

Let there be documentation!

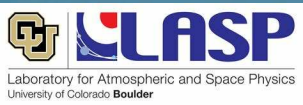
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Definition of documentation

(Dictionary definition)

1. The act or an instance of the supplying of documents or supporting references or records.
2. The documents or references so supplied.

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- ▶ All is setup within git and automatically available

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Example case: Python for Pencil

<https://pencil-python.readthedocs.io>

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Configuration files:

- ▶ `pencil-code/.readthedocs.yaml`
- ▶ Also needs a python setup: `pencil-code/python/pencil/setup.py`

Doc directory:

- ▶ `pencil-code/python/docs`

Required files inside docs:

- ▶ `conf.py`
- ▶ `index.rst`
- ▶ `requirements.txt`

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