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Never compile this.

```
;; -*- no-byte-compile: t; -*-
```

1. Org-Mode Fundamentals

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:7E71A009-4DD3-4296-9851-293BC71D2DFF

Configure Org-Mode core functionality to compile this system.

Sysop is likely to use this periodically.

Start EMACS with this command:

```
emacs --debug-init --no-init-file --no-splash --background-color white --fo
```

```
(load-file "~/src/help/.org-mode-ecm.emacs.el")
```

(a) Literate Programming

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:8510C876-F644-4804-9F87-54A0B44DBA6A

This system enables you to perform 3 Literate Document activities

- Tangling
- Evaluating
- Weaving

Combined they provide a rich Literate Programming environment.

These activities are not performed interactively by the user. They are automatic operations that occur as a result of the configuration by the document itself.

The following is the guide for the default configuration of this system and how it behaves.

Key:

- Columns
 - S** Source document modified?
 - T** Destination tangled-document modified?
 - W** Destination weaved-document modified?
 - C** Source-Block Evaluation occurred?
 - O** Org-Macro Expansion occurred?

Activity	S	T	W	C	O
Tangling	F	T	F	F	F
Evaluating	T	F	F	T	F
Weaving	F	F	T	F!	T

They are separate and distinct operations.

"Programming" is logically an activity that is the combination of these 3 activities. It is interactively performed by Sysop. It is not a distinct or isolated operation. Results of one activity exist here and serve as inputs to another activity.

- Note about F!: Weaving Source-Block Evaluation occurred?*
- Source block evaluation on export is disabled using header arguments: those source blocks will never be evaluated on weaving
- However the *ability* for them evaluate on weaving *is* enabled so that weaved source blocks can be replaced by their result value. This gives a kind of template system. More details here

i. Helper Functions

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:B14776FD-6835-4D1D-BCD3-50D56555423C
Help configure Org-Mode.

```
(defun help/set-org-babel-default-header-args (property
  value)
  "Easily set system header arguments in org mode.
  PROPERTY is the system-wide value that you would like to
  modify.
  VALUE is the new value you wish to store.
  Attribution: URL `http://orgmode.org/manual/
  System_002dwide-header-arguments.html#
  System_002dwide-header-arguments'"
  (setq org-babel-default-header-args
    (cons (cons property value)
          (assq-delete-all property
            org-babel-default-header-args))))
(defun help/set-org-babel-default-inline-header-args (
  property value)
  "See `help/set-org-babel-default-header-args'; same but
  for inline header args."
  (setq org-babel-default-inline-header-args
    (cons (cons property value)
          (assq-delete-all property
            org-babel-default-inline-header-args))))
(defun help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:R (property
  value)
```

"See `help/set-org-babel-default-header-args'; same but for R.

This is a copy and paste. Additional languages would warrant a refactor."

```
(setq org-babel-default-header-args:R
  (cons (cons property value)
        (assq-delete-all property
          org-babel-default-header-args:R))))
(defun help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:dita (
  property value)
  "See `help/set-org-babel-default-header-args'; same but
  for dita.
```

This is a copy and paste. Additional languages would warrant a refactor."

```
(setq org-babel-default-header-args:dita
  (cons (cons property value)
        (assq-delete-all property
          org-babel-default-header-args:dita))))
(defun help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:dot (
  property value)
  "See `help/set-org-babel-default-header-args'; same but
  for dot.
```

This is a copy and paste. Additional languages would warrant a refactor."

```
(setq org-babel-default-header-args:dot
  (cons (cons property value)
        (assq-delete-all property
          org-babel-default-header-args:dot))))
(defun help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:plantuml (
  property value)
  "See `help/set-org-babel-default-header-args'; same but
  for plantuml.
```

This is a copy and paste. Additional languages would warrant a refactor."

```
(setq org-babel-default-header-args:plantuml
  (cons (cons property value)
        (assq-delete-all property
          org-babel-default-header-args:plantuml))))
(defun help/org-toggle-macro-markers ()
  (interactive)
  (let ((old org-hide-macro-markers)
        (new (not org-hide-macro-markers)))
    (setq org-hide-macro-markers new)
    (message "Just changed org-hide-macro-markers from %s
to %s" old new)
```

```

      (font-lock-mode)
      (font-lock-mode)))
(defun help/org-prp-hdln ()
  "Visit every Headline. If it doesn't have an ID
  property then add one and
  assign it a UUID. Attribution: URL
  `http://article.gmane.org/gmane.emacs.orgmode/99738'.
  It is OK to leave the
  colon separator in here because these are never used as
  Source-Blocks and
  the rest of the code expects the colon separator."
  (interactive)
  (save-excursion
    (goto-char (point-min))
    (dolist (p (nreverse
      (org-element-map (
        org-element-parse-buffer 'headline) 'headline
        (lambda (headline) (
          org-element-property :begin headline))))))
      (goto-char p)
      (org-id-get-create))
    (save-buffer)))
(defun help/org-id-new ()
  "Re-purposing `org-id' hit a snag when colons were
  forbidden in Source-Block
  names. Adding support for a user-defined Org-Id
  separator would have fixed
  this but with no benefit to Org-Id. So this function
  removes the colon
  instead.
  "
  (interactive)
  (let* ((gend (org-id-new))
    (newid (replace-regexp-in-string ":" "_" gend)))
    newid))
(defun help/org-prp-src-blk ()
  "If it doesn't have a NAME property then add one and
  assign it a UUID. Attribution: URL `http://article.
  gmane.org/gmane.emacs.orgmode/99740'"
  (interactive)
  (help/org-2every-src-block
    #'(lambda (element)
      (if (not (org-element-property :name element))
        (let ((i (org-get-indentation)))
          (beginning-of-line)

```

```

        (save-excursion (insert "#+NAME: " (help/
org-id-new) "\n"))
        (indent-to i)
        (forward-line 2))))))
(defconst help/org-special-pre "^\\s*#[+]" )
(defun help/org-2every-src-block (fn)
  "Visit every Source-Block and evaluate `FN'."
  (interactive)
  (save-excursion
    (goto-char (point-min))
    (let ((case-fold-search t))
      (while (re-search-forward (concat help/
org-special-pre "BEGIN_SRC") nil t)
        (let ((element (org-element-at-point)))
          (when (eq (org-element-type element) 'src-block
)
            (funcall fn element))))))
    (save-buffer)))
(defun help/org-babel-demarcate-block ()
  "Add a NAME property then assign it a UUID."
  (interactive)
  (org-babel-demarcate-block)
  (insert "#+name: " (help/org-id-new))
  (beginning-of-line)
  (insert "\n"))

```

ii. Identity

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:25F4226F-2EB2-48EC-A4D5-56DD5CCC753E
 A Headline's primary key is ID. Use org-id to manage it.

```
(require 'org-id)
```

In Links: Never use ID or CUSTOM_ID; always use the file name and text to make it accessible outside of Emacs.

```
(setq org-id-link-to-org-use-id 'nil)
```

Make sure that ID is always unique, portable, and easy to maintain by

- Using an acceptable prefix
 - Memorable
 - * So you can remember where you created it and when
 - * So you can share it and let the recipient know (in theory useful)
 - * So you can enable a non Emacs/Org-Mode user to work with the tangled code referencing it's origin

- Valid
 - * Must be both L^AT_EX label and XHTML identifier compliant
 - org-lint checks for this
- Include the current login
- Include the current domain
- Use a UUID

```
(setq org-id-prefix (concat "org_" (user-real-login-name)
  "_" (help/get-timestamp-no-colons) "_" (system-name))
)
(setq org-id-method 'uuid)
```

iii. Tangling

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:267EEDED-1367-405F-807C-B3C489045704

ID and NAME are essential for successful LP using org-babel-tangle-jump-to-c

```
(add-hook 'org-babel-pre-tangle-hook #'help/org-prp-hdln)
(add-hook 'org-babel-pre-tangle-hook #'help/
  org-prp-src-blk)
```

There is a way to disable property inheritance that speeds up tangling a lot. This is only for user-defined properties; **not** Org-Mode properties.

The problem is that you lose property inheritance which is unacceptable. Never, never allow that. Its inconsistent with how Org-Mode works.

```
(setq org-babel-use-quick-and-dirty-noweb-expansion nil)
```

Assume that tangled document always live within the same directory structure as their origin document.

```
(setq org-babel-tangle-use-relative-file-links t)
```

- Post tangle actions
 - Indentation
 - * At first glance this is surprising! The author should be responsible for the indentation, right? Yes, that is right. But there is one exception: using :noweb-ref source block concatenation. It is powerful and elegant. But the source blocks are indented on their own line. It forces any reader format it to make any sense of it. That is a poor start to using the tangled files. So tangled files get indented.

```
(defun help/org-babel-post-tangle-hook-fn ()
  (interactive))
```

```
(indent-region (point-min) (point-max) nil)
(save-buffer))
(add-hook 'org-babel-post-tangle-hook #'help/
  org-babel-post-tangle-hook-fn)
```

A. comments

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:49787FC5-CAA7-466B-B742-0F38973E070B

Toggle insertion of comments in tangled code files

Provide as much information as possible in the tangled artifact about the origin artifact.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :comments "
  noweb")
```

B. mkdirp

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:B0F9A321-3B69-46BB-B512-0AF3C663A4C0

Toggle creation of parent directories of target files during tangling

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :mkdirp "yes"
)
```

C. no-expand

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:90170E6A-AA1A-44EA-9BF8-1A6AA38FD224

Turn off variable assignment and noweb expansion during tangling

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

D. noweb

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:E12B48AB-68E8-4515-89E3-30A16FB6FD22

Toggle expansion of noweb references

Expand noweb references in source-blocks before:

Activity	Expand
Tangling	T
Evaluating	T
Weaving	F

This embraces the notion that you are telling the right thing to the computer and the right thing to the human. By the time you get to exporting, you ought to refer to the generated document.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :noweb "
  no-export")
```

E. noweb-ref

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:2836D0AA-5DBA-48AC-A338-B47002DE8D7F

Specify block's noweb reference resolution target

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

F. noweb-sep

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:B1A57D15-6BBF-4E78-A0D9-0B02C283C6B0

String used to separate noweb references

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

G. padline

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:DDE727A6-DDF7-4B61-9063-549614B135F0

Control insertion of padding lines in tangled code files

- org-babel-tangle-jump-to-org requires padded lines. This configuration could arguably appear in the "Programming" heading because it impacts operation. It lives here because it **must** occur as part of the Tangling activity so that it can be used in the Programming activity.
- Often I go back and forth on this one. Sometimes it is nicer to have less spaces in generated code when guests are viewing it. When no one else is reading it I love the spaces. Defaulting to what I like.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :padline "yes")
```

H. session

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:8219A42A-E90F-418A-8EF0-EB150CF6D730

Preserve the state of code evaluation

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

For some situations, this may be the same for every source block for a particular language. R is a good example.

I. shebang

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:542185DD-4FD6-459A-B422-DA7B546FB292

Make tangled files executable

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

J. tangle

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:EA716FC9-4A90-4F3E-ABD0-31FEA575C969

Toggle tangling and specify file name

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :tangle "no")
```

K. tangle-mode

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:5F0B7157-2DC8-4AFD-8F26-4B21025A5ECE

Set permission of tangled files

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

iv. Evaluating

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:ED23FF0B-1F90-435C-9B56-ACA06C1ACAE0

Org-Mode may use all of the listed languages.

```
(org-babel-do-load-languages
 'org-babel-load-languages
 '((emacs-lisp . t)
  (org . t)
  ;;
  (C . t)
  (R . t)
  (python . t)
  (sass . t)
  (scheme . t)
  (sql . t)
  (js . t)
  ;;
  (latex . t)
  ;;
  (makefile . t)
  (shell . t)
  ;;
  (ditaa . t)
  (dot . t)
  (plantuml . t)))
```

A. cache

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:49B8BFE9-643B-450F-A8A1-20CE3079E215

Avoid re-evaluating unchanged code blocks

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

Default no is correct for nearly every scenario.

B. colnames

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:4D683007-14AE-4A7D-A506-E2301FD32E82

Handle column names in tables

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

C. dir

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:CD1494F1-0A2A-44D0-9955-0D0501AF1539

Specify the default (possibly remote) directory for code block execution

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

D. epilogue

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:CA7F5086-9D4B-4847-9449-3231CE027804

Text to append to code block body

See Prologue.

E. eval

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:0329BACE-2C99-4BB3-A7A5-7C800EF53FAD

Limit evaluation of specific code blocks

Never evaluate source-blocks or in-line-source-blocks **on export**.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :eval "
  never-export")
(help/set-org-babel-default-inline-header-args :eval
  "never-export")
```

org-export-use-babel

How does this overlap with the :eval header arg? Are they the same or different? What is the point? For a while I thought I understood the difference and how it worked. Later when I ran into a problem with my exports I realized that I didn't understand the difference!

I thought that I had configured inline source blocks to

- F. Have their results replaced on each export
- G. Only include their results, excluding their source code
- H. Allow execution of source blocks interactively, never on export

It is all documented here 1a.

Instead of that, when I exported, the results *weren't* replaced and the source code *was* included: exactly the opposite of what I had wanted to happen. Ouch!

Source blocks include a header arg :eval that controls evaluation of source blocks. I'd configured them all (both normal source blocks and inline source blocks) with the setting "never-export". Never-export makes it so that you can evaluate source blocks when you are editing the document but they can never be evaluated during export. That is why #3 worked correctly. But I will still stuck with #1-#2.

Long story short after reviewing what I was thought every setting regarding evaluating and exportation I ended up on org-export-use-babel. It seemed silly to read it's documentation again because I'd read it so many times that I thought I knew it inside and out: it controls whether or not code blocks *can* be evaluated on export. I'd set it to true though, to be totally sure that the system worked as I had expected. Now **two** places disabled evaluation on export: header args and

this variable. It was here though that my understanding had a major mistake!

`org-export-use-babel`— answers two questions (controls two features) with one answer:

- I. Is code evaluated on export?
- J. Are header args obeyed?

The key is the second part: the header args must be obeyed to make `replace` work. My problem was that I never noticed that this variable controls both execution and header args use. The latter, somehow I totally missed that. So no matter how I configured the header-args, those results *could never* be replaced because the header-args are **totally ignored**. Wow, I was so happy to discover this.

In the end the configuration was super simple: set `org-export-use-babel` to true, make sure the desired source blocks were set to `:never-export`, and the inline source blocks were setup to `replace`.

```
(setq org-export-use-babel t)
```

K. file

ID: `orgmode:gcr:vela:80824708-62AF-4337-A517-828DA22D1FCA`

Specify a path for file output

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

L. file-desc

ID: `orgmode:gcr:vela:6F9A2745-7118-469E-9FDB-4B327C02E5FA`

Specify a description for file results

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

M. file-ext

ID: `orgmode:gcr:vela:0716A48E-9227-44FD-B1FA-185DF6545E91`

Specify an extension for file output

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

N. hlines

ID: `orgmode:gcr:vela:721F4E5E-A343-4D7C-A3A3-12A544B3A273`

Handle horizontal lines in tables

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

O. output-dir

ID: `orgmode:gcr:vela:D0DDFE88-1B41-4A67-A5F4-88B1B35A7513`

Specify a directory to write file output to

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

One example is a System where **all** intermediate results are stored to individual files.

P. post

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:1A4DEC98-C735-4D88-8261-6AD13C495EF2

Post processing of code block results

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

Q. prologue

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:3D1780E0-2E6D-428C-916D-BFB10E79C76F

Text to prepend to code block body

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

For some situations, this may be the same for every source block for a particular language. The user manual described gnuplot, which often shows up on the list and the solution is to reset the session.

Another example, say that you've got a bunch of R Source-Blocks and you want to be able to rearrange them as you please. You want to be sure that there are no dependencies between them on bindings created in the workspace. Set prologue to `rm(list = ls())`.

Epilogue works hand-in-hand with this.

R. results

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:2755571E-113B-436E-9EEC-26618A55A27E

Specify the type of results and how they will be collected and handled

Ways to configure :results: 224.

This system stores the results of evaluation in the source document. It believes that the results are critical to the research. Keep the document as close to being executable as possible; make it very visible when it is not.

- Collection
 - value: Functions have a single result. So do Source-Blocks.
- Type
 - scalar
 - * Functions always return a single result
 - * Evidence demonstrates that I use this or output most of the time and I want to configure this to work right for Literate Programming by default because it feels better.

- WAS

- * Because in theory returning a collection was flexible (see below). In practice I never ever used this.
- * table:
 - Tables are the best type because
 - Dimensions make them human-readable in text.
 - Work with Babel LP.
 - Appear as lists to programming languages.
 - Weaves well.
 - Inline Source-Blocks disallow tables so use scalars instead.

- Format

- drawer: Enable results replacement

- Handling

- replace: Replace them each time you evaluate the block.

```
(defconst help/org-sb-results-cfg "value scalar
  drawer replace")
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :results help
  /org-sb-results-cfg)
```

Their format will show that they are results. Inline source blocks automatically get formatted as verbatim. For some reason, this only needs to be configured as replace to work unlike normal source blocks. Copying the configuration from normal source blocks here breaks the replacement functionality.

```
(defconst help/org-isb-results-cfg "replace")
(help/set-org-babel-default-inline-header-args :
  results help/org-isb-results-cfg)
```

S. rownames

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:B184A507-1B03-4096-A4D8-E50A1DA047DB

Handle row names in tables

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

T. sep

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:F1336AAA-68EF-4E87-B253-458103B6FF2F

Delimiter for writing tabular results outside Org

Configuration likely per Source-Block or System.

U. var

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:3B4D638C-82EE-47F3-835C-52B2F03620A0

Pass arguments to code blocks

- **The** most revealing of the power of Org-Mode's LP offering
- Values-by-reference
 - Table
 - List
 - Source-Block without and with parameters
 - Literal-Block
- Indexable variable values
- Emacs Lisp evaluation of variables

v. Weaving

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:F71DD8BA-B853-4903-A348-400E13C0E6F8

Help the reader make sense of the document by displaying it's internal properties.

```
(setq org-export-with-properties t)
```

- Stop your flow to monitor the export for errors
 - *<2016-01-19 Tue>* Expect it to start weaves for all weavers asynchronously. Does not do so; main thread is blocked until weaves complete.

```
(setq org-export-in-background nil)
```

Make sure that exported files are Unicode UTF-8.

```
(setq org-export-coding-system 'utf-8)
```

Line breaks are for humans typing them, not for publishing. When publishing to ASCII, set this property in the file.

```
(setq org-export-preserve-breaks nil)
```

When exporting anything, do not insert the exported content into the kill ring.

```
(setq org-export-copy-to-kill-ring nil)
```

By default I never want a table of contents generated. It is so easy to enable it with a property, it will be fine to turn it off.

```
(setq org-export-with-toc nil)
```

On export, maintain the literal spacing as found in the source block. Obviously this is important for make-files. It is really important everywhere because anything else would violate the law of least surprise.

```
(setq org-src-preserve-indentation t)
```

Maximize flexibility for weaving operations during export.

```
(setq org-export-allow-bind-keywords t)
```

Disable element caching because it might break weaves via this thread.

```
(setq org-element-use-cache nil)
```

A. exports

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:57B3786B-017F-4F6E-89F9-05642304F3B6

Export code and/or results

Always share source blocks and their results. Whether or not to generate a result for a particular source block is configured per-block. If you don't want to share a result for a source block then disable storage of results on that block.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :exports "
  both")
```

Use inline Source-Blocks to provide values read as part of the document. Don't show their source code. Allows inline Source-Blocks to function as *rich* macros when combined with `org-sbe`.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-inline-header-args :
  exports "results")
```

B. wrap

ID: orgmode:gcr:vela:94D6B3BE-5DA1-499A-B5C7-A6B71710A1EA

Mark source block evaluation results

Inline-Source-Blocks are recognizable by their verbatim font. They do not interrupt the flow. Source-Blocks are their own entities. They stand out. Their results need to be visibly noticeably different for the reader by making them EXAMPLE special blocks.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args :wrap "
  EXAMPLE")
```

Diagramming languages require RESULTS output for exporting.

```
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:ditaa :wrap "
  RESULTS")
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:dot :wrap "
  RESULTS")
(help/set-org-babel-default-header-args:plantuml :
  wrap "RESULTS")
```

```
((:wrap . RESULTS) (:results . file) (:exports . results))
```