



Introduction – Coq internals

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This week

Goals:

- Have fun making Coq a better project
- Learning about the upcoming features and discussing the roadmap
- Learning about Coq's internals, benefitting from the core developer's presence.

Outline

- Practical infos
- A bird's eye view of Coq
- Demo: a walkthrough the template-coq plugin
- Roundtable

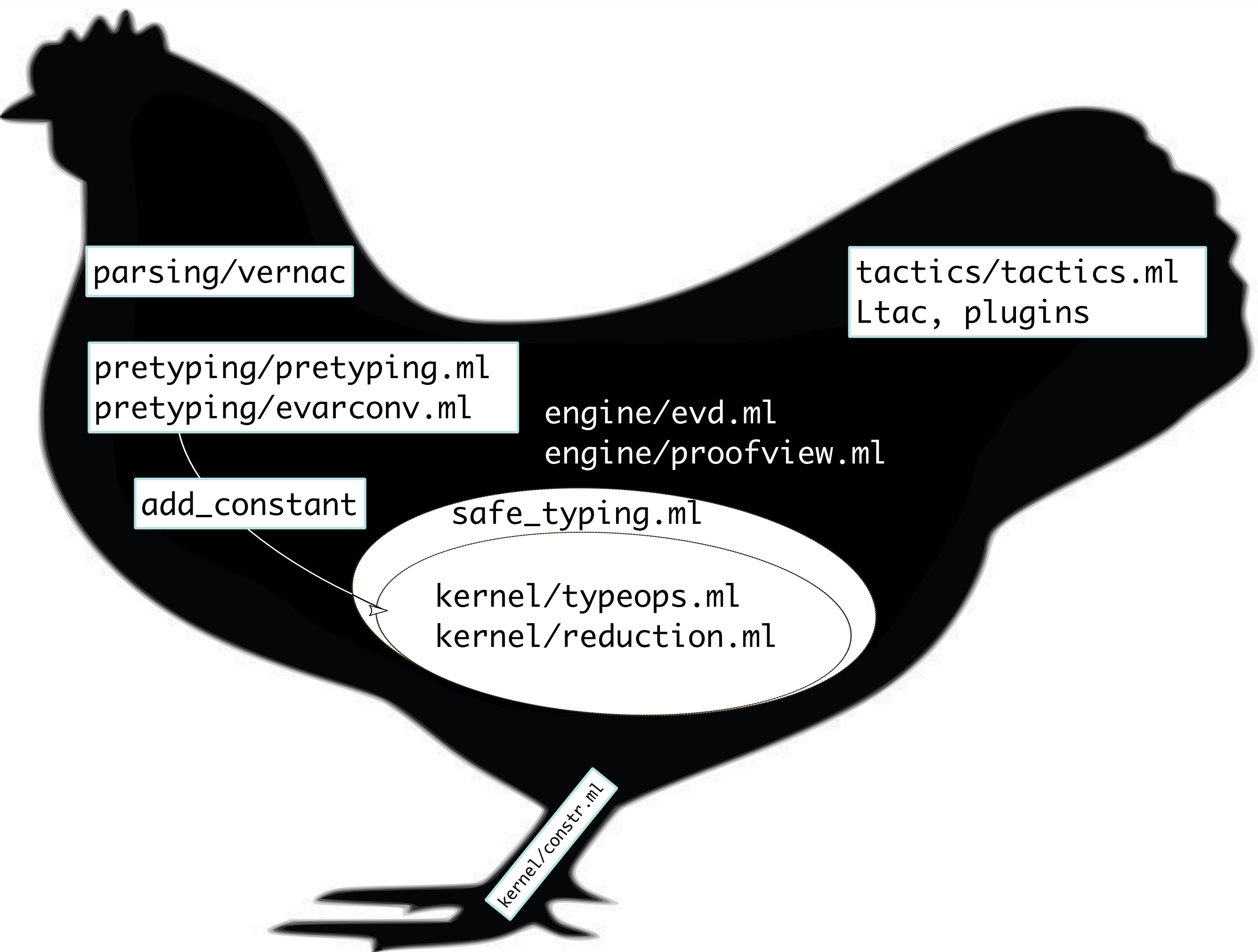
Schedule

6/12 MONDAY		6/13 TUESDAY	6/14 WEDNESDAY	6/15 THURSDAY	6/16 FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Check-in	Coding	Coding	Coding	Coding
9:45 AM		Cumulative Inductive Types A. Timany	Parametricity in Coq A. Anand	Ltac 2 P.M. Pédrot	Beautifier and Notations H. Herbelin
10:30 AM		Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 AM		Coq and User Interfaces E.J.G. Arias	Definitional Proof Irrelevance Gaëtan Gilbert	ELPI E. Tassi	Recap / Debriefing
11:45 AM		PR / Roadmap discussions	PR / Roadmap discussions	PR / Roadmap discussions	
12:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00 PM	Introduction	Coding / Working group session	Coding / Working group session	Coding / Working group session	Check-out
3:00 PM	Round-table				
3:30 PM	Break	Break	Break	Break	
4:00 PM	Coding/Working group session	Coding / Working group session	Coding / Working group session	Coding / Working group session	
5:00 PM					
6:00 PM					
7:00 PM					
7:30 PM	Diner	Diner	Diner	Diner	

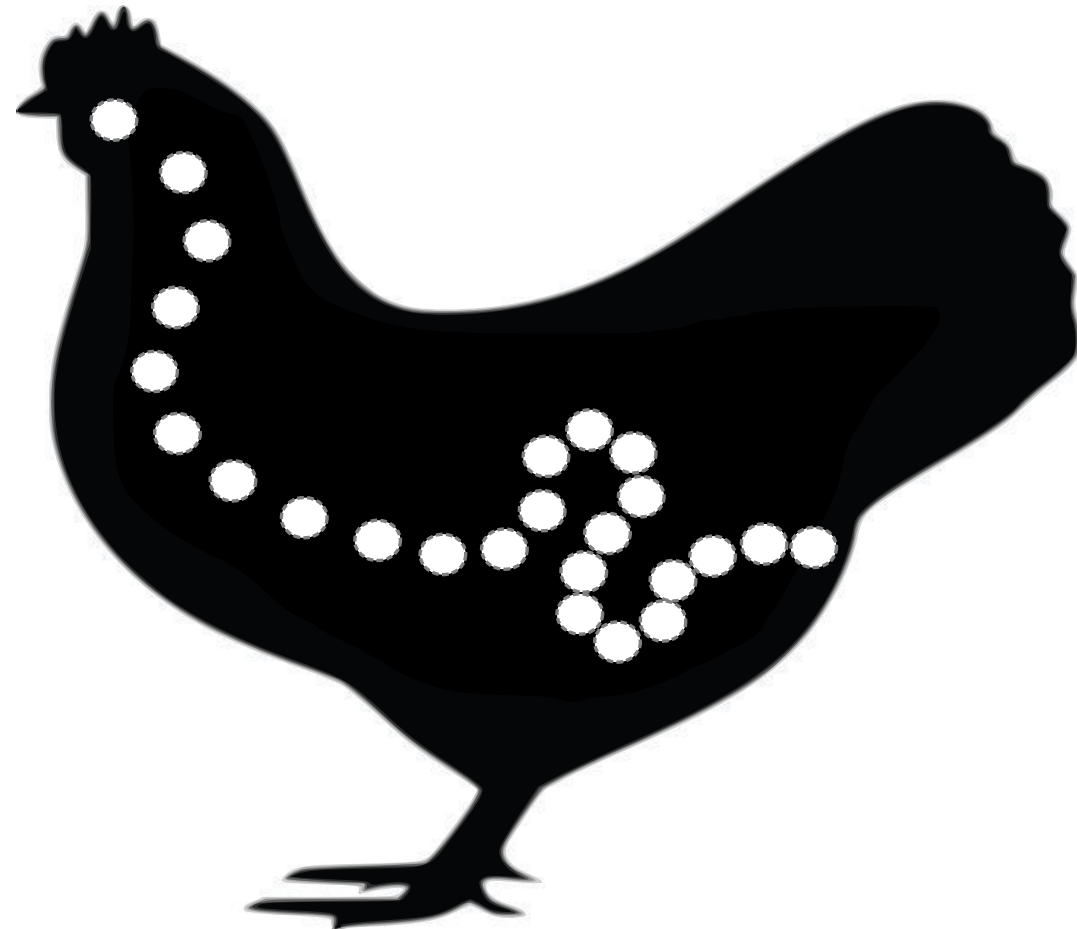
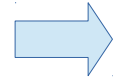
Contributions

- Plugins: put your code on github
- Patches: pull-requests on [github](#)
- Log your activity on [cocorico](#)

A bird's eye view of Coq's internals



```
Definition foo :=  
  fun x => x = 3.  
Print foo.
```



```
foo : fun x : nat => x = 3
```


Data types and transformations

string

```
Definition foo :=  
  fun x => x = 3.  
Print foo.
```

parsing

constr_expr (AST)

```
VernacDefinition( "foo",  
  DefinedBody(  
    CLambdaN([ "x", CHole],  
      CNotation( "_ = _",  
        [ CRef "x"; CPrim 3 ])))  
  VernacPrint (PrintName "foo")
```

glob_constr (untyped)

```
GLambda( "x", GHole,  
  GApp( GRef "Coq.Init.Logic.eq",  
    [ GHole;  
      GVar "x";  
      GApp( GRef "Coq.Init.Datatypes.S",  
        [... GRef "Coq.Init.Datatypes.O"...])]))
```

internalization

(notations, globals, implicit args)

pretyping
(De Bruijn idxs, coercions,...)

constr (typed)

```
Lambda( "x", Ind "Coq.Init.Datatypes.nat",  
  App( Ind "Coq.Init.Logic.eq",  
    [ Ind "Coq.Init.Datatypes.nat";  
      Rel 1;  
      App(Construct "Coq.Init.Datatypes.S",  
        [... Construct "Coq.Init.Datatypes.O"...])]))
```

Data types involved

string

```
fun x : nat => x = 3.
```

printing

constr_expr

```
CLambdaN([ "x", CRef "nat" ],  
  CNotation( "_ = _",  
    [ CRef "x"; CPrim 3 ] ))))
```

glob_constr

```
GLambda( "x", GRef "Coq.Init.Datatype.nat",  
  GApp( GRef "Coq.Init.Logic.eq",  
    [ GRef "Coq.Init.Datatypes.nat";  
      GVar "x";  
      GApp( GRef "Coq.Init.Datatypes.S",  
        [... GRef "Coq.Init.Datatypes.O" ...] ))))
```

externalization

constr

```
Lambda( "x", Ind "Coq.Init.Datatypes.nat",  
  App( Ind "Coq.Init.Logic.eq",  
    [ Ind "Coq.Init.Datatypes.nat";  
      Rel 1;  
      App( Construct "Coq.Init.Datatypes.S",  
        [... Construct "Coq.Init.Datatypes.O" ...] ))))
```

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Where's the code?

Frontend:
vernac.ml

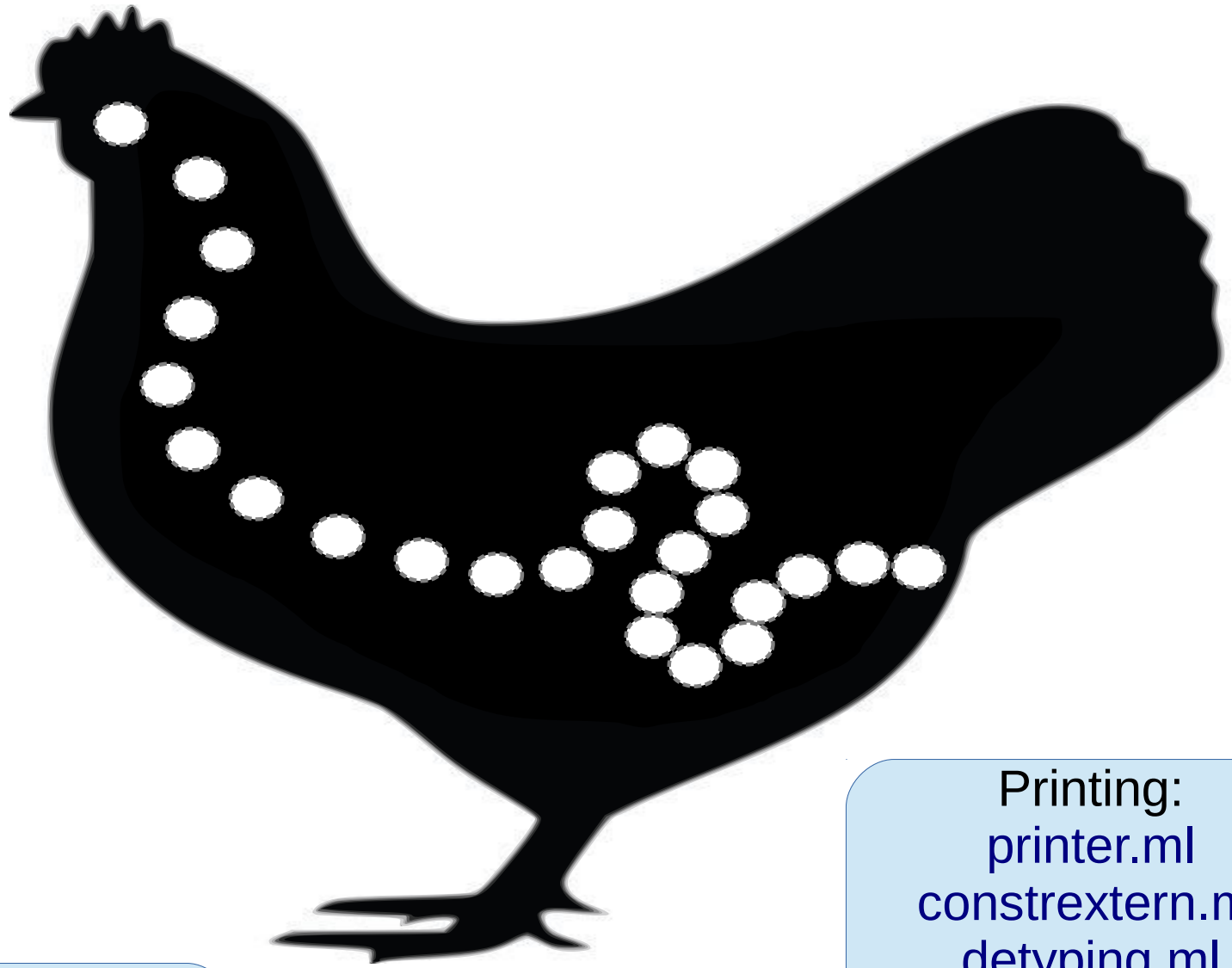
Parsing:
g_vernac.ml4 g_constr.ml4
vernac_expr constr_expr

Interpreter:
vernacentries.ml
(dumbglob.ml)

Term internalization:
constrintern.ml
notation.ml
glob_constr

Type inference:
pretyping.ml
constr

Printing:
printer.ml
constrextern.ml
detying.ml



Terms

- `constr.ml`: the term language (`termops.ml` for operations on it)
- `econstr.ml`: terms with `evars`, seen during typechecking and tactic execution
- `glob_constr.ml`: abstract syntax with names resolved, `implicit`s inserted
- `constr_expr.ml`: AST built from parsing

Directories

- bin/: built tools
- checker/: the coqchk tool
- dev/: info and utilities for developers (dev/doc/* is really useful)
- doc/ : the reference manual
- engine/ : the engine for type checking and tactics (terms with metavariables and interactive proof engine)
- grammar/ extensible camlp5 parsing grammar (for TACTIC EXTEND,VERNAC COMMAND EXTEND)
- ide/ coqide tool
- interp/ internalisation, manipulation of constr_expr AST and extensible parsing
- intf/ type definitions for AST expressions (constr_expr, vernac_expr) and globalized ones (glob_term.ml)
- kernel/ the kernel type checker, including conversion procedures, and safe environment handling interface, module checking
- lib/ general data structures library, + global flag handling
- library/ handling of “libraries”, environment with extra state (e.g. implicit args), name resolution
- ltac/ (plugins/ltac): the Ltac language, including extra tactics
- parsing/ camlp5 parser to the AST expressions
- plugins/ cc (congruence closure), extraction, firstorder, fourier, funind, micromega, nsatz, omega, quote, romeo, rtauto, setoid_ring, ssrmatching, syntax (numeral notations)
- pretyping/ type inference, pattern-matching compilation, unification, coercions, inductive scheme construction
- printing/ pretty-printers of ASTs
- proofs/ proof handling
- stm/ transactional machine to handle the document as a whole, scheduling proofs to workers, based on a revision system model
- tactics/ basic tactics (apply, rewrite, destruct, induction, injection, discriminate, auto/eauto, autorewrite...)
- test-suite/ regression test-suite, includes scripts from bugs and tests of features (not really unit-tests though)
- theories/ the Coq standard library
- tools/ coqdep/coq_makefile/...
- toplevel/ the coqtop top-level
- vernac/ vernacular commands implementation (Definition, Inductive, Section, Arguments, ...)

Developer Ressources

- PRs on github
- coqdev
- Bugzilla coq.inria.fr/bugs
- cocorico, see e.g. last year's presentations at [CoqIW2016](#)
- dev/doc/*
- gitter.im channel

Simple demo

- A plugin that implements a simple [intro] tactic and a vernacular command [Myprint]
- <http://github.com/mattam82/example-plugin>

Demo: Template-Coq

- A walkthrough of a realistic plugin with options, matching on terms and building
- Template-Coq reifies/quotes Coq declarations (Defs, Inductives) into a Coq datatype for the term syntax and environment.
- It also includes a meta-command to interpret this Coq datatype into terms (unquoting).

Roundtable

- Everybody with a project in mind talks about it for 5'
- So that we know what each one is going to do
- So that we know how to organize the work together, what expertise you might need.