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OVERVIEW

[speccer](#) is a CLI tool for dealing with specs.

It is a frontend to the [speclib](#).

SCENARIO 1 Create Specification

Mike wants to create a specification. He gets a clean starting point with `speccer`.

SCENARIO 2 Add comments

Mike receives comments for his specification. He wants to add them without hassle.

SCENARIO 3 See and update specification

Mike wants to update his specification with is editor.

SCENARIO 4 Script

Gill wants to change specifications with a script.

SCENARIO 5 Import and export

Gill wants to read import and export specifications from different places.

SCENARIO 6 View as HTML and markdown

Sue wants to read the specifications in HTML and be able to mail them as markdown.

SCENARIO 7 Filter for documentation

Peter wants to create a documentation from the spec and wants the unnecessary informations to be filtered.

SCENARIO 8 Filter for implementation

Anne wants to implement parts of the specification. She just wants to read the parts that are ready to be implemented.

DEFINITION 1 All definitions of the `speclib` apply

DEFINITION 2 `-name`

The parameter passed via `-name` is the name of a spec property (like `TRANSLATIONS` with the command `property`) or the name of a paragraph property (like `STATE` with the command `meta`).

DEFINITION 3 `-usage`

The parameter passed via `-usage` is the name of a filter provided by `speccer` for typical usage scenarios.

There are currently:

- **documentation** filters
 - PROPERTIES
 - META
 - COMMENTS
 - NONGOALS
 - CONTRADICTIONS
 - UNDECIDED
 - SPEC_END
 - RESOURCES
 - PLANNING
 - APPROVED
 - PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED
 - OBSOLET
- **approval** filters
 - META
 - COMMENTS
 - CONTRADICTIONS
 - UNDECIDED
 - SPEC_END
 - RESOURCES
 - PLANNING
 - OBSOLET
- **discussion** filters
 - OVERVIEW
 - APPROVED
 - PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED
 - OBSOLET
 - SPEC_END
- **implementation** filters
 - UNDECIDED
 - PLANNING
 - FULLY_IMPLEMENTED
 - OBSOLET

FEATURE 1 create a new spec

Go into a folder that should contain your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd create
```

Creates a file `spec.json` in the current folder and exports it as `spec.md` (Markdown) and `spec.html` (HTML).

If the `-language` parameter is set (to e.g. `en_us`) it creates the following files instead: -

```
spec_en_US.json - spec_en_US.md - spec_en_US.html
```

Be aware that the new spec is not valid since there are missing properties. You can validate a spec to see them:

```
speccer -cmd validate
```

FEATURE 2 validate a spec

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd validate
```

If it returns nothing your spec is valid.

FEATURE 3 recreate HTML and markdown export based on current spec.json

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd save
```

FEATURE 4 export markdown to stdout without overwriting json.md

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd markdown
```

You might also pass the usage option to filter out some data, e.g.

```
speccer -cmd markdown -usage "documentation"
```

FEATURE 5 export HTML to stdout without overwriting json.html

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd html
```

You might also pass the usage option to filter out some data, e.g.

```
speccer -cmd html -usage "documentation"
```

FEATURE 6 print property of spec

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd property -name COMPANY
```

to print the COMPANY property. The properties are all written in high caps and defined in `speclib`.

FEATURE 7 set property of spec

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd property -name COMPANY -set acme
```

to set the `COMPANY` property to `acme`. The properties are all written in high caps and defined in `speclib`.

FEATURE 8 unset property of spec

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd property -name PARENT -unset
```

to unset the `PARENT` property. Only the following properties can be unset:

- REQUESTEDBY
 - RELATED
 - TRANSLATIONS
 - SUPERSEDEDBY
 - RESOURCES
 - PARENT
 - PERSONS
-

FEATURE 9 add markdown text to a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec and write your text into a file, let's say `new.md`.

Put the title of the paragraph in the first line and the body in the next lines. Then run

```
speccer -cmd add -sec SCENARIOS -resp 'Your Name' -set new.md
```

to add title and body to the SCENARIOS sections. The available sections are defined in the `speclib`.

FEATURE 10 show list of paragraphs of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec and run

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

to see a list of all paragraphs of the SCENARIOS section. Each paragraph has the first line printed preceded by a number indicating the position of the paragraph inside the section. This position can be used to print or change the paragraph.

FEATURE 11 show content of a paragraphs of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec. You will need to know the position of the paragraph you want to see. Therefor you might want to first print all positions of the section (here SCENARIOS) with

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

then you can run

```
speccer -cmd text -sec SCENARIOS -at 3
```

to see the text for the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section.

If you want to include comments and meta data, run

```
speccer -cmd text -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 -with-comments -with-meta
```

FEATURE 12 change content of a paragraphs of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec. You will need to know the position of the paragraph you want to see. Therefor you might want to first print all positions of the section (here SCENARIOS) with

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

then you can run

```
speccer -cmd text -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 > temp.md
```

to save the current text and comments for the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section to the file `temp.md`.

Now fire up your editor to change the content. Then run

```
speccer -cmd text -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 -set temp.md
```

to set the text of the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section.

The comments and meta data (including the title) of the 3rd paragraph are not modified

by this operation. So you may want to change them too.

FEATURE 13 see, add and change comment to a paragraph of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec. You will need to know the position of the paragraph you want to see. Therefor you might want to first print all positions of the section (here SCENARIOS) with

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

then you can run

```
speccer -cmd comment -sec SCENARIOS -at 3
```

to see the current comments for the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section.

Now if the author of your comment already made a comment to this paragraph and if you want to append to this old comment, you first have to save the old one.

To do this, run

```
speccer -cmd comment -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 -author Jim > temp.md
```

to save the comment of `Jim` to the file `temp.md`. Then you can edit this file. If you just want to remove the old comment or if there was no comment you may simply start with an empty file `temp.md`.

After you edited the file, run

```
speccer -cmd comment -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 -author Jim -set temp.md
```

to set the comment of `Jim` on the 3rd paragraph of the SCENARIOS section to the content of the file `temp.md`.

FEATURE 14 move a paragraph of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec. You will need to know the position of the paragraph you want to move. Therefor you might want to first print all positions of the section (here SCENARIOS) with

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

then you can run

```
speccer -cmd move -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 -to 1
```

to move the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section to be the first.

FEATURE 15 delete a paragraph of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec. You will need to know the position of the paragraph you want to delete. Therefor you might want to first print all positions of the section (here SCENARIOS) with

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

then you can run

```
speccer -cmd rm -sec SCENARIOS -at 3
```

to remove the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section.

FEATURE 16 see and change meta data of a paragraph of a section

Go into a folder that contains your spec. You will need to know the position of the paragraph you want to see the meta data. Therefor you might want to first print all positions of the section (here SCENARIOS) with

```
speccer -cmd positions -sec SCENARIOS
```

then you can run

```
speccer -cmd meta -sec SCENARIOS -at 3
```

to see all meta data of the 3rd paragraph in the SCENARIOS section.

If you want to change a datum you will have to pass the name:

```
speccer -cmd meta -sec SCENARIOS -at 3 -name RESPONSIBLE -set Jim
```

FEATURE 17 shortcuts

To use the `bash` / `zsh` shortcuts, copy the `aliases.sh` into your home directory

```
cp aliases.sh ~/.speccer_aliases.sh
```

and write the following into your `.bashrc`

```
. ~/.speccer_aliases.sh
```

Then you will have access to the following shortcuts (in bold is an example input to put after the alias).

General

```
spec_create
spec_validate
spec_save
```

Markdown export

```
spec_markdown
```



```
spec_markdown-doc
spec_markdown-approve
spec_markdown-discuss
spec_markdown-implement
spec_markdown-clean
```

HTML export

```
spec_html
spec_html-doc
spec_html-approve
spec_html-discuss
spec_html-implement
spec_html-clean
```

Spec property getters

```
spec-requestedby
spec-related
spec-translations
spec-supersededby
spec-resources
spec-parent
spec-company
spec-project
spec-persons
spec-url
spec-language
spec-dateformat
spec-approved
```

Spec property unsetters

```
spec_unset-requestedby
spec_unset-related
spec_unset-translations
spec_unset-supersededby
spec_unset-resources
spec_unset-parent
spec_unset-persons
```

Spec property setters

```
spec_set-requestedby Jim
spec_set-related '{"other": "http://other.com/spec"}'
spec_set-translations '{"de_DE": "http://de.other.com/spec"}'
spec_set-supersededby '{"v2": "http://other.com/v2/spec"}'
spec_set-resources '{"ER diagramm": "http://other.com/er.png"}'
spec_set-parent 'http://other.com/parent-spec'
spec_set-company acme
spec_set-project 'my project'
spec_set-url 'http://greatspec.com/spec'
spec_set-language en_US
spec_set-dateformat YYYY-MM-DD
spec_set-approved true
spec_set-persons '{"PP": "Paul Panther paul@panther.com"}'
```

Add Sections

```
spec_add-SCENARIO new.md
spec_add-CONTRADICTION new.md
spec_add-DEFINITION new.md
spec_add-FEATURE new.md
spec_add-NONGOAL new.md
spec_add-UNDECIDED new.md
```

Show Sections

```
spec-OVERVIEW
spec-SCENARIO-at 2
spec-CONTRADICTION-at 5
spec-DEFINITION-at 20
spec-FEATURE-at 1
spec-NONGOAL-at 2
spec-UNDECIDED-at 5
```

Show Sections with comments and meta

```
spec-OVERVIEW-full
spec-SCENARIO-full-at 2
spec-CONTRADICTION-full-at 2
spec-DEFINITION-full-at 5
spec-FEATURE-full-at 2
spec-NONGOAL-full-at 7
spec-UNDECIDED-full-at 2
```

Get list of Paragraphs for all section

```
spec_ls
```

Get list of Paragraphs for a section

```
spec_ls-SCENARIO
spec_ls-CONTRADICTION
spec_ls-DEFINITION
spec_ls-FEATURE
spec_ls-NONGOAL
spec_ls-UNDECIDED
```

Get Comments of Paragraphs for a section

```
spec_comment-OVERVIEW
spec_comment-SCENARIO-at 2
spec_comment-CONTRADICTION-at 2
spec_comment-DEFINITION-at 2
spec_comment-FEATURE-at 2
spec_comment-NONGOAL-at 2
spec_comment-UNDECIDED-at 2
```

Set Comment of Paragraph for a section

```
spec_comment_replace-OVERVIEW new.md
spec_comment_replace-SCENARIO new.md -at 2
spec_comment_replace-CONTRADICTION new.md -at 2
spec_comment_replace-DEFINITION new.md -at 2
spec_comment_replace-FEATURE new.md -at 2
spec_comment_replace-NONGOAL new.md -at 2
spec_comment_replace-UNDECIDED new.md -at 2
```

Replace Sections

```
spec_replace-OVERVIEW new.md
spec_replace-SCENARIO new.md -at 2
spec_replace-CONTRADICTION new.md -at 2
spec_replace-DEFINITION new.md -at 2
spec_replace-FEATURE new.md -at 2
spec_replace-NONGOAL new.md -at 2
spec_replace-UNDECIDED new.md -at 2
```

Move Sections

```
spec_mv-SCENARIO-at 2 -to 5
spec_mv-CONTRADICTION-at 2 -to 5
spec_mv-DEFINITION-at 2 -to 5
spec_mv-FEATURE-at 2 -to 5
spec_mv-NONGOAL-at 2 -to 5
spec_mv-UNDECIDED-at 2 -to 5
```

Remove Sections

```
spec_rm-SCENARIO-at 2
spec_rm-CONTRADICTION-at 2
spec_rm-DEFINITION-at 2
spec_rm-FEATURE-at 2
spec_rm-NONGOAL-at 2
spec_rm-UNDECIDED-at 2
```

Get Meta Data of Overview / Spec

```
spec-RESPONSIBLE
spec-STATE
spec-DEADLINE
spec-LASTUPDATE
spec-ESTIMATEDHOURS
spec-TITLE
```

Get Meta Data of Section

```
spec-SCENARIO-RESPONSIBLE-at 2
spec-SCENARIO-STATE-at 2
spec-SCENARIO-DEADLINE-at 2
spec-SCENARIO-LASTUPDATE-at 2
```

spec-SCENARIO-ESTIMATEDHOURS-at 2

spec-SCENARIO-TITLE-at 2

spec-CONTRADICTION-RESPONSIBLE-at 2

spec-CONTRADICTION-STATE-at 2

spec-CONTRADICTION-DEADLINE-at 2

spec-CONTRADICTION-LASTUPDATE-at 2

spec-CONTRADICTION-ESTIMATEDHOURS-at 2

spec-CONTRADICTION-TITLE-at 2

spec-DEFINITION-RESPONSIBLE-at 2

spec-DEFINITION-STATE-at 2

spec-DEFINITION-DEADLINE-at 2

spec-DEFINITION-LASTUPDATE-at 2

spec-DEFINITION-ESTIMATEDHOURS-at 2

spec-DEFINITION-TITLE-at 2

spec-FEATURE-RESPONSIBLE-at 2

spec-FEATURE-STATE-at 2

spec-FEATURE-DEADLINE-at 2

spec-FEATURE-LASTUPDATE-at 2

spec-FEATURE-ESTIMATEDHOURS-at 2

spec-FEATURE-TITLE-at 2

spec-NONGOAL-RESPONSIBLE-at 2

spec-NONGOAL-STATE-at 2

spec-NONGOAL-DEADLINE-at 2

spec-NONGOAL-LASTUPDATE-at 2

spec-NONGOAL-ESTIMATEDHOURS-at 2

spec-NONGOAL-TITLE-at 2

spec-UNDECIDED-RESPONSIBLE-at 2

spec-UNDECIDED-STATE-at 2

spec-UNDECIDED-DEADLINE-at 2

spec-UNDECIDED-LASTUPDATE-at 2

spec-UNDECIDED-ESTIMATEDHOURS-at 2

spec-UNDECIDED-TITLE-at 2

Set Meta Data of Overview / Spec

spec_set-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan'

spec_set-PLANNING

spec_set-APPROVED

spec_set-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED

spec_set-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED

spec_set-OBSOLETE

spec_set-DEADLINE '2014-12-24'

spec_set-ESTIMATEDHOURS 12

spec_set-TITLE 'my title'

Set Meta Data of Section

spec_set-SCENARIO-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan' -at 2

spec_set-SCENARIO-PLANNING -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-APPROVED -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-OBSOLET -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-DEADLINE '2014-12-24' -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-ESTIMATEDHOURS 12 -at 2
spec_set-SCENARIO-TITLE 'my title' -at 3

spec_set-CONTRADICTION-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan' -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-PLANNING -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-APPROVED -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-OBSOLET -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-DEADLINE '2014-12-24' -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-ESTIMATEDHOURS 3 -at 2
spec_set-CONTRADICTION-TITLE 'my title' -at 3

spec_set-DEFINITION-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan' -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-PLANNING -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-APPROVED -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-OBSOLET -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-DEADLINE '2014-12-24' -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-ESTIMATEDHOURS 3 -at 2
spec_set-DEFINITION-TITLE 'my title' -at 3

spec_set-FEATURE-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan' -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-PLANNING -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-APPROVED -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-OBSOLET -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-DEADLINE '2014-12-24' -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-ESTIMATEDHOURS 3 -at 2
spec_set-FEATURE-TITLE 'my title' -at 3

spec_set-NONGOAL-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan' -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-PLANNING -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-APPROVED -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-OBSOLET -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-DEADLINE '2014-12-24' -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-ESTIMATEDHOURS 3 -at 2
spec_set-NONGOAL-TITLE 'my title' -at 3

spec_set-UNDECIDED-RESPONSIBLE 'Peter Pan' -at 2
spec_set-UNDECIDED-PLANNING -at 2
spec_set-UNDECIDED-APPROVED -at 2

`spec_set-UNDECIDED-PARTLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2`
`spec_set-UNDECIDED-FULLY_IMPLEMENTED -at 2`
`spec_set-UNDECIDED-OBSOLET -at 2`
`spec_set-UNDECIDED-DEADLINE '2014-12-24' -at 2`
`spec_set-UNDECIDED-ESTIMATEDHOURS 3 -at 2`
`spec_set-UNDECIDED-TITLE 'my title' -at 3`