

VecGeom Documentation Sprint

Agreed actions

- Ensure that following brief licensing information is present in all file:

```
// This file is part of VecGeom and is distributed under the
// conditions in the file LICENSE.txt in the top directory.
// For the full list of authors see CONTRIBUTORS.txt and `git log`.
```

- Add `\brief`, `\file` and `\author` information just after the header above (after one blank line). Example:

```
/// \brief Declaration of the unplaced hyperboloid shape
/// \file volumes/UnplacedHype.h
/// \author First version created by Marilena Bandieramonte (CERN)
```

We agreed to mention only the author who made the first version of the file listed under `\author`:

- Full list of authors in a `CONTRIBUTORS.txt` file - and `git log`
- Doxygen parsing
 - Need to have **doxygen** and (optionally, for generating the diagrams) **graphviz** packages installed in the system
 - Run `cmake`, then `make doxygen` from your local build area
 - Check what it produces, including warnings or errors related to your newly documented file, then, with the browser, open file `doxygen/index.html`
- Method documentation
 - Only header files + general description of the class
 - Source implementation files will only include basic header with license statement and initial author (update can be automated through script)
 - **Virtual methods should be documented in the interface class which defines them, not in the derived one**
 - All methods in the user API must have at least a brief description, like:

```
/// Brief description of this method. Can be multi-line comment like
/// this.
```

- The utility/implementation methods left for later

- doxygen comments must be placed before the first macro of the method and start with a quick description line. The same goes for the data members. The description have to be meaningful and self explanatory. Example:

For data members:

```
Vector3D<T> fDimensions; ///< The HALF lengths of the box
```

For constructor(s):

```
/// Default constructor for the unplaced hyperboloid.
/** The constructor takes 5 parameters: inner and outer radius,
    stereo angles and half length in Z.
    @param rMin   Inner radius.
    @param rMax   Outer radius.
    @param stIn   Stereo angle for inner surface.
    @param stOut  Stereo angle for outer surface.
    @param dz     Half length in Z.
 */
VECCORE_ATT_HOST_DEVICE
UnplacedHype(const Precision rMin, const Precision rMax,...)
    : fHype(rMin, rMax, stIn, stOut, dz)
```

For methods with only input parameters, just use the @param command, for those with both input and output parameters be explicit, like:

```
@param[in]  param1 This is one input parameter
@param[out] param2 This is an output parameter
```

- **Style issues**

- Position of data members and methods in the class made consistent.
 - Start with data members just after the class declaration
 - Follow with the public methods, starting with: constructors, destructor operators, member functions
 - End with protected and private member functions
- Namespaces should be lower case

- Blueprint header file for doxygen formatting style: [UnplacedHype.h](#)

- List of files to keep track of progress and who is doing what. **Please add your name initials in the first column to signal that you are starting editing a file:**

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qp5fLbOTfTkgRultQmIYGf0taJYuLi_Zu_ecmpEhzzl8/edit?usp=sharing

Preferably, please group the modifications for Doxygen into sets of related files in a single MR, associated to JIRA task [[VECGEOM-32](#)]

TODO (SW, GC, AG, JA, GL)

1. General description of the project

- `README.md` and `INSTALL.md`
- `README` = high level description of the package.
- Rename current file `README` to `Install` (as it only contains installation guidelines)
- Main concepts in the `README`:
 - How we create geometry objects via factories,
 - The roles of 'unplaced', 'placed' and 'specialised' classes
 - The struct describing each shape
 - Navigation techniques/features