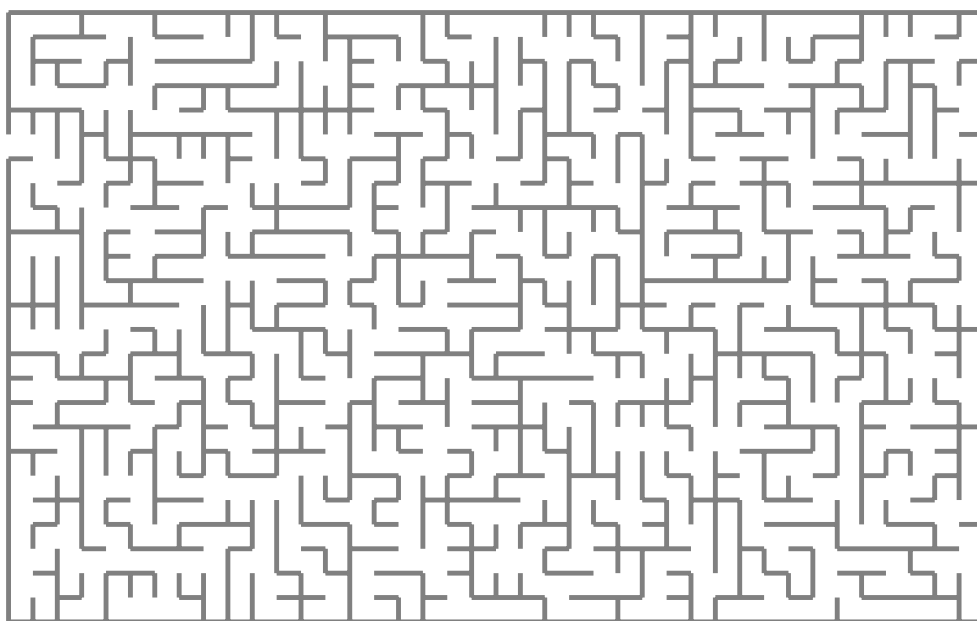


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## Abstract

WebDSL is a domain-specific language for web programming that is being used for over ten years. As web applications evolved over the past decade, so did WebDSL. A complete formal specification of WebDSL has been *\*TO-DO: check if missing or not updated\** since its original development. With the introduction of Statix in the Spoofax language workbench, a declarative language that generates a typechecker, we made an elegant and practical formal semantics for WebDSL.

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# Preface

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# Chapter 1

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## Introduction

### 1.1 An introduction to WebDSL

- Origins
- Key features
- Applications

### 1.2 WebDSL static semantics

- Product of research; changing frequently

#### 1.2.1 Current implementation

- Spoofox introduction
- SDF3
- Stratego

#### 1.2.2 Problems with current implementation

- Readability (scattered through files, dynamic rules)
- Maintainability (impact of changes can be unclear)

### 1.3 Statix

#### 1.3.1 Introduction

- Origins
- Predecessors
- Examples

#### 1.3.2 Why Statix will solve the problems

- Declarative and concise syntax that feels like formal specification rules





## Chapter 2

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# Implementation

### 2.1 WebDSL in SDF3

### 2.2 WebDSL in Statix



# Chapter 3

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## Evaluation

### 3.1 Correctness

- Defining correctness in absence of a formal specification
- How correct is the implementation WebDSL
- Explain correctness
- Edge cases

### 3.2 Validation

- How elegant in the Statix implementation?

### 3.3 Performance

- Explain metrics and methods
- Results
- Discuss results

### 3.4 Evaluating Statix

- Repeat reasons for using Statix
- What worked out as intended?
- What did not work as intended?
- What are the workarounds?
- Recommendations for improving Statix



## Chapter 4

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### Related work



## Chapter 5

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## Conclusion





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# Acronyms

**AST** abstract syntax tree

**DSL** domain-specific language



## Appendix A

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