**Documentation Tools**

Software documentation tools are very important in software development. It is like a compass for your team. Documentation acts as a reference guide explaining how it works, how it operates, and how to use it.

1. **DocBlockr**

DocBlockr is a package for Atom which is designed to make writing documentation faster and easier for php, html, laravel etc.

**Installing:**

Use the Atom package manager, which can be found in the Settings view or run apm install docblockr from the command line.

**Feature requests & bug reports:**

The main development branch is develop and the stable 'production' branch is master. Please remember to base your branch from develop and issue the pull request back to that branch.

**Usage:**

Below are some examples of what the package does. Note that there are no keyboard shortcuts required to trigger these completions - just type as normal and it happens.

**Docblock completion**

Pressing enter or tab after /\*\* (or ###\*) (or //\*) will yield a new line and will close the comment.

**Function documentation**

However, if the line directly afterwards contains a function definition, then its name and parameters are parsed and some documentation is automatically added.

**Variable documentation**

If the line following your docblockr contains a variable declaration, DocBlockr will try to determine the data type of the variable and insert that into the comment.

**Comment extension**

Pressing enter inside a docblock will automatically insert a leading asterisk and maintain your indentation.