

# DRASIL

## A Knowledge-Based Approach to Scientific Software Development

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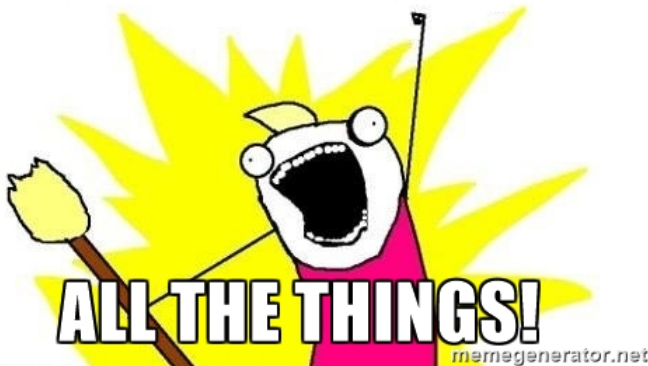
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# Background Context

- $\exists$  problems  $\in D$  where
- $D = \{ \text{scientific computing, engineering computing} \}$
- Problems = [
  - Inconsistent Software Requirement Specifications (SRS) across  $D$
  - Inconsistency between code and documentation
  - Documentation is annoying to make and maintain
  - Hard to reuse code for different applications]

# GENERATE



# Purpose of Drasil

- Solve the four problems
- Promote
  - Reusability
    - Examples have fully documented code
    - Data base to build new examples
  - Maintainability
    - Make changes in one place, gets updated everywhere

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- Case Studies (Example.Drasil)
  - This part is where you would input equations, requirements, and output code and documentation

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- Git (**when used properly**) prevents catastrophic lose of work

For more information about Drasil and LLS visit our github page:  
<https://github.com/JacquesCarette/literate-scientific-software>

You can even build a working version yourself!