# A Method for the Automatic Generation of Timber Connection Patterns

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## **ABSTRACT**

This paper describes a method for the automatic rule-based generation of design alternatives for structural connections between timber members. Using this method, a computer program for generating a list of connection options for two timber members was created. Such a computer program may be useful to engineers, architects, and others involved in the design and detailing of timber frame structures.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Timber connection, automatic generation.