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# **yWorks UML Doclet 3.0\_02 User's Guide**

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## 1. Introduction

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Welcome to the *yWorks UML Doclet User's Guide*.

This guide explains how to use *yWorks UML Doclet* or **yDoc** for short, a javadoc extension (more specifically a doclet/taglet bundle) that provides

- functionality to auto-generate, customize, and include UML diagrams in the API documentation of your Java products
- a filter interface which allows for custom suppression of class, field, or method documentation
- an easy to use mechanism for defining simple custom tags via XML

Although, yDoc is designed in such a way that it allows user's to continue using all the features they know from standard javadoc, some basic knowledge about javadoc usage in general and doclet usage specifically is required to successfully use yDoc.

Detailed information on javadoc is available at <http://java.sun.com/j2se/javadoc/>.

Detailed information on doclets is available at

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/guide/javadoc/doclet/overview.html>.

## 2. System Requirements

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yDoc 3.0\_02 requires JDK 1.5.0 or JDK 1.6.0 installed on your system.

To view UML class diagrams in SVG or SVGZ format, you either need a browser with native SVG support or a SVG plug-in. For Microsoft Internet Explorer, you can download one such plug-in from the [Adobe SVG](#) website. To view UML class diagrams in SWF format, you need a browser with a Flash Player plug-in. Flash Player plug-ins are available from [Adobe](#), too.

If you want to run yDoc under Unix/Linux operating systems, you need to have an X server installed and running, since yDoc makes use of the java awt and/or swing packages (for UML generation only).

### 3. Installing yDoc

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Unzip the yDoc archive (ydoc-3.0\_02-jdk1.4.zip or ydoc-3.0\_02-jdk1.5.zip respectively) into a directory of your choice. It will create a lib/, a doc/, and a resources/ subdirectory.

The lib directory contains the java classes you need to run the ydoc expansion as jar libraries.

The doc directory contains the yDoc User's Guide in HTML and PDF format, the DocFilter and PathResolver API Documentation in HTML format, and several usage samples.

The resources directory contains various configuration files which you can use to customize the behaviour of the yDoc expansion. See [Configuring yDoc](#) and [Using the XML driven taglet factory](#) for more details.

## 4. Running yDoc

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Basically you run javadoc. The only difference is, that you tell javadoc to use the facilities provided by yDoc as a plug-in.

Read on for detailed information on how to do that. You can skip this part, if you are already familiar with using custom doclets for javadoc.

### Using the yDoc doclet

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We recommend running javadoc either using a build tool such as [ANT](#) (version 1.5.2 or better) or directly from commandline. Before running javadoc from commandline, put your commandline options into a file called "options" and run javadoc by invoking `javadoc @options @packages` where "packages" is the filename of a file containing the java packages you want to be documented.

See [yDoc Quick Start](#) for simple examples on how to use yDoc.

For detailed documentation on the javadoc options, see the javadoc tool homepage at <http://java.sun.com/j2se/javadoc/index.html>.

To use the yDoc expansion the following options are especially important:

- **-docletpath** *docletpathlist*  
This option tells javadoc where to look for the yDoc expansion. The *docletpathlist* must contain the path to the library ydoc.jar  
    `<ydoc_install_dir>/lib/ydoc.jar`  
and the resources directory  
    `<ydoc_install_dir>/resources`  
**Important:**  
If you want to use the yDoc UML generation, *docletpathlist* must also contain the path to your *compiled, unobfuscated* Java class files (\*.class), for which you want to generate the API documentation, and to all libraries needed to compile your Java source files.
- **-doclet** *ydoc.doclets.YStandard*  
The **-doclet ydoc.doclets.YStandard** option finally tells javadoc to actually use the YStandard doclet, which is the core class of the ydoc expansion.

See [yDoc Features](#) for information on (custom) commandline options and on how to use the specific capabilities of yDoc.

A sample options file on a Win32 operating system could look like this:

```
-d <destination directory>
-sourcepath <source directory>
-breakiterator
-generic
-umlautogen
-author
-docletpath <YID>/lib/ydoc.jar;<YID>/resources;<some path>/myapp.jar
-doclet ydoc.doclets.YStandard
-filterpath <YID>/lib/ydoc.jar
-filter ydoc.filters.ExcludeFilter
-tagletpath <YID>/lib/ydoc.jar
-tag param
-tag return
```

```
-tag see
-ytag y.uml
```

where `<YID>` denotes the `<ydoc_install_dir>`.

On Unix/Linux operating systems, you will have to use " : " as a path separator instead of " ; ".

## Using the yDoc doclet from within a Java IDE

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### Running yDoc from within Eclipse 3

1. Select *Export* from the *File* menu.
2. Choose *Javadoc* from *Select an export destination*.  
Go to the next tab.
3. Select *Use Custom Doclet* then specify *Doclet name* and *Doclet class path*.  
Name has to be `ydoc.doclets.YStandard` and path has to be `<yid>/lib/ydoc.jar`.  
`<yid>` denotes the absolute path to the yDoc directory.  
Go to the next tab.
4. Add in *Extra Javadoc options*  
`-docletpath <yid>/resources`  
If your sources depend on additional libraries, you also need to append the path to these libraries to the above line.  
Any other options you want to use, e.g. `-d <destination>` or `-umlautogen`, need to be specified in this input area, too.
5. Optionally, add `-J-Xmx1024m` in *VM options*.  
You may want to play with the numerical value depending on available RAM and project size.

### Running yDoc from within IntelliJ Idea 6

1. Select *Generate JavaDoc ...* from the *Tools* menu.
2. Add in *Other command line arguments*  
`-docletpath "<yid>/lib/ydoc.jar" -doclet ydoc.doclets.YStandard -resourcepath "<yid>/resources"`  
`<yid>` denotes the absolute path to the yDoc directory.  
If your sources depend on additional libraries, you also need to append the path to these libraries to the `-docletpath` option.  
Any other options you want to use, e.g. `-d <destination>` or `-umlautogen`, need to be specified in this input field, too.

3. Click *Start*.

Running yDoc from within Netbeans 5.5

1. Switch to *Projects* view.
2. Open context menu for *Source Packages* (by right clicking).  
Choose *Properties*.
3. Expand *Build*.  
Choose *Documenting*.
4. Add in *Additional Javadoc Options*  
`-docletpath "<yid>/lib/ydoc.jar" -doclet ydoc.doclets.YStandard -resourcepath "<yid>/resources"`  
 <yid> denotes the absolute path to the yDoc directory.  
 If your sources depend on additional libraries, you also need to append the path to these libraries to the `-docletpath` option.  
 Any other options you want to use, e.g. `-d <destination>` or `-umlautogen`, need to be specified in this input field, too.
5. Choose *Generate Javadoc for "<project name>"* from the *Build* menu.

## yDoc Quick Start

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This section demonstrates how to use yDoc to generate a Javadoc page of a sample class that will automatically include an UML diagram depicting that class.

- **yDoc from commandline**

Look in <YID>/doc/**examples** for sample options files and sample Java sources to test yDoc.

All you need to do is invoking javadoc in <ydoc\_install\_dir> with either  
[javadoc @doc/examples/options.sample.linux](#)

or

[javadoc @doc/examples/options.sample.win32](#)  
 depending on your operating system.

- **yDoc in ANT**

Using ANT 1.5.2 or better, you can use ANT's javadoc task to run yDoc.

Look in <YID>/doc/**examples** for a sample ANT build file and sample Java sources to test yDoc.

All you need to do is invoking ant in <ydoc\_install\_dir> with  
[ant -buildfile doc/examples/build-sample.xml test-ydoc](#)

The generated API pages can now be found in



`<ydoc_install_dir>/doc/api/examples.`

Note that the generated UML diagrams are in PNG format. If you want to generate the uml diagrams in a different format (SVG, SVGZ, SWF, GIF, JPG) simply change the value of `formats.fileformat` in the yDoc configuration file

`<ydoc_install_dir>/resources/ydoc.cfg` accordingly.

The next tutorial step would be to look in `<ydoc_install_dir>/doc/examples` for the sample option/build files and sample Java sources which have been used in this example. Once you understand the options and tags, you are ready to use yDoc in your own project.

## 5. yDoc Features

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### Generating UML class diagrams

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yDoc will generate UML diagrams, if one or more of the following commandline options are used:

- **-umlgen**
- **-umltypegen**
- **-umlpackagegen**
- **-umloverviewgen**
- **-umlautogen**

All UML diagrams feature hyperlinks for the displayed packages, types, and type members, which allow direct access to the corresponding documentation.

See [Custom command line options](#) for additional details.

yDoc supports several output formats for UML diagrams, including SVG, SWF, and PNG and will automatically integrate the diagrams into the generated HTML API documentation.

Moreover, yDoc provides many settings which allow to customize the generated UML diagrams in great detail.

See [Configuring yDoc](#) for details.

#### **Important:**

yDoc uses the Java Reflection API to generate the class diagrams, therefore you need to specify the path to your *compiled, unobfuscated* Java class files (\*.class) and to all libraries needed to compile your Java source files in the **-docletpath** option. Your class files may be located in a jar file.

Alternatively, yDoc can embed predefined diagrams instead of generating them. Predefined diagrams have to be available in GraphML. GraphML is a generic graph interchange file format. Diagrams in this format can, e.g., be created using [yEd](#), yWorks' free graph editor.

For yDoc to be able to find and read such diagrams, a diagram locator has to be specified.

The distribution comes with one predefined diagram locator. For this default locator to work successfully, predefined diagram files have to meet the following criteria:

- Overview diagrams must be in the same directory as your overview.html. The diagram files have to be named **overview <id> .graphml**, where **<id>** denotes the diagram ID (see also [Configuring yDoc](#)).
- Package diagrams must be in the same directory as your package.html. The diagram files have to be named **package <id> .graphml**, where **<id>** denotes the diagram ID (see also [Configuring yDoc](#)).
- Type diagrams must be in the same directory as the corresponding source file. The diagram files have to follow the same naming convention as the Java source file except for the **.graphml** file extension.

work successfully, predefined diagram files have to meet the following criteria:

To use this default diagram locator, you need to specify the following two commandline options:

```
-diagramlocatorpath <ydoc_install_dir>/lib/ydoc.jar  
-diagramlocator ydoc.resolvers.DefaultDiagramLocator
```

To create and use your own diagram locators, all you have to do is implementing the [ydoc.resolvers.PathResolver](#) interface and register the locator similar to the above example. The mechanism to register locators works similar to the one used for doclets.

### [PathResolver API](#)

Documentation for the [ydoc.resolvers.PathResolver](#) interface, which comprises the PathResolver API.

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## General Layout of UML class diagrams

### **1** Associations

structural relationships between a whole and its parts, i.e. *has a* or *instantiates*

Every declared field constitutes an association.

### **2** Dependencies

semantic relationships in which a change to one thing may effect the semantics of the other thing

There are several heuristics as to what constitutes a dependency.

See [Configuring yDoc](#).

### 3 Generalizations

specialization/generalization relationships, i.e. *is a* or *subclass/superclass*

For interfaces there may be more than one generalization relationship.

### 4 Realizations

semantic relationships between classifiers, i.e. *interface/implementing class*

For interfaces there are no realization relationships.

## Using filters

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yDoc provides a sophisticated filter framework, which lets you exclude parts of your API from documentation using customizable filter criteria.

The distribution comes with one predefined filter, which lets you exclude classes/interfaces, fields, and/or methods from documentation, if their documentation comment contains an **@y.exclude** tag.

To use this filter, you need to specify the following two commandline options:

```
-filterpath <ydoc_install_dir>/lib/ydoc.jar
-filter ydoc.filters.ExcludeFilter
```

To create and use your own filters, all you have to do is implement the [ydoc.filters.DocFilter](#) interface and register the filter similar to the above example. The mechanism to register filters works similar to the one used for doclets.

### [DocFilter API](#)

Documentation for the [ydoc.filters.DocFilter](#) interface, which comprises the DocFilter API.

## Using the XML driven taglet factory

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By specifying the **-generic** option, you can tell yDoc to register simple taglets, which are more powerful than the ones created by the standard **-tag** option and are defined in the **resources/taglet\_definitions.xml** and **resources/taglet\_templates.xml** files.

By adding more definitions to those files, you can use/register more simple taglets.

The basic idea is to have template definitions that define taglet behaviour and taglet definitions that define scope, name, and which template to use.

For examples on how to define taglets, see the two mentioned xml files.

### Taglet Definitions

The following XML elements are used to define taglets:

- `<taglet>`

Each of these elements results in the registration of one particular taglet. The value of the `name` attribute specifies the javadoc tag for the taglet. The value of the attribute `allowMultipleTags` specifies if more than one appearance of the javadoc tag per doc element is allowed. If not, all but the first tag will be ignored.

- `<usage>`  
Required element that specifies the taglet scope as per the taglet API.
- `<headline>`  
Required root element for `<singular>` and `<plural>`.
- `<singular>`  
Required element that specifies the headline for the tag comment if only one javadoc tag or no `<plural>` element is present.
- `<plural>`  
Optional element that specifies the headline for the tag comment if multiple javadoc tags are allowed and present.

In general, it is a good idea to use at least one '.' character in the name of custom tags to avoid potential conflicts/overrides.

### Template Definitions

The following XML elements are used to define templates:

- `<template>`  
Each of these elements results in the creation of one particular template. The value of the `name` attribute has to be unique among all templates. It is used to reference the template in the taglet definition.
- `<headline>`  
Required element that specifies the HTML code for the headline of the tag comment.  
You may specify one parameter sign, i.e. `#0`.  
You may use a single parameter multiple times, e.g. `<headline>`  
`<![CDATA[bla #0 bla#0bla]]>`  
The element should contain unparsed character data, i.e. `<![CDATA[...]]>`
- `<content>`  
Required element that specifies the HTML formatting for the tag comment. The value of the `separator` attribute specifies if and how to break down the comment into parameters.  
Possible values are:
 

- any single character	breaks the comment at each occurrence of the specified character
- the token "first-whitespace"	breaks the comment at the first occurrence of a whitespace
- the token "whitespace"	breaks the comment at each occurrence of a whitespace
- the token "none" (default)	results in one token only, namely the whole comment
- `<content-item>`  
Required element that specifies the HTML code to wrap the tag comment in. If multiple javadoc tag are present for a particular doc element, then one content item is created for each tag comment.  
You may specify up to ten parameter signs, i.e. `#x`, where  $-1 < x < 10$ .  
You may use a single parameter multiple times.

- The element should contain unparsed character data.
- **<content-sep>**  
Optional element that defaults to "". Its value will be inserted between content items. The element should contain unparsed character data.
- **<content-start>**  
Optional element that defaults to "". Its value will be inserted directly after the headline, before the first content item. The element should contain unparsed character data.
- **<content-end>**  
Optional element that defaults to "". Its value will be inserted directly after the the last content item. The element should contain unparsed character data.

In general, it is a good idea to use the **<DT>** tag for headlines and the **<DD>** tag for content, since all output generated by javadoc taglets appears in definition lists.

## Custom command line options

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yDoc provides several custom command line options:

- **-diagramlocator** *class*  
Specifies the class file for the diagram locator to be used. Use the fully-qualified name for *class*. Use the **-diagramlocatorpath** option to specify the path to the diagram locator.
- **-diagramlocatorpath** *-diagramlocatorpathlist*  
Specifies the search paths for finding diagram locator class files (\*.class). The *diagramlocatorpathlist* can contain multiple paths separated by the system-dependant path-separator.
- **-filter** *class*  
Specifies the class file for the filter to be applied. Use the fully-qualified name for *class*. Use the **-filterpath** option to specify the path to the filter.
- **-filterpath** *filterpathlist*  
Specifies the search paths for finding filter class files (\*.class). The *filterpathlist* can contain multiple paths separated by the system-dependant path-separator.
- **-generic**  
The taglet definitions in **resources/taglet\_definitions.xml** and **resources/taglet\_templates.xml** are used to create and register simple taglets.
- **-license** *file*  
Specifies the path to the license file.
- **-resourcepath** *resourcepathlist*  
Specifies the search paths for finding resource files (i.e. taglet definition files, ydoc configuration file, ydoc license file). The *resourcepathlist* can contain multiple paths separated by the system-dependant path-separator.
- **-umlautogen**  
Same as using **-umltypegen**, **-umlpackagen**, and **-umloverviewgen** in combination
- **-umlfileformat** *formatname*

Overrides the [uml\\_file\\_format](#) property in `resources/ydoc.cfg`  
See the section about [UML file formats](#) for a list of supported formats.

- **-umlgen**  
UML diagrams will be created and embedded for all documented files with an [@y.uml](#) tag.  
[@y.uml](#) may be used in type, package, and overview documentation.
- **-umloverviewgen**  
An UML overview diagram will be created and embedded, even if there is no [@y.uml](#) tag in overview.html.
- **-umlpackagegen**  
UML diagrams will be created and embedded for all documented packages, not only for those with an [@y.uml](#) tag.
- **-umltypegen**  
UML diagrams will be created and embedded for all documented classes and interfaces, not only for those with an [@y.uml](#) tag.
- **-ytag**  
Allows to specify the position of custom yDoc tags (i.e. [@y.uml](#) or tags defined via the taglet factory) in relation to standard tags.

## 6. Configuring yDoc

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### resources/ydoc.cfg

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`resources/ydoc.cfg` is yDoc's main configuration file.

It uses a simple XML format consisting of nested [group](#) and [property](#) elements.

Following is the complete list of recognized [group](#) and [property](#) declarations.

#### Group **diagrams**

Encapsulates settings that determine all aspects of yDoc's UML generating mechanism. These settings are grouped into the categories *overview*, *package*, and *type* in correspondance to the available diagram types.

You may have multiple *diagram* subgroups in each of the above mentioned three categories. For each *diagram* group, one UML diagram will be generated and embedded into the corresponding HTML file.

#### Group **diagrams.overview.diagram**

- Property [style](#) accepts an arbitrary text value interpreted as a file name.  
This property specifies the path to a yDoc style definition file, which determines the visual properties of the generated UML diagram, such as line colors or font sizes.  
See [UML Styles](#) for more information.
- Property [type](#) accepts one of the following values:
  - [dependency](#)  
Dependency diagrams depict package-level dependencies in your project.
  - [inheritance](#)  
Inheritance diagrams depict project-wide inheritance trees.

This property specifies the overview diagram type.
- Property [id](#) accepts an arbitrary text value.  
This property specifies a diagram ID, which is used to distinguish between multiple overview diagrams.  
The value of this property has to be unique among all [diagrams.overview.diagram](#) ID values.

#### Group **diagrams.overview.diagram.include**

- Property [dependencies](#) accepts one of the following values:
  - [all](#)  
All package dependencies are displayed.
  - [reduced](#)



No transitive dependencies are displayed.

This property specifies whether transitive dependencies should be displayed.

This property is only respected for overview diagrams of type [dependency](#).

- Property [groups](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether package nodes should be grouped according to the -group options. If no -group option is used, this property is ignored.
- Property [packages](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether type nodes should be grouped according to their containing packages.  
This property is only respected for overview diagrams of type [inheritance](#).

#### Group **diagrams.overview.diagram.insets**

- Property [group](#) accepts non-negative integer values.  
This property specifies the distance from a group node's border to the package nodes contained in the group node.
- Property [package](#) accepts non-negative integer values.  
This property specifies the distance from a package node's border to the type nodes contained in the package node.

#### Group **diagrams.overview.diagram.layout**

- Property [BUS\\_ROUTING](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether multiple relations (e.g. in the case of a class having multiple subclasses) should be routed in a bus style manner.
- Property [CYCLE\\_LAYERING\\_POLICY](#) accepts one of the following values:
  - [DEFAULT\\_POLICY](#)  
All backwards relation edges as determined by a depth-first-search on the diagram nodes are temporarily removed for layering.
  - [ASSIGN\\_CYCLES\\_TO\\_SAME\\_LAYER\\_POLICY](#)  
Diagram nodes with cyclic dependencies are put into the same layer.
  - [BREAK\\_CYCLES\\_BY\\_WEIGHT\\_POLICY](#)  
Cyclic dependencies are resolved by temporarily removing the least significant relation edges for layering.

This property specifies the layering policy for cyclic dependencies.

- Property [GROUP\\_COMPACTION](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether package and group diagram nodes should be kept as small as possible.
- Property [ORIENTATION](#) accepts one of the following values:

- [TOP\\_TO\\_BOTTOM](#)
- [LEFT\\_TO\\_RIGHT](#)
- [RIGHT\\_TO\\_LEFT](#)
- [BOTTOM\\_TO\\_TOP](#)

This property specifies the layout orientation.

- Property [RECURSIVE\\_GROUP\\_LAYERING](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether layering should be performed locally on a per group basis or globally for the whole diagram.  
This property is ignored, if the diagram does not contain node groups.
- Property [REVERSE\\_EDGES](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether the direction of relation edges should be reversed during layout calculation.  
Reversing the edge directions does e.g. affect the alignment of the diagram nodes.
- Property [ROUTE\\_ORTHOGONAL](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether relation edges should be routed orthogonally or polyline-style.

#### Group **diagrams.package.diagram**

- Property [style](#) accepts an arbitrary text value interpreted as a file name.  
This property specifies the path to a yDoc style definition file, which determines the visual properties of the generated UML diagram, such as line colors or font sizes.  
See [UML Styles](#) for more information.

#### Group **diagrams.package.diagram.include**

- Property [packages](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether type nodes should be grouped according to their containing package.

#### Group **diagrams.package.diagram.insets**

- Property [group](#) accepts non-negative integer values.  
This property specifies the distance from a group node's border to the package nodes contained in the group node.
- Property [package](#) accepts non-negative integer values.  
This property specifies the distance from a package node's border to the type nodes contained in the package node.

#### Group **diagrams.package.diagram.layout**

- Property [BUS\\_ROUTING](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether multiple relations (e.g. in the

case of a class having multiple subclasses) should be routed in a bus style manner.

- Property **ORIENTATION** accepts one of the following values:
  - **TOP\_TO\_BOTTOM**
  - **LEFT\_TO\_RIGHT**
  - **RIGHT\_TO\_LEFT**
  - **BOTTOM\_TO\_TOP**

This property specifies the layout orientation.

- Property **REVERSE\_EDGES** accepts values **true** and **false**.  
This property specifies whether the direction of relation edges should be reversed during layout calculation. Reversing the edge directions does e.g. affect the alignment of the diagram nodes.
- Property **ROUTE\_ORTHOGONAL** accepts values **true** and **false**.  
This property specifies whether relation edges should be routed orthogonally or polyline-style.

#### Group **diagrams.type.diagram**

- Property **style** accepts an arbitrary text value interpreted as a file name.  
This property specifies the path to a yDoc style definition file, which determines the visual properties of the generated UML diagram, such as line colors or font sizes.  
See [UML Styles](#) for more information.

#### Group **diagrams.type.diagram.exclude.pattern**

- Property **associations** accepts a pattern text value.  
Type names matching the pattern text will not be displayed among the diagram's association types.
- Property **dependencies** accepts a pattern text value.  
Type names matching the pattern text will not be displayed among the diagram's dependency types.
- Property **generalizations** accepts a pattern text value.  
Type names matching the pattern text will not be displayed among the diagram's generalization types.
- Property **realizations** accepts a pattern text value.  
Type names matching the pattern text will not be displayed among the diagram's realization types.

Pattern text values are a comma-separated list of full-qualified typename patterns where the '?' character denotes a wildcard of length one and the '\*' character denotes a wildcard of arbitrary length.

#### Group **diagrams.type.diagram.include**

- Property **associations** accepts values **true** and **false**.  
This property specifies whether association nodes should be

displayed.

- Property **dependencies** accepts one of the following values:
  - **all**  
Any non-primitive type referenced in a type's byte code is considered a dependency.
  - **none**  
No dependency information is calculated.
  - **parameters**  
Any non-primitive parameter types of constructor and method signatures are considered dependencies.
  - **parameters-returntype**  
Any non-primitive parameter types of constructor and method signatures as well as all non-primitive method return types are considered dependencies.

This property specifies the heuristic approach as to what constitutes a dependency. Note, that types which are associations will not appear as dependencies no matter which heuristic is chosen.

- Property **packages** accepts values **true** and **false**.  
This property specifies whether type nodes should be grouped according to their containing package.
- Property **paramters** accepts values **true** and **false**.  
This property specifies whether parameter types should be displayed in constructor and method signatures.

#### Group **diagrams.type.diagram.insets**

- Property **package** accepts non-negative integer values.  
This property specifies the distance from a package node's border to the type nodes contained in the package node.

#### Group **diagrams.type.diagram.order**

- Property **fields** accepts one of the ordering enumeration values.  
This property specifies the order of fields in type diagrams.
- Property **constructors** accepts one of the ordering enumeration values.  
This property specifies the order of constructors in type diagrams.
- Property **methods** accepts one of the ordering enumeration values.  
This property specifies the order of methods in type diagrams.

The following ordering enumeration values are available:

- **lex**  
Members are sorted according to their qualified names (and signatures in case of constructors and methods).
- **lex-ic**

- Same as *lex*, but case insensitive.
- **mod-lex**  
Members are sorted according to their modifiers. Modifiers are considered to imply the following order:  
`static public < public < static protected < protected < static package-private < package-private < static private < private`  
If two (or more) members are equal according to this ordering, they are sorted according to their qualified names (and signatures in case of constructors and methods).
- **mod-lex-ic**  
Same as *mod-lex*, but case insensitive.

### Group **diagrams.type.diagram.layout**

- Property **PACKAGE\_DISTANCE** accepts values non-negative decimal values.  
This property specifies the distance between adjacent package nodes.
- Property **RELATION\_BUS\_ROUTING** accepts values **true** and **false**.  
This property specifies whether multiple generalization or realization edges should be routed in a bus-style manner.
- Property **RELATION\_DISTANCE** accepts values non-negative decimal values.  
This property specifies the distance between the detailed type node and related type nodes.
- Property **RELATION\_TYPE\_ALIGNMENT** accepts one of the following values:
  - **LEFT**
  - **CENTER**
  - **RIGHT**
  - **SHORTEST\_DISTANCE**  
Association nodes will be right aligned, dependency nodes left aligned.
  - **LONGEST\_DISTANCE**  
Association nodes will be left aligned, dependency nodes right aligned.

This property specifies the alignment policy for association and dependency type nodes. If package nodes are displayed, alignment calculation is done on a per relation package basis.
- Property **RELATION\_TYPE\_DISTANCE** accepts values non-negative decimal values.  
This property specifies the distance between adjacent relation type nodes.
- Property **RELATION\_LABEL\_LAYOUT\_POLICY** accepts one of the following values:
  - **AS\_IS**  
No new label position is calculated.
  - **OUTWARDS**

For labels outside of a type node a new label position is calculated. For labels belonging to generalization or realization types, the new position is above the node, for labels belonging to association types the new position is to the left of the node, and for labels belonging to dependency types, it is to the right of the node.

This property specifies the label layout policy for labels of relation type nodes.

### Group **formats**

Settings related to file formats of the generated UML diagrams and the way they are embedded into the HTML API documentation.

- Property [fileformat](#) accepts one of the following values:
  - [GIF](#)  
Well-known image format.
  - [JPG](#)  
Well-known image format.
  - [PNG](#)  
Well-known image format, the default.
  - [SVG](#)  
*Scalable Vector Graphics*, a XML-based vector graphics format.
  - [SVGZ](#)  
Compressed SVG.
  - [SWF](#)  
*Shockwave Flash*, a popular binary vector graphics format.

This property specifies the file format for the generated UML diagrams.

### Group **formats.vectorgraphics.display**

- Property [scaling](#) accepts one of the following values:
  - [FIXED\\_SIZE](#)  
The diagram will be displayed in a fixed size canvas (specified by properties [width](#) and [height](#)).
  - [ACTUAL\\_SIZE](#)  
The diagram will be displayed in a canvas sized to the diagram's actual size.  
This mode ignores properties [width](#) and [height](#).
  - [ACTUAL\\_SIZE\\_MAX\\_WIDTH](#)  
The diagram will be displayed in a canvas sized to the diagram's actual size up to a fixed canvas width specified by property [width](#).  
This mode ignores property [height](#).
  - [ACTUAL\\_SIZE\\_MAX\\_HEIGHT](#)  
The diagram will be displayed in a canvas sized to the

diagram's actual size up to a fixed canvas height (specified by property [height](#)).

This mode ignores property [width](#).

- [ACTUAL\\_SIZE\\_MAX\\_WIDTH\\_MAX\\_HEIGHT](#)  
The diagram will be displayed in a canvas sized to the diagram's actual size up to a fixed canvas size (specified by properties [width](#) and [height](#)).
- [FIT\\_TO\\_SIZE](#)  
The diagram will be scaled to fit into a canvas with fixed width and fixed height (specified by properties [width](#) and [height](#)).
- [FIT\\_TO\\_SIZE\\_BY\\_WIDTH](#)  
The diagram will be scaled to fit into a canvas with fixed width (specified by property [width](#)).  
This mode ignores property [height](#).
- [FIT\\_TO\\_SIZE\\_BY\\_HEIGHT](#)  
The diagram will be scaled to fit into a canvas with fixed height (specified by property [height](#)).  
This mode ignores property [width](#).
- [SHRINK\\_TO\\_SIZE](#)  
The diagram will be scaled to fit into a canvas with fixed width and fixed height (specified by properties [width](#) and [height](#)), unless it already fits.
- [SHRINK\\_TO\\_SIZE\\_BY\\_WIDTH](#)  
The diagram will be scaled to fit into a canvas with fixed width (specified by property [width](#)), unless it already fits.  
This mode ignores property [height](#).
- [SHRINK\\_TO\\_SIZE\\_BY\\_HEIGHT](#)  
The diagram will be scaled to fit into a canvas with fixed height (specified by property [height](#)), unless it already fits.  
This mode ignores [width](#).

This property specifies the display scaling policy for UML diagrams. All policies will retain the diagram's original aspect ratio.

- Property [width](#) accepts positive integer values.  
This property specifies the canvas width for the generated UML diagram.
- Property [height](#) accepts positive integer values.  
This property specifies the canvas height for the generated UML diagram.
- Property [reserveMinimum](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether yDoc should reserve a canvas at least the size of [width](#) and [height](#) when embedding UML diagrams into HTML API documentation.

#### Group **formats.vectorgraphics.svg**

- Property [workaround](#) accepts values [true](#) and [false](#).  
This property specifies whether yDoc should use alternative HTML code for SVG embedding.



Due to changes in the plug-ins API in the gecko code base, the current version of the Adobe SVG Plugin 3.0 crashes browsers of the gecko family (Mozilla, Netscape 6+7, ...) when displaying HTML with embedded SVG images. There is an experimental workaround by wrapping the `<EMBED>` tag(s) in `<IFRAME>` tags, albeit with a significant disadvantage: It is no longer possible to use javascript based hyperlinks in SVG, which are necessary to make URI fragments work properly.

### Group **formats.image**

- Property **quality** accepts values ranging from 0.0 to 1.0. This property specifies the compression quality for image formats that support compression (e.g. PNG, JPG). A compression quality setting of 0.0 is most generically interpreted as *high compression is important*, while a setting of 1.0 is most generically interpreted as *high image quality is important*.
- Property **antialiasing** accepts values **true** and **false**. This property specifies whether anti aliasing should be used in UML diagram image files.
- Property **progressive** accepts values **true** and **false**. This property specifies whether UML diagram image files should be encoded in progressive mode for image formats that support progressive encoding. Progressive encoding will result in image streams containing a series of scans of increasing quality.

### Group **formats.image.tiling**

- Property **enabled** accepts values **true** and **false**. This property specifies whether UML diagrams should be written to multiple small image files instead of a single large one, if the image's width or height exceeds the corresponding maximum.
- Property **width** accepts non-negative integer values. This property specifies the maximum width for UML diagram image tiles.
- Property **height** accepts non-negative integer values. This property specifies the maximum height for UML diagram image tiles.

### Group **misc**

- Property **warnings** accepts values **true** and **false**. This property specifies whether yDoc should emit warnings each time an explicit link (i.e. the result of `@see` or `@link`) to a documentation member, which was not accepted by the registered filters, is suppressed.



### Group **misc.gc**

- Property [frequency](#) accepts non-negative integer values. This property specifies the number of UML diagrams to be generated between explicit calls to the Java garbage collector. A value of 10, for example, would result in a call to the garbage collector after every tenth diagram, whereas a value of 1 will call garbage collection after each diagram. A value of 0 will prevent yDoc from explicitly calling the Java garbage collector.

## UML Styles

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A style set defines the visual features of UML diagrams and is specified in a XML file which conforms to the yDoc [style definition schema](#).

The yDoc distribution comes with several predefined style files, see **resources/styles**.

You can customize colors (main, border, text), fonts, shapes, and lines by either modifying an existing style file or creating a new one.

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Aside from style file editing, StyleEd also allows users to experiment with layout settings for the various diagram types.

## 7. Limitations

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- The yDoc Evaluation version will only document ten classes. If one or more of those are excluded from documentation via the `@y.exclude` tag, they still count against that limit.
- In UML class diagrams generated by the yDoc Evaluation version, the associations list and the dependencies list will only display the ten above mentioned classes.

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