

# Arm and disarm

Instrumenting in-place

Scribble supports instrumenting files in-place for interoperability with user-specific testing and deployment environments. This is specified with the `--output-mode files` option. One use case for this mode is to run the user test suite on the instrumented code. For example let's assume we have these 2 files:

Base.sol

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Copy contract Base { }

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Foo.sol

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Copy import "Base.sol"; contract Foo is Base { /// #if\_succeeds { :msg "P1" } y == x + 1; function inc(uint x) public pure returns (uint y) { return x+1; } }

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We can instrument them in-place using the following command:

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Copy scribble Foo.sol --output-mode files

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This would generate 2 new files `-Foo.instrumented.sol` and `__scribble_ReentrancyUtils.sol`. `-Foo.instrumented.sol` is the instrumented counterpart of `Foo.sol`, and `__scribble_ReentrancyUtils.sol` contains a helper contract. Now a user can manually swap `-Foo.instrumented.sol` with `Foo.sol`, re-build their contracts and run tests on the instrumented contracts, and later swap the originals back. However these steps are tedious, which is why scribble automates them with the `--arm` and `--disarm` options. We can add the `--arm` option when instrumenting like so:

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Copy scribble Foo.sol --output-mode files --arm --instrumentation-metadata-file md.json

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Copy Foo.sol -> Foo.sol.instrumented Copying Foo.sol to Foo.sol.original Copying Foo.sol.instrumented to Foo.sol

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Scribble performed 4 steps:

1. Emit the instrumented version of `Foo.sol`
2. `-Foo.instrumented.sol`
3. Make a copy of the original `Foo.sol`
4. `asFoo.original.sol`
5. `ReplaceFoo.sol`
6. `withFoo.instrumented.sol`
7. Emitted a json metadata file `md.json`
8. that is used to keep track of what files were modified for disarming.
- 9.

At this point if you rebuild the contracts you would get the instrumented version of the code. To revert back to the original un-instrumented code it's sufficient to run the same command with `--disarm` instead of `--arm`:

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/home/dimo/work/consensys/tmp/test_pass/scribble-getting-started/installation_examples/___scribble_ReentrancyUtils.sol
Removing md.json
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Note that as long as you are inside of a npm package directory structure, you don't need to specify the `--instrumentation-metadata-file` option. Scribble will automatically detect the project root (the nearest parent folder with a `package.json`) and place the instrumentation metadata file there). If a project root is not detected, scribble will throw an error asking you to specify `--instrumentation-metadata-file` explicitly.

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