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## Markdown to MLA PDF Demo

This is a demo of my Markdown  $\rightarrow$  MLA-formatted PDF workflow in Neovim! Run :PandocMarkdownToMla to export this Markdown file to /tmp/nvim-pandoc-mla.pdf, or do :PandocMarkdownToMlaLivePreview to open /tmp/nvim-pandoc-mla.pdf in your default PDF reader and convert on every write (auto-refreshing is assumed to be done by the PDF reader). The tools used in the conversion are XeLaTeX, Pandoc, Neovim, and vim-pandoc.

Need to know the page and word count? Run: PandocMarkdownToMla followed by :MlaPdfStats. noice.nvim will redirect the console echo output to the nvim-notify notification manager for super-convenient viewing.

Special thanks to Ryan Aycock, Edward Z. Yang, and Teddy Bradford for their MLA package for LaTeX, which has been put into my dotfiles (.config/yadm/xelatex/mla.sty) with slight modifications to:

- 1. Use the system's Times New Roman font rather than an outdated package for a Times-like font, fixing bold, italic, and monospace text—but **only** if mla.sty is in the TeX home dir!
- 2. Provide the title, professor, class, date, firstName, and lastName variables, which can be set through a YAML header. (Secret bonus variable: mla.linespread)

## Works Cited

Neil, Drew, Practical Vim: Edit Text at the Speed of Thought, The Pragmatic Bookshelf, 2015.