

EFL Documentation

Aftermath of the meltdown

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Introduction

The problem we're dealing with





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What does it mean for us?



How does it affect us?



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- ► API to retrieve docs of functions, parameters, types etc.

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- Provide a general idea what is going on



Generation

Making this useful



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Generating stuff





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Dokuwiki







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Status

How far are we?



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- Script needs cleanup and refactoring

What's missing





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- Can use those to keep track



Conclusion









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Thank you, demo time

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