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It seems obvious that inline documentation would be inherently superior to separately-maintained documentation, but making things happen isn't always so simple.

We'll examine many dev-time and ops-time documentation techniques to maintain cadence without incurring technical debt:

- Commenting in source, in configuration, and in the operational environment itself

- Native tools for a number of popular languages

- Build-time generation of documentation

- Coverage of the latest formats, techniques, and tools

- Specific recommendations applicable to a variety of devops environments

- When and what you shouldn't document

- The reasons why documentation doesn't happen and approaches for remediation.

Matt Jones has been working at web scale since the last century. Of course, the web was smaller then. His background includes service provider as well as end-user organizations, both academic and commercial, from traditional enterprises to today's startups.

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Tom Limoncelli, could you please elaborate on your co-workers' findings regarding lastpass? I'd like to know what kind of security concerns you found and if it affects my usecase.

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Sergey C. 3,488 days ago

Tools I mentioned that have "self-documenting" properties, e.g. are aware of current system configuration and capabilities:

https://en.wikipedia.org/w/api.php - API page for Wikipedia instance of MediaWiki
http://www.mediawikiwidgets.org/w/api.php - API for a different instance of MediaWiki

Documentation page for public instance of the tool I built:
http://www.showslow.com/configure.php

Private instance that you install would have different URLs to copy from that page and different values and sections based on instance configuration.

Wonder if anyone know of other example, e.g. CLI tools that show context-specific examples, e.g. use current host name, for example, when called with -h flag?

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