Behind the Scenes of CodeSlide CLI

```html
<code id="slide" class="cli">
  CodeSlide CLI
</code>
```

CodeSlide CLI

`npm` `v0.14.6`

Usage demo

[Video link](#)

See also [Example usages](#)

Installation

1. Prepare `Node.js` runtime and `NPM` package manager
2. Run `npm install -g codeslide-cli` on the command line

Features

- It allows you to easily make awesome slideshows for code snippets on command lines
- It is an application of [CodeSlide](#)
- It is a Node.js Command Line Interface (CLI)

Documents

- See [Reference](#) for more information

Dependencies

- It uses [esbuild](#) as module bundler
- It uses [gray-matter](#) as YAML Front Matter parser
- It uses [Commander.js](#) as CLI framework
- It uses [Eta](#) as HTML template engine
- It uses [Highlight.js](#) as syntax highlighter
- It uses [Marked](#) as Markdown renderer
- It uses [Node Fetch](#) as resource fetcher
- It uses [Puppeteer](#) as PDF printer

- It uses [TypeScript](#) as the main programming language
- It uses [Zod](#) as JSON schema validator

Creator

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The general process

1. Build a schema
2. Render HTML and CSS to slideshow with it
3. Print the rendered slideshow to the output

Manifest

- The main schema
- A combination of <u>FrontMatter</u> and <u>SlideShow</u>
- An extended <u>Renderer</u> schema
- `Manifest.parse`: Parse a <u>manifest file</u> into a `Manifest` schema
- `Manifest.render`: Render the slideshow

```typescript
import matter from 'gray-matter';
import { launch } from 'puppeteer';
import { FrontMatter } from './FrontMatter';
import { SlideShow } from './SlideShow';
import { Renderer } from '../../../../src';

export type Manifest = FrontMatter & SlideShow;

export namespace Manifest {
  export type Result = {
    data: string,
    encoding: BufferEncoding,
  };

  export const parse = async (
    manifest: string
  ): Promise<Manifest> => {
    manifest = manifest.replace(
      /^[\u200B\u200C\u200D\u200E\u200F\uFEFF]/, ''
    );
    const { content, data: { codeslide } } = matter(manifest);
    const fm = await FrontMatter.parse(codeslide);
    const slides = await SlideShow.parse(content);
    return { ...fm, ...slides };
  };

  export const render = async (
    manifest: Manifest
  ): Promise<Result> => {
    if (manifest.format === 'html') {
      return {
        data: Renderer.render(manifest),
        encoding: 'utf8',
```

```
        };
    } else {
      const browser = await launch();
      const page = await browser.newPage();
      await page.setContent(Renderer.render(manifest));
      const result = await page.pdf({
        printBackground: true,
        format: manifest.pageSize,
        landscape: manifest.orientation! === 'landscape'
      });
      await browser.close();
      return {
        data: result.toString('base64'),
        encoding: 'base64',
      };
    }
  };
}
```

Manifest file

- A markdown document constructed of the Front Matter section and the Slide Show section

- The specifications of Manifest file is here

FrontMatter

- The Front Matter section schema
- An extended `Renderer` schema
- Parsed from the Front Matter section of [manifest file](#) (YAML syntax)

```
import semver from 'semver-regex';
import { z } from 'zod';
import { Renderer } from '../../../../src';
import { homepage, version } from '../../package.json';
import { formatZodError, getContent } from '../utils';

export type FrontMatter = z.infer<typeof FrontMatter.schema>;

export namespace FrontMatter {
  export const parse = async (
    fm?: Partial<FrontMatter>
  ): Promise<FrontMatter> => (
    schema.default({}).parseAsync(fm)
  );

  export const schema =
    z.object({
      version: z.string()
        .regex(semver(), 'Expect semver string')
        .default(version),
      format: z.enum(['html', 'pdf']).default('html'),
      pageSize: z.enum([
        'ledger', 'legal', 'letter', 'tabloid',
        'A0', 'A1', 'A2', 'A3', 'A4', 'A5', 'A6',
      ]).optional(),
      orientation: z.enum([
        'landscape', 'portrait',
      ]).optional(),
    })
    .and(
      Renderer.schema.omit({ slides: true })
    )
    .superRefine((fm, ctx) => {
      if (fm.format === 'pdf') {
        fm.pageSize = fm.pageSize ?? 'A4';
```

```
          fm.orientation = fm.orientation ?? 'landscape';
        } else {
          if (fm.pageSize) {
            ctx.addIssue({
              code: 'invalid_type',
              path: ['pageSize'],
              expected: 'never',
              received: 'string',
            });
          }
          if (fm.orientation) {
            ctx.addIssue({
              code: 'invalid_type',
              path: ['orientation'],
              expected: 'never',
              received: 'string',
            });
          }
        }
      })
      .transform(async (fm) => {
        fm.styles = await Promise.all(
          fm.styles.map((path) => getContent(path))
        );
        if (fm.codeFont.rule) {
          fm.codeFont.rule = await getContent(fm.codeFont.rule);
        }
        if (fm.slideFont.rule) {
          fm.slideFont.rule = await getContent(fm.slideFont.rule);
        }
        return fm;
      })
      .catch((e) => {
        throw new Error(`\
Cannot parse the Front Matter section:
\t${formatZodError(e.error, ['codeslide'])}
\tReference: ${homepage}/docs/REFERENCE.md`
        );
      });
}
```

SlideShow

- The Slide Show section schema
- An labeled object whose type is `{ slides: string[] }`
- Parsed from the Slide Show section of [manifest file](#) (Markdown syntax)
- Each slide is splitted by a horizontal line
- Has special rules for rendering embedding code snippets and slides

```typescript
import hljs, { HighlightResult } from 'highlight.js';
import { marked } from 'marked';
import { getContent } from '../utils';

export type SlideShow = { slides: string[] };

export namespace SlideShow {
  export const parse = async (
    markdown: string
  ): Promise<SlideShow> => {
    const html = await _parseMarkdown(markdown);
    return { slides: html.split('<hr>').map((s) => s.trim()) };
  };
}

const _parseMarkdown = (
  markdown: string
): Promise<string> => (
  marked.parse(markdown, {
    async: true,
    highlight,
    renderer,
    walkTokens,
  }).catch((err: Error) => {
    err.message = `Cannot parse the Slide Show section:\n\t${
      err.message.replace(
        '\nPlease report this to
https://github.com/markedjs/marked.', ''
      )
    }`;
    throw err;
  })
);
```

```typescript
const highlight = (
  code: string,
  language: string,
): string => (
  _highlight(code, language).value
);

const _highlight = (
  code: string,
  language: string,
): HighlightResult => {
  try {
    language = language || 'plaintext';
    return hljs.highlight(code, { language });
  } catch (e) {
    const err = e as Error;
    err.message =
      `Cannot parse the code "${
        code.substring(0, 30).split('\n')[0]
      } ...":\n\t${err.message}`;
    throw e;
  }
};

const renderer = new class extends marked.Renderer {
  override code(
    code: string,
    language: string | undefined,
    isEscaped: boolean
  ): string {
    const original = super.code(code, language, isEscaped);
    const class_endindex = original.indexOf('">');
    return class_endindex === -1
      ? original
      : `${
        original.slice(0, class_endindex)
      } hljs${
        original.slice(class_endindex)
      }`;
  }

  override heading(
    text: string,
    level: 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6,
```

```
      raw: string,
      slugger: marked.Slugger,
  ): string {
    if (this.options.headerIds) {
      const id = this.options.headerPrefix + slugger.slug(raw);
      return `\
<h${level} id="${id}">
  <a class="hljs" href="#${id}">${text}</a>
</h${level}>
`;
    }
    return `<h${level}>${text}</h${level}>
`;
  }
};

const walkTokens = async (
  token: marked.Token
): Promise<void> => {
  if (token.type === 'link') {
    const { href, text } = token;
    if (! text.startsWith(':')) {
      return;
    }
    const [prefix, suffix] = <[string, string | undefined]>
      text.split('.');
    token = _toHTMLToken(token);
    if (prefix === ':slide') {
      const slide = await getContent(href);
      token.text = await _parseMarkdown(slide);
    } else if (prefix === ':code') {
      const code = await getContent(href);
      const result = _highlight(code, suffix ?? 'plaintext');
      token.text = `\
<pre><code${
  result.language ?
    ` class="language-${result.language} hljs"` : ''
}>${
  result.value
}</code></pre>
`;
    }
  }
};
```

```typescript
const _toHTMLToken = (
  token: marked.Token
): marked.Tokens.HTML => {
  const { raw } = token;
  for (const p in token) {
    if (token.hasOwnProperty(p)){
      delete token[p as keyof marked.Token];
    }
  }
  token = token as marked.Token;
  token.type = 'html';
  token.raw = raw;
  token = token as marked.Tokens.HTML;
  token.pre = true;
  return token;
};
```

Renderer

- The slideshow renderer schema
- Depends on Eta to render HTML template
- `Renderer.parse`: Parse an object into a `Renderer` schema
- `Renderer.render`: Render the slideshow to HTML text

Note

- `Renderer` is the root schema of `Manifest`. That is, `Manifest` is an extended `Renderer`.

```
declare module '*.css' {
  const _: string;
  export default _;
}
declare module '*.html' {
  const _: string;
  export default _;
}


import { render } from 'eta';
import HighlightCSS from './highlight.css';
import SlidesCSS from './slides.css';
import SlidesHTMLTemplate from './slides.html';

export { HighlightCSS, SlidesCSS };

export const SlidesHTML = ({ slides, styles }: {
  slides: string[],
  styles: string[],
}): string => render(
  SlidesHTMLTemplate,
  {
    slides: `\
<div id="slides">
${
  slides
    .map((slide, index) => `\
```

```
<div class="slide" id="slide_${index}">
${slide}
</div>`
    )
    .join('\n')
}
</div>`,
    style: `\
<style>
${styles.join('\n')}
</style>`,
  }
);


import { z } from 'zod';
import {
  HighlightCSS,
  SlidesCSS,
  SlidesHTML,
} from '../assets';

export type Renderer = z.infer<typeof Renderer.schema>;

export namespace Renderer {
  export const parse = (
    renderer?: Partial<Renderer>
  ): Renderer => (
    schema.default({}).parse(renderer)
  );

  export const render = (
    renderer: Renderer
  ): string => {
    const { slides } = renderer;
    const styles = new Array<string>();
    if (! renderer.styles.length) {
      styles.push(HighlightCSS);
    }
    styles.push(SlidesCSS, ...renderer.styles);

    if (renderer.codeFont.rule) {
      styles.push(`\
/*! CodeSlide codeFont at-rule */
${renderer.codeFont.rule}`);
```

```
    }
    if (renderer.slideFont.rule) {
      styles.push(`\
/*! CodeSlide slideFont at-rule */
${renderer.slideFont.rule}`);
    }

    styles.push(`\
/*! CodeSlide codeFont properties */
code {
  font-family: ${renderer.codeFont.family};
}
pre > code {
  font-size: ${renderer.codeFont.size};
  font-weight: ${renderer.codeFont.weight};
}

/* CodeSlide slideFont properties */
#slides {
  font-family: ${renderer.slideFont.family};
  font-size: ${renderer.slideFont.size};
  font-weight: ${renderer.slideFont.weight};
}`);

    return SlidesHTML({ slides, styles });
  };

  export const schema = z.object({
    slides: z.array(z.string()).default([]),
    styles: z.array(z.string()).default([]),
    codeFont: z.object({
      family: z.string().optional().transform((arg) => `\
${arg ? `${arg}, ` : ''}ui-monospace, SFMono-Regular, \
SF Mono, Menlo, Consolas, Liberation Mono, monospace`
      ),
      rule: z.string().optional(),
      size: z.string().default('medium'),
      weight: z.string().default('normal'),
    }).default({}),
    slideFont: z.object({
      family: z.string().optional().transform((arg) => `\
${arg ? `${arg}, ` : ''}system-ui`
      ),
      rule: z.string().optional(),
      size: z.string().default('large'),
```

```
      weight: z.string().default('normal'),
    }).default({}),
  });
}
```

HTML template

{% and %} are interpolation characters

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html class="hljs">
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<meta
  name="description"
  content="CodeSlide makes a slideshow for code snippets">
<meta
  name="viewport"
  content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, user-scalable=no">
<link
  href="https://fonts.gstatic.com"
  rel="preconnect" crossorigin>
<%~ it.style %>
</head>
<body>
<%~ it.slides %>
</body>
</html>
```

Default CSS for slides

```css
/*! CodeSlide Presets */
a {
  color: dodgerblue;
}
blockquote {
  border-left: currentColor solid medium;
  margin-inline: 1em;
  padding-inline: 1em;
  opacity: 50%;
}
body {
  margin: 0;
  overflow: hidden;
}
code {
  font-size: 85%;
  padding-inline: 0.15em;
}
html {
  overflow: hidden;
}
img {
  max-width: 100%;
}
li {
  margin-top: 0.25em;
}
p:empty {
  display: none;
}
pre {
  white-space: pre-wrap;
  overflow-wrap: break-word;
}
pre > code {
  display: block;
  padding: 1em;
}
video {
  max-width: 100%;
```

```css
}
:is(h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6) > a {
  text-decoration: none;
}
.slide {
  padding: 1em 2em;
}
#slides {
  line-height: 1.5;
}
@media screen {
  .slide {
    min-width: calc(100vw - 4em);
    height: calc(100vh - 2em);
    height: calc(100dvh - 2em);
    overflow-y: scroll;
    scroll-snap-align: start;
    scroll-snap-stop: always;
    scrollbar-width: none;
  }
  .slide::-webkit-scrollbar {
    display: none;
  }
  #slides {
    display: flex;
    flex-direction: row;
    overflow-x: scroll;
    overscroll-behavior: none;
    scroll-behavior: smooth;
    scroll-snap-type: x mandatory;
  }
}
@media print {
  @page {
    margin: 0;
  }
  html {
    print-color-adjust: exact;
    -webkit-print-color-adjust: exact;
  }
  /* h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, h6 {
    break-after: avoid-page;
  } */
  .slide {
    break-after: page;
```

```
        }
    }
```

Default CSS for syntax highlighting

Visual Studio 2015 Dark retrieved from [Highlight.js](#)

```css
/*! Highlight.js Visual Studio 2015 Dark */
.hljs {
  background: #1e1e1e;
  color: #dcdcdc;
}
.hljs-keyword,
.hljs-literal,
.hljs-name,
.hljs-symbol {
  color: #569cd6;
}
.hljs-link {
  color: #569cd6;
  text-decoration: underline;
}
.hljs-built_in,
.hljs-type {
  color: #4ec9b0;
}
.hljs-class,
.hljs-number {
  color: #b8d7a3;
}
.hljs-meta .hljs-string,
.hljs-string {
  color: #d69d85;
}
.hljs-regexp,
.hljs-template-tag {
  color: #9a5334;
}
.hljs-formula,
.hljs-function,
.hljs-params,
.hljs-subst,
.hljs-title {
  color: #dcdcdc;
}
```

```css
.hljs-comment,
.hljs-quote {
  color: #57a64a;
  font-style: italic;
}
.hljs-doctag {
  color: #608b4e;
}
.hljs-meta,
.hljs-meta .hljs-keyword,
.hljs-tag {
  color: #9b9b9b;
}
.hljs-template-variable,
.hljs-variable {
  color: #bd63c5;
}
.hljs-attr,
.hljs-attribute {
  color: #9cdcfe;
}
.hljs-section {
  color: gold;
}
.hljs-emphasis {
  font-style: italic;
}
.hljs-strong {
  font-weight: 700;
}
.hljs-bullet,
.hljs-selector-attr,
.hljs-selector-class,
.hljs-selector-id,
.hljs-selector-pseudo,
.hljs-selector-tag {
  color: #d7ba7d;
}
.hljs-addition {
  background-color: #144212;
  display: inline-block;
  width: 100%;
}
.hljs-deletion {
  background-color: #600;
```

```css
    display: inline-block;
    width: 100%;
}
```

```css
    display: inline-block;
    width: 100%;
}
```

The entry point

```javascript
import { program } from 'commander';
import { readFileSync, writeFileSync } from 'fs';
import { stdin, stdout } from 'process';
import { version, homepage, name } from '../package.json';
import { CLIOptions, Manifest } from '.';

program
  .name(name)
  .description(`\
Example: ${name} -m ./manifest.md -o ./output.html

Make a slideshow (HTML/PDF file) for code snippets
with a manifest (Markdown file).

Go to home page for more information:
${homepage}`)
  .version(version, '-v, --version', `\
Check the version number.`)
  .helpOption('-h, --help', `\
Check all options and their description.`)
  .option('-m, --manifest [local_path]', `\
The "manifest file path" of slideshow.
By default it reads manifest from stdin.`)
  .option('-o, --output [local_path]', `\
The "output file path" of slideshow.
By default it writes the output to stdout.`)
  .action(async (options: CLIOptions) => {
    let { output, manifest } = CLIOptions.parse(options);
    const file = output ?? stdout.fd;
    if (manifest) {
      const _manifest = await Manifest.parse(
        readFileSync(manifest, 'utf8')
      );
      const { data, encoding } = await Manifest.render(
        _manifest
      );
      writeFileSync(file, data, encoding);
    } else {
      let buffer = Buffer.alloc(0);
      stdin
```

```
          .on('data', (d) => {
            buffer = Buffer.concat([buffer, d]);
          })
          .once('end', async () => {
            const _manifest = await Manifest.parse(
              buffer.toString('utf8')
            );
            const { data, encoding } = await Manifest.render(
              _manifest
            );
            writeFileSync(file, data, encoding);
          });
      }
    })
    .parseAsync()
    .catch((err) => { throw err; });
```

CLIOptions

- The CLI options schema

- `-m, --manifest`: Manifest file path

- `-o, --output`: Output file path

```
import { z } from 'zod';
import { formatZodError } from '../utils';
import { homepage } from '../../package.json';

export type CLIOptions = z.infer<typeof CLIOptions.schema>;

export namespace CLIOptions {
  export const parse = (
    options?: Partial<CLIOptions>
  ): CLIOptions => (
    schema.default({}).parse(options)
  );

  export const schema = z
    .object({
      manifest: z.string().optional(),
      output: z.string().optional(),
    })
    .strict()
    .catch((e) => {
```

```
        throw new Error(`\
Cannot parse the Front Matter section:
\t${formatZodError(e.error, ['codeslide'])}
\tReference: ${homepage}/docs/REFERENCE.md`
        );
    });
}
```

Miscellaneous

- Because [Node Fetch](#) does not handle `file:` URI scheme, CodeSlide CLI implements it with `fs.readFileSync`:

```typescript
import fetch from 'node-fetch';
import statuses from 'statuses';
import { readFileSync } from 'fs';
import { pathToFileURL } from 'url';

export const getContent = async (
  path: string | URL,
): Promise<string> => {
  if (typeof path === 'string') {
    try {
      path = new URL(path);
    } catch (err) {
      path = pathToFileURL(path.toString());
    }
  }
  if (path.protocol === 'file:') {
    return readFileSync(path, 'utf8');
  } else {
    const res = await fetch(path);
    if (res.ok) { return res.text(); }
    const { status, url } = res;
    throw new Error(
      `Cannot GET ${url} due to the error ${status} (${statuses(status)})`
    );
  }
};
```

Thanks for your watching!

> This slideshow is made by CodeSlide as well

- The repository of this example is here
- See other CodeSlide CLI examples here
- See the installation guide of CodeSlide CLI here