

# Testing and Documentation Framework for the Pharo Quality Assistant.

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## What is the Pharo Quality Assistant?

A live feedback code quality tool for Pharo.

- Critiques for methods and classes based on lint rules
- Makes you write better code
- Guideline for new programmers
- Used during continuous integration ⇒ whole ecosystem

# Example

The screenshot shows a UML tool interface with the following components:

- Left pane:** A tree view labeled "renraku" containing nodes: "Work", "Renraku", and "Renraku-Help".
- Middle pane:** A list of classes:
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- Bottom left:** Status bar showing "1/2 [1]".
- Bottom right:** Buttons for "Format as you read", "W", "+L", and two "Helpful?" buttons with thumbs up and down.
- Bottom center:** Error messages:
  - ⚠ Methods equivalently defined in superclass
  - ⚠ Unclassified methods

# Problems

- How many critiques do exist?
- What are they checking?  
⇒ PharoStyle

## What is the PharoStyle?

A tool that generates a document containing the style guidelines for writing code for the Pharo programming language.

- Takes all the lint rules in the system
- Creates a markdown file

# PharoStyle Documentation without examples

## Doesn't use the result of a collect:/select:

Checks for senders of typical collection enumeration methods that return an unused result.

## Uses detect:ifNone: instead of contains:

Checks for the common code fragment: "(aCollection detect: [:each | 'some condition'] ifNone: [nil]) ~= nil".

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Check for a =, ==, ~=, or ~~ message being sent to true/false or with true/false as the argument.

## Block immediately evaluated

Check for blocks that are immediately evaluated.

## ifTrue:/ifFalse: returns instead of and:/or:'s

Checks for common ifTrue: returns that could be simplified using a boolean expression.

## Literal array contains only characters

Literal arrays containing only characters can more efficiently represented as strings.

## Uses or's instead of a searching literal

Checks for repeated literal equality tests that should rather be implemented as a search in a literal collection.

# PharoStyle Documentation with examples

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### Good Examples

```
anExampleGood
<reExampleGood>
| t |

t := true.

^ t ifTrue: [ 'do something' ] ifFalse: [ 'somethign else' ].
```

### Bad Examples

```
anExampleBad
<reExampleBad>
| t |

t := true.

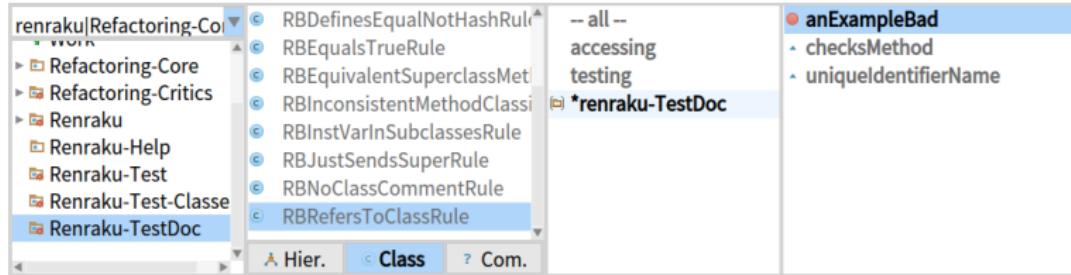
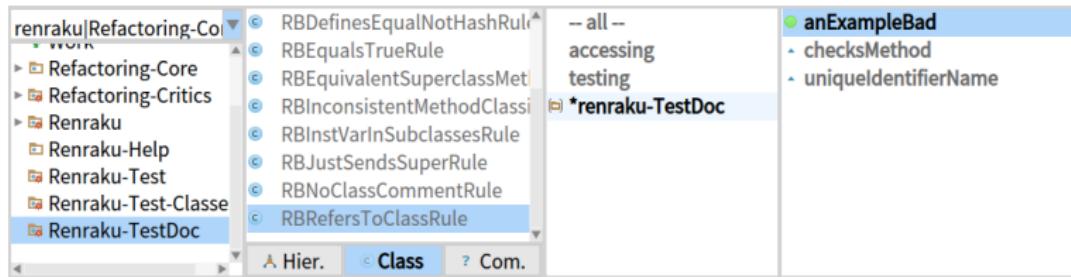
^ t == true ifTrue: [ 'do something' ] ifFalse: [ 'somethign else' ].
```

## Problems

- Can't test the rules
- No additional information for the rules

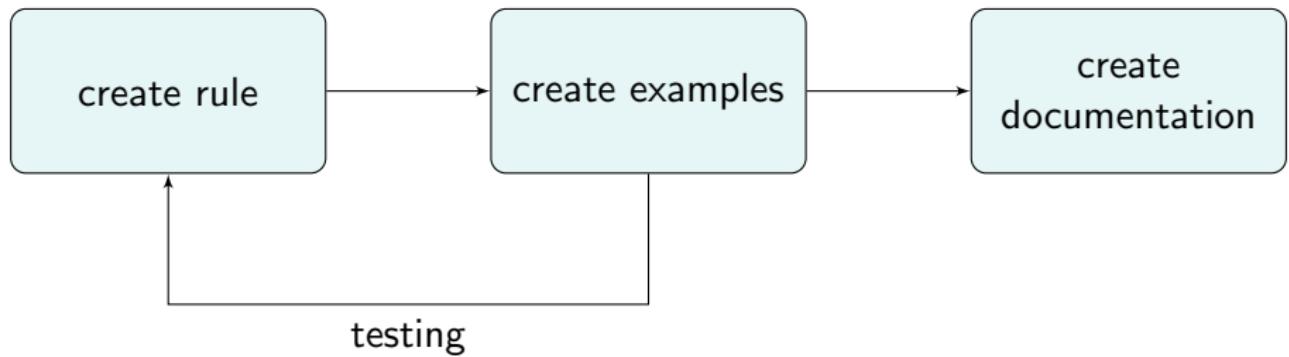
- There is already a basic testing framework but hard to use
- Testing the rules by giving them examples
- Works as known from normal unit tests
- Documentation enrichment with examples

# Renraku-TestDoc-Example



- Two types of tests (Compiled Methods or Classes)

# Renraku-TestDoc workflow



# DEMO

# Issues - Documentation

- Does not print hierarchy-related data

## Methods equivalently defined in superclass

Check for methods that are equivalent to their superclass methods.

### Good Examples

```
aMethod  
  ^false.
```

### Bad Examples

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aMethod  
  ^true.
```

# Issues - Testing

- Reference rules are not testable (RBClassNotReferenceRule)

# Summary

- Helps to test and document the rules
- Runs on class side methods and dedicated classes
- Created examples for 10 rules