

Papercode: Generating Paper-Based User Interfaces for Code Review, Annotation, and Teaching

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How can we generate a paper-based UI that supports code review, annotation, and teaching? To address this question, we developed **Papercode**, a system that formats source code for printing. Users can interact with that code on paper, make freehand annotations, then transfer annotations back to the computer by taking photos with a phone camera. Papercode optimizes code for on-paper readability with tunable heuristics such as code-aware line wraps and page breaks, references to function and global definitions, moving comments and short function calls into margins, and topologically sorting functions in dependency order.

