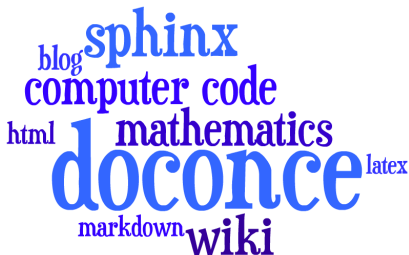


Scientific Writing and Publishing Anno 2014

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A word cloud of technical terms related to scientific computing and publishing. The words are arranged in a cluster, with 'doconce' being the largest and most central. Other prominent words include 'sphinx', 'computer code', 'mathematics', 'wiki', 'latex', 'html', 'blog', and 'markdown'. The words are in various shades of blue and purple.

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Scientific writing = \LaTeX

- Pre 1980: Handwriting + publisher (paper or book)
- Post 1985: scientists write \LaTeX
- Post 1995: publish \LaTeX on the web and in journals and books

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print 'Hello, World!'
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Big late 1990s question:

Will MS Word replace \LaTeX ? It never did!

Scientific publishing needs to address new media



The book will probably survive



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Scope of this presentation

- Focus: documents with **much** *math* and *computer code*
- Key question: What tools should I use for scientific writing?

The default answer is \LaTeX , but there are many recent popular alternative tools: HTML w/MathJax, Sphinx, Markdown, MediaWiki, IPython notebook.

\LaTeX



 SPHINX
Python Documentation Generator

IP[y]: IPython
Interactive Computing

Does your scientific writing today need to address new media (in the future)?

- BW paper
- Color paper
- Slides
- Web w/design
- Wiki
- Blog
- Notebook
- ...



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Solution I: Use a format that translates to many

- Sphinx can do nice HTML, \LaTeX , epub, (almost) plain text, man pages, Gnome devhelp files, Qt help files, texinfo, JSON
- Markdown can do \LaTeX , HTML, MS Word, OpenOffice, XML, reStructuredText, epub, DocBook, ... but not Sphinx
- IPython notebook: can do \LaTeX , reStructuredText, HTML, PDF, Python script
- Sphinx and Markdown has some limited math support

DocOnce offers minimalistic typing, great flexibility wrt format, especially for scientific writing with *much math and code*.

- Can generate \LaTeX , HTML, Sphinx, Markdown, MediaWiki, Google wiki, Creole wiki, reST, plain text
- Made for large science books *and* small notes
- Targets paper and screen
- Many special features (code snippets from files, embedded movies, admonitions, modern \LaTeX layouts, ...)
- Very effective for generating slides from ordinary text
- Applies Mako: DocOnce text is a program (!)
- Much like Markdown, less tagged than \LaTeX , HTML, Sphinx

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http://hplgit.github.com/teamods/writing_reports/

- \LaTeX -based PDF for screen, for printing, for phone
- Plain HTML or with a template or another template or solarized
- Sphinx: agni, pyramid, classy, fenics, redcloud
- HTML for Google or Wordpress for blog posts
- MediaWiki (Wikipedia, Wikibooks, etc)
- DocOnce source code and tutorial

- Based on text transformations (reg.exp.) so valid syntax may occasionally give problems

DocOnce divorce

At any time one can divorce from DocOnce and marry one of the output formats, such as \LaTeX or Sphinx. The generated code is clean.

DocOnce experience: code generation is a great thing

Regardless of what format you write in, introduce a step where you can generate (parts of) the syntax.

- Use a preprocessor a la Mako
- Write your own read-and-generate code
- or both (like DocOnce)

Advantages:

- Less writing
- Repository of syntax for nice constructions
- Implements structure/rules across documents
- Easier to change layout/structure

Example: generate reveal.js or deck.js slides from HTML

- Write the content of each slide in plain HTML(5)
- Use e.g. `#slide` as delimiter between slides
- Read file, splitting wrt `#slide` yields a list of slides (HTML code)
- For a specific format (reveal.js, deck.js, csss, ...):
 - write header
 - for slide in slides:
 - embed slide in correct HTML code
 - write footer

```
<h2>Scope of this presentation</h2>
```

```
<ul>
```

```
  <li>Focus: documents with much <em>math</em> and  
    <em>computer code</em>
```

```
  <li>Key question: What tools should I use for scientific writing?
```

```
</ul>
```

```
<p><div class="alert">
```

```
The default answer is LaTeX.
```

```
</div>
```

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```
TITLE: Some Title  
AUTHOR: name1 at institution1, with more info & institution2  
AUTHOR: name2 email:name2@web.com at institution  
DATE: today  
  
# A table of contents is optional:  
TOC: on
```

Notice

Title and authors must have all information *on a single line!*

Abstract

```
--Abstract.--  
Here goes the abstract...
```

Or:

```
--Summary.--  
Here goes the summary...
```

Section headings

Headings are surrounded by = signs:

===== This is an H1/chapter heading =====

==== This is an H2/section heading =====

==== This is an H3/subsection heading =====

=== This is an H4/paragraph heading ===

__This is a paragraph heading.__

Markup and lists

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  and may span several lines
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* _Boldface words_ are also possible
* color{red}{colored words} too
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Labels, references, index items

```
# Insert index items in the source
idx{key word1} idx{key word2}

# Label
===== Some section =====
label{this:section}

# Make reference
As we saw in Section ref{this:section}, references, index
items and labels follow a syntax similar to LaTeX
but without backslashes.

# Make reference to equations
See (ref{eq1})-(ref{myeq}).

# Make hyperlink
"some link text": "https://github.com/hplgit/doconce"

# Hyperlink with complete URL as link text
URL: "https://github.com/hplgit/doconce"
```

Important:

Figures with HTML and \LaTeX size info, and caption: *everything on one line*

FIGURE: [figdir/myfig, width=300 frac=1.2] My caption. label{fig1}

Movies are also supported:

MOVIE: [http://youtu.be/IDeGDFZSYo8, width=420 height=315]

and rendered as

<http://youtube.com/IDeGDFZSYo8>

Inline math as in \LaTeX :

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gets rendered as ...where $a = \int_{\Omega} f dx$ is an integral.

An equation environment is surrounded by `!bt` and `!et` tags, the rest is plain \LaTeX :

```
!bt
\begin{align}
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \nabla^2 u,
\label{a:eq} \\
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= 0
\label{b:eq}
\end{align}
!et
```

which is rendered as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla^2 u, \tag{1}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \tag{2}$$

Math flexibility

Limit math environments to

```
\[ ... \]
```

```
\begin{equation*}  
\end{equation*}
```

```
\begin{equation}  
\end{equation}
```

```
\begin{align*}  
\end{align*}
```

```
\begin{align}  
\end{align}
```

DocOnce fix of shortcomings

- Sphinx, Markdown, and MediaWiki cannot have `align` with labels
- MathJax (HTML, Sphinx, Markdown, Mediawiki, ...) cannot handle equation references across web pages

Displaying code

Code is enclosed in `!bc` and `!ec` tags:

```
!bc pycod
def solver(I, a, T, dt, theta):
    """Solve  $u' = -a*u$ ,  $u(0)=I$ , for  $t$  in  $(0, T]$  with steps of  $dt$ ."""
    dt = float(dt); N = int(round(T/dt)); T = N*dt
    u = zeros(N+1); t = linspace(0, T, N+1)

    u[0] = I
    for n in range(0, N):
        u[n+1] = (1 - (1-theta)*a*dt)/(1 + theta*dt*a)*u[n]
    return u, t
!ec
```

This gets rendered as

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Copying code from source files

We recommend to copy as much code as possible directly from the source files:

```
@@@CODE path/to/file
@@@CODE path/to/file    fromto: start-regex@end-regex
```

For example, copying a code snippet starting with `def solver(` and ending with (line not included) `def next(x, y,` is specified by start and end regular expressions:

```
@@@CODE src/somefile.py    fromto: def solver\(@def next\(x,\s*y,
```

Typesetting of code is implied by the file extension

- `.py`: `pypro` if complete file, `pycod` if snippet
- `.pyopt`: visualized execution via the [Online Python Tutor](#)
- `.f`, `.f90`, `f.95`: `fpro` and `fcod`
- `.cpp`, `.cxx`: `cpppro` and `cppcod`
- `.c`: `cpro` and `ccod`
- `.*sh`: `shpro` and `shcod`
- `.m`: `mpro` and `mcod`
- `ptex2tex`: between 40+ code styles in \LaTeX
- `pygments` is used for code in HTML (ca 10 styles)

Demonstrating code execution; Online Python Tutor

With `!bc pyoptpro` or a file `*.pyopt`, the code applies the [Online Python Tutor](#) for displaying program flow and state of variables:

```
def solver(I, a, T, dt, theta):
    dt = float(dt)
    N = int(round(T/dt))
    T = N*dt
    u = [0.0]*(N+1)
    t = [i*dt for i in range(N+1)]

    u[0] = I
    for n in range(0, N):
        u[n+1] = (1 - (1-theta)*a*dt)/(1 + theta*dt*a)*u[n]
    return u, t

u, t = solver(I=1, a=1, T=3, dt=1., theta=0.5)
print u
```

(Visualize execution)

Demonstrating code execution; Sage Cell Server

With `!bc pycsp` or a file `*.pysc`, the code is typeset in a sage cell:

```
a = 2
b = 3
print 'a+b:', a + b

# In a sage cell we can also plot
from matplotlib.pyplot import *
from numpy import *
x = linspace(0, 4*pi, 101)
y = exp(-0.1*x)*cos(x)
plot(x, y)
xlabel('x'); ylabel('y')
show()
```

Warning

Works only in Sphinx documents (but HTML support is possible).

Demonstrating code execution; IPython notebook

Can take a `DocOnce source` and transform to an `IPython notebook` with `source`

Tables

time	velocity	acceleration
0.0	1.4186	-5.01
2.0	1.376512	11.919
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Gets rendered as

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Newcommands for math

- `newcommands*.tex` files contain newcommands
- Used directly in \LaTeX
- Substitution made for many other formats

Labels, citations, index, bibliography

Labels, citations, index, and bibliography follow the ideas of \LaTeX , but without backslashes:

```
===== My Section =====  
label{sec:mysec}
```

```
idx{key equation} idx{ $\text{\u}$  conservation}
```

We refer to Section `ref{sec:yoursec}` for background material on the `*key equation*`. Here we focus on the extension

```
!bt  
\begin{equation}  
\Ddt{\u} = \mycommand{v} label{mysec:eq:Dudt}  
\end{equation}  
!et  
Equation (ref{mysec:eq:Dudt}) is important, see  
cite{Larsen_et_al_2002,Johnson_Friedman_2010a}.  
Also, cite{Miller_2000} supports such a view.
```

Figure `ref{mysec:fig:myfig}` displays the features.

FIGURE: `[fig/myfile, width=600]` My figure. `label{mysec:fig:myfig}`

```
===== References =====
```

```
BIBFILE: papers.pub
```

DocOnce offers a special format for *exercises*, *problems*, *projects*, and *examples*:

```
==== Problem: Flip a Coin ====
label{demo:ex:1}
files=flip_coin.py, flip_coin.pdf
solutions=mysol.txt, mysol_flip_coin.py
keywords = random numbers; Monte Carlo simulation

!bsubex
Make a program that simulates flipping a coin  $N$  times.

!bhint
Use 'r = random.random()' and define head as 'r <= 0.5'.
!ehint
!esubex

!bsubex
Compute the probability of getting heads.

!bans
0.5.
!eans
!esubex
```

All *exercises*, *problems*, and *projects* in a document are parsed and available in a data structure (list of dicts) for further processing (e.g., making a book of problems).

```
[{'answer': '',
  'closing_remarks': '',
  'file': ['flip_coin.py', 'flip_coin.pdf'],
  'hints': [],
  'keywords': ['random numbers', 'Monte Carlo simulation'],
  'label': 'demo:ex:1',
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  'subex': [{'answer': '',
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              'solution': '',
              'text': 'Make a program that simulates ...'}],
  'title': 'Flip a Coin',
  'type': 'Problem'}]
```

Use of preprocessors

- Simple if-else tests a la the C/C++ preprocessor
- `FORMAT` variable can be used to test on format, e.g.,
 - if latex/pdflatex do one sort of code (raw `LATEX`)
 - if html, do another type of code (raw `HTML`)
- Easy to comment out large portions of text
- Easy to make different versions of the document
- The mako preprocessor is really powerful - gives a complete programming language inside the document!

DocOnce admonitions

Use with caution!

Such environments may light up the document, but can be disturbing too. Some admon styles have icons.

Going deeper.

More details can be separated from the rest.

Time for review!

Tasks:

- Maybe ask a question?
- Or two?

Conclusion:

- A special "block" admonition has less pronounced typesetting and can be used when no special icon is desired. Good for slides.

Very effective way to generate slides from running text:

- Take a copy of your DocOnce prose
- Strip off as much text as possible
- Emphasize key points in bullet items
- Focus on key equations, figures, movies, key code snippets
- Insert `!split` wherever you want a new slide to begin
- Insert `!bpop` and `!epop` around elements to pop up in sequence
- Use `7 =` or `5 =` in headings (H2 or H3)
- Supported slide types: Beamer, HTML, HTML5 (reveal.js, deck.js, csss, dzslides)

Example on slide code

```
!split
===== Headline =====

* Key point 1
* Key point 2
* Key point 3: Although long
  bullet points are not recommended in general, we need
  it here for demonstration purposes to investigate
  what happens with the slide layout where there is
  so much text under one point
```

```
FIGURE: [fig/teacher1, width=100 frac=0.4]
```

Key equation:

```
!bt
\[ -\nabla^2 u = f \quad \hbox{in } \Omega \]
!et
```

And maybe a final comment?

```
!split
===== Next slide... =====
```

Grid layout of slide: MxN cells

Example with a bullet list to the left and a figure to the right (two cells: 00 and 01):

```
!split
===== Headline =====

!bslidecell 00
!bpop
  * Key point 1
  * Key point 2
  * Key point 3
!epop

!bpop
!bt

$$[-\nabla^2 u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega]$$

!et
!epop

!eslidecell

!bslidecell 01
FIGURE: [fig/broken_pen_and_paper, width=400, frac=0.8]
!eslidecell

!split
===== Next slide... =====
```


Classic slide types

- \LaTeX Beamer
- Plain HTML w/various styles
 - separate slides w/navigation
 - one big slide

- Supported HTML5 packages:
 - reveal.js
 - deck.js
 - D3slides
 - Cereus
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- Supported HTML5 packages:
 - `reveal.js`
 - `deck.js`
 - `dzslides`
 - `csss`
- **Problem:** each package has its own syntax (though similar)
 - **Solution:** slide code is autogenerated from DocOnce
- **Problem:** reveal and deck have numerous styles
 - **Solution:** easy to [autogenerate all styles](#) for a talk
- **Problem:** HTML5 slides need many style files
 - **Solution:** autocopy all files to talk directory
- **Problem:** original versions of the styles have too large fonts, centering, and other features not so suitable for lectures with much math and code
 - **Solution:** DocOnce contains adjusted css files

Run in terminal window:

```
doonce format html doconcefile
```

```
# Solarized HTML style
```

```
doonce format html doconcefile --html_solarized
```

```
# Control pygments typesetting of code
```

```
doonce format html doconcefile --pygments_html_style=native
```

```
# Or use plain <pre> tag for code
```

```
doonce format html doconcefile --no_pygments_html
```

```
# Further making of slides
```

```
doonce slides_html doconcefile reveal --html_slide_theme=darkgray
```


Output for blog posts

Two formats of blog posts are supported:

- Google's [blogspot.com](https://www.blogspot.com): just paste the raw HTML (full support of math and code)
- [Wordpress](https://www.wordpress.com): despite limited math, DocOnce manipulates the math such that even `equation` and `align` work in Wordpress :-)

For wordpress, add `--wordpress`:

```
doconce format html doconcefile --wordpress
```

and paste the code into the text area.

```
doconce format pdflatex doconcefile

# Result: doconcefile.p.tex (ptex2tex file)
# Run either
ptex2tex doconcefile
# or
doconce ptex2tex doconcefile -DHELVETICA envir=minted

pdflatex doconcefile
bibtex doconcefile
pdflatex doconcefile

# More control of how code is typeset
doconce format pdflatex doconcefile --minted_latex_style=trac
doconce ptex2tex doconcefile envir=minted

doconce format pdflatex doconcefile
doconce ptex2tex doconcefile envir=ans:nt
```

```
doconce format sphinx doconcefile  
  
# Autocreate sphinx directory  
doconce sphinx_dir theme=pyramid doconcefile  
  
# Copy files and build HTML document  
python automake-sphinx.py  
  
google-chrome sphinx-rootdir/_build/html/index.html
```

Much easier than running the Sphinx tools manually!

Only MediaWiki supports math.

```
doconce format mwiki doconcefile
```

Recommended site:

- [ShoutWiki](#) for standard wikis

Publishing of "official" documents:

- [Wikibooks](#) (can test code in the [sandbox](#))
- Wikipedia

DocOnce to other formats

```
doconce format pandoc doconcefile # (Pandoc extended) Markdown
doconce format gwiki doconcefile  # Googlecode wiki
doconce format cwiki doconcefile  # Creole wiki (Bitbucket)
doconce format rst doconcefile    # reStructuredText
doconce format plain doconcefile  # plain, untagged text for email
```

- Ubuntu: `sudo apt-get install python-doconce` (old!)
- Source at [GitHub](#) (recommended!)
 - `hg clone + sudo python setyp.py install`
- Many [dependencies](#)...
 - Must have preprocess and mako
 - Need latex, sphinx, pandoc, etc. (see the [Installation description](#))
 - Easy for slides: only preprocess is needed :-)

Writing tips for L^AT_EX writers who want to convert to DocOnce

- `doconce latex2doconce` helps the translation
- Use `\[\]`, `equation`, `equation*`, `align`, `align*` and nothing more for equations
- Figures: avoid subfigures (combine image files instead), use `\includegraphics`, have captions after graphics, use short figure captions, position exactly where needed
- Tables: have them inline (not floating), with no caption
- Computer codes: have them inline (not floating)
- Avoid footnotes, `pageref`
- Do not use *algorithm* environments, use simple list formatting instead
- Avoid math in section headings
- Use `pdflatex` or `xetex`
- Use BibT_EX (can easily be converted to `publish` used by DocOnce)
- Use `\href` for links (and insert links frequently)
- Use the `bm` package for boldface ***u***

DocOnce writing tips

Figures and movies:

- Prepare figures in the right format: EPS for latex, PDF for pdflatex, PNG, GIF or JPEG for HTML formats (html, and HTML output from sphinx, rst, pandoc). One can omit the figure file extension and doconce will pick the most appropriate file for the given output format.
- Let plotting programs produce both PDF/EPS and PNG files. (Recall that PDF and EPS are vector graphics formats that can scale to any size with much higher quality than PNG or other bitmap formats.)
- Use `doconce combine_images` to combine several images into one.
- Store all figures in a directory (tree) with name `fig` or `fig-X`, where `X` is some short logical name for the current document.
- Store all movies in a directory (tree) with name `mov` or `mov-X`.
- Favor the movie formats MP4, WebM, and Ogg (best suited for modern browsers).

DocOnce writing tips

- `\bm{u}` gives nicer boldface typesetting of math symbols than the alternatives `\boldsymbol{u}` and `\pmb{u}`.
- For HTML-based formats using MathJax, `\bm{u}` is not supported and therefore automatically replaced by `\boldsymbol{u}` by DocOnce.
- Use `\\textcolor{blue}{formula}` in math expressions to color a part.
- Not all \LaTeX math is supported by MathJax. Some legal \LaTeX math might give MathJax problems - then one has to rewrite the expression to find a syntax that works both with \LaTeX and MathJax.
- Use `doonce spellcheck *.do.txt` to automatically spellcheck files.
- Avoid page references and footnotes.

Writing tips for sphinx and other formats

For output formats different from `latex`, `pdflatex`, and `html`:

- Use labels only right after section headings and in equations.
- Be careful with labels in `align` math environments: `pandoc` and `mwiki` cannot refer to them.
- `sphinx` output requires
 - no math in section headings or figure captions (gets removed in references).
 - running text to start in column 1.
 - progressive section headings: after chapter (9 =) comes section (7 =), then subsection (5 =), then paragraph (3 =). Do not make jumps in this progression.
 - index entries (`\index{keyword}`) before the paragraph where they are introduced and place them *before* subsubsection headings (`=== ... ===`) and after subsection and section headings.
 - a line of text and no comment or math before code or list.