

# Documentation Howto

The folders "sphinx\_beginner" and "sphinx\_intermediate" are Re-Writes of the documentation which was originally done in Word, converted to ReStructuredText.

Here, we're using [ReStructuredText](#) for writing, and [Sphinx](#) to convert the Markup into HTML and PDF ("Sphinx is a tool that makes it easy to create intelligent and beautiful documentation")

Sphinx uses `conf.py` for configuration and provides a convenient Makefile for conversion. Just call `make html` (`make singlehtml` creates one single HTML file), or `make latexpdf` to run it. The resulting documents will be in `_build/html/` or `_build/latex/`, respectively.

Currently, we do not include the HTML output into git, just the PDF and maybe the singlehtml page.

Requirements:

- ReStructuredText <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ReStructuredText>
- Sphinx >1.1 <http://sphinx-doc.org/>
- Pygments >1.5 <http://pygments.org/>
- TexLive >2011 <http://www.tug.org/texlive/>

Links:

- [ReST Cheat Sheet](#)
- [ReST and Sphinx Primer](#)
- [Writing Technical Documentation with Sphinx, Paver, and Cog](#)

PS: I've manually updated the Makefiles to do some minor `sed` replacement to use the LaTeX package [fancyvrb](#) for styling the verbatim boxes; this package should be included in the TeXLive distribution.

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