



# Glyph

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# Introduction

Glyph is a *Rapid Document Authoring Framework*.

Think of it like a sort of **Ruby on Rails** but for creating text documents instead of web sites. With Glyph, you can manage your documents tidily in *projects* that can be used to generate deliverables in different formats such as HTML or PDF (through **Prince**).

## Main Features

Glyph uses a simple macro system to perform a wide variety of advanced tasks:

- Generate block-level HTML tags not commonly managed by lightweight markups, like `head`, `body`, `div` and `table`.
- Create and validate internal and external links.
- Include and validate images and figures.
- Automatically determine header levels based on the document structure.
- Automatically generate a Table of Contents based on the document structure.
- Store common snippets of text in a single YAML file and use them anywhere in your document, as many times as you need.
- Store configuration settings in a YAML file and use them anywhere in your document, as many times as you need.
- Evaluate Ruby code within your document.
- Include content only if certain conditions are satisfied.
- Define macros, snippets and configuration settings directly within your document.
- Highlight source code.
- Call macros from other macros (including snippets), avoiding mutual calls.
- Include text files in other text files.
- Include the value of any configuration setting (like `author`, `title`) in the document.
- Filter input explicitly or implicitly, based on file extensions when including files.
- Manage draft comments and todo items.

## Installation

`gem install glyph` — simple, as always.

## Essential Glyph commands

Glyph is 100% command line. Its interface resembles **Git**'s for its simplicity and power (thanks to the **gli** gem). Here are some example commands:

- `glyph init` — to initialize a new Glyph project in the current (empty) directory.
- `glyph add introduction.textile` — to create a new file called *introduction.textile*.
- `glyph compile` — to compile the current document into a single HTML file.
- `glyph compile --auto` — to keep recompiling the current document every time a file is changed.
- `glyph compile -f pdf` — to compile the current document into HTML and then transform it into PDF using **Prince**.
- `glyph compile readme.glyph` — to compile a *readme.glyph* located in the current directory into a single HTML file.

## Glyph macros in a nutshell

Format your documents using Textile or Markdown, and use Glyph Macros to do everything else:

### Glyph Source:

```
section[header[Something about Glyph]
You can use Glyph macros in conjunction
  with _Textile_ or _Markdown_ to
produce HTML files effortlessly.
  section[header[What about PDFs?|pdf]
Once you have a single, well-formatted HTML
file, converting it to PDF is
extremely easy with a 3rd-party
renderer like =>[http://www.princexml.com|Prince].
  ]
]
```

### HTML Output:

```
<div class="section">
  <h2 id="h_10">Something about Glyph</h2>
  <p>You can use Glyph macros in conjunction with
    <em>Textile</em> or <em>Markdown</em> to
    produce HTML files effortlessly.</p>
  <div class="section">
    <h3 id="pdf">What about PDFs?</h3>
    <p>Once you have a single, well-formatted HTML
      file, converting it to PDF is
      extremely easy with a 3rd-party renderer
      like <a href="http://www.princexml.com">Prince</a>.</p>
  </div>
</div>
```

## Resources

- Home Page: <http://www.h3rald.com/glyph/>
- Repository: <http://www.github.com/h3rald/glyph/>
- Bug Tracking: <http://www.github.com/h3rald/glyph/issues>
- Development Wiki <http://wiki.github.com/h3rald/glyph>
- RubyGem Download <http://www.rubygems.org/gems/glyph>
- Book (PDF): <http://github.com/h3rald/glyph/raw/0.2.0/book/output/pdf/glyph.pdf>
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# Chapter I – Getting Started

## 1.1 Creating your first Glyph Project

To install Glyph, simply run `gem install glyph`, like with any other Ruby gem. Then, create a new directory and initialize a new Glyph project, like so:

```
mkdir test_document
```

```
cd test_document
```

```
glyph init
```

That's it. You just created a new Glyph project in the `test_document` directory.

### Glyph's dependencies

Glyph requires the following gems:

- `extlib`
- `gli`
- `treetop`
- `rake`

Additionally, some Glyph macros may require additional gems, such as:

- `RedCloth` (`textile` macro)
- `BlueCloth` *or* `RDiscount` *or* `Maruku` *or* `Kramdown` (`markdown` macro)
- `Haml` (if you want to load `.sass` files with the `style` macro)

Every Glyph project is comprised of the following directories:

- `images/` — used to store the image files used in your document.
- `lib/` — used to store your custom Glyph macros and Rake tasks.
- `output/` — used to store your generated output files.
- `styles/` — used to store your stylesheets.
- `text/*` — used to store your source text files.

Additionally, the following files are also created at top level:

- `config.yml` — containing your **Project Configuration**.
- `document.glyph` — containing your **Document Structure**

- `snippets.yml` — containing your text **snippets**.

## 1.2 Document Structure

Every Glyph project contains a `document.glyph` file that is typically used to define the document structure. The default `document.glyph` generated automatically when creating a new project is the following:

```
document[
  head[style[default.css]]
  body[
    titlepage[
      title[]
      author[]
      pubdate[]
    ]
    frontmatter[
      toc[]
      preface[header[Preface]
        @[preface.textile]
      ]
    ]
    bodymatter[
      chapter[header[Chapter #1]
        @[chapter_1.textile]
      ]
      chapter[header[Chapter #2]
        @[chapter_2.textile]
      ]
    ]
    backmatter[
      appendix[header[Appendix A]
        @[appendix_a.textile]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
```

Even without knowing anything about Glyph Language, you can easily figure out that this file defines a document with a Table of Contents, a Preface and some Chapters. `frontmatter[]`, `preface[]`, `chapter[]`, etc. are all Glyph *macros* used to define — in this case — some structural elements. In practice, this means that if you plan to generate an HTML document, they'll be converted into `<div>` tags.

Be aware that other macros, on the other hand, are used to do something completely different, e.g.:

- `toc[]` generates the document's Table of Contents
- `@[]` or its alias `include[]` is used to copy the contents of another file stored anywhere in the `text/` directory.

Let's now analyze this `document.glyph` more in detail.

- The `document[]` macro wraps every other macro. This is necessary to create the initial `<html>` tag.
- Similarly, `head[]` and `body[]` are used to generate the respective HTML tags. Actually, `head[]` already sets some metadata for you, by default (author and copyright).
- Within `head[]`, the `style[]` macro is used to load the `default.css` stylesheet, which is one of the **default Glyph styleseets**.
- Immediately after the `body[]` macro, the `titlepage[]` macro is used to define (guess...) the first page of your document. `title[]`, `author[]` and `pubdate[]` insert the title of the document, its author and the publication date (retrieved from the project's **configuration settings**).
- Then, the `frontmatter[]`, `bodymatter[]` and `backmatter[]` macros are used to further divide the portions of your document according to the rules of **book design**. They are not mandatory, but they can be used, for example, to number your appendixes with letters instead of numbers and similar.
- `preface[]`, `chapter[]`, `appendix[]` are just a way to wrap content in `<div>` tags, from an HTML point of view, but they are also necessary to nest the content of your document and generate the Table of Contents automatically, together with the `header[]` macro.

## 1.3 Project Configuration

Glyph stores configuration settings in the following YAML files:

1. Your *Project Configuration* is stored in the `config.yml` file, included in each Glyph Project.
2. Your *Global Configuration* is stored in a `.glyphrc` file in your `$HOME` (or `%HOMEPATH%` on Windows) directory (not created by default).
3. The *System Configuration* is stored in the source directory of Glyph itself.

When compiling, Glyph loads all these configuration files and merges them according to the following rules:

- A setting configured in the *Project Configuration* overrides the same setting in both Global and System configuration.
- A setting configured in the *Global Configuration* overrides the same setting in the *System Configuration*

Typically, you should use the *Project Configuration* for all project-specific settings and the *Global Configuration* for settings affecting all your projects (for example, you may want to set the **document.author** setting in the Global Configuration instead of setting it in the Project Configuration of all your Glyph projects). The *System Configuration* is best left untouched.

Instead of editing your configuration settings directly, you can use the **config** command, as follows:

```
glyph config setting [value]
```

If no *value* is specified, glyph just prints the value of the configuration setting, so typing `glyph config document.author` right after creating a project (assuming you didn't set this in the Global Configuration) will print nothing, because this setting is blank by default.

To change the value of a configuration setting, specify a value right after the setting, like this:

```
glyph config document.author "John Smith"
```

**Tip** It is also possible to change configuration settings inside your document, using the `config:` macro.

In this way, the document author will be set to *John Smith* for the current project. To save this setting globally, add a `-g` option, like this:

```
glyph config -g document.author "John Smith"
```

#### Regarding configuration values and data types...

Glyph attempts to “guess” the data type of a configuration values by evaluation (`Kernel#instance_eval`) if the value:

- is wrapped in quotes (`"` or `'`) → `String`
- starts with a colon (`:`) → `Symbol`
- is wrapped in square brackets (`[` and `]`) → `Array`
- is wrapped in curly brackets (`{` and `}`) → `Hash`
- is *true* or *false* → `Boolean`
- is *nil* → `NilClass`

Note that this guessing is far from being foolproof: If you type something like `{:test, 2}`, for example, you'll get an error.

There are plenty of configuration settings that can be modified, but most of them are best if left alone (and in the System Configuration file).

For a complete reference, see [Configuration Reference](#). Normally, you may just want to change the following ones:

Setting	Description
<code>document.author</code>	The author of the document
<code>document.title</code>	The title of the document
<code>document.filename</code>	The document file name

## Chapter II – Authoring Documents

### 2.1 Text Editing

One of the main purposes of Glyph is streamlining text editing. Glyph accomplishes this through its own macro language that can be used in conjunction with Textile or Markdown.

#### 2.1.1 Introducing Glyph Macros

By now you probably figured out what a macro looks like: it's an identifier of some kind that wraps a value or parameters within square brackets. More specifically:

- The macro identifier can contain *any* character except for: `[`, `]`, `\`, `|` or spaces.
- The delimiters can be either `[` and `]` or `[=` and `=]` (for more information on differences between delimiters, see [Escaping and Quoting](#)).
- The value can be anything, even other macros. If a macro supports more than one parameter, they must be separated with `|`. For example, the `link` macro can take an optional second parameter for the link text: `link[#link_id|This is the link text]`.

A macro can often have one or more aliases. For example, `=>` is an alias for the `link` macro, so the following macro calls are equivalent:

```
=>[#test|Test Section]
link[#test|Test Section]
```

#### 2.1.2 Escaping and Quoting

Glyph doesn't require any special control characters like LaTeX, and its macro syntax is very straightforward and liberal. This however comes with a price: because square brackets are used as delimiters, you must escape any square bracket in your text with a backslash. That's not *too* bad if you think about it, unless you're writing programming code, in which case escaping every single square bracket can be painful.

If a portion of your text contains an excessive amount of square brackets, you may consider using the `escape` macro (or its alias `.`) with the `[=` and `=]` delimiters. By itself, the escape macro doesn't do anything: it just evaluates to its contents, but the special delimiters act as an escape for any square bracket within them. As a consequence, any macro within `[=` and `=]` will *not* be evaluated.

You can use the quoting delimiters with *any* macro identifier. Obviously, using them as delimiters for things like **section** macros may not be a good idea, but they should be more or less mandatory with the **code** macro, like this:

```
code[=
section[header[A section]

This is a section.

    section[header[A nested section]
This is another section.
    ]
]
=]
```

**Note** Although quoting delimiters allow you to use square brackets without escaping them, you must still escape them if you want to escape quoting delimiters themselves.

Besides square brackets, there are other characters that must or can be escaped with backslashes, as shown in the following table

Escape Sequence	Evaluates to...	Notes
[	[	Square brackets must be escaped unless used as macro delimiters or within a quoting macro.
]	]	Square brackets must be escaped unless used as macro delimiters or within a quoting macro.
\\	\	Backslashes do not have to be escaped by default, but an escaped backslash will evaluate to itself.
\=	=	Equal signs do not have to be escaped by default, but an escaped equal sign will evaluate to itself.
		Pipes must be escaped (even within quoting macros) unless they are used to separate macro parameters.
\.		An escaped dot evaluates to nothing. Useful to separate macro identifiers from other characters: _\.=>[#link This link is emphasized using Textile]_



## 2.1.3 Sections and Headers

Glyph documents are normally organized as a hierarchical tree of nested chapters, appendixes, sections, etc. To define a section, use the `section` macro, like so:

```
section[
  header[Section #1]

  Write the section contents here...

  section[
    header[Section #2]

    This section is nested into the previous one.

    ] --[End of Section #2]
  ] --[End of Section #1]
```

This example defines two nested sections, each with its own header. The header is *mandatory*: it will be displayed at the start of the section and in the Table of Contents.

Note an important difference from HTML: there is no explicit level for the headers, as it will be determined at runtime when the document is compiled, based on how sections are nested. The previous code snippet (taken as it is), for example, will be transformed into the following HTML code:

```
<div class="section">
  <h2>Section #1</h2>
  <p>Write the section contents here...</p>
  <div class="section">
    <h3>Section #2</h3>
    <p>This section is nested in the previous one</p>
  </div>
</div>
```

By default, in Glyph the first header level is 2, so the two headers are rendered as h2 and h3, respectively (--[...] macros are *comments*, therefore they are not included in the final output).

There are *a lot* of macros that can be used in the same way as `section`, one for each element commonly used in **Book Design**. Each one of them is a simple wrapper for a `<div>` tag with a `class` attribute set to its name.

The following table lists the identifiers of all section-like macros, divided according to the part of the book they should be placed in:

<b>Frontmatter</b>	imprint <sup>†</sup> , dedication <sup>†</sup> , inspiration <sup>†</sup> , foreword <sup>‡</sup> , introduction <sup>‡</sup> , acknowledgement <sup>‡</sup> , prologue <sup>‡</sup> , toc <sup>*</sup>
<b>Bodymatter</b>	volume, book, part, chapter
<b>Backmatter</b>	epilogue <sup>‡</sup> , afterword <sup>‡</sup> , postscript <sup>†</sup> , appendix, addendum <sup>‡</sup> , glossary <sup>**‡</sup> , colophon <sup>†</sup> , bibliography <sup>**‡</sup> , promotion <sup>†</sup> , references <sup>**‡</sup> , index <sup>**‡</sup> , lot <sup>**‡</sup> , lof <sup>**‡</sup>

\*: The **toc** macro is used to generate the Table of Contents automatically, and it must be used with no contents (i.e.: `toc[]`).

\*\*: This macro is likely to be extended in future versions to generate/aggregate content automatically.

†: This section is not listed in the Table of Contents.

‡: Any subsection of this section is not listed in the Table of Contents.

**Note** `frontmatter`, `bodymatter` and `backmatter` are also valid (and mandatory!) macro identifiers, typically already included in the default `document.glyph` file of every project.

## 2.1.4 Including Files and Snippets

If you're authoring a user manual, a long article or a book, writing everything inside a single file (`document.glyph`) may not be optimal. For this reason, Glyph provides an **include** macro (aliased by `@`) that can be used to include the contents of any file within the `text/` directory:

```
@[introduction.textile]
```

The macro call above loads the contents of the `introduction.textile` file, that can be stored *anywhere* within the `text/` directory.

**Note** Unlike with **image and figures** that must be included with their *relative* path to the `images/` folder, you must not specify a relative path when including text files. This is due to the fact that images are copied *as they are* in the `output/<format>/images/` directory and they have to be linked from the output file.

A possible downside of this behavior is that file names must be unique within the entire `text/` directory and any of its subdirectories

When including a text file, an input filter macro is applied to its contents by default, based on the file extension used:

- `.textile` → **textile** macro
- `.markdown` or `.md` → **markdown** macro

**Tip** You can override this behavior by setting the `filters.by_file_extensions` configuration setting to `false`, like this:

```
glyph config filters.by_file_extensions false
```

While including the context of an entire file is definitely a useful feature for content reuse, sometimes it can be an overkill. What if, for example, you just want to reuse a short procedure or even a sentence? In this case, you may want to consider using a *snippet* instead.

Snippets are text strings saved in YAML format in the `snippets.yml` file. They can be included anywhere in your document using the `snippet` macro (or its alias `&`).

**Tip** Besides storing snippets in the `snippets.yml` file, you can also define them right in your document, using the `snippet:` macro.

### Example

Consider the following `snippets.yml` file:

```
---
:glang: Glyph Language
:macros: Glyph Macros
:sq_esc: |-
  Square brackets must be escaped
  unless used as macro delimiters or within a quoting macro.
:markups: Textile or Markdown
:test: |-
  This is a
  Test snippet
```

You can use `&[markups]` anywhere in your document instead of having to type “Textile or Markdown” every time. Additionally, later on you can change the value of the `markups` snippets only in the `snippets.yml` file to change it everywhere else in the document.

**Tip** Snippets (or any other macro) can be nested within other snippets. Glyph takes care of checking if you nested snippets or macros mutually and warns you as necessary.

## 2.1.5 Links and Bookmarks

Lightweight markups let you create internal and external links in a very easy way, and you can still do so in Glyph. However, if you do so:

- There is no built-in way to check if they are valid
- There is no built-in way to determine the title of a link automatically

If you care about link validation and you want to save some keystrokes, then you should use the following markup-agnostic macros:

- `link` (aliased to `=>`) — to create internal and external links.
- `anchor` (aliased to `#`) — to create named anchors (bookmarks) within your document.

### Example

The following Glyph code:

```
This is a link to link[#test].
```

```
...
```

```
This is link[#wrong].
```

```
This is a #[test|test anchor].
```

Is translated into the following HTML code:

```
<p>This is a link to <a href="#test">test anchor</a>.</p>
<p>...</p>
<p>This is <a href="#wrong">#wrong</a>.</p>
<p>This is a <a id="test">test anchor</a>.</p>
```

Additionally, the following warning message is displayed when **compiling**:

```
warning: Bookmark 'wrong' does not exist
-> source: @: aurlhoting.textile
-> path: document/body/bodymatter/chapter/@/textile/section/section/box/link
```

Basically, if you use the **link** macro and the **anchor** macro, Glyph makes sure that:

- All links point to valid anchors within the document (regardless if the anchors are before or after the link, in snippets or included files).
- There are no duplicate anchors within the documents.
- If no title is specified as second parameter for the **link** macro, the anchor's title is used as such.

Besides using the **anchor** macro, you can also create an anchor for a header by passing an extra parameter to the **header** macro, like this: `header[Header Title|my_anchor]`.

**Note** At present, link validation and automatic title retrieval only works with internal links (i.e. the check occurs if the first parameter of the `link` macro starts with a #). In the future, the macro could be extended to support external links as well.

## 2.1.6 Evaluating Ruby code and Configuration Settings

Glyph Language is not a full-blown programming language, as it does not provide control flow or variables, for example.

However, it is possible to evaluate simple ruby code snippets using the `ruby` macro (aliased to `%`), like this:

- `%[2 + 2] → 4`
- `%[Time.now] → Sun May 09 15:39:56 +0200 2010`
- `%[Glyph::VERSION] → 0.2.0`

The scope for the code evaluation is the Kernel module, (with all inclusions required by Glyph itself).

Although it is possible to retrieve Glyph configuration settings in this way (e.g. `%[cfg('document.author')]`), the `config` macro (aliased to `$`) makes things slightly simpler (e.g. `$[document.author]`).

## 2.1.7 Conditional Macros

Sometimes you may want text to be included in a document only if certain conditions are satisfied. For example, you may want to display a disclaimer section only if the document is a draft (see `document.draft` setting), or use a particular stylesheet only if when you generate a PDF document.

To do so, you can use the `condition` macro (aliased by `?`), and a set of additional macros that can be used as conditional operators i.e.:

- `eq` macro
- `not` macro
- `and` macro
- `or` macro
- `match` macro

Consider the following code:

```
?[document.draft]|
This is a first draft of the Glyph Book]
?[not[document.draft]]|
This is the official version of the Glyph Book]
```

In this case, if `document.draft` is set to `true`, “This is a first draft of the Glyph Book” will be displayed; if not, “This is the official version of the Glyph Book” will be displayed instead.

The **condition** macro takes two parameters:

- the first one is the condition to evaluate
- the second one is the text to include in the document only if the condition is satisfied.

Note that *both* parameters can contain macros, of course, so you can write things like:

```
?[and[
  eq[document.output|pdf]
  |
  eq[tools.pdf_generator|prince]
  ]
|
style[pagination.css]]
```

In this case, the `pagination.css` stylesheet is included only when you’re generating a PDF document using Prince XML.

### 2.1.7.1 Using macros inside the condition macro

Conditionals are not implemented at parser level. This means that macros specified as the second parameter of a **condition** macro are *always* parsed and *executed*, even *before* that the condition is evaluated! Besides being inefficient, this can also lead to dangerous results if you’re the **config** macro or the **ruby** macro, for example: because in that case a configuration setting or a piece of Ruby code is always executed...

To avoid this potentially dangerous side effect, you can *encode* the second parameter of the condition macro, like this:

```
?[document.draft]|
*=[ $:[document.output|html] =]]
```

If you do so, if the condition is satisfied, the condition macro decodes the second parameter and interprets its contents. In this way, if `document.draft` is true, `document.output` will be set to `html`, otherwise it will be left unchanged.

### 2.1.7.2 Results of conditional expressions

The **condition** macro in Glyph works in a similar way as conditionals in programming languages: if the conditional expression (supplied as first parameter) is satisfied then the second parameter is executed or displayed. But when is a conditional expression satisfied? Glyph is a simple mini-language to perform text manipulation, and has no types, it can only understand text, therefore:

- A conditional expression is satisfied if it evaluates to a non-empty string except “false”.
- A conditional expression is not satisfied if it evaluates to an empty string or the string “false”.

## 2.1.8 Images and Figures

Same as for **links**, you can also include images and figures using Textile or Markdown. If you want additional features, you can use the **img** macro and the **fig** macro, as shown in the following example:

### Example

The following Glyph code:

```
img[glyph.svg|20%|20%]

fig[example.png|An example figure.]
```

Is translated into the following HTML code:

```


<div class="figure">
  
  <div class="caption">An example figure.</div>
</div>
```

**Note** In future releases, figures will be numbered automatically and included in a *List of Figures* section.

## 2.1.9 Source code

If you're a programmer, chances are that you're going to include some source code in your articles and books. Glyph provides different ways to format source code, as described in the following sections.

### 2.1.9.1 Inline code

The `codeph` macro can be used to format inline code. That's exactly the same as using `<code>` tags, just remember to use `escaping delimiters` and to escape pipes.

### 2.1.9.2 Code block

For code blocks, you have two choices: the `code` macro, which simply wraps text into `<pre>` and `<code>` tags, or the `highlight` macro. The last one requires either `Coderay` or `Ultraviolet`, but it highlights the most common programming language.

Consider the following piece of ruby code:

```
def find_child(&block)
  children.each do |c|
    c.descend do |node, level|
      return node if block.call(node)
    end
  end
  nil
end
```

It can be wrapped in a highlight macro, like so:

```
highlight[=ruby|
def find_child(&block)
  children.each do \|c\|
    c.descend do \|node, level\|
      return node if block.call(node)
    end
  end
  nil
end
=]
```

...to produce the following, using the ultraviolet highlighter:



```
def find_child(&block)
  children.each do |c|
    c.descend do |node, level|
      return node if block.call(node)
    end
  end
  nil
end
```

### Some Remarks

- Highlighters require some configuration. For more information on relevant configuration settings, see the `highlighters.*` configuration settings.
- If you're using the `highlight` macro together with `textile` macro, you must wrap the macro call within `<notextile>` tags.
- You must always escape pipes (`|`) with the code or the `highlight` macro.

## 2.2 Compiling your project

By default, a Glyph project can be *compiled* into an HTML document. Additionally, Glyph can also be used to produce PDF documents through `Prince`, and in future releases more formats could be supported.

### 2.2.1 Adding Stylesheets

Currently, Glyph does not provide any native way to format text and pages. The reason is that there's absolutely no need for that: CSS does the job just fine. In particular, CSS3 offers specific attributes and elements that can be used specifically for paginated documents. That's no replacement for LaTeX by any means, but it is enough if you're not looking for advanced typographical features.

You can embed CSS files using the `style` macro, like this:

```
style[default.css]
```

In this case, the `style` macro looks for a `default.css` file in the `/styles` folder of your Glyph project *and* among the default Glyph stylesheets, and embeds it within a `<style>` tag. If you supply a file with a `.sass` extension, it will interpret it as a Sass file and convert it to CSS automatically (if the *Haml* gem is installed).

#### 2.2.1.1 Default Stylesheets

Glyph provides the following default stylesheets, that can be referenced directly using the `style` macro macro:

File name	Notes
default.css	The default stylesheet used for this book.
pagination.css	A CSS3-compliant stylesheet used for pagination, suitable for PDF generation using Prince.
coderay.css	The default <b>Coderay</b> stylesheet, used for syntax highlighting.
ultraviolet/*	This folder contains the following <b>Ultraviolet</b> stylesheets, used for syntax highlighting: active4d.css, all_hallows_eve.css, amy.css, blackboard.css, brilliance_black.css, brilliance_dull.css, cobalt.css, dawn.css, eiffel.css, espresso_libre.css, idle.css, iplastic.css, lazy.css, mac_classic.css, magicwb_amiga.css, pastels_on_dark.css, slush_poppies.css, spacecadet.css, sunburst.css, twilight.css, zenburnesque.css

## 2.2.2 HTML output

To compile a Glyph project to an HTML document, use the **compile** command within your Glyph project folder. Glyph parses the `document.glyph` file (and all included files and snippets); if no errors are found, Glyph creates an HTML document in the `/output/html` folder.

The name of the HTML file can be set in the configuration (`document.filename` setting).

## 2.2.3 PDF Output

To generate a PDF document, you must specify `pdf` as format, like this:

```
glyph compile -f pdf
```

The command above will attempt to compile the project into an HTML document and then call Prince to generate a PDF document from it. In order for this to work, you must download and install **Prince**. It's not open source, but the free version is fully functional, and it just adds a small logo on the first page.

**Note** Glyph v0.2.0 has been successfully tested with Prince v7.0, and the PDF version of this very book was generated with it.

## 2.2.4 Auto Regeneration

You can also call the `compile` command with a `--auto` switch. If you do so, your project will be recompiled automatically every time any source file is changed.

**Note** Auto regeneration requires the `directory_watcher` gem to be installed.

## 2.3 Compiling single Glyph files

Glyph's primary goal is to author complex documents like books or manuals. In order to do so, a Glyph project is required to keep everything organized and automated via a set of predefined conventions, exactly like Ruby on Rails or other similar frameworks do.

If you want to write a one-page article or a short draft, however, creating and managing Glyph projects can be an unnecessary burden. Luckily, you don't have to: you can use Glyph to compile single files containing Glyph code, by adding one parameter (or two if you want to specify a custom destination file) to the `compile` command, like this:

```
glyph compile source.glyph destination.htm
```

This command will process a file called `source.glyph` and produce an HTML file called `destination.htm`.

### 2.3.1 Limitations

This sort of "lite" mode comes with a few minor limitations:

- Snippets can only be defined inside the source file, using the `snippet:` macro macro.
- Project configuration settings can only be defined inside the source file, using the `config:` macro macro.
- Custom macros can only be defined inside the source file, using the `macro:` macro macro.
- Images must be linked with their absolute path, or a path relative to the current directory, and will not be copied anywhere when the output file is generated.
- Stylesheets must be referenced with their absolute path, a path relative to the current directory, or the name of an existing Glyph system stylesheet .
- The `include` macro cannot be used (if you need to include other text files, you should probably use a Glyph project...)

## 2.4 Using Glyph programmatically

Besides using Glyph from the command line, you can also use it straight from your code. Glyph's public `API` is simple and can be used to:

- Retrieve and update configuration settings (using `Glyph[]` and `Glyph[]=`)
- Filter text to HTML (using `Glyph#filter`)
- Compile Glyph source files into HTML or PDF files (using `Glyph#compile`)

That's pretty much it. Of course, both the `filter` and `compile` method cause Glyph to run in *lite mode*, so the same *limitations* apply.

**Tip** For an example on how to use Glyph programmatically (specifically in conjunction with the `nanoc` static site generator), see [h3rald.com](http://h3rald.com) *source code*, in particular:

- `lib/glyph-data.rb` — updating configuration settings.
- `lib/glyph-data.rb` — using the `Glyph#filter` method.
- `Rules` — using the `Glyph#compile` method to generate PDF files.

## Chapter III – Extending Glyph

Glyph was created with extensibility in mind. You can freely extend Glyph Language by creating or overriding macros, to do whatever you like. Macro definitions are written in pure Ruby code and placed in .rb files within the `lib/macros/` folder of your project.

**Tip** Alternatively, you can also define macros right in your document, using the `macro:` macro.

### 3.1 Anatomy of a Macro

This is the source code of a fairly simple macro used to format a note :

```
macro :note do
  %<div class="#{@name}"><span class="note-title">#{@name.to_s.capitalize}</span>
    #{@value}

  </div>
end
```

The macro method takes a single Symbol or String parameter, corresponding to the name of the macro. In this case, the entire block (or *body* of the macro) is a String corresponding to what we want the macro to evaluate to: a `<div>` tag containing a note.

The body of the macro is evaluated in the context of the `Glyph::Macro` class, therefore its instance variables (like `@name` or `@value`) can be used directly.

#### Why using `@name` instead of just “note”?

For the note macro, it absolutely makes no difference. However, by using `@name` it is possible to re-use the same code for the tip, important and caution macros as well, which are in fact only aliases of the note macro:

```
macro_alias :important => :note
macro_alias :tip => :note
macro_alias :caution => :note
```

The following table lists all the instance variables that can be used inside macros:

Variable	Description
@node	<p>A <b>Node</b> containing information about the macro, within the document syntax tree. Useful for accessing parent and child macros, and the current <b>Document</b>. Normally, macro nodes contain the following keys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ :name, the name of the macro.</li> <li>▪ :value, the value (i.e. the contents, within the delimiters) of the macro</li> <li>▪ :source, a String identifying the source of the macro (a file, a snippet, etc.)</li> <li>▪ :document, the parsed document tree.</li> </ul> <p>Note that the first three keys can also be accessed via instance variables.</p>
@name	The name of the macro
@value	The full contents (including parameters and nested macros) inside the macro delimiters.
@source	A String identifying the source of the macro (a file, a snippet, etc.)
@params	The parameters passed to the macro. In other words, the value of the macro split by pipes ( ).

## 3.2 Bookmarks and Headers

The **Glyph::Macro** class also includes a few methods to check and store bookmarks and headers. Consider for example the following source code for the **anchor** macro:

```
macro :anchor do
  ident, title = @params
  macro_error "Bookmark '#{ident}' already exists" if bookmark? ident
  bookmark :id => ident, :title => title
  %(<a id="#{ident}">#{title}</a>)
end
```

The `bookmark?` method can be used to check the existence of a particular ID within the whole document, while the `bookmark` method is used to store bookmark IDs and titles. In a similar way, you can use `header?` and `header` methods to check the existence of headers within the documents or store new ones.

## 3.3 Using Placeholders

Sometimes you may need to access some data that will not be available until the entire document has been fully parsed and analyzed. For example, in order to be able to validate internal links, it is necessary to know in advance if the bookmark ID referenced in the link exists or not, either before (that's easy) or even *after* the link.

Here's the source code of the **link** macro:

```

macro :link do
  href, title = @params
  if href.match /^#/ then
    anc = href.gsub(/^#/ , '').to_sym
    bmk = bookmark? anc
    if bmk then
      title ||= bmk[:title]
    else
      plac = placeholder do |document|
        macro_error "Bookmark '#{anc}' does not exist" unless document.bookmarks[anc]
        document.bookmarks[anc][:title]
      end
      title ||= plac
    end
  end
  title ||= href
  %(<a href="#{href}">#{title}</a>)
end

```

If there's already a bookmark stored in the current document, then it is possible to retrieve its title and use it as link text. Otherwise, it is necessary to wait until the entire document has been fully processed and then check if the bookmark exists. To do so, use the `placeholder` method. When called, this method returns an unique placeholder, which is then substituted with the value of the block, right before the document is finalized.

Within the `placeholder` block, the `document` parameter is, by all means, the fully analyzed document.

## 3.4 Using Validators

If you need to make sure that a macro is used properly, consider using **validators**. These methods can be used anywhere within the macro code to check whether certain conditions are met or not. Some default validators are provided to check the number of parameters of a macro, and they are actually used in some system macros.

If you want to create your own validators, you can call the generic `validate` method which takes the message to display in case of error, a Hash of options and a block containing the validation to perform.

**Validating macro placement**

You can, of course, create your own validators to check whether a macro is used within another. While this may seem a good idea to enforce constraints into the way documents are created, it has one major drawback: if you define a macro with such validation, you're effectively limiting its usage, so for example you won't be able to use within snippets or other custom macros.

Suppose, for example, that the **header** macro is only allowed within a section macro. This means that, for example:

- the macro cannot be used within chapter or appendix macros.
- the macro cannot be used in snippets

Even if you consider all the possibilities within the scope of the default macros provided with Glyph, this would also make the header macro unusable within custom macros.

## 3.5 Interpreting Glyph Code

What if you need to evaluate some Glyph code *within* a macro? Say for example you want to transform a parameter in a link, and you want to make sure that link gets validated exactly like the others, in this case, you can use the `interpret` method, as follows:

```
macro :fmi do
  topic, href = @params
  link = placeholder do |document|
    interpret "link[#{href}]"
  end
  %<span class="fmi">for more information on #{topic}, see #{link}</span>
end
```

When the `interpret` method is called, the following happens:

1. A new Glyph document is created from the `String` passed to the method.
2. The bookmarks, headers and placeholders are passed from the main document to the new one. Because they are stored in arrays and hashes, they are passed by reference, so for example any new bookmark stored in the new document will also become available in the main document.
3. Any macro included in the `String` is evaluated, and the resulting text is returned by the method. Note that this new document does not get finalized: in other words, placeholders will be left as they are, and they'll eventually be replaced when *the main document* is finalized.



### 3.5.1 Encoding and Decoding Glyph Code

When you use the `interpret` method, keep in mind that the code is interpreted *before* the macro execution ends. This may not always be what you want: if you're nesting macros interpreting section and header macros, for example, your Table of Contents may get messed up, with child sections showing up before their parents.

To avoid this, you can use the `encode` and `decode` methods, as shown in the macros defined for Glyph's [Changelog](#):

```
macro :issue do
  exact_parameters 2
  ident, desc = @params
  encode %{
    tr[
      td[=>[http://github.com/h3rald/glyph/issues/closed#issue/#{ident}|##{ident}]]
      td[textile[#{desc}]]
    ]
  }
end

macro :features do
  verb = (@name == :features) ? "Implemented" : "Fixed"
  total = @node.children.length
  encode %{
    section[header[#{total} #{@name.to_s.capitalize} #{verb}]]
    table[
      tr[
        th[ID]
        th[Description]
      ]
      #@value
    ]
  }
end

macro :release do
  exact_parameters 3
  number, date, contents = @params
  interpret %{
    section[header[v#{number} &ndash; #{date}]]
    #{decode contents}
  ]
end
```

In this case, `issue` macros are nested within a `features` macro, which in turn is nested within a `release` macro. Note that none of these macros have any side effect: they are just used for text expansion. Because we're always going to nest these macros in this way, there's no to have each one interpret Glyph code: it

will be the `release` macro's job to do so. Instead, the `features` and `issue` macros just encode text which will then be decoded by the `release` macro, before being interpreted.

When you *encode* a macro, its delimiters (`[`, `]`, and `|`) will be escaped (into `[[[91]]`, `[[[93]]`, and `[[[124]]` respectively), and when you *decode* it, they will be unescaped. In a nutshell, you may want to use the encode/decode mechanism when:

- When you're nesting macros interpreting Glyph code, without side effects.
- When all you want is to copy some Glyph code from child macros into their parents.

**Note** These methods are also wrapped in the `encode` macro and in the `decode` macro.

## 3.6 Further Reading

For more examples on how to create more complex macros, have a look at the [source code](#) of the existing ones.

To gain a deeper understanding on how macros are executed, have a look at the following Glyph classes:

- `Glyph::Macro`
- `Glyph::Interpreter`
- `Glyph::Document`
- `Node`

## Chapter IV – Troubleshooting

This chapter lists the most common error messages that can be returned when running a Glyph command. It does not aim to be an exhaustive list, especially if you **extended** Glyph by creating your own macros or you're embedding Ruby code using the **ruby** macro.

**Tip** As a general rule, more diagnostic information is provided if Glyph is run in **debug mode**.

### 4.1 Generic Errors

Error Message	Description
Incorrect macro syntax	This error is returned if the parsing of the document (or one of its included files) failed. In 99% of the cases, this means there is an extra or missing macro delimiter somewhere.
Invalid alias: macro ' <i>macro-name</i> ' already exists	The alias name supplied to the <code>macro_alias</code> method has already been used for another macro or alias.
Undefined macro ' <i>macro-name</i> '	The document contains a macro that does not exist, i.e. it is not a standard or used-defined <b>Glyph macro or alias</b> .
An error occurred when generating <i>file-name.pdf</i>	Returned if Prince could not generate the PDF file or if Prince is not installed. Normally, Prince provides additional details on the specific error(s).
Glyph cannot generate PDF. Please specify a valid <code>tools.pdf_generator</code> setting	Returned if the <b><code>tools.pdf_generator</code></b> setting has not be set to a valid PDF renderer. Currently, the only supported value for this setting is <code>prince</code> .
The current directory is not a valid Glyph project	Returned if a glyph command was executed outside a valid glyph project directory.
Invalid snippet file	The <code>snippet.yml</code> file contains invalid data. Most likely, it does not evaluate to a Ruby Hash.
Directory ' <i>directory-name</i> ' is not empty	Returned when executing the <b><code>init</code></b> command in a directory that is not empty.
File ' <i>file-name</i> ' already exists	Returned if the name of an existing file was specified as a parameter for the <b><code>add</code></b> command.

## 4.2 Command Errors

Error Message	Description
Source file ' <i>source-file</i> ' does not exist	Returned if Glyph is running in <b>lite mode</b> and the specified source file was not found.
Source and destination file are the same	Returned if Glyph is running in <b>lite mode</b> and you specified the same source and destination files.
DirectoryWatcher is not available. Install it with: <code>gem install directory_watcher</code>	Returned if <b>auto regeneration</b> is enabled but the <code>directory_watcher</code> gem is not installed.
Document cannot be finalized due to previous errors	Returned if one or more errors occurred in the document prevented finalization.
Please specify a file name	No file name was specified for the <b>add</b> command.
Output target not specified	Returned if no target was specified for the <b>compile</b> command <i>and</i> if the <b>document.output</b> setting is not set.
Unknown output target ' <i>target-name</i> '	An unsupported output target was specified for the <b>compile</b> command. Only the following output targets are supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>html</code></li> <li>- <code>pdf</code></li> </ul>
Too few/too many arguments	Returned if the <b>config</b> command was used with no arguments or more than two arguments respectively.
Unknown setting ' <i>setting-name</i> '	The name of an unknown setting was specified for the <b>config</b> command.

## 4.3 Macro Errors

The following errors are displayed in the form:

*message*

→ source: *macro-source*

→ path: *macro-path*

→ value: *macro-value*

Where:

- *message* is the error message.
- *macro-source* is the file or snippet where the error occurred.
- *macro-path* is the full path to the macro that returned the error, within the document syntax tree, e.g. `document/body/bodymatter/chapter/section/header/&` if the error occurred in a snippet within the header of a section in the `bodymatter` part of the document.
- *macro-value* is the value of the macro (shown only if Glyph is running in **debug mode**).

Error Message	Description
Macro ' <i>name</i> ' takes up to <i>x</i> parameter(s) ( <i>y</i> given)	Returned if the macro was called with extra parameters.
Macro ' <i>name</i> ' takes at least <i>x</i> parameter(s) ( <i>y</i> given)	Returned if the macro was called with fewer parameters than expected.
Macro ' <i>name</i> ' takes exactly <i>x</i> parameter(s) ( <i>y</i> given)	Returned if the macro was called with a different number of parameters than.
Macro not available when compiling a single file.	Returned by the <b>include</b> macro if used in <b>lite mode</b> .
Filter macro ' <i>extension</i> ' not available	Returned by a filter macro if <b>filters.by_file_extension</b> setting is set to <b>true</b> , but the extension was not recognized.
Invalid regular expression: <i>regexp</i>	Returned by the <b>match</b> macro macro if an invalid regular expression was supplied.
Macro ' <i>name</i> ' takes no parameters ( <i>x</i> given)	Returned if the macro was called with parameters but none are requested.
No highlighter installed. Please run: <code>gem install coderay</code>	Returned by the <b>highlight</b> macro macro if no highlighters are installed.
CodeRay highlighter not installed. Please run: <code>gem install coderay</code>	Returned by the <b>highlight</b> macro macro if <b>highlighters.current</b> setting is set to <b>coderay</b> but <b>Coderay</b> is not installed.
UltraViolet highlighter not installed. Please run: <code>gem install ultraviolet</code>	Returned by the <b>highlight</b> macro macro if <b>highlighters.current</b> setting is set to <b>ultraviolet</b> but <b>Ultraviolet</b> is not installed.
Mutual inclusion	Returned if a catch-22 situation occurs with macro inclusion, for example if the body of a snippet includes a reference to the same snippet.
Snippet ' <i>snippet-id</i> ' does not exist	Returned by the <b>snippet</b> macro if an invalid snippet was supplied.
File ' <i>file-name</i> ' not found	Returned by the <b>include</b> macro if an invalid file was supplied.
Filter macro ' <i>macro-name</i> ' not found	Returned by the <b>include</b> macro macro if the <b>filters.by_file_extension</b> setting is set to <b>true</b> but the file extension of the included file is not recognized as a filter macro.
RedCloth gem not installed. Please run: <code>gem insall RedCloth</code>	Returned by the <b>textile</b> macro if the RedCloth gem is not installed.
No Markdown converter installed. Please run: <code>gem insall bluecloth</code>	Returned by the <b>markdown</b> macro if no valid Markdown converter gem is installed.  Glyph checks for: BlueCloth, Maruku, Kramdown and RDiscount.
Image/Figure not found	Returned by the <b>img</b> macro or the <b>fig</b> macro respectively, if the specified image file could not be found within the <code>images/</code> folder.

Bookmark <i>'bookmark-name'</i> already exists	Returned by the <b>anchor</b> macro or by the <b>header</b> macro if the anchor ID supplied as parameter has already been used in the document.
Bookmark <i>'bookmark-name'</i> already exists	Returned by the <b>link</b> macro if the anchor ID supplied as parameter has not been used in the document.
Stylesheet <i>'file-name'</i> not found	Returned by the <b>style</b> macro if the <code>.css</code> or <code>.sass</code> file supplied as parameter was not found in the <code>styles/</code> directory.
Haml is not installed. Please run: <code>gem install haml</code>	Returned by the <b>style</b> macro if a <code>.sass</code> file was passed as parameter but the Haml gem is not installed.

# Appendix A – Command Reference

Glyph’s command-line interface has been built using the **gli** (Git-like interface) gem. Therefore, Glyph commands are all written like this:

`glyph global-options command options parameters`

Where:

- *global-options* and *options* are in the form: `-n value` or `--name=value`, e.g. `-f pdf` or `--format=pdf`
- *parameters* are separated by whitespaces, and can be wrapped in quotes.

## A.1 Global Options

### A.1.1 -d, --debug

If specified, the command is executed in debug mode and additional diagnostic information is printed on the screen.

## A.2 add

Creates a new text file in the `text/` folder.

**Example:** `glyph add introduction.textile`

### A.2.1 Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>file-name</i>	The name (or relative path) of the new file to be created.

## A.3 compile

Compiles a Glyph document into an output file. If no options are specified, the `document.glyph` file is used as source to produce a standalone HTML file.

**Example:** `glyph compile -f pdf`

### A.3.1 Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>source</i>	The source glyph file to compile ( <i>Optional</i> ).
<i>destination</i>	The destination file ( <i>Optional</i> ).

### A.3.2 Options

Option	Description
<code>-s (--source)</code>	The source file to compile. <b>Default Value:</b> <code>document.glyph</code>
<code>-f (--format)</code>	The format of the output file. <b>Default Value:</b> <code>html</code> <b>Possible Values:</b> <code>html</code> , <code>pdf</code>
<code>-a (--auto)</code>	If specified, enable <b>auto regeneration</b> (requires the <b>directory_watcher</b> gem to be installed).

## A.4 config

Gets or sets a configuration setting in the project or global configuration file (for more information on configuration files, see **Project Configuration**).

**Examples:**

```
glyph config document.filename
```

```
glyph config -g document.author "Fabio Cevasco"
```



## A.4.1 Options

Option	Description
<code>-g (--global)</code>	If specified, the global configuration file is processed instead of the project file. <b>Default Value:</b> <code>false</code>

## A.4.2 Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>setting</i>	The name of a valid <b>configuration setting</b> .
<i>value</i>	The new value of the configuration setting.

## A.5 help

Prints information about all Glyph commands or about one specific command.

### Examples:

```
glyph help
glyph help compile
```

## A.5.1 Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>command</i>	A valid Glyph command.

## A.6 init

Creates a new Glyph project in the current directory (if empty).

**Example:** `glyph init`

## **A.7** `todo`

Prints all the todo items saved using the `todo` macro.

**Example:** `glyph todo`

## Appendix B – Macro Reference

### B.1 Common Macros

#### B.1.1 and

Conditional and operator, to be used with the **condition** macro.

**Example:** `?[and[true|false]]This is never displayed.]`

#### B.1.2 comment

Evaluates to nothing. Used to add comments in a Glyph document that will not be displayed in output files.

**Aliases:** `--`

**Example:** `--[This is a comment. It will not be displayed in the output]`

#### B.1.3 condition

Tests a conditional expression (first parameter), and evaluates to the second parameter if the condition is satisfied. If the second parameter is an **escape** macro, its contents are unescaped and interpreted only if the condition is satisfied. For more information, see **Conditional Macros**.

**Aliases:** `?`

#### Examples

See any of the following:

- **and** macro
- **or** macro
- **not** macro
- **match** macro
- **eq** macro

### **B.1.4 config**

Evaluates to the configuration setting referenced by its value.

**Aliases:** \$

**Example:** `$(document.author)`

### **B.1.5 config:**

Sets the value of a configuration setting.

**Aliases:** \$:

**Example:** `$:[document.draft|true]`

### **B.1.6 decode**

Decodes some text that was previously encoded (see **encode** macro). for more information on this topic, see **Encoding and Decoding Glyph Code**.

**Aliases:** \*\*

**Example:** `*[=note $\rightarrow$ 91 $\rightarrow$ This will not be evaluated $\rightarrow$ 93 $\rightarrow$ ]=]`

### **B.1.7 encode**

Encodes some Glyph code to prevent its evaluation, so that it can be decoded (and interpreted) later on (see the **decode** macro). for more information on this topic, see **Encoding and Decoding Glyph Code**.

**Aliases:** \*

**Example:** `*[=note[This will not be evaluated]=]`

### **B.1.8 eq**

Conditional equality operator, to be used with the **condition** macro.

**Example:** `?[eq[$(document.draft)|true]|This is displayed only in draft documents.]`

## B.1.9 escape

Evaluates to its value. Commonly used with the escaping delimiters [= and =].

**Aliases:** .

**Example:** .[=Macros are escaped here =>[#test].=]

## B.1.10 include

Evaluates to the contents of a text file stored in the `text/` directory referenced by its value. If the `filters.by_file_extension` setting is true, filters the contents of the file using the `filter macro` corresponding to the file extension.

**Aliases:** @

**Example:** @[introduction.textile]

## B.1.11 match

Evaluates to `true` if the first parameter matches the second, an empty string otherwise. The second parameter must be a valid Ruby-compatible regular expression. This macro must be used with the `condition` macro.

**Example:** ?[match[Hello!|/^hell/i]|This is always displayed]

## B.1.12 macro:

Defines a macro.

**Note** The new macro can only be used *after* its declaration.

**Aliases:** %:

**Example:** %:[test|"<em>test: #@value</em>"]

## B.1.13 not

Conditional and operator, to be used with the `condition` macro.

**Example:** ?[not[false]|This is always displayed.]

## B.1.14 or

Conditional or operator, to be used with the **condition** macro.

**Example:** `?[or[true|false]|This is always displayed.]`

## B.1.15 ruby

Evaluates its value as Ruby code (using `Kernel#instance_eval`).

**Aliases:** %

**Examples:**

`%[Time.now]`

`%[Glyph::VERSION]`

## B.1.16 snippet

Evaluates to the snippet referenced by its value.

**Aliases:** &

**Example:** `&[glang]`

## B.1.17 snippet:

Defines a snippet.

**Note** The new snippet can only be used *after* its declaration.

**Aliases:** &:

**Example:** `&:[test|This is a test]`

## B.1.18 todo

Saves the value as a TODO item, which can be printed using the **todo** command or included in the document if the **document.draft** setting is set to true.

**Example:** `todo[Remember to do this.]`

## B.2 Filter Macros

### B.2.1 markdown

Uses a markdown converter (BlueCloth, RDiscount, Maruku or Kramdown) to transform the value into HTML if the `filters.target` setting is set to `html`.

If the `filters.by_file_extension` setting is true, this macro is called automatically on `included` files with a `.markdown` or a `.md` extension.

**Example:** `markdown[This is *emphasized* text.]`

### B.2.2 textile

Uses the RedCloth gem to transform the value into HTML or LaTeX, depending on the value of the `filters.target` setting.

If the `filters.by_file_extension` setting is true, this macro is called automatically on `included` files with a `.textile` extension.

**Example:** `textile[This is a *strong emphasis*.]`

## B.3 Block Macros

### B.3.1 box

Creates a titled box (`<div>` tag).

**Example:**

```
box[Why boxes?|
Boxes can be used to make a section of text stand out from the rest of the document.
]
```

### B.3.2 code

Used to render a block of code within `<pre>` and `<code>` tags.

- For inline code, see the `codeph` macro.
- For code highlighting, see the `highlight` macro.

**Example:**

```
code[
  def hello
    puts "Hello World"
  end
]
```

### B.3.3 fig

Includes an image in the document, with an optional caption.

**Examples:**

```
fig[diagram.png]
```

```
fig[graph.png|Monthly pageviews]
```

### B.3.4 highlight

Highlights a piece of source code (second parameter) according to the specified language (first parameter). for more information on code highlighting, see [Source code](#).

**Example:**

```
highlight[ruby|
  def hello
    puts "Hello World"
  end
]
```



### B.3.5 `img`

Includes an image in the document, optionally scaled according to the specified width and height. The image must be stored within the `images/` directory of the current project.

**Examples:**

```
img[icon.png]
```

```
img[holidays/landscape.jpg|70%]
```

```
img[logo.svg|50%|50%]
```

### B.3.6 `note`

Creates a note div containing the value.

**Aliases:** `important`, `caution`, `tip`

**Example:** `note[This is a note.]`

### B.3.7 `pubdate`

Evaluates to a date string (in the format: *current-month current-year*; or *%B %Y*), within a `<div>` tag.

**Example:** `pubdate[]`

### B.3.8 `subtitle`

Renders the subtitle of the document (based on the `document.subtitle` setting) within a `<h2>` tag.

**Example:** `subtitle[]`

### B.3.9 `table`

Evaluates to an HTML table. Used in conjunction with the `tr`, `td` and `th` macros.

**Example:**

```
table[
  tr[
    th[Name]
    th[Value]
  ]
  tr[
    td[A]
    td[1]
  ]
  tr[
    td[B]
    td[2]
  ]
]
```

### **B.3.10 td**

See [table](#).

### **B.3.11 title**

Renders the title of the document (based on the [document.title](#) setting) within a <h1> tag.

**Example:** `title[]`

### **B.3.12 th**

See [table](#).

### **B.3.13 tr**

See [table](#).

## B.4 Inline Macros

### B.4.1 anchor

Creates a named anchor (or bookmark).

**Aliases:** bookmark, #

**Example:** `#[test|Test Bookmark]`

### B.4.2 codeph

Wraps the value in a `<code>` tag.

**Example:** `codeph[Kernel.instance_eval]`

### B.4.3 draftcomment

If the `document.draft` setting is set to true, displays a draft comment within the document.

**Aliases:** dc

**Example:** `dc[This is printed only in draft documents.]`

### B.4.4 fmi

Creates a *For More Information* link (for an example usage, see the `link` macro).

**Example:** `fmi[creating links|#links]`

### B.4.5 link

Creates an hyperlink (for more information on creating links, see [Links and Bookmarks](#)).

**Aliases:** =>

**Examples:**

`=>[#introduction]`

`=>[#troub|Troubleshooting]`

`=>[http://www.h3rald.com|H3RALD.com]`

## B.5 Structure Macros

### B.5.1 body

Creates a `<body>` tag.

### B.5.2 div

Creates a `<div>` tag.

**Aliases:** acknowledgement, addendum, afterword, appendix, bibliography, book, chapter, colophon, dedication, epilogue, foreword, glossary, imprint, index, inspiration, introduction, lof, lot, part, postscript, preface, prologue, promotion, references, section, section, volume

### B.5.3 document

The root macro used in every Glyph document. It creates an `<html>` tag.

### B.5.4 head

Creates a `<head>` tag, pre-populated with title and author/copyright `<meta>` tags.

### B.5.5 header

Creates an h2, h3, h4, etc. header (for more information on using headers, see [Sections and Headers](#)).

**Examples:**

```
header[Introduction]
```

```
header[Getting Started|gs]
```

### B.5.6 section

See [div](#).

### **B.5.7 style**

Embeds the content of a CSS or Sass file within a `<style>` tag (for more information on stylesheets, see [Adding Stylesheets](#)).

**Example:** `style[default.css]`

### **B.5.8 toc**

Generates a *Table of Contents* based on how sections and headers are nested in the current document.

**Example:** `toc[]`

## **Appendix C – Configuration Reference**

### **C.1 document.\***

The following configuration settings are related to the current Glyph document. Therefore, you should update them right after creating a project.

Name	Description	Default (YAML)
<code>document.author</code>	The author of the document.	<code>""</code>
<code>document.draft</code>	If set to <code>true</code> , the document is considered a draft, so <code>draft comments</code> and <code>todo items</code> will be displayed.	<code>false</code>
<code>document.filename</code>	The name of the output file.	<code>""</code>
<code>document.output</code>	The format of the output file. It can be set to any value stored in the <code>document.output_targets</code> setting.	<code>html</code>
<code>document.output_targets</code>	An Array containing all the possible output formats. This setting should not be changed by the user.	<pre>- :html - :pdf</pre>
<code>document.source</code>	The main source file to compile. It can be also be overridden by calling the <code>compile</code> command with the <code>-s</code> option.	<code>document.glyph</code>
<code>document.subtitle</code>	The subtitle of the document, displayed using the <code>subtitle</code> macro.	<code>""</code>

<code>document.title</code>	The title of the document, displayed using the <b>title</b> macro.	""
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## C.2 filters.\*

Name	Description	Default (YAML)
<code>filters.by_file_extension</code>	If set to true, a filter macro is applied to included files, based on their extensions (for more information on including files, see <b>Including Files and Snippets</b> ).	true
<code>filters.markdown.converter</code>	<p>The name of the markdown converter to use with the <b>markdown</b> macro. It can be set to one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BlueCloth</li> <li>▪ RDiscount</li> <li>▪ Maruku</li> <li>▪ Kramdown</li> </ul> <p>If not set, Glyph tests for the presence of each gem in the same order, until one is found.</p>	bluecloth
<code>filters.redcloth.restrictions</code>	An Array containing restrictions applied to RedCloth, used by the <b>textile</b> macro (see <b>RedCloth Documentation</b> for more information).	[]
<code>filters.target</code>	The output target for filters. It can be set to <code>html</code> (for RedCloth and Markdown) or <code>latex</code> (RedCloth-only).	html



## C.3 highlighters.\*

Name	Description	Default (YAML)
highlighters.coderay.*	Some <b>Coderay</b> -specific <b>options</b> .	nil
highlighters.current	The current highlighter to use. It can be set to coderay or ultraviolet	coderay
highlighters.target	The target output of the <b>current highlighter</b> . It can be set to anything the highlighter supports.	html
highlighters.ultraviolet.line_numbers	Whether the <b>Ultraviolet</b> highlighter should display line numbers or not.	false
highlighters.ultraviolet.theme	The theme used by the <b>Ultraviolet</b> highlighter.	blackboard

## C.4 structure.\*

The following configuration settings are used internally by Glyph and should not be changed by the user.

Name	Description	Default (YAML)
structure.backmatter	The section types used in the document backmatter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- :epilogue</li> <li>- :afterword</li> <li>- :postscript</li> <li>- :appendix</li> <li>- :addendum</li> <li>- :glossary</li> <li>- :colophon</li> <li>- :bibliography</li> <li>- :promotion</li> <li>- :references</li> <li>- :index</li> <li>- :lot</li> <li>- :lof</li> </ul>
structure.bodymatter	The section types used in the document bodymatter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- :volume</li> <li>- :book</li> <li>- :part</li> <li>- :chapter</li> </ul>
structure.frontmatter	The section types used in the document frontmatter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- :preface</li> <li>- :imprint</li> <li>- :dedication</li> <li>- :inspiration</li> <li>- :foreword</li> <li>- :introduction</li> <li>- :acknowledgement</li> <li>- :prologue</li> </ul>

structure.hidden	The section types that will not be shown in the Table of Contents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- :imprint</li> <li>- :dedication</li> <li>- :inspiration</li> <li>- :postscript</li> <li>- :colophon</li> <li>- :promotion</li> </ul>
structure.special	The section types that will be considered <i>special</i> and whose children will not be included in the Table of Contents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- :foreword</li> <li>- :acknowledgement</li> <li>- :prologue</li> <li>- :epilogue</li> <li>- :addendum</li> <li>- :glossary</li> <li>- :bibliography</li> <li>- :references</li> <li>- :index</li> <li>- :lot</li> <li>- :lof</li> </ul>

## C.5 tools.\*

Name	Description	Default (YAML)
tools.pdf_generator	The external program used to generate PDF files. It can only be set to prince.	prince

## Appendix D – Changelog

### D.1 v0.2.0 – May 9th 2010

#### D.1.1 11 Features Implemented

ID	Description
#62	A new <b>highlight</b> macro is available to highlight source code (CodeRay or UltraViolet required).
#76	It is now possible to use Glyph programmatically via the new <code>Glyph#filter</code> and <code>Glyph#compile</code> methods.
#87	It is now possible to define snippets inside a Glyph source file using the <b>snippet:</b> macro.
#88	It is now possible to change configuration settings inside a Glyph source file using the <b>config:</b> macro (Jabbslad).
#89	It is now possible to compile a single Glyph source file without creating a Glyph project.
#92	6 new macros have been defined to allow conditional processing ( <b>condition</b> macro, <b>eq</b> macro, <b>not</b> macro, <b>and</b> macro, <b>or</b> macro, <b>match</b> macro)
#94	It is now possible to add <i>validators</i> to macros, for example to check the number of parameters they take.
#97	The <b>compile</b> command can now take an extra <code>--auto</code> switch to trigger document auto-regeneration whenever a source file is changed (koraktor).
#99	Added a <code>document.draft</code> setting. If set to <code>true</code> , comments and TODOs are rendered in output files.
#100	Glyph CSS files are no longer copied to new projects, but they can be referenced as if they were (see also #93).
#108	It is now possible to define Glyph macros within Glyph source files using the <b>macro:</b> macro.

## D.1.2 8 Bugs Fixed

ID	Description
#86	Warning and error messages have been updated, and it is now possible to show additional debug information. Additionally, syntax errors are now handled before the document is processed.
#93	Default css files were not copied when creating a new project. The issue has been resolved by allowing the <code>style</code> macro to reference Glyph's system styles (see also #100).
#95	The <code>config</code> command did not save data to YAML configuration files. This has been fixed ensuring that internal configuration overrides are not saved to the YAML file too.
#98	Glyph is now fully compatible with Ruby 1.9.1 and JRuby 1.4.0.
#101	Additional tests have been developed to improve Textile support. There should no longer be errors when using textile block elements inside Glyph macros.
#103	Fixed a bug that caused test failures when deleting the test project directory.
#104	Nested Glyph macros calling <code>Macro#interpret</code> no longer ignore escape delimiters.
#107	Added the possibility to encode (using the <code>encode</code> macro) and decode (using the <code>decode</code> macro) macros so that they can be interpreted later.

## D.2 v0.1.0 – April 8th 2010

Initial release.