

CAPTURING MATHEMATICAL KNOWLEDGE IN DRASIL: THE CASE OF THEORIES

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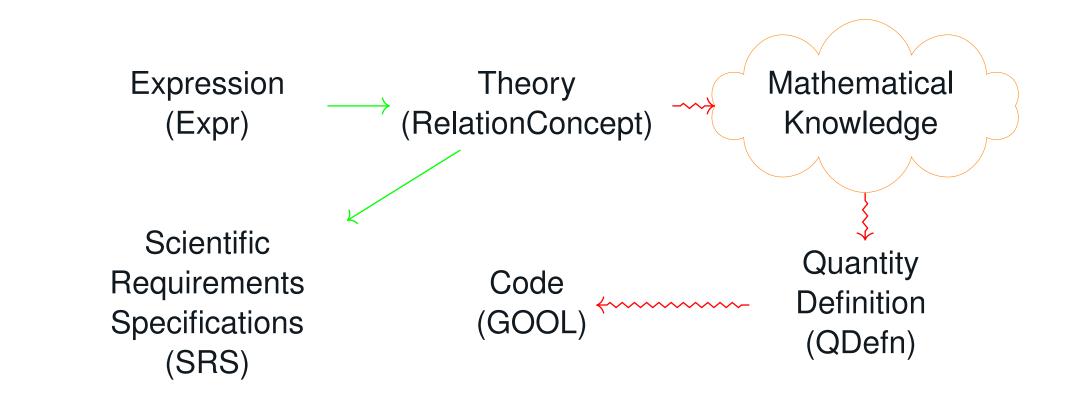
What is "Drasil"?

Drasil is a framework for generating families of software artifacts from a coherent knowledge base, following it's mantra; "Generate All The Things!". Drasil uses a series of variably sized Domain-Specific Languages (DSLs) to describe various fragments of knowledge that domain experts and users alike may use to piece together fragments of knowledge into a coherent "story". Through forming some coherent "story" in a domain captured by Drasil, a representational software artifact may be generated. Drasil currently focuses on Scientific Computing Software (SCS), following Smith and Lai's Software Requirements Specifications (SRS) template as described in [3]. Behind the scenes of the SRS, a mathematical language is used to describe various theories, and have representational software constructed via compiling to Generic Object-Oriented Language (GOOL) [1]. Through encoding knowledge in Drasil, an increase in productivity (and maintainability) in building reliable and traceable software artifacts is observed [4], specifically in SCS [2].

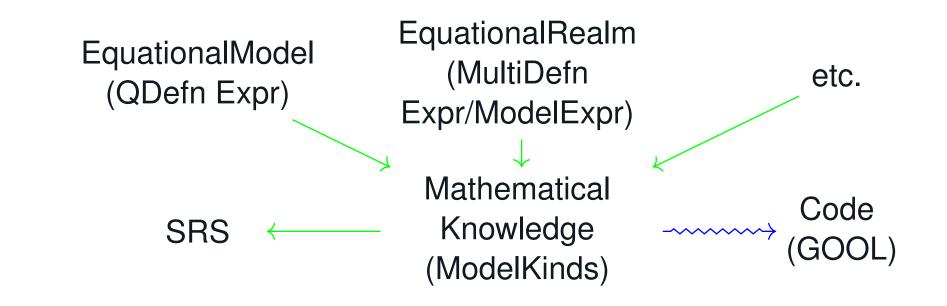
What's the problem?

Why do we care?

Mathematical Knowledge Flow



Capturing Mathematical Knowledge



Comparison

Future Work

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