

# The example

```
1 .. hint:: Neque porro quisquam
2
3 Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
4 mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut
5 tempus nibh.
```

#### Which gives

Hint: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

## **Important Admonition**

# .. important::

# The example

```
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.
```

## Which gives

#### Important: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

#### **Note Admonition**

#### .. note::

For more details, see note directive.

#### The example

```
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.
```

# Which gives

Note: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

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#### **Tip Admonition**

## .. tip::

# The example

```
1    .. tip:: Neque porro quisquam
2
3    Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus
4    mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut
5    tempus nibh.
```

## Which gives

Tip: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

#### **Warning Admonition**

#### .. warning::

For more details, see warning directive.

#### The example

```
    .. warning:: Neque porro quisquam
    Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.
```

#### Which gives

Warning: Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

# 1.15.3 Sphinx Additional Admonitions

## **Seealso Admonition**

#### .. seealso::

Many sections include a list of references to module documentation or external documents. These lists are created using the seealso directive.

## The example

```
    .. seealso:: Neque porro quisquam
    Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.
```

## Which gives

#### See also:

Neque porro quisquam

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus mattis commodo eros, quis posuere enim lobortis quis. Nullam ut tempus nibh.

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# 1.16 Hyperlink

The link text is set by putting a \_ after some text. The ` is used to group text, allowing you to include multiple words in your link text. You should use the `, even when the link text is only one word. This keeps the syntax consistent.

The link target is defined inline or at the bottom of the section with .. \_<link text>: <target> (reference style).

The Hyperlink Targets of in *Docutils* provides the basic specification for external of and anonymous of hyperlink targets. These are also called explicit hyperlink targets of.

## the example

```
`A cool website`_ and `The Dino <https://docutils.sourceforge.io/>`_.

.. _A cool website: https://www.sphinx-doc.org/
```

which gives A cool website 

and The Dino 

.

# 1.17 Referencing

Another important *Sphinx* feature is that it allows referencing across documents. This is another powerful way to tie documents together.

The simplest way to do this is to define an explicit reference object which can then be referenced directly as internal hyperlink target or with : ref: `refname` or in rare cases with :numref: `refname` depending on the toctree section numbering setup. Sphinx also supports :doc: `docname` for linking to a document via built-in extension sphinx.ext.intersphinx and also supports autogenerated labels for each section via built-in extension sphinx.ext.autosectionlabel .

The Hyperlink Targets  $\mathcal{C}$  in *Docutils* provides the basic specification for internal  $\mathcal{C}$  and external  $\mathcal{C}$  hyperlink targets. These are also called explicit  $\mathcal{C}$  and also available as implicit  $\mathcal{C}$  hyperlink targets.

#### :doc:

:ref:

## :numref:

For more details, see  $doc \mathbb{Z}$ , ref  $\mathbb{Z}$  and numref  $\mathbb{Z}$  role.

```
Clicking on this internal hyperlink will take us to the target_u

below.

:ref:`reference-name`, this is
:ref:`the same (cool) section <reference-name>`, and again theu

reference (continues on next page)
```

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```
with support of the extension **autosectionlabel** --
:ref:`concepts/referencing:A cool section` or :doc:`./referencing`.
```

**Which gives** Clicking on this internal hyperlink will take us to the *target* (page 71) below.

A cool section (page 71), this is the same (cool) section (page 71), and again the reference with support of the extension **autosectionlabel** – A cool section (page 71) or Referencing (page 70).

## 1.17.1 A cool section

The hyperlink target above points to this paragraph.

## 1.18 External References

*Sphinx* also includes a number of predefined references for external concepts. Things like PEP's and RFC's. You can read more about this in the *Sphinx Roles* (page 13) section.

## :pep:

## :rfc:

For more details, see pep  $\square$  and rfc  $\square$  role.

## The example

```
You can learn more about this at :pep:`8` or :rfc:`1984`.
```

Which gives You can learn more about this at PEP 8 ♂ or RFC 1984 ♂.

## 1.19 Downloadable Files

To place a downloadable file in a document, use the download (page 72) role.

```
To understand the procedure better, see this :download:`example script </_downloads/contributing/example_script.py>`.
```

Downloadable files with a dedicated context to a specific part of the documentation should also be placed exactly at this point in the source tree of the documentation. Other common artefacts should be put in the documentation root or the /\_downloads/ subdirectory, and they should be in a subdirectory with the same name as the document in which they appear (that is, the filename without the .rst extension).

**Attention:** Downloads are not fully supported by all *Sphinx* builders. Especially offline documents like *LaTeX/PDF* will be created correctly, but will not provide additional artifacts.

#### :download:

For more details, see download 'role.

#### The example

```
All artifacts were selected and download by using this references:

* matplotlib example: |ellipses.py| (published as `ellipses.py`_)

.. |ellipses.py| replace::
:download:`ellipses.py </_images/mplplots/ellipses.py>`
.. _`ellipses.py`:
https://matplotlib.org/gallery/shapes_and_collections/ellipse_
demo.html#ellipse-rotated
```

**Which gives** All artifacts were selected and download by using this references:

matplotlib example: ellipses.py (published as ellipses.py <a>Ī</a>)

# 1.20 Semantic Descriptions and References

*Sphinx* also has much more powerful semantic referencing capabilities, which knows all about software development concepts.

Say you're creating a CLI (Command Line Interface) application. You can define the name of the executable application program and its option and envvar quite easily.

```
.. program::
```

.. option::

## .. envvar::

For more details, see program♂, option♂ and envvar♂ directive.

## The example

```
.._dlapp:
   .. rubric:: Dreamland
   A fantasy command-line interface application.
   .. program:: dlapp
   .. option:: -f, --force
10
      Force the operation.
11
12
   .. option:: -i <regex>, --ignore <regex>
13
      Ignore things that match a specific pattern.
15
   .. envvar:: DLAPPRC
17
18
      Set location of resources.
```

## Which gives

#### **Dreamland**

A fantasy command-line interface application.

```
-f, --force
Force the operation.
```

```
-i <regex>, --ignore <regex>
Ignore things that match a specific pattern.
```

#### **DLAPPRC**

Set location of resources.

That can now also be referenced quite simply.

:program:

:option:

:envvar:

For more details, see program ♂, option ♂ and envvar ♂ role.

## The example

```
.. seealso:: Working with :ref:`dlapp` (:program:`dlapp`):

* forcing with :option:`dlapp --force`

* ignoring with :option:`dlapp -i`

* defaults with :envvar:`DLAPPRC`
```

## Which gives

#### See also:

Working with *Dreamland* (page 73) (**dlapp**):

- forcing with *dlapp -- force* (page 73)
- ignoring with *dlapp -i* (page 73)
- defaults with *DLAPPRC* (page 73)

*Sphinx* includes a large number of these semantic types, including:

- The C Domain ☑ (name c): c:namespace ☑, c:struct ☑, c:var ☑, c:function ☑,...
- The C++ Domain ☑ (name cpp): cpp:namespace ☑, cpp:class ☑,...
- The JavaScript Domain (name **js**): js:module ☑, js:class ☑,...
- The *Python* Domain (name **py**): py:module **□**, py:class **□**,...
- The reStructuredText Domain (name rst): rst:directive♂, rst:role♂,...

# 1.21 Writing about User Interface

Several roles are used when describing user interactions.

## :guilabel:

Marks up actual UI text of form labels or buttons. For more details, see guilabel 'role.

## The example

```
Press the :guilabel:`Submit` button.
```

Which gives Press the Submit button.

## :menuselection:

Marks up the *actual UI text* of a navigation menu or form select element. For more details, see menuselection ♂ role.

## The example

```
Select :menuselection:`Help` from menu.

To save your file, go to :menuselection:`File --> Save` in the Main_

Menu.
```

Which gives Select Help from menu.

To save your file, go to *File* ► *Save* in the Main Menu.

When writing about multi-level menus, use a single :menuselection: role, and separate menu choices with -->.

**Note:** In some situations you might not be clear about which option, menuselection or guilabel. to use. GUI (Graphics User Interface)s in real life can sometimes be ambiguous. The general rule is:

- Actual UI (User Interface) text will always receive guilabel ☑ role unless the text could reasonably be understood to be part of a menu.

These both render the same on output, so don't worry too much if you get it wrong. Just use your judgment and take your best guess.

#### :kbd:

Marks up a sequence of literal keyboard strokes. For more details, see kbd \( \mathbb{C} \) role.

```
To stop the local server, type :kbd:`CTRL+C`.
```

**Which gives** To stop the local server, type CTRL+C.

#### :command:

Marks up a terminal command. For more details, see command  $\square$  role.

## The example

```
To build the documentation, use :command:`sphinx-build`.
```

Which gives To build the documentation, use sphinx-build.

To document a CLI application, you will find more information in *Semantic Descriptions and References* (page 73).

# 1.21.1 Other Semantic Markup

## :abbr:

Marks up an abbreviation. If the role content contains a parenthesized explanation, it will be treated specially: it will be shown in a tool-tip in HTML. For more details, see abbr  $\Box$  role.

## The example

```
This is the :abbr:`ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network)`
device.
```

Which gives This is the ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) device.

#### :dfn:

Marks the defining instance of a term outside the index or glossary. For more details, see dfn role.

## The example

```
This library has a :dfn:`CAPI`, a Common ISDN Application Programming Interface.
```

**Which gives** This library has a *CAPI*, a Common ISDN Application Programming Interface.

# 1.22 Glossary

Sphinx has a built-in Glossary structure that you can use to:

- Produce a consolidated glossary of terms.
- Link terms in other content to their glossary definitions.

## 1.22.1 Create a Glossary

## .. glossary::

For more details, see glossary directive.

To add glossary terms, you use the directive .. glossary::. Write each glossary entry as a definition list, with a term, followed by a single-line indented definition.

Each glossary entry is nested below the .. glossary:: directive. For example:

#### .. glossary::

#### Sphinx

Sphinx is a tool that makes it easy to create intelligent and beautiful documentation. It was originally created for the Python documentation, and it has excellent facilities for the documentation of software projects in a range of languages.

#### RST

reStructuredText is an easy-to-read, what-you-see-is-what-you-get plain text markup syntax and parser system. It is useful for in-line program documentation (such as Python docstrings), for quickly creating simple web pages, and for standalone documents. reStructuredText is designed for extensibility for specific application domains. The reStructuredText parser is a component of Docutils.

#### Sublime Text

Sublime Text is a sophisticated text editor for code, markup and prose. You'll love the slick user interface, extraordinary features and amazing performance.

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# 1.22.2 Link a Term to its Glossary Entry

#### :term:

For more details, see index or role.

When a glossary term is used in text, you can link it to its definition with the :term: role. For example, to link the term *Sphinx* to its definition, use the following syntax:

```
:term:`Sphinx`
```

The term specified must exactly match a term in Glossary directive.

You can link to a term in the glossary while showing different text in the topic by including the term in angle brackets. For example:

```
:term:`reStructuredText<RST>`
```

The term in angle brackets must exactly match a term in the glossary. The text before the angle brackets is what users see on the page.

## **1.23** Index

#### .. index::

For more details, see index directive.

Some roles and directives do already create indices automatically.

However, there is also an explicit directive available, to make the index more comprehensive and enable index entries in documents where information is not mainly contained in information units.

The directive is .. index:: and contains one or more index entries Each entry consists of a type and a value, separated by a colon. For example:

```
.. index::

single: execution; context

triple: module; search; path
```

#### :index:

For more details, see index role.

While the *index* (page 79) directive is a block-level markup and links to the beginning of the next paragraph, there is also a corresponding role that sets the link target directly where it is used.

The content of the role can be a simple phrase, which is then kept in the text and used as an index entry. It can also be a combination of text and index entry, styled like with explicit targets of cross-references. In that case, the "target" part can be a full entry as described for the directive above. For example:

```
This is a normal reST :index:`paragraph` that contains several :index:`index entries <pair: index; entry>`.
```

**Note:** The :index: role must contain text. This text will be printed and referenced by the index.

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# Extensions

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# 2.1 Spelling Checker

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-spelling/

☑

**Documentation** https://sphinxcontrib-spelling.readthedocs.io/☑

**Git Repository** https://github.com/sphinx-contrib/spelling ✓

Spelling checker for Sphinx. It uses PyEnchant to produce a report showing misspelled words.

#### **Features**

- 1. Supports multiple source languages using the standard enchant dictionaries.
- 2. Supports project-specific dictionaries for localized jargon and other terminology that may not appear in the global dictionaries.
- 3. Suggests alternatives to words not found in the dictionary, when possible.

#### It consists:

• sphinxcontrib.spelling <a>Image: Spelling checker for Sphinx</a>

#### 2.1.1 Private Dictionaries

For more details, see Configuration Options 

✓ section Private Dictionaries.

## .. spelling::

The .. spelling:: directive can be used to create a list of words known to be spelled correctly within a single file. For example, if a document refers to a person or project by name, the name can be added to the list of known words for just that single document.

When a more common list of words is needed, related to check multiple document at once, the spelling\_word\_list\_filename (page 83) variable should be set properly.

## spelling\_word\_list\_filename

That is a list specifying files containing a list of words known to be spelled correctly but that do not appear in the refered language dictionary. The files should contain one word per line. Refer to the *PyEnchant* tutorial for details.

## 2.2 BibTeX Citations

Allowing *BibTeX* citations to be inserted into documentation via a . . bibliography:: directive, and a :cite: role, which work similarly to *LaTeX*'s \begin{thebibliography} ... \ end{thebibliography} environment and \cite{cite\_key} command. It consists:

- sphinxcontrib.bibtex ☑: Sphinx interface
- sphinxcontrib.bibtex.roles ♂: Doctree roles
- sphinxcontrib.bibtex.nodes ☑: Doctree nodes
- sphinxcontrib.bibtex.directives ☑: Doctree directives
- sphinxcontrib.bibtex.transforms ☑: Doctree transforms
- sphinxcontrib.bibtex.cache ☑: Cached information

Create a citation to a bibliographic entry.

**Todo:** activate "BibTeX Citations" extension.

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```
:the example:
      .. code-block:: rst
         :linenos:
         .. bibliography:: bibliography.bibtex
            :style: kcsalpha
            :encoding: utf
            :all:
   :which gives:
      .. only:: html or man or texinfo or text
         .. rubric:: Documentation with Sphinx
      .. only:: latex
        All entries in the central document bibliography list, mostly on the
         end of the document.
      .. bibliography:: bibliography.bibtex
         :style: kcsalpha
         :encoding: utf
         :all:
   :which needs:
     The example above processed the following |BibTeX| file content:
      .. literalinclude:: bibliography.bibtex
         :caption: BibTeX example file (bibliography.bibtex)
         :language: bibtex
         :emphasize-lines: 1
         :start-at: @book
         :linenos:
.. spelling::
  Hasecke
```

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## 2.3 LinuxDoc

**Documentation** https://return42.github.io/linuxdoc/✓

Git Repository https://github.com/return42/linuxdoc ✓

The LinuxDoc library with extensions of the Linux-Kernel documentation, you can use these extensions in common *Sphinx* projects. It consists:

- linuxdoc.rstFlatTable ☑: the .. flat-table:: reST-directive
- linuxdoc.rstKernelDoc☑: the .. kernel-doc:: reST-directive
- linuxdoc.kernel include☑: the .. kernel-include:: reST-directive
- linuxdoc.manKernelDoc☑: the kernel-doc-man builder
- linuxdoc.kfigure □: implements scalable image handling

Todo: activate "LinuxDoc" extension.

## 2.3.1 Flat list table

## .. flat-table::

#### See also:

About tables ☑: flat-table ☑

The .. flat-table::` (FlatTable) is a double-stage list similar to the .. list-table::` with some additional features:

- column-span: with the role :cspan:`num` a cell can be extended through additional columns
- row-span: with the role:rspan:`num` a cell can be extended through additional rows
- auto-span: rightmost cell of a table row over the missing cells on the right side of that table-row. With Option :fill-cells: this behavior can changed from auto span to auto fill, which automatically inserts (empty) cells instead of spanning the last cell.

## **Options**

```
:header-rows: (integer)
  count of header rows
:stub-columns: (integer)
  count of stub columns
```

```
:widths: (list of integer)
    widths of columns

:fill-cells:
    instead of auto-span missing cells, insert missing cells

Roles

:cspan:
    (integer): additional columns (morecols)

:rspan:
    (integer): additional rows (morerows)
```

The example below shows how to use this markup. The first level of the staged list is the *table-row*. In the *table-row* there is only one markup allowed, the list of the cells in this *table-row*. Exception are *comments* ( . . ) and *targets* (e.g. a ref to row 2 of table's body ?).

## the example

**Attention: line 2:** The option : class: longtable will not interpreted from directive . . flat-table:: and has no effects.

```
.. flat-table:: LinuxDoc :rst:`.. flat-table::` example (table title)
      :class: longtable
      :widths: 15 15 15 15 40
      :header-rows: 2
      :stub-columns: 1
      * - :rspan: `1` head / stub
        - :cspan:`3` head 1.1-4
      * - head 2.1
10
         - head 2.2
11
         - head 2.3
        - head 2.4
13
      * .. row body 1 / this is a comment
15
16
         - row 1
17
         - :rspan:`2` cell 1-3.1
18
         - cell 1.2
19
         - cell 1.3
         - cell 1.4
22
      * .. Comments and targets are allowed on *table-row* stage.
23
         .. _`row body 2`:
```

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```
25
         - row 2
         - cell 2.2
         - :rspan:`1` :cspan:`1`
28
          cell 2.3 with a span over
30
          * col 3-4 &
31
          * row 2-3
32
33
       * - row 3
        - cell 3.2
      * - row 4
37
        - cell 4.1
38
         - cell 4.2
39
        - cell 4.3
40
        - cell 4.4
41
      * - row 5
        - cell 5.1 with automatic span to right end
44
45
      * - row 6
46
         - cell 6.1
47
         - .. empty cell 6.2 with automatic span to right end
```

```
:which gives:
.. include:: linuxdoc/flat-table/example.rsti
```

# 2.4 Program Output

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-programoutput/✓

**Documentation** https://sphinxcontrib-programoutput.readthedocs.org/

**Git Repository** https://github.com/NextThought/sphinxcontrib-programoutput ✓

Literally insert the output of arbitrary commands into documents, helping you to keep your command examples up to date. It consists:

sphinxcontrib.programoutput ☑: insert command output

**Todo:** activate "Program Output" extension.

## 2.4.1 Complete output

To include the output of a command into your document, use the .. program-output:: directive provided by this extension.

## .. program-output::

For more details, see program-output directive.

## The example

```
.. program-output:: python --version
```

```
:which gives:
    .. program-output:: python --version
```

The whole output of python --version, including any messages on standard error, is inserted into the current document, formatted as literal text without any syntax highlighting. You can omit the content of the standard error stream with the :nostderr: option.

By default, commands are executed in the top-level source directory. You can choose an alternate working directory with the :cwd: option. The argument of this option is either a path relative to the current source file, or a absolute path which means that it is relative to the top level source directory.

## 2.4.2 Shortening the output

Lengthy output can be shortened with the :ellipsis: option. Its value denotes lines to omit when inserting the output of the command. Instead, a single ellipsis . . . is inserted.

**the example** If used with a single number, all lines after the specified line are omitted:

```
.. program-output:: python --help
:ellipsis: 2
```

```
:which gives:
    The above omits all lines after the second one:
    .. program-output:: python --help
    :ellipsis: 2
```

Negative numbers count from the last line backwards, thus replacing 2 with -2 in the above example would only omit the last two lines.

**the example** If used with two comma-separated line numbers, all lines in between the specified lines are omitted. Again, a negative number counts from the last line backwards:

```
.. program-output:: python --help
:ellipsis: 2,-2
```

```
:which gives:
    The above omits all lines except the first two and the last two lines:
        .. program-output:: python --help
        :ellipsis: 2,-2
```

# 2.4.3 Mimicking shell input

You can mimic shell input with the .. command-output:: directive<sup>1</sup>. This directive inserts the command along with its output into the document.

## .. command-output::

For more details, see command-output directive.

#### The example

This directive is just an alias for the .. program-output:: directive with the :prompt: option set.

```
.. command-output:: python --version
```

```
:which gives:
    .. command-output:: python --version
```

The appearance of this output can be configured with programoutput\_prompt\_template. When used in conjunction with :ellipsis:, the command itself and any additional text is *never* omitted. :ellipsis: always refers to the *immediate output* of the command.

## the example

```
.. command-output:: python --help
:ellipsis: 2
```

```
:which gives:
    .. command-output:: python --help
    :ellipsis: 2
```

## 2.4.4 Command execution and shell expansion

Normally the command is splittet according to the POSIX shell syntax (see shlex ), and executed directly. Thus special shell features like expansion of environment variables will not work.

#### the example

```
.. command-output:: echo "$USER"
```

```
:which gives:
.. command-output:: echo "$USER"
```

To enable these features, enable the : shell: option. With this option, the command is literally passed to the system shell.

```
.. command-output:: echo "$USER"
2 :shell:
```

```
:which gives:
    .. command-output:: echo "$USER"
    :shell:
```

Other shell features like process expansion consequently work, too.

#### the example

```
.. command-output:: ls -l $(which grep)
2 :shell:
```

```
:which gives:
    .. command-output:: ls -l $(which grep)
    :shell:
```

**Warning:** Remember to use : shell: carefully to avoid unintended interpretation of shell syntax and swallowing of fatal errors!

# 2.4.5 Error handling

If an unexpected exit code (also known as *return code*) is returned by a command, it is considered to have failed. In this case, a build warning is emitted to help you to detect misspelled commands or similar errors. By default, a command is expected to exit with an exit code of 0, all other codes indicate an error. In some cases however, it may be reasonable to demonstrate failed programs. To avoid a (superfluous) warning in such a case, you can specify the expected return code of a command with the :returncode: option.

## the example

The above command returns the exit code 1 (as given to sys.exit() ), but no warning will be emitted. On the contrary, a warning will be emitted, should the command return 0!

**Note:** Upon fatal errors which even prevent the execution of the command neither return code nor command output are available. In this case an error message is inserted into the document instead.

If :shell: is set however, most of these fatal errors are handled by the system shell and turned into return codes instead. In this case the error message will only appear in the output of the shell. If you're using :shell:, double-check the output for errors. Best avoid :shell:, if possible.

## 2.5 Mathematical Plots

**Attention:** Matplotlib does not support labels and auto-references. You can not refer to a equation and you will never see an entry to .. mathmpl:: expressions in the list of equations.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/matplotlib/ ☑

**Documentation** https://matplotlib.org/contents.html ✓

Git Repository https://github.com/matplotlib/matplotlib ☑

**Documentation** https://matplotlib.org/sampledoc/index.html ✓

**Git Repository** https://github.com/matplotlib/sampledoc ✓

Matplotlib is a comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in *Python*. It consists:

- matplotlib.sphinxext.mathmpl: Matplotlib math-text in a *Sphinx* document
- matplotlib.sphinxext.plot directive ☑: Matplotlib plot in a Sphinx document

**Todo:** activate "Mathematical Plots" extension.

## 2.5.1 Expressions

See the Writing mathematical expressions of for lots more information how to writing mathematical expressions in matplotlib.

```
With matplotlib in |Sphinx| you can include inline math
:mathmpl:`(\alpha^{ic} > \beta_{ic})` (as role
:rst:`:mathmpl:`(\alpha^{ic} > \beta_{ic})``) or display math:
.. mathmpl::
   \sum_{i=0}^\infty x_i
```

## .. mathmpl::

```
.. mathmpl::
2
3 \left(\frac{5 - \frac{1}{x}}{4}\right)
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: matplotlib/mathmpl/example.rsti
```

## **2.5.2 Plots**

## .. plot::

See the matplotlib Pyplot tutorial  $\square$  and the Gallery  $\square$  for lots of examples of matplotlib plots.

The source code for the plot may be included in one of three ways:

## inline content

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: matplotlib/inline/example.rsti
```

## doctest content

```
.. plot::
    :format: doctest
    :align: center
    :scale: 75

>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> plt.plot([1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]) # doctest: +ELLIPSIS
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x...>]
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: matplotlib/doctest/example.rsti
```

#### source file content

When a path to a source file is given, the *Sphinx* configuration option plot\_basedir will respect. It is the base directory, to which . . plot:: file names are relative to. If **None or empty**, file names are **relative** to the directory where the file containing the directive is.

```
.. ifconfig:: not plot_basedir

:plot_basedir: **None or empty**, file names are **relative**
.. ifconfig:: plot_basedir

:plot_basedir: currently set to :file:`{plot_basedir}`.
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: matplotlib/srcfile/example.rsti
```

#### **3D-Plots**

See mplot3d ♂, mplot3d FAQ ♂, and mplot3d API ♂.

```
.. plot::
1
      :format: python
      :align: center
      :scale: 75
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from matplotlib import cm
      from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import axes3d
      fig = plt.figure()
10
      ax = fig.gca(projection='3d')
11
      X, Y, Z = axes3d.get_test_data(0.005)
12
      ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, rstride=8, cstride=8, alpha=0.3)
      cset = ax.contourf(X, Y, Z, zdir='z', offset=-100, cmap=cm.coolwarm)
      cset = ax.contourf(X, Y, Z, zdir='x', offset=-40, cmap=cm.coolwarm)
      cset = ax.contourf(X, Y, Z, zdir='y', offset=40, cmap=cm.coolwarm)
16
17
      ax.set_xlabel('X'); ax.set_xlim(-40, 40)
18
      ax.set_ylabel('Y'); ax.set_ylim(-40, 40)
19
      ax.set_zlabel('Z'); ax.set_zlim(-100, 100)
      plt.show()
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: matplotlib/mplot3d/example.rsti
```

## 2.6 PGF/TikZ LaTeX Pictures

**Attention:** Only practicable and usable for *HTML* and *LaTeX* builder.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-tikz/

✓

**Documentation** http://sphinxcontrib-tikz.readthedocs.io/ ✓

Git Repository https://bitbucket.org/philexander/tikz

✓

Sphinx extension, which enables the use of the PGF/TikZ LaTeX package to draw nice pictures.

This extension relies on two software packages being installed on your computer:

- 1. latex with the tikz and the amsmath packages
- 2. A software package that is able to convert a *PDF* to an image. Currently, four different ways of doing this conversion are supported, called conversion "suites". Below is a list for each suite what must be installed on your computer. Only one such suite need to be installed:
  - pdf2svg suite: pdf2svg (preferred, default)
  - Netpbm suite: pdftoppm (part of the Poppler PDF library) and pnmtopng (part of the Netpbm package)
  - ImageMagick suite: pdftoppm (part of the Poppler PDF library) and convert (part of the ImageMagick package)
  - *GhostScript* suite: ghostscript

See Configuration I in the extension documentation for more details.

**Todo:** activate "PGF/TikZ LaTeX Pictures" extension.

#### :tikz:

For more details, see Usage I in the extension documentation.

### inline content

```
An example role :tikz:`[thick] \node[blue,draw] (a) {A}; \node[draw,dotted,right of=a] {B} edge[<-] (a);`
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: tikz/inline/example.rsti
```

#### .. tikz::

For more details, see Usage ☑ in the extension documentation.

## explicit markup

## The example

```
1    .. rst-class:: centered
2    .. tikz:: [>=latex',dotted,thick] \draw[->] (0,0) -- (1,1) -- (1,0)
3     -- (2,0);
4    :libs: arrows
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: tikz/explicit/example.rsti
```

#### from source file

## The example

```
.. rst-class:: centered
.. tikz:: Control system principles (PGF/TikZ example)
.:include: ctrloop.tikz
.:libs: arrows,shapes
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: tikz/srcfile/example.rsti
```

Which needs The example above comes from the Control system principles ☑ web page and processed the following TikZ file content:

Listing 2.1: TikZ example file (ctrloop.tikz)

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```
\node [sum, right of=input] (sum) {};
   \node [block, right of=sum] (controller) {Controller};
   \node [block, right of=controller, pin=
   →{[pinstyle]above:Disturbances},
          node distance=3cm] (system) {System};
13
   % draw an edge between the controller and system block to calculate
14
   % the coordinate -- need it to place the measurement block
15
   \draw [->] (controller) -- node[name=u] {$u$} (system);
   \node [output, right of=system] (output) {};
   \node [block, below of=u] (measurements) {Measurements};
   % once the nodes are placed, connecting them is easy
   \draw [draw,->] (input) -- node {$r$} (sum);
   \draw [->] (sum) -- node {$e$} (controller);
21
   \draw [->] (system) -- node [name=y] {\$y\$}(output);
   \draw [->] (y) |- (measurements);
23
   \draw [->] (measurements) - | node[pos=0.99] {$-$}
24
                                 node [near end] {$y_m$} (sum);
```

# 2.7 Block Diagram Family

**Todo:** activate "Block Diagram Family" extensions.

blockdiag 

and its family generate diagram images from simple text files:

```
blockdiag:
blockdiag {
    blockdiag -> generates -> "block-diagrams";
    blockdiag -> is -> "very easy!";

blockdiag [color = "greenyellow"];
    "block-diagrams" [color = "pink"];
    "very easy!" [color = "orange"];
}
```

#### **Features**

- 1. Supports many types of diagrams
  - block diagram (w/ blockdiag ☑)
  - sequence diagram (w/ seqdiag ☑)
  - activity diagram (w/ actdiag ☑)
  - logical network diagram (w/ nwdiag ☑)
  - rack-structure diagram (w/ rackdiag ☑)
  - packet header diagram (w/ packetdiag ☑)
- 2. Generates beautiful diagram images from simple text format (similar to Graphviz's dot format)
- 3. Layouts diagram elements automatically
- 4. Embeds to many documentations; Sphinx, Trac, Redmine, and some Wikis

# 2.7.1 Block Diagram

sphinxcontrib-blockdiag is a *Sphinx* extension for embedding block diagrams. You can embed block diagrams with the . . blockdiag:: directive.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-blockdiag/

✓

**Documentation** http://blockdiag.com/en/blockdiag/sphinxcontrib.html ✓

**Git Repository** https://github.com/blockdiag/sphinxcontrib-blockdiag ✓

Sphinx extension for embedding block diagrams using blockdiag .

#### **Features**

- 1. Generate block-diagram from dot like text (basic feature).
- 2. Multilingualism for node-label (utf-8 only).

Todo: activate "Block Diagram" extension.

## **Directive Body Diagram**

## .. blockdiag::

For more details, see sphinxcontrib-blockdiag  $\square$  in the extension demonstration and the README . rst in the extension Git repository.

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: blockdiag/directive-body/example.rsti
```

# **Description Table**

# the example

```
:which gives:
.. include:: blockdiag/description-table/example.rsti
```

#### **Include Diagram**

#### the example

```
:which gives:

.. blockdiag:: blockdiag/example.diag
    :caption: Style attributes to nodes and edges (Block Diagram example)
    :align: center
    :width: 640
```

which needs The example above comes from the original Sample diagrams ☑ web page and processed the following file content:

Listing 2.2: Block Diagram example file (blockdiag/example.diag)

```
blockdiag {
    // Set boder-style, backgroun-color and text-color to nodes.

A [style = dotted];
B [style = dashed];
(applications on put applications)
```

```
C [color = pink, style = "3,3,3,3,15,3"]; //dashed array format.
5
   ⊶style
       D [shape = circle, color = "#888888", textcolor="#FFFFFF"];
       // Set border-style and color to edges.
       A -> B [style = dotted];
       B -> C [style = dashed];
10
       C -> D [color = "red", style = "3,3,3,3,15,3"]; //dashed_array_
11
   →format style
12
       // Set numbered-badge to nodes.
13
       E [numbered = 99];
15
       // Set background image to nodes (and erase label).
16
       F [label = "", background = "https://github.com/sphinx-doc/sphinx/
17
   →raw/master/doc/ static/sphinx.png"];
       G [label = "", background = "https://www.python.org/static/
18
   H [icon = "https://github.com/blockdiag/blockdiag.com/raw/master/
   →sources/en/_static/help-browser.png"];
       I [icon = "https://github.com/blockdiag/blockdiag.com/raw/master/
20
   →sources/en/_static/internet-mail.png"];
       J [shape = actor]
21
22
       // Set arrow direction to edges.
23
       E -> F [dir = none, label = edge];
       F -> G [dir = forward];
25
       G -> H [dir = back];
27
       group {
           orientation = portrait;
29
           color = lightgray;
30
           H -> I [dir = both];
31
       }
32
33
       // Set width and height to nodes.
       K [width = 192]; // default value is 128
       L [shape = square, height = 64]; // default value is 40
36
       // Use thick line
38
       J -> K [thick]
39
       K -> L;
40
41
```

# 2.7.2 Sequence Diagram

sphinxcontrib-seqdiag is a *Sphinx* extension for embedding sequence diagrams. You can embed sequence diagrams with the . . seqdiag:: directive.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-seqdiag/

☑

**Documentation** http://blockdiag.com/en/seqdiag/sphinxcontrib.html ☑

**Git Repository** https://github.com/blockdiag/sphinxcontrib-seqdiag ✓

*Sphinx* extension for embedding sequence diagrams using seqdiag  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### **Features**

- 1. Generate sequence-diagram from dot like text (basic feature).
- 2. Multilingualism for node-label (utf-8 only).

Todo: activate "Sequence Diagram" extension.

#### **Directive Body Diagram**

#### .. seqdiag::

For more details, see sphinxcontrib-seqdiag  $\Box$  in the extension demonstration and the README. rst in the extension Git repository.

#### The example

```
.. seqdiag::
       :align: center
2
      seqdiag {
           # define order of elements
           # seqdiag sorts elements by order they appear
           browser; database; webserver;
           browser -> webserver [label = "GET /index.html"];
           browser <-- webserver;</pre>
10
           browser -> webserver [label = "POST /blog/comment"];
11
                        webserver -> database [label = "INSERT comment
12
    →"];
                        webserver <-- database;</pre>
13
           browser <-- webserver;</pre>
14
      }
15
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: seqdiag/directive-body/example.rsti
```

#### **Description Table**

#### the example

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: seqdiag/description-table/example.rsti
```

# **Include Diagram**

#### the example

```
.. seqdiag:: seqdiag/example.diag
    :caption: Style attributes to diagram and edges (Sequence Diagram
    →example)
    :align: center
    :height: 640
```

```
:which gives:
    .. seqdiag:: seqdiag/example.diag
    :caption: Style attributes to diagram and edges (Sequence Diagram example)
    :align: center
    :height: 640
```

which needs The example above comes from the original Sample diagrams ☑ web page and processed the following file content:

Listing 2.3: Sequence Diagram example file (seqdiag/example.diag)

```
seqdiag {
1
       // Set edge metrix.
2
       edge_length = 300; // default value is 192
       span_height = 80; // default value is 40
       // Set fontsize.
       default fontsize = 16; // default value is 11
       // Do not show activity line
       activation = none;
10
11
       // Numbering edges automaticaly
12
       autonumber = True;
13
14
       // Change note color
15
       default_note_color = lightgreen;
16
17
       browser -> webserver [label = "GET \n/index.html"];
       browser <-- webserver [note = "Apache works!"];</pre>
19
       // Separator
21
       === Separator line ===
22
23
       // color of edge
24
       browser -> webserver [label = "misformatted", color = red];
       // failed edge
       browser -> webserver [label = "failed browser", failed];
28
   }
29
```

# 2.7.3 Activity Diagram

sphinxcontrib-actdiag  $\overline{C}$  is a *Sphinx* extension for embedding activity diagrams. You can embed activity diagrams with the .. actdiag::` directive.

**PyPI Package** https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-actdiag/
<a href="#">✓</a>

**Documentation** http://blockdiag.com/en/actdiag/sphinxcontrib.html ☑

**Git Repository** https://github.com/blockdiag/sphinxcontrib-actdiag **☑** 

*Sphinx* extension for embedding activity diagrams using actdiag  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### **Features**

- 1. Generate activity-diagram from dot like text (basic feature).
- 2. Multilingualism for node-label (utf-8 only).

Todo: activate "Activity Diagram" extension.

#### **Directive Body Diagram**

#### .. actdiag::

For more details, see sphinxcontrib-actdiag  $\square$  in the extension demonstration and the README. rst in the extension Git repository.

#### The example

```
:which gives:
.. include:: actdiag/directive-body/example.rsti
```

#### **Description Table**

# the example

```
.. actdiag::
    :align: center
    :scale: 75
    :desctable:

actdiag {
        A -> B -> C;
        A [description = "browsers in each client"];
        B [description = "web server"];
        C [description = "database server"];
}
```

```
:which gives:
.. include:: actdiag/description-table/example.rsti
```

#### **Include Diagram**

# the example

```
:which gives:
    .. actdiag:: actdiag/example.diag
    :caption: Style attributes to frames and nodes (Activity Diagram example)
    :align: center
    :scale: 75
    :width: 640
```

which needs The example above comes from the original Sample diagrams ☑ web page and processed the following file content:

Listing 2.4: Activity Diagram example file (actdiag/example.diag)

```
actdiag {
    write -> convert -> image;

lane user {
    label = "User";
    write [label = "Writing reST"];
    image [label = "Get diagram IMAGE"];
}

lane actdiag {
    convert [label = "Convert reST to Image"];
}
```

# 2.7.4 Network Diagram

sphinxcontrib-nwdiag  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a *Sphinx* extension for embedding network diagrams. You can embed network diagrams with the .. nwdiag::, .. rackdiag:: and .. packetdiag:: directives.

**PyPI Package** https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-nwdiag/

☑

**Documentation** http://blockdiag.com/en/nwdiag/sphinxcontrib.html ✓

**Git Repository** https://github.com/blockdiag/sphinxcontrib-nwdiag ✓

Sphinx extension for embedding network diagrams using nwdiag .

#### **Features**

- 1. Generate network-diagram from dot like text (basic feature).
- 2. Multilingualism for node-label (utf-8 only).

Todo: activate "Network Diagram" extension.

#### **Directive Body Diagram**

#### .. nwdiag::

For more details, see sphinxcontrib-nwdiag  $\square$  in the extension demonstration and the README. rst in the extension Git repository.

#### The example

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: nwdiag/directive-body/example.rsti
```

#### **Description Table**

# the example

```
.. nwdiag::
      :align: center
      :scale: 75
      :desctable:
      nwdiag {
          network dmz {
             web01 [address = "192.168.0.1", description = "web server01
   ⇔"];
             web02 [address = "192.168.0.2", description = "web server02
   ⇔"];
          }
10
          network internal {
11
             web01 [address = "172.0.0.1"];
12
              db01 [address = "172.0.0.2,172.0.0.20", description =
13
   14
      }
15
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: nwdiag/description-table/example.rsti
```

#### **Include Diagram**

#### **Network**

# the example

```
.. nwdiag:: nwdiag/example.diag
caption: Peer networks and grouping nodes (Network Diagram example)
calign: center
scale: 75
:width: 640
```

```
:which gives:

.. nwdiag:: nwdiag/example.diag
    :caption: Peer networks and grouping nodes (Network Diagram example)
    :align: center
```

```
:scale: 75
:width: 640
```

which needs The example above comes from the original Sample diagrams: nwdiag 
web page and processed the following file content:

Listing 2.5: Network Diagram example file (nwdiag/example.diag)

```
nwdiag {
        inet [shape = cloud];
        inet -- router;
        network front {
            address = "192.168.0.0/24";
            router;
            web01;
            web02;
10
            // define network using defined nodes
            group db {
12
                web01;
13
                web02;
14
            }
15
        }
16
   }
17
```

#### **Rack**

#### .. rack::

For more details, see sphinxcontrib-nwdiag  $\square$  in the extension demonstration and the README. rst in the extension Git repository.

#### The example

```
.. rackdiag:: rackdiag/example.diag

:caption: Multiple racks with multiple and blocked units (Rack

Diagram example)

:align: center

:height: 480
```

```
:align: center
:height: 480
```

Which needs The example above comes from the original Sample diagrams: rackdiag ✓ web page and processed the following file content:

Listing 2.6: Rack Diagram example file (rackdiag/example.diag)

```
rackdiag {
        default_fontsize = 10;
        // define 1st (height) rack
        rack {
            16U;
6
            // define rack items
8
            1: UPS [2U, fontsize = 14];
            3: DB Server;
10
            // put 2 units to rack-level 4
11
            4: Web\nServer 1;
            4: Web\nServer 2;
13
            5: Web\nServer 3;
14
            5: Web\nServer 4;
15
            7: Load Balancer;
16
            8: L3 Switch;
17
18
19
        // define 2nd rack
        rack {
21
            12U;
22
23
            // define rack items
24
            1: UPS [2U, fontsize = 14];
25
            3: DB Server;
26
            4: Web Server;
27
            5: Web Server;
            6: Web Server;
            7: Load Balancer;
            8: L3 Switch;
31
        }
32
33
        // define 3rd rack (with not available units)
34
        rack {
35
            12U;
            1: Server;
```

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```
2: Server;
3: Server;
4: 4: Server;
5: N/A [8U, fontsize = 14];
43 }
```

#### **Packet**

# .. packet::

For more details, see sphinxcontrib-nwdiag  $\square$  in the extension demonstration and the README. rst in the extension Git repository.

# The example

```
.. packetdiag:: packetdiag/example.diag
.: caption: Structure of TCP Header (Packet Diagram example)
.: align: center
.: width: 640
```

Which needs The example above comes from the original Sample diagrams: packetdiag ☑ web page and processed the following file content:

Listing 2.7: Packet Diagram example file (packetdiag/example.diag)

```
packetdiag {
       colwidth = 32;
2
       node height = 40;
3
       default_fontsize = 12;
       0-15: Source Port;
6
       16-31: Destination Port;
       32-63: Sequence Number;
       64-95: Acknowledgment Number;
       96-99: Data\nOffset;
10
       100-105: Reserved;
11
       106: URG [rotate = 270];
12
```

```
107: ACK [rotate = 270];
       108: PSH [rotate = 270];
       109: RST [rotate = 270];
15
       110: SYN [rotate = 270];
16
       111: FIN [rotate = 270];
17
       112-127: Window;
18
       128-143: Checksum;
19
       144-159: Urgent Pointer;
20
       160-191: (Options and Padding);
21
       192-223: Data [colheight = 3];
```

# 2.8 Tabbed Content

Attention: Only practicable and usable for HTML builder.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinx-tabs/✓

**Documentation** https://sphinx-tabs.readthedocs.io/✓

Git Repository https://github.com/executablebooks/sphinx-tabs ✓

Create tabbed content in Sphinx documentation when building HTML.

#### **Features**

- 1. Basic and nested tabs.
- 2. Grouped Tabs.
- 3. Code Tabs.

**Todo:** activate "Tabbed Content" extension.

.. tabs::

#### .. tab::

For more details, see Simple Tabs of in the extension demonstration and the README.md in the extension Git repository.

# The example

```
.. tabs::

.. tab:: **Apples**

Apples are green, or sometimes red.

.. tab:: **Pears**

Pears are green.

.. tab:: **Oranges**

Oranges are orange.
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: sphinx-tabs/example.rsti
```

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Nested tabs are also possible.

# The example

```
.. tabs::
2
       .. tab:: Stars
3
          .. tabs::
              .. tab:: The Sun
                The closest star to us.
10
              .. tab:: Proxima Centauri
11
12
                The second closest star to us.
13
              .. tab:: Polaris
                 The North Star.
17
18
       .. tab:: Moons
19
20
          .. tabs::
21
22
              .. tab:: The Moon
                 Orbits the Earth
25
26
              .. tab:: Titan
27
28
                 Orbits Jupiter
29
```

```
:which gives:
.. include:: sphinx-tabs/nested/example.rsti
```

# .. group-tab::

Also tabs can stick together in groups.

#### The example

```
.. rubric:: operating systems

... tabs::

... group-tab:: Linux

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```

```
**Linux** is Unix-like, but was developed without any Unix...
    -code.
         The Linux kernel originated in 1991, as a project of Linus
8
         Torvalds, while a university student in Finland.
10
      .. group-tab:: Mac OS X
11
12
         **Mac OS X** is a line of open core graphical operating_
13
         developed, marketed, and sold by Apple Inc.
15
      .. group-tab:: Microsoft Windows
16
17
         **Microsoft Windows** is a family of proprietary operating_
18

    systems

         designed by Microsoft Corporation and primarily targeted to
19
         Intel architecture based computers.
20
   .. rubric:: integrated development environments
22
23
   .. tabs::
24
25
      .. group-tab:: Linux
26
27
         **There is no dedicated or default integrated development
         environment (IDE)** on *Linux*. `Here is a list`_ of IDEs
         which will run natively on *Linux*.
31
       .. group-tab:: Mac OS X
32
33
         **Xcode** is an integrated development environment (IDE) for
34
         *Mac OS X* containing a suite of software development tools
35
         developed by Apple Inc.
36
       .. group-tab:: Microsoft Windows
         **Microsoft Visual Studio** is an integrated development
40
         environment (IDE) from Microsoft Corporation. It is used to
         develop computer programs uses Microsoft software development
42
         platforms such as *Windows API*, *Windows Forms*, *Windows
43
         Presentation Foundation*, *Windows Store* and *Microsoft
44
45
         Silverlight*.
   .. `Here is a list`:
47
      https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Linux_integrated_

development_environments
                                                          (continues on next page)
```

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:which

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ich gives:	
include:: sphinx-tabs/group/example.rsti	

# 2.9 Paneled Content

**Attention:** Only practicable and usable for *HTML* builder.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinx-panels/✓

**Documentation** https://sphinx-panels.readthedocs.io/ ✓

**Git Repository** https://github.com/executablebooks/sphinx-panels ✓

Create paneled content in *Sphinx* documentation when building *HTML*.

#### **Features**

- 1. Panels in grid or cards layout.
- 2. Panels with click-able link-button.
- 3. Panels with toggle-able content by drop-downs.
- 4. Panels with styling: header, footer, images, icons, badges, animations

For more details, see sphinx-panels  $\square$  in the extension demonstration and the README . md in the extension Git repository.

**Todo:** activate "Paneled Content" extension.

#### .. panels::

For more details, see Panels Usage .

#### .. dropdown::

For more details, see Dropdown Usage ♂.

#### .. link-button::

For more details, see Link Buttons .

#### .. div::

For more details, see Div Directive .

# :badge:

#### :link-badge:

For more details, see Link Badges .

#### :opticon:

# :fa:

For more details, see Inline Icons .

#### **Extension not applicable**

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This *Sphinx* extension is quite new and is under constant development. The current behavior disturbs the integration, so the extension is disabled for now (see conf.py). Currently known bugs are:

- annoying side effects with the *Tabbed Content* (page 119) extension by the automatically integrated and delivered Bootstrap 4.0 *CSS*
- no proper and practical *LaTeX* builder support

# 2.10 Email Obfuscate

**Attention:** Only practicable and usable for *HTML* builder.

PyPI Package https://pypi.org/project/sphinxcontrib-email/✓

**Documentation** https://github.com/sphinx-contrib/email/blob/master/README.rst ✓

**Git Repository** https://github.com/sphinx-contrib/email ✓

Python 3 Fixes https://github.com/rexut/sphinxcontrib-email/tree/python3-fixes ✓

**Todo:** activate "Email Obfuscate" extension.

To obfuscate an email address use something like:

```
:email:`Name Surname <user@myplace.org>`
:email:`Name Surname (user@myplace.org)`
```

That renders as Name Surname with the appropriate mailto link.

```
:email:`user@myplace.org`
```

That renders as user@myplace.org with the appropriate mailto link.

#### :email:

#### The example

```
* :email:`Name Surname <user@myplace.org>`
* :email:`Name Surname (user@myplace.org)`
* :email:`user@myplace.org`
```

```
:which gives:
    .. include:: email/example.rsti
```

# **Themes**

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Let's decorate the project documentation. There are a lot of themes for the *Sphinx HTML* builder available on the Sphinx Themes Demo Page .

This documentation use the Read the Docs Sphinx Theme 🗗 as demonstrate at the Sphinx RTD Theme Demo Page 🗗.

Another interesting and actively developed theme is The Sphinx Book Theme , the theme by The Executable Book Project .

# 3.1 Read the Docs Sphinx Theme

**PyPI Package** https://pypi.org/project/sphinx-rtd-theme/ ✓

**Documentation** https://sphinx-rtd-theme.readthedocs.io/ ✓

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This theme is primarily focused to be used on Read the Docs  $\square$  but can work with your own sphinx projects. You can find a working demo of the theme in the theme documentation  $\square$ .



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Figure 4.1: Cheat Sheet reStructuredText & Sphinx 1/2

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Figure 4.2: Cheat Sheet reStructuredText & Sphinx 2/2

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#### **B.1 Terms**

#### **B.1.1 Commons**

**Docutils** Docutils ✓ is an open-source text processing system for processing plaintext documentation into useful formats, such as *HTML*, *LaTeX*, man-pages, open-document or *XML*. It includes *reStructuredText*, the easy to read, easy to use, what-you-see-is-what-you-get plaintext markup language.

#### See also:

**LaTeX** LaTeX is a document preparation system for high-quality typesetting. It is most often used for medium-to-large technical or scientific documents but it can be used for almost any form of publishing. LaTeX uses the *TeX* typesetting program for formatting its output, and is itself written in the *TeX* macro language.

#### See also:

• English Wikipedia: LaTeX ☑

**PyEnchant** PyEnchant ✓ is a *Python* binding for *Enchant*.

**Pygments** Pygments ♂ is a generic syntax highlighter written in *Python* which supports a wide range of over 500 languages ♂ with related lexers ♂ and other text formats and is ready for new languages and formats added easily.

**reStructuredText** reStructuredText ✓ (**RST**, **ReST**, or **reST**) is a file format for textual data used primarily in the *Python* programming language community for technical documentation. It is part of the *Docutils* project of the *Python* Doc-SIG (Documentation Special Interest Group).

#### See also:

English Wikipedia: reStructuredText

**Sphinx** Sphinx is a documentation generator written and used by the *Python* community. It is written in *Python*, and also used in other environments. Sphinx converts *reStructuredText* files into *HTML* websites and other formats including PDF, EPub, Texinfo and man.

*reStructuredText* is extensible, and Sphinx exploits its extensible nature through a number of extensions-for autogenerating documentation from source code, writing mathematical notation or highlighting source code, etc.

#### See also:

• English Wikipedia: Sphinx (documentation generator)

### **B.1.2 Programming Languages**

C C is a general-purpose, imperative procedural computer programming language supporting structured programming, lexical variable scope, and recursion, with a static type system. It was designed to be compiled to provide low-level access to memory and language constructs that map efficiently to machine instructions, all with minimal runtime support. C has been standardized by the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) *X3J11* since 1989 (ANSI C) and by the ISO (International Organization for Standardization)/IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) JTC1/SC22/WG14 (ISO C).

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: C (programming language)
- English Wikipedia: Compatibility of C and C++ ☑
- English Wikipedia: C18 (C standard revision) ☐: standard ratified in 2018 as ISO/IEC 9899:2018
- English Wikipedia: C11 (C standard revision) ☐: standard ratified in 2011 as ISO/IEC 9899:2011
- English Wikipedia: C99 ☑: standard ratified in 1999 as ISO/IEC 9899:1999
- English Wikipedia: C95 (C version) ☐: Amendment 1 ratified in 1995 as ISO/IEC 9899:1990/AMD1:1995
- English Wikipedia: C89 (C version) ☑: standard ratified in 1989 as ANSI X3.159-1989
- **C++** C++ ☑ is a general-purpose programming language as an extension of the C programming language, or "C with Classes". Modern C++ implementations now has object-oriented, generic, and functional features in addition to facilities for low-level memory manipulation. C++ is standardized by the ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG14 since 1998.

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: C++☑
- English Wikipedia: Compatibility of C and C++ ☑
- English Wikipedia: C++17 ☐: standard ratified in 2017 as ISO/IEC 14882:2017
- English Wikipedia: C++14 ☐: standard ratified in 2014 as ISO/IEC 14882:2014
- English Wikipedia: C++11 ☑: standard ratified in 2011 as ISO/IEC 14882:2011
- English Wikipedia: C++03 ☑: standard ratified in 2003 as ISO/IEC 14882:2003
- initially standardized in 1998 as ISO/IEC 14882:1998

#### ES (ECMAScript)

**ECMAScript** ES is a general-purpose programming language, standardized by Ecma International since 1997 according to the document ECMA-262. It is a *JavaScript* standard meant to ensure the interoperability of Web pages across different Web browsers. ES is standardized by the ISO/IEC ITC1/SC22 since 1998.

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: ECMAScript
- English Wikipedia: ECMAScript engine ☑
- English Wikipedia: List of ECMAScript engines ☑
- (ES Edition 11): standard ratified in 2020 as **ECMA-262-11:2020**
- (ES Edition 5.1): standard ratified in 2011 as ISO/IEC 16262:2011
- (ES Edition 2): initially standardized in 1998 as ISO/IEC 16262:1998

#### JS (JavaScript)

**JavaScript** JS is a programming language that conforms to the *ECMAScript* specification. JavaScript is high-level, often just-in-time compiled, and multi-paradigm. It has curly-bracket syntax, dynamic typing, prototype-based object-orientation, and first-class functions.

Alongside *HTML* and *CSS*, JavaScript is one of the core technologies of the World Wide Web. JavaScript enables interactive web pages and is an essential part of web applications. The vast majority of websites use it for client-side page behavior, and all major web browsers have a dedicated JavaScript engine to execute it.

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: JavaScript
- English Wikipedia: JavaScript engine ☑
- English Wikipedia: List of JavaScript engines

**Python** Python ✓ is an interpreted, high-level and general-purpose programming language. Python interpreters are available for many operating systems. A global community of programmers develops and maintains CPython, a free and open-source reference implementation. A non-profit

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organization, the Python Software Foundation, manages and directs resources for Python and CPython development.

CPython is the reference implementation of Python. It is written in C, meeting the C89 standard with several select C99 features. Python's development is conducted largely through the PEP process, the primary mechanism for proposing major new features, collecting community input on issues and documenting Python design decisions. Python coding style is covered in **PEP 8** C.

#### See also:

• English Wikipedia: Python (programming language)

English Wikipedia: CPython

### **B.1.3 Technologies**

**BibTeX** BibTeX is a widely used bibliography management tool in *LaTeX*, with BibTeX the bibliography entries are kept in a separate file and then imported into the main document.

#### See also:

English Wikipedia: BibTeX ☑

**CSS (Cascading Style Sheets)** CSS ✓ is a style sheet language used for describing the presentation of a document written in a markup language like *HTML*. CSS is a cornerstone technology of the WWW (World Wide Web), alongside *HTML* and *JavaScript*. In addition to *HTML*, other markup languages support the use of CSS including plain *XML* and *SVG*. The CSS specifications is standardized by the W3C (World Wide Web Consortium)/TR/CSS since 1996.

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: CSS ☑
- (CSS 2.1 ☑): standard ratified in 2011 W3C REC-CSS2-20110607
- (CSS 2.0 ☑): standard ratified in 1998 W3C REC-CSS2-19980512
- (CSS 1.0 ☑): initially standardized in 1996 W3C REC-CSS1-961217

**Enchant** Enchant ☑ is a free software project developed as part of the AbiWord word processor with the aim of unifying access to the various existing spell-checker software.

#### See also:

English Wikipedia: Enchant (software)

**HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)** HTML is the standard markup language for documents designed to be displayed in a web browser. It can be assisted by technologies such as *CSS* and scripting languages such as *JavaScript*. The HTML specifications is standardized by the W3C/TR/HTML since 1997 and ISO/IEC JTC1/SC34 since 1998.

#### See also:

English Wikipedia: HTML

- English Wikipedia: HTML5 ☑: latest live standard was released in 2017 W3C REC-HTML52-20171214
- English Wikipedia: HTML4 ☑: standard ratified in 1999 W3C REC-HTML40 and 2000 ISO/IEC 15445:2000
- English Wikipedia: HTML3 ☑: standard ratified in 1997 W3C REC-HTML32
- English Wikipedia: HTML2 ☑: initially standardized in 1995 as RFC 1866 (RFC 1866 ☑)

PDF (Portable Document Format) PDF ☑ is a file format developed by Adobe in 1993 to present documents, including text formatting and images, in a manner independent of application software, hardware, and operating systems. Based on the PS language, each PDF file encapsulates a complete description of a fixed-layout flat document, including the text, fonts, vector graphics, raster images and other information needed to display it. PDF is standardized by the ISO TC171/SC2/WG8 since 2008, and no longer requires any royalties for its implementation.

#### ISO standardized subsets of PDF:

- English Wikipedia: PDF/X □: since 2001, series of ISO 15929 and ISO 15930 standards
- English Wikipedia: PDF/A☑: since 2005, series of ISO 19005 standards
- English Wikipedia: PDF/E

   C: since 2008, series of ISO 24517
- English Wikipedia: PDF/VT♂: since 2010, ISO 16612-2
- English Wikipedia: PDF/UA ☑: since 2012, ISO 14289-1

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: PDF
- English Wikipedia: History of the Portable Document Format (PDF)
- (PDF 2.0): standard ratified in 2017 as ISO 32000-2:2017
- (PDF 1.7): initially standardized in 2008 as ISO 32000-1:2008

#### **PGF (Portable Graphic Format)**

#### TikZ (TikZ ist kein Zeichenprogramm)

**PGF/TikZ** PGF/TikZ is a pair of languages for producing vector graphics (for example: technical illustrations and drawings) from a geometric/algebraic description, with standard features including the drawing of points, lines, arrows, paths, circles, ellipses and polygons. PGF, is a lower-level language, while TikZ, which is written in *TeX*, is a set of higher-level macros that use PGF.

#### See also:

English Wikipedia: PGF/TikZ

PNG (Portable Network Graphics) PNG ☑ is a raster-graphics file format that supports lossless data compression. PNG was developed as an improved, non-patented replacement for GIF with support for interactivity and animation. The PNG specification is standardized by the W3C/TR/PNG since 1996 and ISO/IEC JTC1/SC24/WG7 since 2003 as an open standard.

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#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: PNG ☑
- (PNG 1.2 🗹): standard ratified in 2004 ISO/IEC 15948:2004
- (PNG 1.2 ☑): standard ratified in 2003 REC-PNG-20031110
- (PNG 1.0 ☑): initially standardized in 1996 as RFC 2083 (RFC 2083 ☑)
- **SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics)** SVG is an *XML*-based vector image format for two-dimensional graphics with support for interactivity and animation. The SVG specification is standardized by the W3C/TR/SVG since 1999 as an open standard.

SVG drawings can be dynamic and interactive. Time-based modifications to the elements can be described in SMIL (Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language), or can be programmed in a scripting language (e.g. *ECMAScript* or *JavaScript*). The W3C explicitly recommends SMIL as the standard for animation in SVG.

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: SVG ☑
- (SVG 2.0 ☑): latest standard draft was released in 2020
- (SVG 1.1 Second Edition ☑): standard ratified in 2011 W3C REC-SVG11-20110816
- (SVG 1.1 ☑): standard ratified in 2003 W3C REC-SVG11-20030114
- (SVG 1.0 □): initially standardized in 2001 W3C REC-SVG-20010904
- **TeX** TeX is a computer language designed for use in typesetting system; in particular, for typesetting math and other technical material. It has been noted as one of the most sophisticated digital typographical systems and is also used for many other typesetting tasks, especially in the form of *LaTeX*, ConTeXt, and other macro packages.

#### See also:

- English Wikipedia: TeX ☑
- **XML (Extensible Markup Language)** XML is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is both human-readable and machine-readable. The design of XML focuses on documents, the language is widely used for the representation of arbitrary data structures. Several schema systems exist to aid in the definition of XML-based languages. The XML specification is standardized by the W3C/TR/XML since 1998 as an open standard.

#### See also:

- (XML 1.1 Second Edition ☑): standard ratified in 2006 W3C REC-XML11-20060816
- (XML 1.1 ☑): standard ratified in 2004 W3C REC-XML11-20040204
- (XML 1.0 Fifth Edition ☑): standard ratified in 2008 W3C REC-XML-20081126

• (XML  $1.0\, \ensuremath{\mathbb{Z}}$ ): initially standardized in 1998 W3C REC-SVG-20010904

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**Todo:** activate "BibTeX Citations" extension.

(The original entry (page 84) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/lpn-docsphinx-primer/checkouts/0.0.4/source/extensions/bibtex.rst, line 28.)

**Todo:** activate "Block Diagram Family" extensions.

(The original entry (page 103) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/lpn-docsphinx-primer/checkouts/0.0.4/source/extensions/blockdiag.rst, line 9.)

Todo: activate "Activity Diagram" extension.

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Todo: activate "Email Obfuscate" extension.

(The original entry (page 125) is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/lpn-docsphinx-primer/checkouts/0.0.4/source/extensions/email.rst, line 20.)

**Todo:** activate "LinuxDoc" extension.

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**Todo:** activate "Mathematical Plots" extension.

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