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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document delineates the Software Requirements Specification (SRS) of an Eiffel library called «Markup Generator». The inherent project was initiated by a software construction course held at University of Zurich. The document not only describes requirements but also design constraints, system interfaces and the performance. It strongly follows the structure defined by the IEEE 830-1998 standard [1] for specifying software requirements.

1.2 Scope

The «Markup Generator» can be used by software developers to create documents in markup languages, especially HTML. It relieves programmers from the burden to create reports manually. This SRS document focuses on the requirements of the «Markup Generator».. Therefore, external systems are not described within this document.

1.3 Abbreviations

Term	Explanation
SRS	Software Requirements Specification
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
API	Application Programming Interface
URL	Uniform Resource Locator

1.4 Glossary

Term	Explanation
Markup Generator	Name of the library to be created.
User	Is the person who will be using the «Markup Generator» which in this case is the developer himself.
Stakeholder	Person with interest or concern in the «Markup Generator».
Library	Collection of modules that can be accessed by external programs.
API	Interface allowing the communication between different software components.
Markdown	Markup language for annotating documents.
HTML	Markup language on which websites are based. HTML 5 is the most recent version of HTML language. With new elements, attributes and behavior.

1.5 References

[1] IEEE Computer Society, Software Engineering Technology Committee, Committee, Institute of Electrical, and Electronics Engineers, IEEE Recommended Practice for Software Requirements Specifications, IEEE Std. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 1998.

1.6 Overview

This document consists of three sections. The first chapter introduced the project whereas the second section describes the functions and limitations of the «Markup Generator». It is followed by the third chapter specifying specific requirements (functional as well as non-functional) and describing different system interfaces.

2 Overall Description

2.1 Product Perspective

The «Markup Generator» is an Eiffel library for generating reports written in markup languages. It contains several subsystems to satisfy all requirements. But there are not only interfaces between the subcomponents but also between the library and the user. This user interface will be realized in the form of an API that allows other Eiffel programs to take advantage of the library's functionalities.

2.2 Product Functions

This section gives a general overview on the functionalities provided by the «Markup Generator». A detailed description can be found in the third section (Specific Requirements).

The «Markup Generator»

- allows to create static reports.
- creates reports that are based on markup languages with focus on HTML.
- allows to include existing markup snippets in a report.
- allows to create multipage documents.
- supports a wide range of markup elements.
- is based on the newest markup language specifications.
- has an API.

The «Markup Generator» does not

- support import functionalities.
- allow to embed additional languages except the pure markup code (e.g. JavaScript or CSS).
- provide a graphical user interface.

2.3 User Characteristics

The «Markup Generator» is used by people with a strong background in software construction and experience in programming with Eiffel. The library is not designed for people without advanced informatics skills.

2.4 Constraints

The SRS document is based on a fictional project description and does not represent real conditions. Thus, it is rather based on assumptions of the project team than requirements elicitation. The same applies to the working schedule. It is not given by real conditions but rather by a project plan created by the teaching assistants and the professor of the software construction course. Other factors like the budget or personal resources would also play an important role in a real project since they influence the entire work process. But in this project, they don't matter.

The «Markup Generator» will only run on Eiffel platforms. Furthermore, hardware requirements are given.

2.5 Assumptions and Dependencies

It is assumed that the user is familiar with the Eiffel programming language, the principle of markup languages on the concept of an API. It is also assumed that the user satisfies minimal hardware and software requirements to run the software that allows viewing the generated reports. The library depends on the Eiffel programming language and its functionalities. Changes in Eiffel can affect the behavior of the report generator.

If user-specific markup code is entered, it is assumed to be valid. Thus, no validation and correction will be performed by the library.

3 Specific Requirements

Under this section both functional and non-functional requirements will be exposed. To provide clear and simple explanation, the requirements follow the structure described below.

Require- ment ID	ID that allows identifying each requirement uniquely.
Title	Describes the requirement concise.
Description	Defines the requirement in detail.
Priority	Shows the order in which requirements should be implemented. Priorities are classified in 3 groups (highest to lowest): 1, 2, and 3. Requirements of <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ priority 1 are mandatory for the first Implementation.▪ priority 2 are mandatory for the final Implementation.▪ a priority greater or equal than 3 represent optional features.
Risk	Specifies the risk of not implementing the requirement. It tells how critical the requirement is to the system as a whole. The following risk levels are defined over the impact of not being implemented correctly. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Critical (C): It will break the main functionality of the system. The system cannot be used if this requirement is not implemented.▪ High (H): It will impact the main functionality of the system. Some function of the system could be inaccessible, but the system can be generally used.▪ Medium (M): It will impact some system features, but not the main functionality. The system can still be used with some limitation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low (L): The system can be used without limitation, but with some workarounds.
References	The IDs of any requirement that is relevant in this context is listed here.

3.1 External Interfaces

All the functions provided by the «Markup Generator» should be available to its users in form of an API: It's the users' task to generate reports and to determine what information they retrieve from the documents.

3.2 Functional Requirements

3.2.1 General

Requirement ID	R3.2.1.001
Title	Inexplicit Usage of Functions
Description	The functions within the software library should be used within the program body, without defining them explicitly.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.1.002
Title	System
Description	The library should be usable from within Eiffel projects.
Priority	1
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.1.003
Title	Creating Documents
Description	The user should be able to generate a document.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

3.2.2 Presentation Semantic

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.001
Title	Internal Links
Description	The library should be able to generate links that can be placed in the document and are referencing to other parts of the same document. The user can specify the link text.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.002
Title	Linking Multiple Reports
Description	The library should be able to generate links that can be placed in the document and are referencing to external documents on the same computing device. The user can specify the link text.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.003
Title	Linking Documents / Web Pages Accessible through the Web
Description	The library should be able to generate links that can be placed in the document and are referencing to documents and web pages that are accessible through the web. The user can specify the link text.
Priority	2
Risk	M
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.004
Title	Referencing Images by URL
Description	It should be possible to embed images in the report by using a remote URL.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.005
Title	Generating Images from Local Files
Description	An image should be generated by using a local file reference. It should also be possible to specify an alternative text that is displayed if the image cannot be shown.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.006
Title	Creating Bullet Lists
Description	The user can create a bullet list of entries inside the document. At least unordered lists should be supported. The implementation of ordered lists and other types is not a mandatory requirement.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.007
Title	Creating Tables

Description	A document should contain data displayed in a two-dimensional table. Both, normal as well as header cells are supported.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.008
Title	Text
Description	A document should be able to include unformatted text.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.009
Title	Headers
Description	It is possible to define headers of different size to mark sections. At least three levels of headers should be supported.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	R3.2.1.008

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.010
Title	Including Existing Code
Description	A document should be able to include existing code.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.2.011
Title	Reading from File
Description	The system should be able to read content from a file to display its content as unformatted text in the report.
Priority	3
Risk	L
References	

3.2.3 Document Structure

Requirement ID	R3.2.3.001
Title	Document Name
Description	A document should be able to have a name that can be determined by the user.
Priority	3
Risk	L
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.3.002
Title	Correctly Indented Output
Description	A document should have an indented output where children are indented relative to its parent by a globally defined space.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

3.2.4 Output

Requirement ID	R3.2.4.001
Title	Output to HTML (Clear Text)
Description	A document should be presented to the user in clear text that's adhering to the HTML5-Standard.
Priority	2
Risk	H
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.4.002
Title	Output to Markdown (Clear Text)
Description	A document should be presented to the user in clear text that's adhering to the newest Markdown standard.
Priority	3
Risk	L
References	

Requirement ID	R3.2.4.003
Title	Markup Output to Local File
Description	The library should be able to output the report's content written in markup languages in form of a locally saved file. Their names are determined by user input.
Priority	3
Risk	L
References	R3.2.3.001

3.3 Non-Functional Requirements

Requirement ID	R3.3.0.001
Title	Usability
Description	A developer with programming experience and little exposure to management tools should be able to use all the functions provided with minimal effort. Thus, the API should be designed as simple as possible.
Priority	3
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.3.0.002
Title	Reliability
Description	The system should have a high reliability. If an error occurs, an error will be raised.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.3.0.003
Title	Scalability
Description	The «Markup Generator» should be easily extendable. This has been considered through the design process by using design patterns and other established methods for software construction.
Priority	3
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.3.0.004
Title	Transparency
Description	The Eiffel library is simple and transparent. With little effort, a developer can visualize the potential situations it might encounter.
Priority	3
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.3.0.005
Title	Dependency on External Libraries
Description	The library should not depend on external libraries.
Priority	3
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.3.0.006
Title	Robustness
Description	The Eiffel library is built according to established methods of software construction such that changes in the library have as minimal as possible effects.
Priority	3
Risk	C
References	

3.4 Performance Requirements

Requirement ID	R3.4.0.001
Title	Error Messages
Description	The error messages must be meaningful (if errors need to be handled) to any user that may encounter them, with inclusion of the appropriate action to be taken.
Priority	2
Risk	L
References	

Requirement ID	R3.4.0.002
Title	Building Time
Description	Compiling the library should be as short as possible. Thus, the Eiffel code should be as minimal and simple as possible.
Priority	2
Risk	L
References	

3.5 Maintainability

Requirement ID	R3.5.0.001
Title	Frequent Updates
Description	The library must be built in a way that allows updates to be implemented very easily. This should be considered through the design process by using design patterns and other established methods for software construction.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

Requirement ID	R3.5.0.002
Title	Coding Standards
Description	The code should be logical in every aspect so that high quality code is produced. Standard coding conventions ought to be followed.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	
Requirement ID	R3.5.0.003

Requirement ID	R3.5.0.003
Title	Naming Conventions
Description	We ought to ensure the code is readable and understandable in a long term. To do that standard naming conventions must be followed.
Priority	1
Risk	M

References	
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Requirement ID	R3.5.0.004
Title	Change of Team Members
Description	The library must be built in a way that allows new members of the development team to easily get accustomed to the project and be able to contribute without a long learning phase.
Priority	1
Risk	C
References	

3.6 Design Constraints

The system ought to generate Markup documents. To be more specific it should only produce static sites. The main limitation of the library is that it doesn't allow producing dynamic sites. In addition to that, it is not allowed to extend the documents' functionality with external style sheets or the use of other programming languages.

Requirement ID	R3.6.0.001
Title	Dynamic Markup Sites
Description	The «Markup Generator» library should only produce static Markup sites. It is not intended for generating dynamic Markup sites.
Priority	
Risk	L
References	

Requirement ID	R3.6.0.002
Title	Programming Language
Description	All coding will be done in Eiffel programming language. Other programming languages should not be used.
Priority	
Risk	L
References	R3.3.1.001

Requirement ID	R3.6.0.003
Title	No Standalone Application
Description	The library is a module for the user. It is a base for building further projects, not a standalone application.
Priority	
Risk	L
References	