reveal-md

How to use reveal-md to create reveal.js presentations with markdown while maintaining a separation of content and presentation a la csszengarden

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reveal.js

The reveal.js framework has been around a while and includes many features:

- Nested slides
- PDF export
- Speaker notes and timer.
- A JavaScript API

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reveal-md allows you to leverage reveal.js while maintaining a better separation of content, code and style.

- Focus on content.
- Maintain consistent styles.
- Separation is voluntary, nothing prevents you from mixing in code when required.

Requirements

- git
- npm
- reveal-md

Instructions to follow

Installing npm in your home directory

To download v8.12.0 of nodejs run the following commands:

```
mkdir -p ~/bin
cd ~/bin
wget https://nodejs.org/dist/v8.12.0/node-v8.12.0-linux-x64.tar.x
wget https://nodejs.org/dist/v8.12.0/SHASUMS256.txt.asc
grep node-v8.12.0-linux-x64.tar.xz SHASUMS256.txt.asc | sha256sum
```

Confirm our checksum:

node-v8.12.0-linux-x64.tar.xz: OK

Unarchive node.js

Next we extract the contents of our tar file to our ~/bin directory.

tar -xf node-v8.12.0-linux-x64.tar.xz

This will create a new directory:

~/bin/node-v8.12.0-linux-x64/bin`

which contains the npm executable.

Make our npm the default npm

Add the following export command to the end of your ~/.bashrc file.

export PATH=~/bin/node-v8.12.0-linux-x64/bin:\$PATH

Now source your ~/.bashrc to apply the new export to your current terminal session.:

source ~/.bashrc

Testing your npm installalation

Confirm that the npm version we installed is the first npm version on your path so that it gets executed whenever you run the npm command.

which npm

Output example:

/home/csteel/bin/node-v8.12.0-linux-x64/bin/npm

Testing the npm executable

Confirm that npm is working as expected:

npm --version

Output example:

6.4.1

installing reveal-md

npm install -g reveal-md

Test reveal-md

Confirm that the reveal-md executable is working as expected.

reveal-md --version

Output expected (when this was last edited):

2.4.0

Creating a new presentation

You can clone my repository and customize it the way you like to create your own base presentation.

My demo has includes three files

```
css/overide.css # Used to overide css elements in the default th
reveal-md.json # Used to configure presentation options
slides.md # Where you create your slides using markdown
```

See reveal-md documentation site for detailed information.

Clone your base presentation

mkdir ~/projects/presentations/
cd ~/projects/presentations
git clone git@github.com:cjsteel/presentation-reveal-md-demo.git

Start the included server

In a terminal session start up reveal-md

cd my-presentation
reveal-md -w slides.md --css css/overide.css

Customize your presentation

In a second terminal session, or using your favortie GUI editor open slides.md for editing

nano slides.md

More to come

This demo is a work in progress... more to come.

Create a PDF

Create or update a PDF version of your presentation

reveal-md slides.md --css css/overide.css --print resources/revea

Create a static demo

Creating a local static copy of your demo might be a good idea as a backup.

reveal-md slides.md --css css/overide.css --static

