

# prd08 diagnostics and exception translation

## PRD 08 — Diagnostics and Exception Translation System

### 1. Product Vision

The Diagnostics and Exception Translation System turns raw parser, generator, validation, and plugin errors into clear, actionable feedback for users. It also produces machine-readable error reports for later inspection and integration and powers intelligent highlighting of problematic files.

### 2. Goals

- Translate low-level exceptions into human-readable explanations.
- Persist errors and warnings as structured output files per build.
- Intelligently highlight problematic files and resources in desktop and mobile UIs.

### 3. Inputs and Outputs

Inputs:

- Exceptions from XML parsing and generation.
- Exceptions from JPE and JPE-XML parsing.
- Validation failures from structural and semantic checks.
- Plugin execution errors.
- Cloud build failures.

Outputs:

- In-memory EngineError objects.
- Human-readable messages (short and long).
- Error report files (JSON and optional text) stored in project-level reports folders.
- Aggregated views for UIs.

### 4. Error Taxonomy

- Categories:
  - PARSER\_JPE
  - PARSER\_JPE\_XML
  - PARSER\_XML
  - VALIDATION\_SCHEMA
  - VALIDATION\_SEMANTIC
  - IO\_FILE
  - PLUGIN
  - SYNC\_CLOUD
- Severity:
  - INFO, WARNING, ERROR, FATAL.

Each error must have a stable code, a category, and a severity.

### 5. EngineError Schema (Conceptual)

An EngineError object contains:

- code: a stable error code (e.g., E\_JPE\_UNEXPECTED\_TOKEN).
- category: the category of error (e.g., PARSER\_JPE).
- severity: INFO, WARNING, ERROR, or FATAL.
- message\_short: a brief explanation.
- message\_long: a detailed explanation with potential causes and remedies.
- file\_path: the file that triggered the error, if applicable.
- resource\_id: an optional logical resource identifier (interaction, buff, etc.).
- language\_layer: which layer experienced the failure (JPE, JPE-XML, XML, IR, PLUGIN).
- position: optional line/column information.
- snippet: an excerpt of the offending text, if available.

- suggested\_fix: optional recommendations on how to fix the issue.
- stack\_trace\_sanitized: an internal or user-friendly stack trace.
- plugin\_id: optional ID of a plugin if the error originated from one.
- extra: additional structured metadata.

## 6. Error Reports

- For each build, the system may generate a JSON error report containing:
  - build\_id, project\_id, status, and arrays of errors and warnings.
- Optionally generate a plain-text summary outlining the most important issues.
- Provide stable file naming and location conventions so UIs can discover reports easily.

## 7. Exception Translation Logic

- Normalize raw exceptions: capture type, message, and minimal stack trace.
- Classify errors by source and context.
- Map error to a template based on code, using human-friendly language.
- Enrich error with file path, resource information, source snippet, and potential fixes.

## 8. Intelligent File Highlighting

- Determine severity per file and folder based on contained errors and warnings.
- Expose APIs to:
  - Get errors by file.
  - Get errors by resource.
  - Get summaries for a build.
- Support project tree highlighting in desktop and health indicators in mobile.

## 9. Integration with Desktop, Mobile, Cloud, and Plugins

- Desktop: problems pane, inline highlights, file tree indicators, and error report viewers.
- Mobile: project health markers, error lists, and drilldown into specific JPE lines.
- Cloud: build endpoints return serialized errors and warnings; history is available per project.
- Plugins: must return structured failures; plugin errors are tagged with plugin identifiers and surfaced like core errors.

## 10. Non-Functional Requirements

- Robustness: the diagnostics layer should not crash on malformed or unexpected error states.
- Clarity: error messages must be understandable even to users without deep technical background.
- Extensibility: new error codes and categories can be added without breaking existing clients.
- Observability: capture diagnostics metrics to inform quality improvements.