**Software Engineering Term Project Report**

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**1. Requirements**

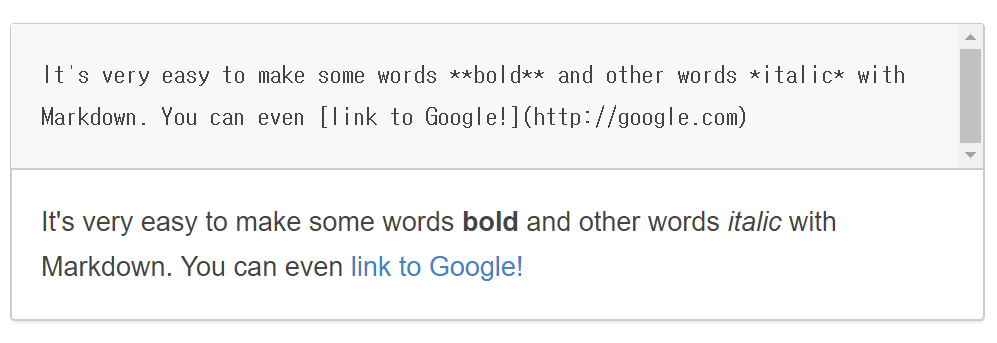
1) Requirements Description

In this project, we are required that implements Markdown Converter program that can convert Markdown documents to HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language) documents which given four files with limited syntax. On the progress of the project, one is required that design own AST (Abstract Syntax Tree) of Markdown representation from the given skeleton of structures. With the implementation, Unit test result with maximum branch coverage should be fulfilled. Writing build script in Ant[[1]](#footnote-1) was one of the requirement that must be achieved.

2) About Markdown

Markdown-mark.svg

Markdown is a lightweight markup language with plain text formatting syntax. It is designed so that it can be converted to HTML and many other formats using a tool by the same name. It is used to format readme files, for writing messages in online discussion forums, and to create rich text using a plain text editor. While Markdown is a minimal markup language and is read and edited with a normal text editor, there are specially designed editors that preview the files with styles, which are available for all major platforms.[[2]](#footnote-2) Following is example of Markdown document and its result used in Github.

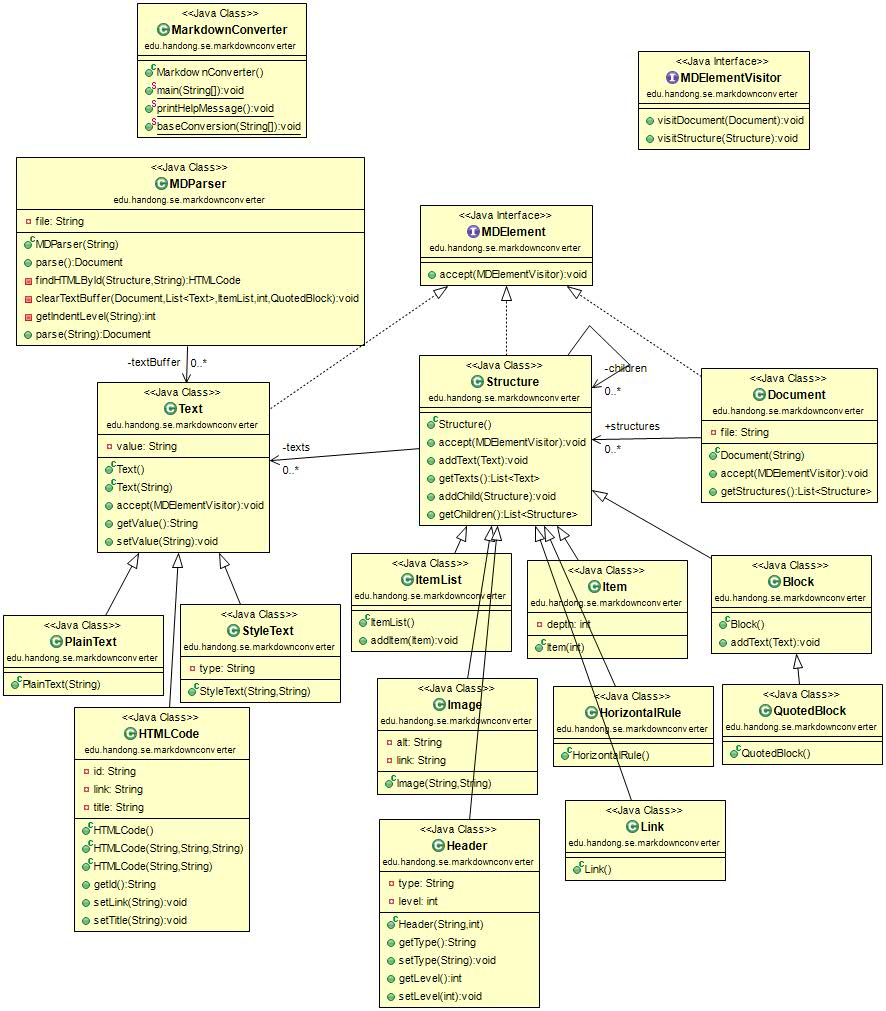
  
 **Figure 1** Markdown syntax and result

3) Technical Requirements

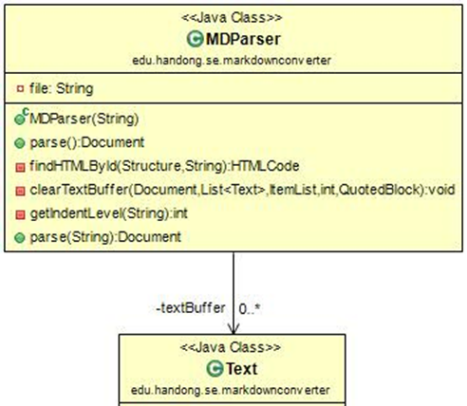
* Version Control: git
* Product Repository: Github
* Implementation Language: Java
* Unit Testing and coverage reporting: JUnit, Jacoco
* Build Script: Ant
* Format of Input and Output: Markdown, HTML (HyperText Markup Language)

**2. Software Design**

1) Class Design

**Figure 2** Class Diagram (UML)

The MD Parser fetches the md file via the Document type method parse. And we use textBuffer of Text class to distinguish text. The texts are divided into Plain Text, HTML Code, and Style Text. Text is then referred to by Structure. The structure is then inherited by Item List, Image, Header, Item, Horizontal Rule, Link, Block, and Quoted Block. The Structure refers to the structure. In this way, classes that implement MD Element are formed.

MDParser classifies files read through the document type parse function. It then uses the findHTMLByid, clearTextBuffer, and getIndentLevel methods to handle the html-related work or to delete the textbuffer. If you look at the clearTextBuffer method, you can see that the parameter receives Document, List <Text>, ItemList, int, and QuotedBlock values. This also shows that MDParser is doing a lot of things.

Second, let's look at the Text class. The Text class is divided into three categories: Plain Text, Style Text, and HTML Code. When text represents bold or code, it is classified as Style Text. Likewise, if the text is part of the HTML code, it is classified as HTML code.

Figure 3 MDParser and Text Class

The Structure includes Item List, Header, Item, Horizontal Rule, Link, Block, and Quoted Block that were not included in Text. Each inherits a structure that is not text, and the structure uses that information to get the text of the Text class. We also formed a visitor pattern by throwing itself to the MDElementVisitor. Header has type and level variables, so you can get and export each value with getType, setType, getLevel, setLevel method, and get type and level value with Header function.

 Document creates a file and makes the file received by the Document function its own file. Then throw yourself to the MDElementVisitor to use the vistor pattern like Structure. As shown in the MDParser section above, parse is used at that time by using the Document type.

The MDElementVisitor takes a Structure object and a Document object as shown above and forms a visitor pattern. The visitor pattern is a design pattern that separates the algorithm from the object structure. This separation allows you to add new actions without modifying the structure.

Figure 4 Visitor Class

2) Design Issues

The design issue was how to design the Markdown syntax, clarify the ambiguities in the Markdown syntax, and more. There are many items. We did not know how to distinguish. We were worried about whether we had to divide it into a Block Element and a Span Element, as shown in the text, or to bundle the code and the code block together. In the meantime, we have found a site that has Markdown as AST.

There were contents that were not listed in the text given. So we refer to that site and we were worried about what to choose because of the different classification method. The text includes Paragraph and Line Breaks, Headers, Block quotes, Lists, Code Blocks, Horizontal Rules, Links, Emphasis, Code, Images. The site contained elements that were not in the text. The elements include root, inline code, YAML, HTML, List Item, Table-Row, Table-Cell, Thematic Break, Break, Strong, Delete, Footnote, Link Reference, Footnote Reference, Definition, Footnote Definition, have.

When we looked at the site, we thought that there was an infinite way to make structure. So, finally, the structure was selected by selecting the minimum element. And those that consist of text, such as HTML code, are classified in other classes which inherited Text class.

**3. Build and Test**

1) Ant Script

For organizing the implemented java program, we write build script in Ant. It is in charge of prepare, complie, build, test and so on.

Following is brief description of ant script.

* Init ($ ant init): Sets up some directories that are used to store class files which are created by compiling source files and Javadoc files.
* Compile ($ ant compile): Compiles source files and store class files to ‘bin’ (directory for compiled files) directory.
* Doc ($ ant doc): Creates Javadoc files of source files to ‘doc’ (directory for compiled files) directory.
* Clean ($ ant clean): Removes bin, doc, report directory and jacoco.exec file.
* Build ($ ant build): Compile java source files and store class files to ‘bin’ directory.
* Test ($ ant test): Runs tests from the Junit testing framework. This runs tests from the JUnit testing framework. Definition of path of build directory, junit.jar file, hamcrest-core.jar file is done. And this defines a single test class whose name is ‘MDParserTest’.
* Cov-test ($ ant cov-test): Adds code coverage recording to Test task.
* Cov-report ($ cov-report): Creates report of coverage test in ‘report’ directory. The status before and after the cov-report command is executed is shown in the following figure.

Each instruction has a dependency relation. Since cov-report relies on cov-test, cov-test depends on build, and build depends on init, the dependencies are executed first when cov-report is executed.

The relationship of each command is shown in follwing figure.

  
**Figure 5** Dependency Diagram of Ant script

2) Test and coverage

The main purpose of the test is to get the maximum branch coverage possible, and in order to do this we have to make sure that all the branches in the conditional statement are working correctly.  
- Test requirement

The goal is to set a maximum of 100% and achieve the maximum branch coverage as possible.

- Coverage metrics

a. Use Junit test to achieve the maximum branch coverage.

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| package test;  import org.junit.Test;  import static org.junit.Assert.\*;  import edu.handong.se.markdownconverter.\*;  public class MDParserTest  {  // ……  @Test  public void textTest1() {  Text t = new Text();  String testText = "Hello";  t.setValue(testText);  String getTestText = t.getValue();  assertEquals(testText, getTestText);  }  // ……  } |

To write tests for Junit, we need to use the the methods of junit.assert. So we imported junit.Assert and junit.Test. And, as in the example code above, we used the assertEquals method to check whether the get method works well.

b. Use an Ant build script to unit-test project

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| <project name="2017-SE-Team-8" default="compile" basedir="." xmlns:jacoco="antlib:org.jacoco.ant">  <target name="test" depends ="build">  <junit showoutput="true" printsummary="on" enabletestlistenerevents="true" fork="true">  <classpath path="${build.dir}" />  <classpath path="lib/junit.jar" />  <classpath path="lib/hamcrest-core.jar" />  <formatter type="plain" usefile="false" />  <test name="test.MDParserTest"> </test>  </junit>  </target>  ……. |

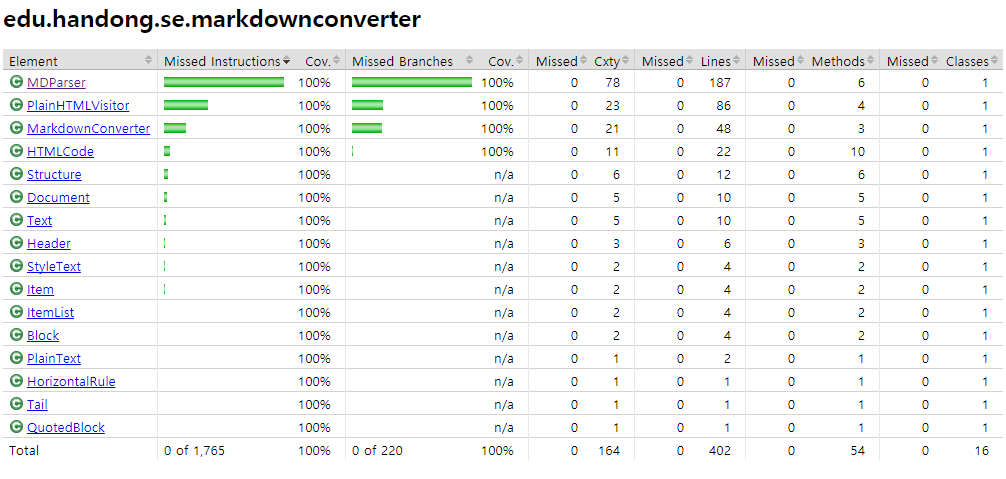
We set the target name to test and specify the classpath and the file to be executed. Through this, if the user enters ‘ant test’ at the terminal, the program will proceed the test.

c. Use Jacoco to measure the branch coverage of the Junit test

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| <target name="cov-report" depends="cov-test">  <jacoco:report>  <executiondata>  <file file="jacoco.exec" />  </executiondata>  <structure name="MDconverter">  <classfiles>  <fileset dir="${build.dir}" />  </classfiles>  <sourcefiles>  <fileset dir="${source.dir}" />  </sourcefiles>  </structure>  <html destdir="report" />  </jacoco:report>  </target> |

It reports the coverage measurement in HTML file. We can add code coverage to these tasks by simply wrap the codes like the above example.

- Coverage

  
 **Figure 6** JaCoCo Coverage report

As we can see, the total number of branches in our source code is 220. Most of them are MarkdownConverter, which is the main class of code, MDParser, which provides parsing, and PlainHTMLVisitor, which acts as a visitor.

- Coverage Criterion

False branches of assertion statements can be ignored.

- Test cases

a. The user input the wrong command

John wants to convert the MD file to HTML. However, when he first ran the program, he did not know how to use the program, so he entered the wrong command. In this case, the program determines whether the command entered by the user is a command for proper operation, and outputs a help message if it is not.

b. Wrong file name

Jane created the MD file to be converted and entered the filename into the program. However, she made the mistake of typing the name of a file that did not exist, unlike the MD file she created. In this case, the program checks whether a file matching the input file name exists in the path, and if there is no file, it catches IOException and prints an error message.

c. Case that works normally

Mary entered the MD file normally into the program, and the program added the link and heading from the existing file contents to the new HTML file according to the procedure. And eventually she got the converted HTML file successfully.

- Issues on testing

Most of the problems that were difficult to test were things that happened when you were testing assuming that the user gave the wrong input. Especially, it seems to be more difficult because there are so many unpredictable possibilities. So, when we made the code, we took some defensive code to prevent the wrong input, which was rather difficult part of the test. For example, if an exception occurs, a conditional statement such as if causes the program to stop and exit. However, if a program has already exited the function by these conditions at the beginning of the code, then no such exception occurred in the middle of the function. It took a lot of time to find these misses.

In addition, in the case of conditional statements, there were many conditional statements with more than two conditions. In these cases, if 'or' is used in the condition, the first condition is satisfied, and the following condition does not occur, so branch coverage is missed. To clear all of these misses, the number of inputs that we have to enter has varied, and this has also been a very complicated problem.

And at the beginning of the test, there was a difficulty with inputting null values or entering nonexistent files. in terminal I was able to throw an exception through a method that gave no value, but I was not very good at it because I did not know how to make this case when I was writing test code. However, in the end, I was able to solve the problem by finding a way to create a new empty string array through distress and search.

**4. Manual**

Since the project is implemented in Java language, it is no requirement for running environment which means can run on the major OS (Windows, Mac, Linux), but it require at least Java version 6. Each of commands must be executed on the root directory of the project.

1) Compile

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| $ ant compile |

2) Build (jar)

It creates java jar package on the root directory of the project

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| $ ant build-jar |

3) Test and generate coverage reports

The report must be generated in report directory.

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| $ ant cov-report |

4) Clean

This command delete all the generated file in the project such as class files, report, binary.

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| $ ant clean |

5) Run

Once the build-jar command executed, the java jar binary file must be placed in the root directory, and it is main program file of this project. The jar file can be executed with -jar option.

There are options for indicate the input files (Markdown documents) and also output files (HTML files). If the output files are missing, the output files will be generated with the input file name with .html extension. When the argument or options are wrong, the running option will be displayed.

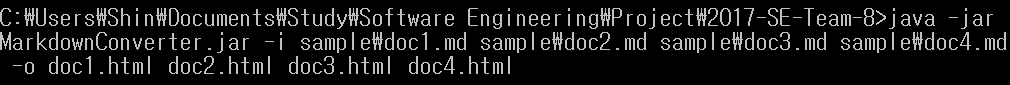
Options:

* -i, --input [input files]: Markdown file(s) to be converted to HTML file.
* -o, --output [output files]: HTML file(s) to be converted from Markdown file.
* -h, --help: Show help messages.

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| $ java -jar MarkdownConverter.jar -i sample/doc1.md sample/doc2.md -o doc1.html doc2.html |

**5. Program Demo**

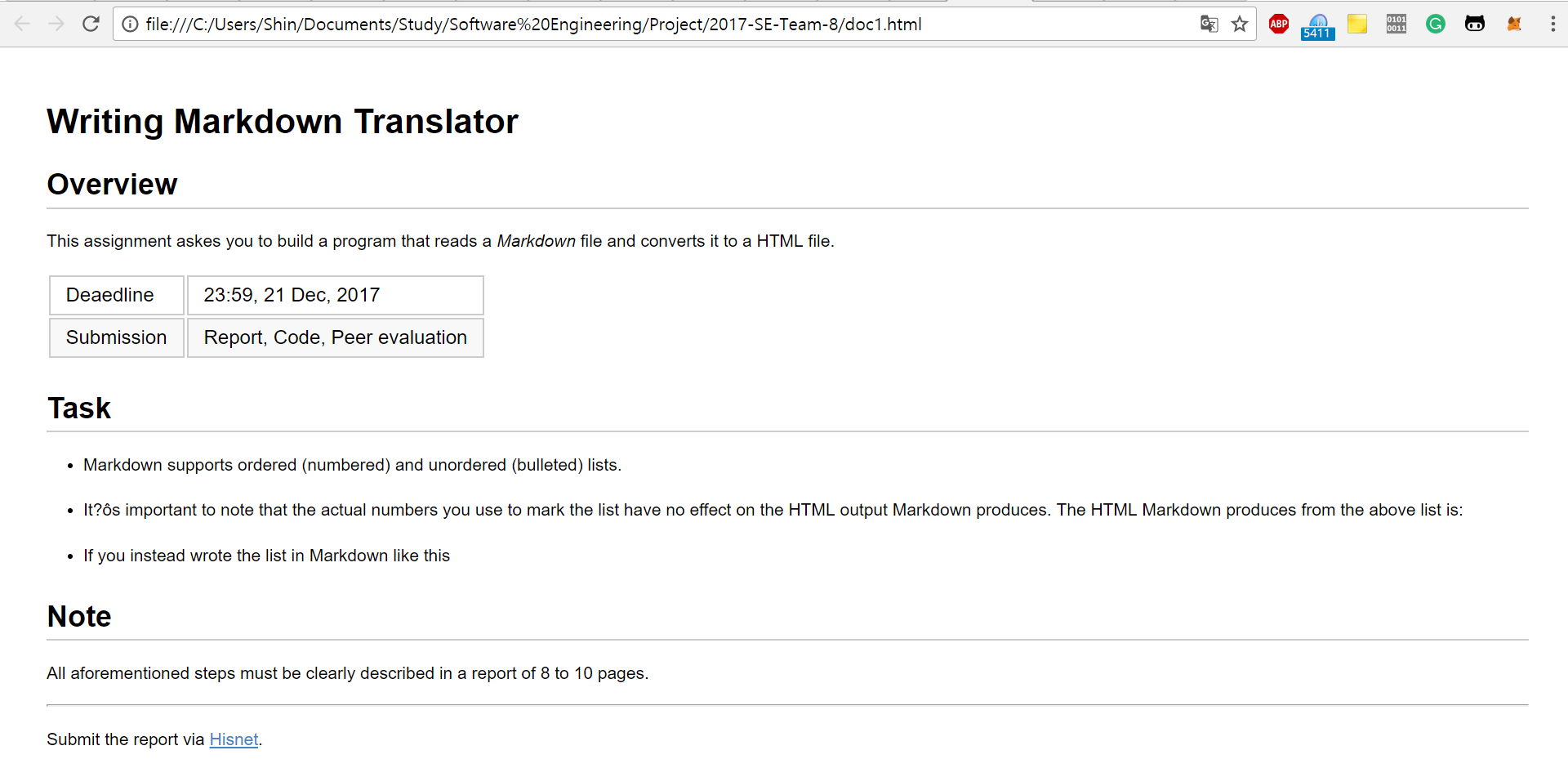
1. Run the program (MarkdownConverter.jar) with sample input files. (doc1.md ~ doc4.md)

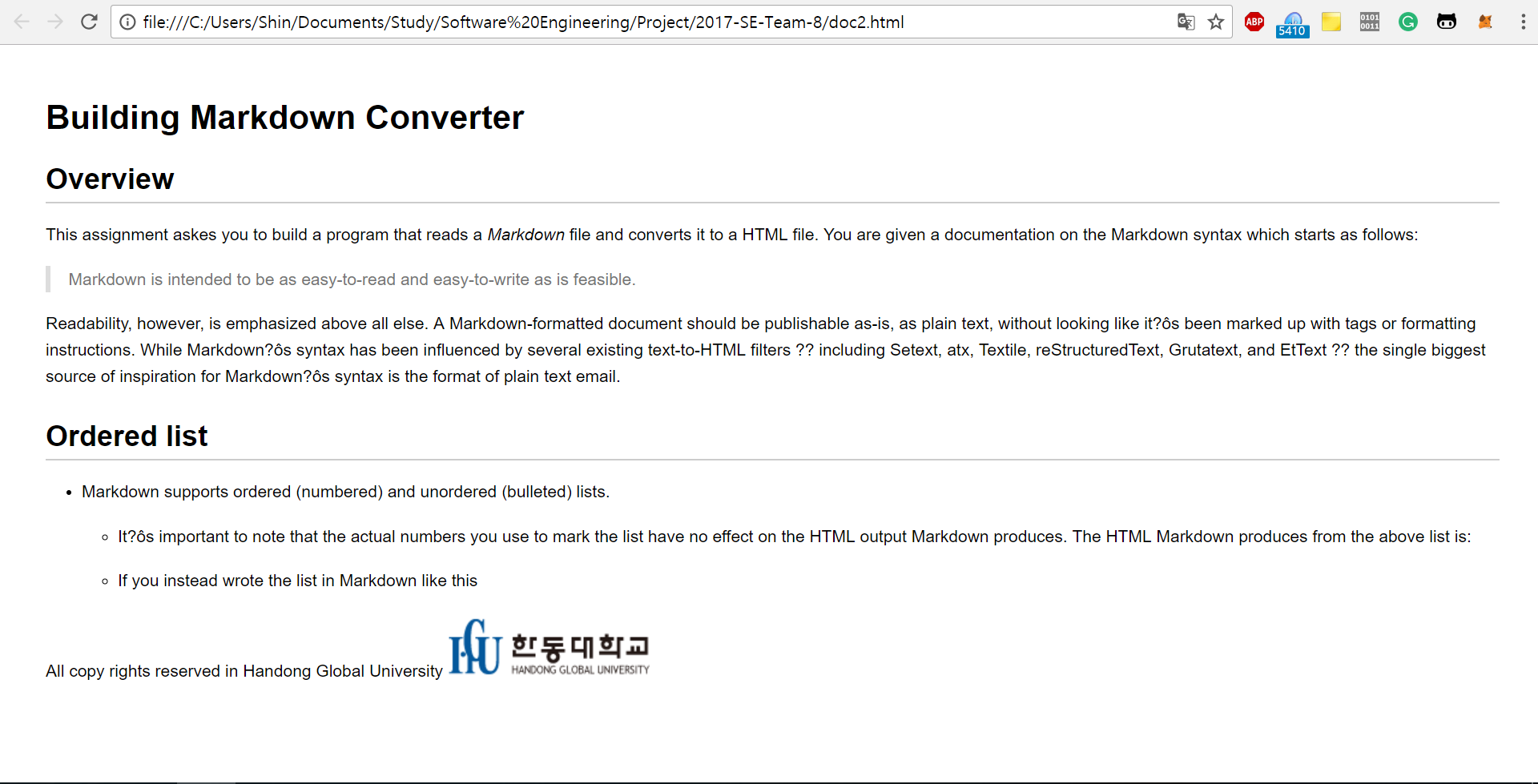


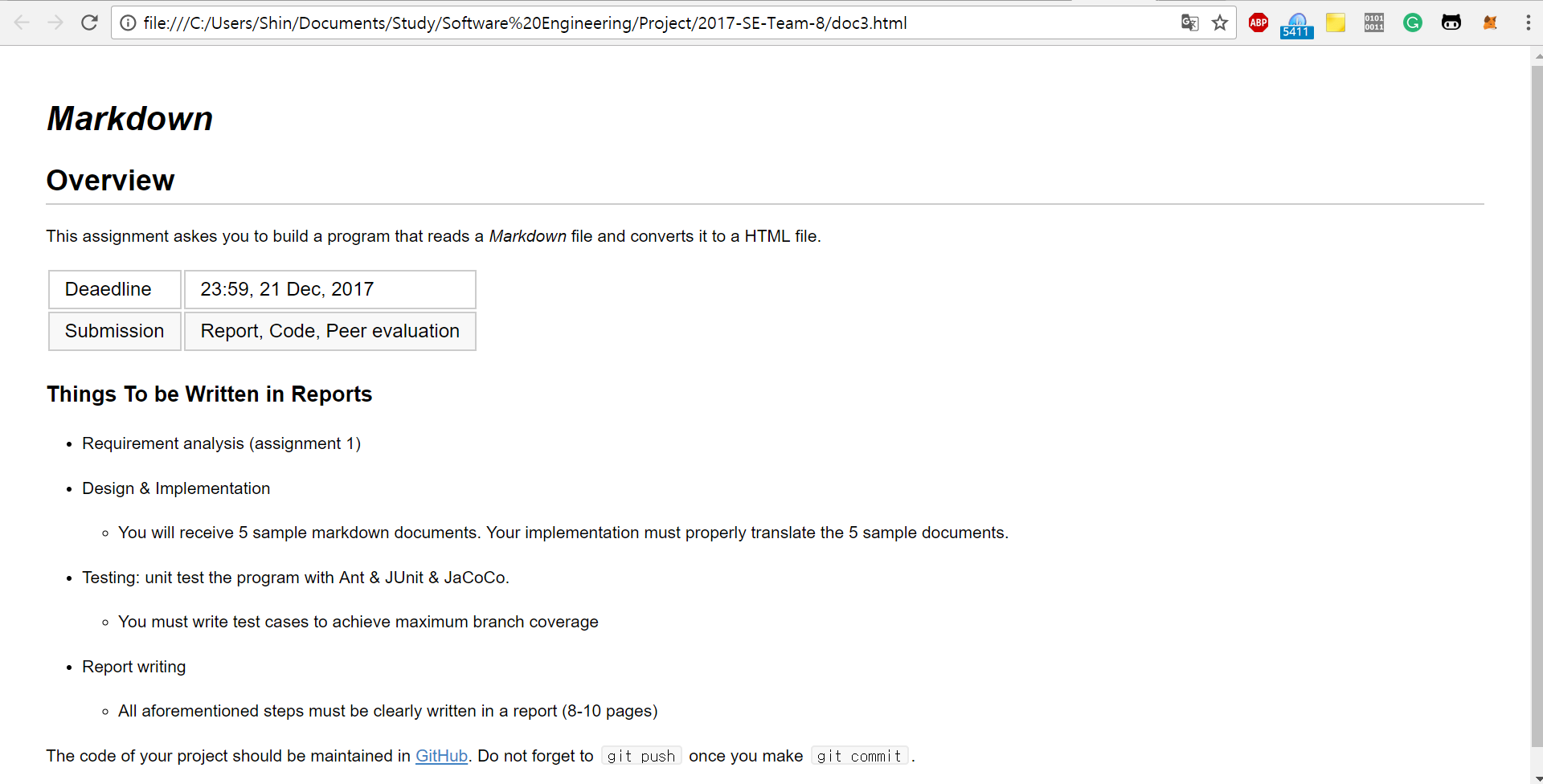
2. The output html files will be generated on the root directory.

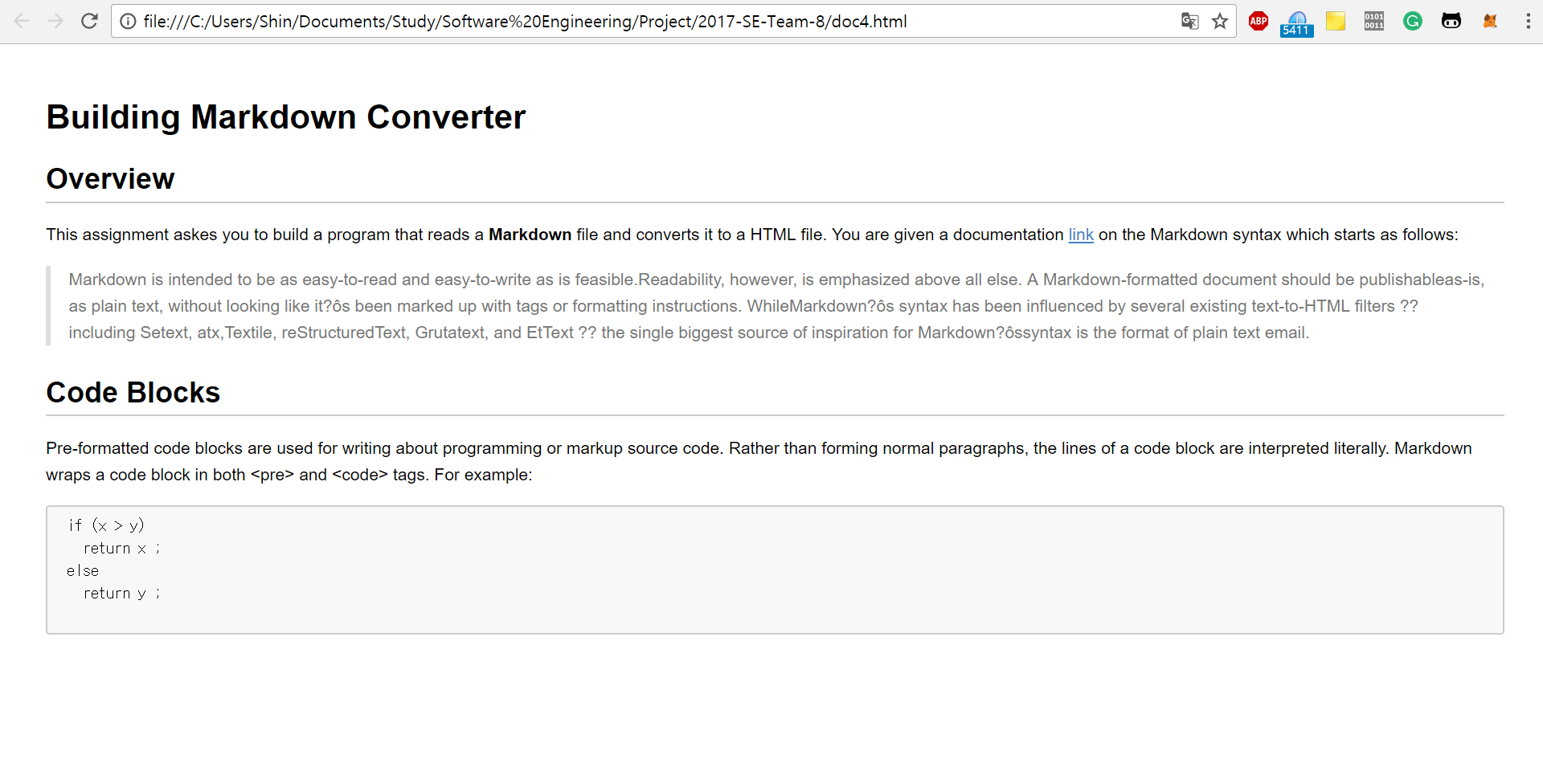


3. The output html files are displayed on the web browser as follow.

  
**Figure 7** doc1.html

  
**Figure 8** doc2.html

  
**Figure 9** doc3.html

  
**Figure 10** doc4.html

1. General usage of Ant is the build of Java applications. It supplies a number of built-in tasks allowing to compile, assemble, test and run Java applications. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markdown [↑](#footnote-ref-2)