PDS Label Assistant for Interactive Design (PLAID): Simplifying PDS4 Label Template Building. S. S. Algermissen¹, J. H. Padams², C. Radulescu³, ¹Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, 4800 Oak Grove Dr, Pasadena, CA 91109, Stirling.S.Algermissen@jpl.nasa.gov, ²same, Jordan.H.Padams@jpl.nasa.gov, ³same, cradule@jpl.nasa.gov

Introduction: The AMMOS-PDS Pipeline Service (APPS) PDS Label Assistant for Interactive Design (PLAID) tool seeks to simplify and expedite the process of building a PDS4 label template with a simple step by step interface that does not require experience with XML, PDS4 Schemas and Schematrons, or knowledge of the specific requirements of a PDS4 label. By parsing the PDS4 common and discipline dictionaries, PLAID dynamically generates a set of steps that allow the user to specify the number of occurrences of a PDS4 attribute and class, and for attributes, a sample value.

PDS4 requirements such as the minimum and maximum occurrences allowed for an attribute or class, including which elements are required and which are deprecated are shown in the tool. This prevents users from generating invalid PDS4 label template XML structures. In addition, PLAID extracts the descriptions of attributes and classes from the PDS4 model and thereby provides inline documentation at each step.

Any change to the PDS4 schema is reflected in the steps the tool generates and users can specify which version of the PDS common dictionary they would like to us so as to support missions that have settled on a specific version of the common dictionary. A mission area section allows for the free form creation of mission-specific attributes and classes in a simple drag and drop interface. Once a template is completed, the user can send it directly from the tool to a PDS node for review.

The APPS PLAID tool has been open sourced and can be found on GitHub. [1]

References:

[1] https://github.com/nasa-pds/PLAID



