

PROD: A PROlog Documentation, and Delivery Tool

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Abstract PROD, a Prolog documentation system, is motivated and described.

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1 What?

PROD can be used to *document* or *deliver* a Prolog application:

Delivery: The current PROD distribution comes with a set of standard Prolog applications shown in Figure 1. These programs are written in the *PROD-compatible file convention* (described in §2.2.1) which simplifies using Prolog code from different programmers. PROD files are valid Prolog code that can be loaded into a Prolog interpreter, without modification.

Documentation: A PROD file also contains L^AT_EX commands inside Prolog’s comment characters; i.e. on a line after the % character or between `*...*` characters. That is, as a programmer writes their code they can add in comments which, subsequently, can be typeset.

The typeset form of a PROD document looks just like this document and includes a table of contents; a list of figures; automatic numbering of sections, figures, and citations. Also, all the Prolog code is displayed as verbatim text (in a typewriter font).

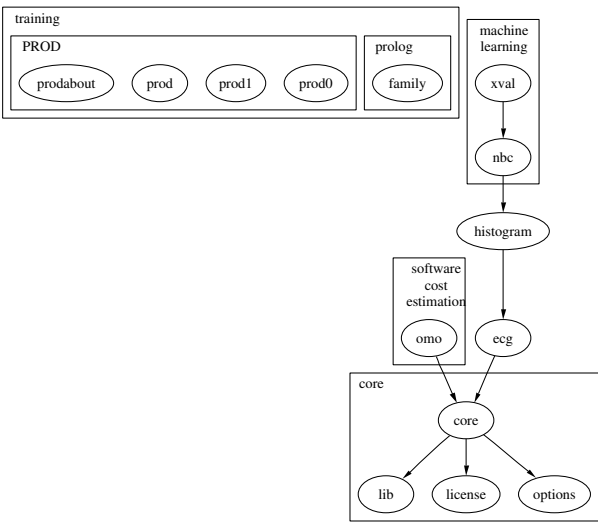


Fig. 1 Applications within the current release of PROD. $Y \rightarrow X$ indicates that Y has to first load X .

```

1  /*\documentclass[twocolumn,global]{svjour}
2  \usepackage{prod}\begin{document}
3
4  \theprogram{NAME}
5  \thetocdepth{2}
6  \thepapers{refs}
7  \thewp{PATHNAME}
8  \thetitle{TITLE}
9  \theauthor{AUTHOR1\inst{1},AUTHOR2\inst{2}}
10 \theinstitute{WHERE AUTHOR1 WORKS;\
11             \url{author1@email1.com},
12             \url{http://where.to.find.author1}
13             \and
14             WHERE AUTHOR2 WORKS}
15 \thereference{WVU, CSEE, AI lab memo \#3. Available from
16             \url{http://tim.menzies.com.pdf/03prod0.pdf}}
17 \theacknowledgement{ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS}
18 \theabstract{ONE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY}
19 */
20
21 %%% SECTION1 heading
22 /*
23 BODY OF DOCUMENT WITH A REFERENCE~\cite{swiprolog}.
24 */
25 %\input{prod0a}
26 We can include text like that shown in \fig{prod0a.tex}.
27 \SRC{prod0a.tex}{A sample include file.}
28
29 /* Some text to be typeset
30 */
31 %%% SECTION2 heading
32 /* Some text to be typeset
33 */
34 %%% SECTION3 heading
35 /* Some text to be typeset
36 */
37 %%% SECTION1 heading %<
38 somePrologCode :-
39     subGoal1,
40     subGoal2.
41 %>
42 /* Some text between code.
43 */
44 %<
45 someMorePrologCode :-
46     subGoal1,
47     subGoal2.
48 %>
49 /*
50 \theend
51 \end{document}
52 */

```

Fig. 2 prod0.pl, a sample PROD file.

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Figure 7, at the end of this document, lists other documents relating to PROD.

1.1 Inside a PROD file

Figure 2 shows a sample PROD file. When typeset, L^AT_EX converts this document to the PDF file shown at <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/prod0.pdf>. This file contains a *header*, a *preamble*, a *body*, and a *footer*.

1.1.1 The header and footer A PROD file begins with a standard *header*:

```

/*\documentclass[twocolumn,global]{svjour}
\usepackage{prod}\begin{document}

```

which starts a L^AT_EX document and loads the prod.sty style file. The file also ends with a standard *footer*:

```

/*
\theend
\end{document}
*/

```

1.1.2 The Preamble In between the footer and the header there is a *preamble* and a *body*. The preamble defines certain key parameters of the file using the following commands. For a detailed example of the use of these commands, see Figure 3.

`\theprogram{NAME}` : Defines the NAME of the program being described. I use very short names for my programs (less than 3 letters).

`\thetocdepth{LEVEL}` : Controls how detailed is the table of contents. A LEVEL=N, the table of contents only includes down to level N. For very short tables of contents, use N=1.

`\theref{FILE}` : Shows the location of the file FILE.bib which contains the citations for this file. For those not familiar with L^AT_EX's citation system, Figure 4 shows a sample of the refs.bib database.

`\thewp{PATHNAME}` : Shows where to find the source code file for this document.

`\thetitle{TITLE}` : Defines the TITLE of the paper.

`\theauthor{AUTHOR1 \inst{1}, AUTHOR2\inst{2}}` : Defines the AUTHORS and maps those authors to their INSTITUTIONS.

`\theinstitute{WORK PLACE}` : Defines where the AUTHORS work. Multiple INSTITUTIONS are separated by “and”.

`\thereference{REFERENCE}` : Where this paper appears and where it can be downloaded from.

`\theacknowledgement{ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS}` : Credit given where credit is due.

`\theabstract{ONE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY}` : A short summary of the paper.

Some of the above commands can be entered in a different order but, for safety's sake, it is best to use the above ordering for the preamble.

1.1.3 The Body The *body* of a PROD file contains Prolog source code embedded in L^AT_EX commands. Within the body, the following conventions hold:

- Anything found between %< and %> is preserved as verbatim text (e.g. see lines 44 to 48 of Figure 2).
- A line starting with %\command is converted to \command (e.g. line 25 of Figure 2).
- A *level 1 heading* is declared for text found after %%% (e.g. line 37 of Figure 2).
- A *level 2 heading* is declared for text found after %% (e.g. line 31 of Figure 2).
- A *level 3 heading* is declared for text found after % (e.g. line 34 of Figure 2).

In the case of level 1,2,3 headings:

```

\theprogram{PROD1}
\thetocdepth{2}
\therefs{refs}
\thepw{"menzies/src/pl/prod/prod0.tex}

\thetitle{An example of the {\PROD}\newline Prolog
delivery and documentation system}

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Available from
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Reference herein to any specific
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service by trade name, trademark,
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}

\theabstract{This document is a minimal example of
using the {\PROD} Prolog documentation and
delivery system.
}

```

Fig. 3 A sample PROD preamble from prod1.pl. The results of this preamble can be viewed at <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/prod1.pdf>.

- There can be no characters to the left of the comment characters.
- If the line ends in %<, then the heading is declared and verbatim text starts straight after the heading.

Currently, PROD does not support headings levels greater than 3.

```

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Title = "Prolog Programming for Artificial
Intelligence. (third edition)",
Publisher = "Addison-Wesley",
Year = 2001
}

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title = "Domain-Specific Knowledge Representations",
month = "Summer",
journal = "AI Expert",
year = "1989",
}

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YEAR = "1991",
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{K}nowledge {R}epresentation {Part Two}?",
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Note = "Available from
\url{http://swi.psy.uva.nl/projects/xpce/SWI-Prolog.html}."
}

```

Fig. 4 A sample L^AT_EX citation database.

2 How?

2.1 Installing

PROD comes as one `tar` directory with lots of included files. Email me at `tim@menzies.us` for that zip file. Just unzip it into a fresh directory.

If you just want to run a PROD application, all you need is a Prolog interpreter. A PROD file is a syntactically valid Prolog program that can be loaded into a Prolog interpreter without modification.

On the other hand, if you want to use PROD to document your code, then you'll need a working L^AT_EX, Prolog and Perl installation. Most UNIX installations have all three. But if you need to get your own system going under Windows, then the software shown in Figure 5 might be useful.

2.2 How to load a PROD system

PROD assumes that files come in a PROD-compatible format.

2.2.1 PROD-compatible applications A PROD-compatible Prolog system comprises several files:

1. A main load file called, say, `myfile.pl`. This main load file loads up to three other files.
2. `myfile0.pl`: a small set of pre-load actions.
3. `myfile1.pl`: the bulk of the code.
4. `myfile2.pl`: start-up actions to be performed after the code is loaded.
5. A documentation file called `myfile.pdf` auto-generated from `myfile.pl`.

2.2.2 Sample pre-load actions in `myfile0.pl`

- *Loads of other Prolog systems*: In the case where you are loading other PROD-compatible files, then you'll have to carefully inspect the pre-load and start-up actions of the systems you are loading. In the best case, you can just load the main files of the other PRODs. However, sometimes you have to skip loading those pre-load and start-up files, but weave their actions in with your own pre-loads and start-ups.
- *Operator definitions*.
- *Flags* such as what predicates are `dynamic`.
- *Hooks into the Prolog reader*: such as `'goal_expansion/2'` and `'term_expansion/2'`.
- *Hacks*: those shameful things we can't avoid. So we keep separate from the rest of our beautiful code in a separate section. And we don't talk too much about them. So let's go to a new section.

2.2.3 Start-up actions in `myfile2.pl` These are application-specific and may include actions like loading configuration files, then some domain-specific assertions, then calling the main processing predicate of the system.

2.3 How to document a PROD system

2.3.1 Starting from scratch To start writing PROD code, copy the `template.pl` (which comes with the standard PROD distribution) and rename it to (e.g.) `yourfile.pl`. Once that is done, then two programs are required to convert your code into a PDF format.

$$\text{yourfile.pl} \xrightarrow{\text{prep}} \text{yourfile.tex} \xrightarrow{\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}} \text{yourfile.pdf}$$

The `prep` and L^AT_EX programs are described below.

2.3.2 Prep: converting *.pl to *.tex The pre-processor `prep` converts the file (e.g.) `prep0.pl` to `prep0.tex`. It is convenient to create a file `preps` that lists all your files that will need prepping. For example:

```
perl prep file1
prep prep file2
```

When executed, this script looks for (e.g.) a `file.pl` and `file2.pl` and generates the files `file1.tex`, `file2.pl`. Note that during that translation,

- The characters `*` and `*\` are deleted. Hence, the characters on (e.g.) line 47 and 51 of Figure 2 are deleted.
- A line starting with `%\command` is converted to `\command` (e.g. line 24 of Figure 2).

The resulting *.tex file can then be converted to PDF using some L^AT_EX system.

2.3.3 L^AT_EX: converting *.tex to *.pdf On my UNIX system, the script `mytex` generates PDF files from L^AT_EX files, then copies it to my web site. The command line

`mytex prod0 03prod0`

takes Figure 2 and generates the file that can be viewed at <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03prod0.pdf>.

Incidentally, this file is <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03prod.pdf> and was generated using the command line

`mytex prod 03prod`

2.3.4 Load order and documentation order Sometimes, the order in which you load files into Prolog is *not* the order in which you want to explain an application. For example, consider an application containing some low-level support code. The support code may have to be loaded *first*, before the rest of the application can be loaded. However, in terms of motivating and explaining the application, you want to explain that support code *last*.

The solution to this problem is to separate the Prolog loads from the L^AT_EX loads. This technique is used in the `lib.pl` as follows. Note in the following code segment, the use of `\input{libX}` *after* the call to the Prolog `load_files`:

PERL:

- ✓ Perl can be downloaded from many sources. For example, it comes as part of the *CYGWIN* distribution from <http://xfree86.cygwin.com>.

PROLOG:

- ✓ Interpreters: SWI-Prolog <http://www.swi-prolog.org>.
- ✓ Editors:
 - Some of my students speak highly of the *Prolog IDE* editor <http://www.bildung.hessen.de/abereich/inform/skii/material/swing/indexe.htm>.
 - I prefer *EMACS*, a Windows version of which can be found at <http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/windows>
- \$ An excellent alternative to *EMACS* is *TEXTPAD*: <http://www.textpad.com/download/>. It has ignorable nag screens which can be removed for \$27 (ish).
- A simpler editor, that is free, and has a smaller footprint, is *PFE*. Its a very useful editor and it can be installed without super users. <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/people/cpaap/pfe/>.

L^AT_EX:

- Postscript processing
 - ✓ *GHOSTSCRIPT* and *GSVIEW* are the core postscript processing utilities: <http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost>.
- A L^AT_EX compiler:
 - ✓ *MIKTEX* is a good Windows-based L^AT_EX distribution: <http://www.miktex.org>
 - L^AT_EX training material can be found in many places including <http://www.ling.upenn.edu/advice/latex.html>. For this page you can find the very excellent:
 - Quick start directions: <http://www.ling.upenn.edu/advice/latex/starting.html>
 - The Not So Short Introduction to L^AT_EX (highly recommended): <ftp://ftp.tex.ac.uk/tex-archive/info/lshort/english/lshort.pdf>. This document may also be found with the standard PROD distribution.
 - Guide to Including Graphics <http://www.ling.upenn.edu/advice/latex/grfguide.pdf>
- Editing L^AT_EX:
 - ✓\$ Under Windows, *WINEDT* is the recommended L^AT_EX editor: <http://www.winedt.com>. It has some ignorable nag screens which can be removed for \$30 (ish).
- Viewing the output. L^AT_EX generates DVI files, postscript files, and Acrobat files.
 - ✓ DVI files can be viewed using the *YAP* viewer that comes with *MIKTEX*.
 - ✓ Postscript files can be viewed using the *GSVIEW* program from <http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost>.
 - ✓ The Acrobat reader can be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.
- Plotting scientific data:
 - The *GNUplot* utility from <http://www.gnuplot.vt.edu/> can generate postscript plots of scientific data.
- Drawing packages:
 - \$ *MAYURA DRAW* is a vector drawing utility for creating SVG and EPS illustrations: <http://www.mayura.com/>. It can be used for free for 30 days (ish) then a registration must be bought for \$30 (ish).
 - The amazingly useful, and very small, *jpeg2ps* converts any JPEG file to an eps: <http://www.pdfplib.com/jpeg2ps/>. Now, any graphic that can be converted to a JPEG can be EPS-ed and included into a L^AT_EX document.
 - And to convert anything to JPEG, use *IRFANVIEW*: <http://www.irfanview.com>
 - Finally, if you can't import it any other way, get it on the screen, screen size it with *SCREENSIZE* (<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,4149,10206,00.asp>, copy and paste it to *IRFANVIEW* then *jpeg2ps* it.
- Auto-layout of directed and undirected graphs:
 - *DOT*: The GRAPHVIZ distribution from Bell Labs contains the *DOT* graph layout and visualization tool: www.research.att.com/sw/tools/graphviz. *DOT* can generate EPS files.
- Spell checking L^AT_EX:
 - The *ISPELL* checker is a good UNIX-based spell checker. Most UNIX installations integrate it with *EMACS*.
 - *WINEDT* has a good editor.

Fig. 5 Support code for PROD, under Windows. For a minimal installation, only get the items marked with ✓. This software is freeware, except the items marked with \$.

```

1 latex $1 > /dev/null
2 grep "Warning:" $1.log
3 bibtex $1 > /dev/null
4 grep "Warning:" $1.blg
5 latex $1 > /dev/null
6 latex $1 > /dev/null
7 dvips -q $1.dvi -o $1.ps
8 ps2pdf $1.ps $1.pdf
9 rm $1.ps # save space- zap postscript file
10 cp $1.pdf $HOME/public_html/pdf/$2.pdf
11 chmod a+r
$HOME/public_html/pdf/$2.pdf

```

Fig. 6 mytex: generating pdf files from L^AT_EX, then copying the result to a web-enable directory so it can be browsed. Assumes that the directory \$HOME/public_html/pdf/ has already been generated. The call to bibtex on line 3 generates the bibliography. The multiple passes through L^AT_EX on lines 5 and 6 fix up all the bibliography and figure references.

```

%%% Installation %<
:- load_files([lib0 % pre-load actions
              ,lib1 % predicates
              ,lib2 % start-up commands
              ],[silent(yes),if(changed)]).

%>
%\input{lib0}
%\input{lib1}
%\input{lib2}

```

One nice side-effect of this technique is that the PROD source code can be divided up into simple chunks. The files lib0.pl, lib1.pl, and lib2.pl only contain PROD body content since the PROD header, preamble and footer is only needed once in the lib.pl container file.

3 Known Bugs

1. Fonts are a problem. If I use the standard Computer Modern font, the preview looks bad on the web. But if I use Times, then sometimes I get funny £ characters in the font. So, for now, I use Times in order to get decent web previews.

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1. *prod1.pl* : “An example of the PROD Prolog delivery and documentation system.”
Available from <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03prod1.pdf>.
2. *prod.pl* : “A PROlog Documentation, and Delivery Tool”.
Available from <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03prod.pdf>.
3. *prod0.pl* : “TITLE”: a bare-bones minimal example of PROD.
Available from <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03prod0.pdf>.
4. *prodabout.pl* : “Motivations”: the why and who of PROD.
Available from <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03prodabout.pdf>.
5. *family.pl* : “A family database”: documentation of a very simple Prolog family database.
Available from <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03family.pdf>.
6. *lib.pl* : “Commonly used predicates”:
Available from <http://tim.menzies.com/pdf/03lib.pdf>.

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