



What would Doxygen look like if it
were written in Miking?

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What is Doxygen ?

A documentation generator !

But what is a
documentation generator ?

“A documentation generator is a tool that automatically creates documentation from a project’s source files.

Instead of writing all documentation manually, developers include structured comments, annotations, or metadata in the code. The generator then processes these inputs and produces readable documents.”

Writing a Parser

-- *The doc of x*

let x =
 f 1 2

in

```
-- The doc of x
```

```
let
```

```
x =
```

```
f 1 2
```

```
in
```


| Opener | Closer |
|--------|---------------|
| lang | end |
| let | in |
| syn | syn, sem, end |
| type | in |

```
let x = f 1 2  
let y = g 3 4  
lang A  
end
```

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let x = f 1 2  
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The full docgen pipeline

- Scanning - scan the structure of the project
- Parsing - parse the input code
- Extracting - generate IR from parsing output
- Labeling - fetch the types using the Miking parser
- Naming - associate names with url
- Rendering - generate the output files

Labeling

- Resolve the type of each item
- Map the Docgen custom AST to the actual Miking AST
- Treat the Miking AST as a stream that provides item types sequentially

Naming

- Associate names with their corresponding URLs
- Enable clickable type references from anywhere in the code
- Correctly handle scoping rules and shadowing

Rendering

- Generate all documentation pages
- Support multiple backends: HTML, Markdown, MDX, and soon LaTeX
- Leverage Miking's assembling feature to eliminate code duplication smoothly

Thank you for your attention.

Questions?