

# Inclusive Modeling with SysMD

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# Inclusive Modeling with SysMD



1. “Inclusive” systems engineering
2. SysMD Notebook & SysMD language
3. Development environment and software details
4. Roadmap for SysMD - *How can I contribute?*



# Why “systems engineering”? Why “inclusiveness”?

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First known complex project reported by literature  
[Genesis 11:1–9] is the tower of Babel:

*“... let’s confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech. ... and they left off building the city.”*

Lesson learned: *successful system development* requires

1. **understanding** of people from different disciplines; they clearly use different languages.
2. **motivation** to use and invest in a “common language”.

# Inclusive Modeling with SysMD



Modeling and analysis of requirements, specification, knowledge

- Inclusive modeling = we want to allow everybody in a development team to
  - document his knowledge and needs,
  - read a specification and requirements documents,
  - maintain documents & models.
- Motivate everybody by additional values beyond “documentation”
  - Consistency checking, from left (requirements, development) to right (operation),
  - AI based recommendations & queries,
  - Links with simulation, operation.

# Related work

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  - Document software, i.e. GitHub
  - Jupyter Notebook, Matlab Notebook – Describe, Code, Execute approach
- **DOORS** [IBM]
  - Document, tracking requirements, manage of changes.
- **OWL** [<https://www.w3.org/TR/owl-features/>, <https://www.w3.org/TR/turtle/>]
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- **SysML** [OMG]
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## SysMD

- 1) **First:** Describe, explain
- 2) **Then:** Model
- 3) **Continuously:** Check, update

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# SysMD Notebook & Language Overview

## SysMD Notebook

- Notebook-like tool
- Markdown editor
- Markdown renderer
- Code editor for SysMD/SysMLv2
- Compiler
- ...

*Proof-of-Concept implementation, work in progress*

The screenshot shows the SysMD notebook interface. The title bar reads 'Agila Frontend'. The file path is '/Users/grimm/Desktop/WLC2.md'. The interface includes a file explorer on the left with a tree view showing packages like 'Global: Any', 'Context: is-a Package', 'GBO: is-a Package', 'Math: is-a Package', 'Physics: is-a Package', 'ScalarValues: is-a ...', 'Boolean: is-a Value', 'Integer: is-a Value', 'Quality: is-a Real', 'Real: is-a Value', 'Requirement: is-a ...', 'String: is-a Value', 'Value: is-a Any', 'Any: is-a ./', and 'Package: is-a Any'. The main content area is titled 'Wireless inductive charger (WLC) with CE4A Requirements'. It contains a 'Context' section with a paragraph describing the package's purpose and a list of three requirements. Below the text is a diagram titled 'Induktive Energieübertragung mit Qi' showing the components of a wireless charger: a 'Handy (Receiver)' with a 'Controller', 'Spamungsglied', '(Empfänger-) Spule', and 'Akku'; and a 'Ladestation (Transmitter)' with a '(Sende-) Spule', 'V/I-Sense', 'Treiber/Controller', 'AC/DC-Konverter', and 'Netz-kabel'. The diagram illustrates the flow of 'Induktions-Energie' and 'Kommunikation' between the two devices.

## SysMD Language

*modeling & documentation language*

- *Markdown (MD)*
- *Feature models*
- *Requirements*
- *Constraints*
- ...



# SysMD Notebook: UI Overview

## Navigation

- Projects
  - Branches, Commits
- Taxonomy
- Decomposition/ownership
- Relationships

## Not shown are windows for

- Results of analysis
- Agenda
- Warnings, errors

The screenshot shows the SysMD notebook interface. On the left, a navigation pane lists packages and their relationships. The main content area displays the documentation for the 'Wireless inductive charger (WLC) with CE4A Requirements' package. The documentation includes a context section, a list of requirements, and a diagram of the inductive energy transfer system. The diagram shows a 'Handy (Receiver)' with a controller, voltage regulator, and battery, connected to a 'Ladestation (Transmitter)' with a driver controller, AC/DC converter, and network cable. The diagram also shows the inductive energy transfer between the receiver and transmitter coils.

## Documentation

- Markdown-format
- Tables, figures, links, ...

## Models

- In SysMD, SysMLv2 textual
- Taxonomy
- Decomposition
- Values, constraints
- Relationships

# SysMD Notebook: Constraint Propagation (Bi-Dir.)



- Direct dependencies given by expressions
  - Bi-directional constraint propagation for Reals, Integers;
    - Check and conversion of Units, Domains (SI, national units, dB, Date/Time)
  - Satisfiability problem for Booleans
- Inheritance
  - Models variants or potential solutions of similar things
  - Consistency check: Liskov principle satisfied?
- Decomposition
  - SUM(...) computes aggregations (transitive)
  - Constraint propagation includes cardinality

```
1 Example isA Component.
2 Example hasA
3   height: Real(10 .. 100)[cm],
4   width:  Real(1 .. 1.1) [m],
5   length: Real(1 .. 1.1) [m],
6   volume: Real(1 .. 2) [m^3] = height * width * length.
```

```
1 Vehicles::Car hasA power: Real(10 .. 1000) [kW].
2 Vehicles::VW  hasA power: Real(20 .. 1010) [kW].
3 Vehicles::BMW hasA power: Real(150 .. 400) [kW].
```

Vehicles::Car::power = 10..1000 kW

Vehicles::VW::power = 20..1010 kW

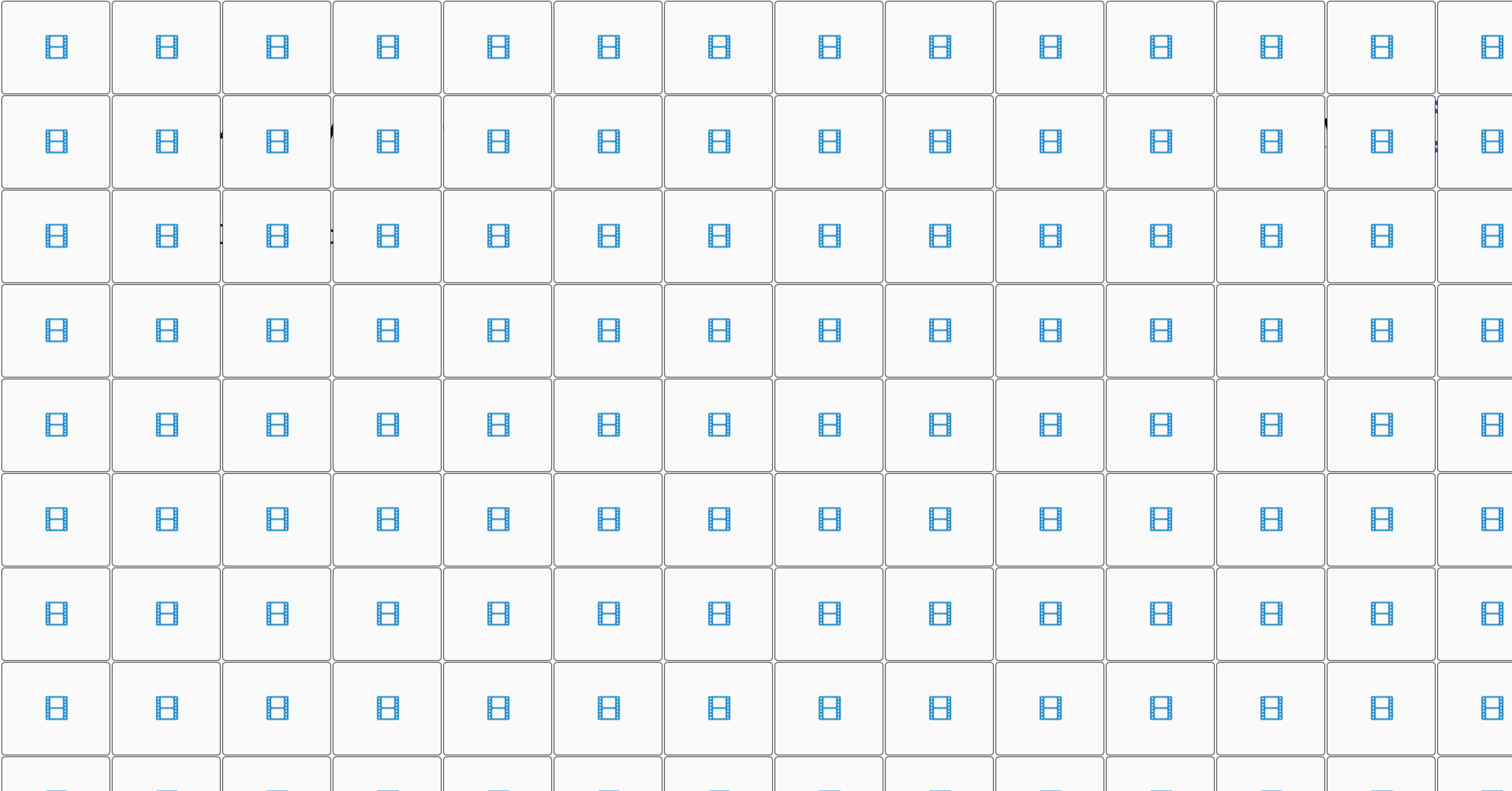
Vehicles::BMW::power = 150..400 kW

INFO in Vehicles::Vehicle: different units in different subclasses

ERROR in Vehicles::VW::power: INCONSISTENCY: subclass value 20..1010 of power must be refinement of superclass value 10..1000

```
1 Vehicles::Car hasA
2   body: CarParts::Body,
3   wheels: [4 .. 4] CarParts::Wheel,
4   engine: [1 .. 2] CarParts::Engine,
5   mass: Real [kg] = SUM(mass).
```

Vehicles::Car::mass = 500..700 kg



# SysMLv2 vs. SysMD language



## SysML v2 (textual)

- Based on KerML, SysML API
- Syntax close to programming languages.
- Target: modeling and SE experts.
- Documentation added to model.
- Expressions for modeling of constraints, spec.

```
Wheel {  
  value mass: Real = 70 [kg];  
  // model mass with 50 to 100 kg  
}  
  
Car :> Vehicle {  
  part Wheel [4 .. 8];  
  in value mass = ... // model constraint, unit, ...
```

## SysMD

- Based on KerML, SysML API (subset; deviations are “Bug”).
- Closer to **natural language**, “top-down”, interactive
- Target: users are **domain experts**.
- Model added to **documentation** (text, videos, ...).
- Syntax separates **specification** and **modeling**.

```
Car isA Vehicle.  
  
Car hasA  
  wheel: [4 .. 8] Wheel,  
  mass: Mass(100..1000) kg = sumHasA(mass).  
  
Wheel hasA  
  mass: all Mass(50 .. 100) kg = ....
```

# SysMD Syntax Cheatsheet

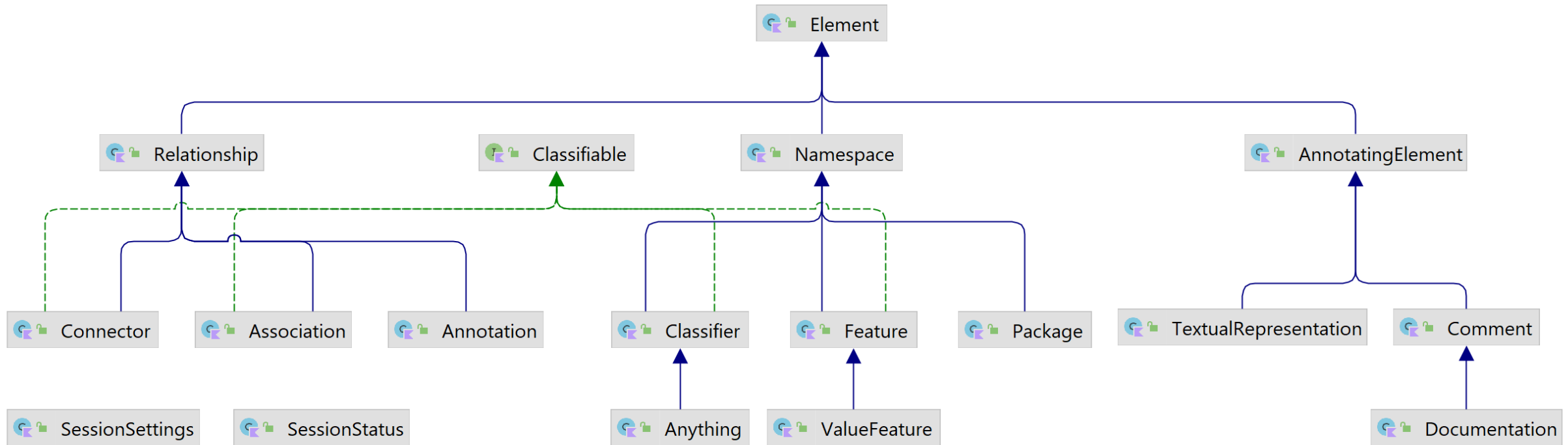


Subject	Predicate	Object	More objects	End
Name <Element>	<b>defines</b>	<i>isA Definition, next line</i>	( ; Definition )*	.
	<b>isA</b>	Name <Classifiable, ClassOfMetamodel>		
	<b>hasA</b>	Name: [ <b>all one</b> ] [Multiplicity] Name<Type> [Constraints] [ = Expr.]	( , Object )*	
	<b>imports</b>	Name<Project, Namespace>	( , Name )*	
	Name <Association>	Name <Element>	( , Name )*	

## Pre-defined classes and projects

- Any(thing) = root of all taxonomies (isA); Global = root of ownership/features (hasA)
- ScalarValues (Classifies Real, Boolean, Integer, ... as in SysMLv2)
- ISO26262 Ontology: Element, Function, Component, Part, SoftwareUnit, (...), also relationships:
  - Component *implements* Function, Component *satisfies* Requirement, Processor *executes* Software
- GBO, MissionProfiles, Math, Physics.

# KerML metamodel implementation



## Note:

- 1) We are not yet fully compatible ... working on it, but quite ok.
- 2) We strive to consolidate number of classes a bit. (e.g., ValueFeature includes Expression, Multiplicity, FeatureValue, ...)
- 3) We strive to increase performance, reduce complexity – not all relationships represented by instances of Relationship (e.g. ownership, inheritance)

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# Development environment



- Gradle v7 and/or IntelliJ IDEA
  - Commonmark Markdown parser
  - Apache math (LP solver) and jAADD for CSP/nonlinear/discrete problems
- Kotlin JVM
  - Jetpack Compose Desktop for UI
- Optional for REST API, Backend
  - Spring boot, ArrangoDB as repository
- Junit Jupiter (500-1000+ tests depending on branch)





# Development environment



- Nothing is better than a live look at the code
  - Build: “gradle run”
- ... and, of course, running code & demo 😊

*(live ... not as video)*

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# SysMD wants you!



## SysMD home page

- <https://cpsgit.cs.uni-kl.de/open/sysmd>
- Students (projects/theses/ ... )
  - Improvements in Markdown rendering
  - Improvements in code editor
  - SysMLv2 textual, KerML interoperability
  - SAT/SMT interfaces
  - Tests
  - Knowledge bases, models
  - ... any own ideas? ...
- Industry
  - EC or nationally funded projects
  - Case studies

# Outlook



- **Currently, still some issues and bugs**
  - Some industrial users for evaluation
  - WiP: Runtime-Verification, simulation-data needs integration
  - WiP: More beautiful Web-Frontend (React JS, Hierarchical documents, etc.)
- **1<sup>st</sup> Release to public (open source) Summer 2022**
  - Basically, as shown, but with less bugs & some libraries
  - Open source for most parts
    - (Small parts in probabilistic CSP are patent pending; NOT the modeling; is not necessarily needed)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Release end 2023/2024: “modular digitalization toolkit”**
  - Integrated DevOps interface
  - Generation of interfaces to virtual prototypes