Documentation tool for dotty using Tasty files

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Abstract

The current documentation tool (dottydoc) relies on compiler internals and low level code. The tool introduced here aims to build a program not dependant on compiler internals but instead use Tasty files which are output when a Scala program is compiled.

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Introduction

In dotty the documentation generation tool is called dotty-doc. However the tool is flawed in many ways, these flaws include:

- Reliance on compiler internals
- Low level and unecessarily complex code
- Not maintened and not documented
- Not flexible in its output, it outputs html/css in a hard to modify way
- Malformed type output such as [32m"getOffset"[Om
- Lacks features, especially:

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The tool introduced here aims to address all these issues.

Features

Output format

Architecture

Problems encountered

Further work

Conclusion