

1 Introduction

When writing the documentation for Client™, the decision was made to create a PDF document, because this can be read on almost any system and will look the same on those systems. Beside this the choice was made to work with ConT_EXt, because this generates high quality documents, works at a multitude of operating systems, can generate documents in different layouts and content when needed and has an extensive range of features.¹

Some other text.

¹ You can work with epsf, svg and MetaPost for vector based graphics. Most pixel based graphics are accepted. Because pictures are external, changing them is very easy. Also it is very straightforward to use the same picture on several places. No more searching where a changed picture is used. When working with -for example- tables, a change is made very easily. You define the lay-out of your table before the start of the document and when another layout is called for, you change the definition and all your tables are changed to the new layout. Generating of the index is automatically done and with the proper initial care taken, added documentation will not result in an extensive redesign of the layout. There is a very extensive range of modules. With those it is possible to use: flowcharts, GANTT charts, database input, etc. It is very easy to put mathematical formulas or chemical structures into your document. Lastly, because ConT_EXt is text based, it is very easy to use a version/release system (like subversion) to see the differences between two releases.