

Generating Yaml Docs For Your Own cobra.Command

Generating yaml files from a cobra command is incredibly easy. An example is as follows:

```
package main

import (
    "log"

    "github.com/spf13/cobra"
    "github.com/spf13/cobra/doc"
)

func main() {
    cmd := &cobra.Command{
        Use:   "test",
        Short: "my test program",
    }
    err := doc.GenYamlTree(cmd, "/tmp")
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatal(err)
    }
}
```

That will get you a Yaml document `/tmp/test.yaml`

Generate yaml docs for the entire command tree

This program can actually generate docs for the kubect1 command in the kubernetes project

```
package main

import (
    "io/ioutil"
    "log"
    "os"

    "k8s.io/kubernetes/pkg/kubect1/cmd"
    cmdutil "k8s.io/kubernetes/pkg/kubect1/cmd/util"

    "github.com/spf13/cobra/doc"
)

func main() {
    kubect1 := cmd.NewKubect1Command(cmdutil.NewFactory(nil), os.Stdin,
    ioutil.Discard, ioutil.Discard)
    err := doc.GenYamlTree(kubect1, "./")
    if err != nil {
        log.Fatal(err)
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

This will generate a whole series of files, one for each command in the tree, in the directory specified (in this case `"/`)

Generate yaml docs for a single command

You may wish to have more control over the output, or only generate for a single command, instead of the entire command tree. If this is the case you may prefer to `GenYaml` instead of `GenYamlTree`

```
out := new(bytes.Buffer)  
doc.GenYaml(cmd, out)
```

This will write the yaml doc for ONLY "cmd" into the out, buffer.

Customize the output

Both `GenYaml` and `GenYamlTree` have alternate versions with callbacks to get some control of the output:

```
func GenYamlTreeCustom(cmd *Command, dir string, filePrepender, linkHandler  
func(string) string) error {  
    //...  
}
```

```
func GenYamlCustom(cmd *Command, out *bytes.Buffer, linkHandler func(string) string)  
error {  
    //...  
}
```

The `filePrepender` will prepend the return value given the full filepath to the rendered Yaml file. A common use case is to add front matter to use the generated documentation with [Hugo](#):

```
const fmTemplate = `---  
date: %s  
title: "%s"  
slug: %s  
url: %s  
---  
,  
  
filePrepender := func(filename string) string {  
    now := time.Now().Format(time.RFC3339)  
    name := filepath.Base(filename)  
    base := strings.TrimSuffix(name, path.Ext(name))  
    url := "/commands/" + strings.ToLower(base) + "/"  
    return fmt.Sprintf(fmTemplate, now, strings.Replace(base, "_", " ", -1), base,  
url)  
}
```

The `linkHandler` can be used to customize the rendered internal links to the commands, given a filename:

```
linkHandler := func(name string) string {
    base := strings.TrimSuffix(name, path.Ext(name))
    return "/commands/" + strings.ToLower(base) + "/"
}
```