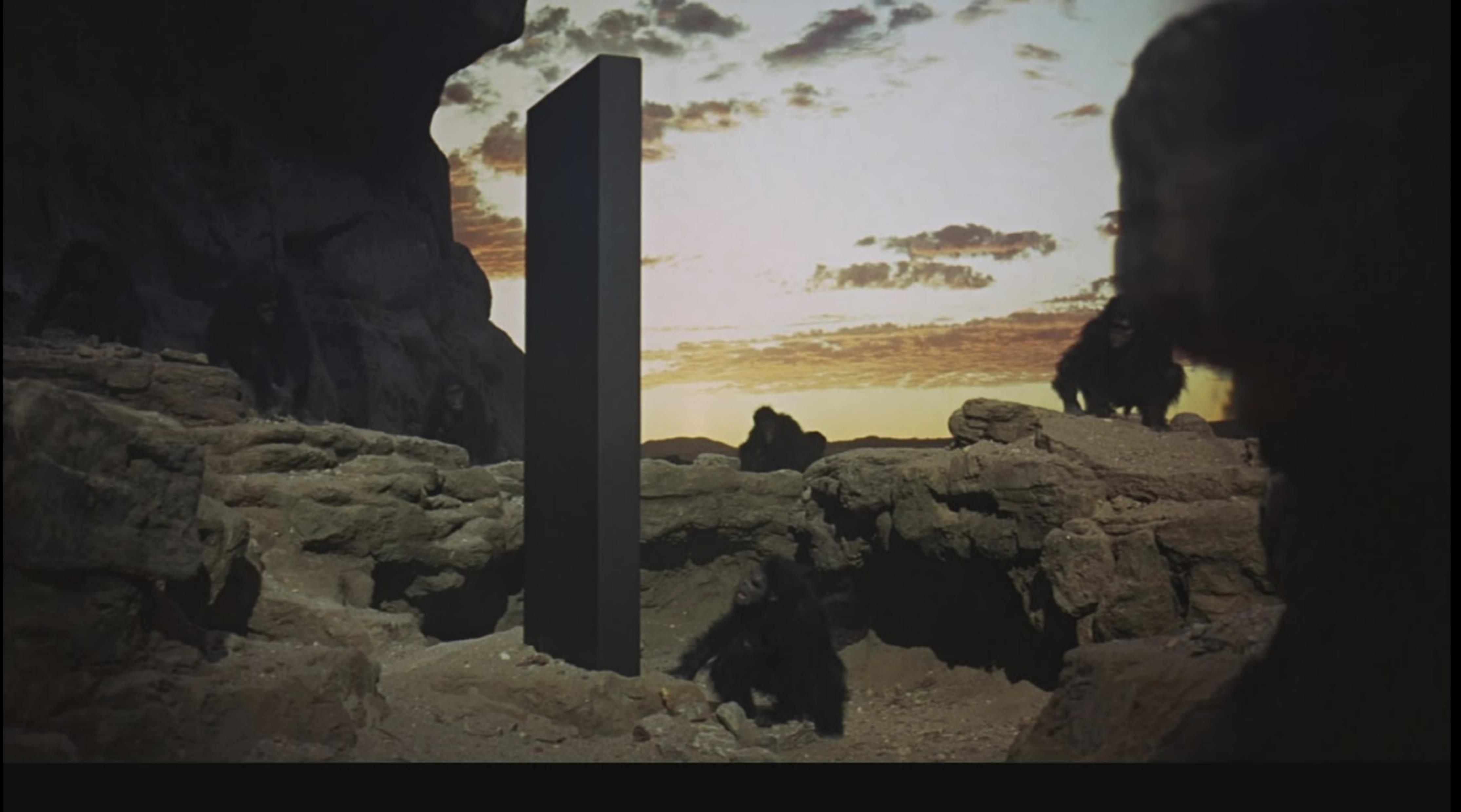


Why I YAML

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`messageformat`

`messageformat-loader`

`messageformat-po-loader`

`messageformat-properties-loader`

`messageformat-yaml-loader`

`messageformat-cli`

`react-message-context`

`babel-plugin-message-worker`

`etc...`

```
const msgCount =  
  plural(msg.length, {  
    0: 'no new messages',  
    one: '1 new message',  
    other: ` ${msg.length} new messages`  
  })
```



```
# example.js, line 42  
# 0: msg.length  
msgCount: |  
  {0, plural,  
   =0 {no new messages}  
   one {1 new message}  
   other #{ new messages}  
 }
```



[–] **0x256** **151 points** 4 months ago* (last edited 4 months ago)



YAML is the perl of data serialization languages:

- It does the job if used correctly and admins love it.
- You can write YAML that parses just fine but no human can possibly understand.
- You can write YAML that you *think* you understand and that *looks* right, but it's not.
- If you use any of the advanced features, stuff will break over time.
- No one in their right mind would want to write a parser for it. Still, they exist.



[–] **nickjohnson** **47 points** 4 months ago



The YAML spec is larger than the XML and XML Namespaces specs combined. It's a ridiculously wide and inclusive spec. I don't know why the authors didn't just go for a single, simple syntax, instead of trying to make it do everything.

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3.2.3.3. Comments

Comments [are a presentation detail](#) and must not have any effect on the serialization tree [or representation graph](#). In particular, comments are not associated with a particular node. The usual purpose of a comment is to communicate between the human maintainers of a file. A typical example is comments in a configuration file. Comments must not appear inside scalars [, but may be interleaved with such scalars](#) inside collections.

```
npm install yaml@next
```