



Documenting the code using doxygen

In this exercise we will use doxygen to create a minimal documentation for the Jacobi code.

C

Let's first generate the configuration file

```
doxygen -g
```

Edit the file and modify

```
PROJECT_NAME           = "Jacobi"  
PROJECT_BRIEF          = "Documentation for Jacobi Solver"  
OUTPUT_DIRECTORY      = docs
```

Then, modify all the beginnings of each source file using doxygen markup, in particular

```
/brief  
/details  
/author  
/copyright
```

Other tags that can be used are `\version`, `\date`, `\pre`, `\bug`, `\warning`. Merge the licence information into the copyright field. Remember that the doxygen comment block has to start with `/**`

Also, add the field `\file` at the very beginning, using the file name

```
/** \file jacobi_function.c
```

to have the file listed and browsable in the doc.

Running

```
doxygen
```

should generate the documentation in the docs folder. Open with a browser the file

```
docs/html/index.html
```

Next, document the methods in `jacobi_functions.h`. You have to put the description BEFORE the function declaration. For example

```
/** Prints the output in text format  
 * \param[in] grid double precision array containing the first grid buffer  
 * \param[in] dimension the size of the system. The buffers should be of size (dimension + 2)^2  
 */  
void printOutput(double* grid, int dimension);
```

Do the same for update and setBoundaryConditions. Then generate the documentation with

```
doxygen
```

and browse it.

Finally, let's add a starting page. To this end, add a \mainpage section to one of the file (jacobi_main.c is a good choice)

```
/** \mainpage Jacobi solver documentation
 *
 * \section intro_sec Introduction
 *      Welcome to the documentation for the Laplace solver. This program is written in C and
it ROCKS! BIG TIME!
 * \authors Giuseppe Piero Brandino - eXact-lab s.r.l.
 * \copyright 2019 eXact-lab s.r.l. GPLv2
 */
```

Generate the final version of your docs!

```
doxygen
```

Alternatively, you can feed a markdown file as a main page

```
USE_MDFILE_AS_MAINPAGE = "main.md"
```

Python

For python, we will be using a combination of doxygen and docstrings. Docstrings is the built-in documentation module for the creation of help functions to be use in the python console.

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```

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/details
/author
/copyright
```

Other tags that can be used are \version, \date, \pre, \bug, \warning Merge the licence information into the copyright field. Remember that the doxygen comment block has to start with ##

Also, add the field \file at the very beginning, using the file name

```
## \file jacobi_function.c
```

to have the file listed and browsable in the doc.

Running

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doxygen
```

should generate the documentation in the docs folder. Open with a browser the file

```
docs/html/index.html
```

Next, document the methods in `jacobi_functions.py`. For python we will be using a combination of doxygen and docstrings. Namely, we will be putting docstrings-style description after the function declaration For example

```
def printOutput(grid, dimension):  
    """ Prints the output in text format  
    Args:  
        grid double precision array containing the first grid buffer  
        dimension the size of the system. The buffers should be of size (dimension + 2)^2  
    """
```

Do the same for `update` and `setBoundaryConditions`. Then generate the documentation with

```
doxygen
```

and browse it. The documentation for the function is less fancy now. However, the advantage is that if we use the python console and load the module

```
python  
import jacobi_functions as jacobi
```

We can get the function documentation in the console as well

```
help(jacobi.printOutput)
```

Finally, let's add a starting page. To this end, add a `\mainpage` section to one of the file (`jacobi_main.py` is a good choice)

```
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#     ROCKS! BIG TIME!  
# \authors Giuseppe Piero Brandino - exact-lab s.r.l.  
# \copyright 2019 exact-lab s.r.l. GPLv2  
#
```

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