HKU-TDLEG Website Development

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Introduction

Cryogen is a Clojure-based static website development tool. Developers can use it to build their static blog websites easily. This project aims to develop a website using Cryogen to record the progress of all HKU-TDLEG projects. During the process, I explored the features (advantages, disadvantages, functions, etc.) of Cryogen.

Advantages

- 1. It provides three well-designed themes.
- 2. It directly converts Markdown files into web pages/posts.
- 3. All key configurations are centralized in config.edn file.
- 4. Developers can generate the website locally.
- 5. Appearance settings (CSS, HTML, JavaScript) are centralized in the /themes folder





Disadvantages

- 1. It cannot recognize the MathJax math formula. Developers have to use formula images or import JavaScript codes to show a properly rendered math formula.
- 2. The tool is not very flexible. Developers may not get the outcome they want and have to modify the generated website code/structure.

Limitation

- 1. As I'm new to Cryogen, I may miss some critical features in the short two months.
- 2. I have not used any other website development tools before, so the summary may not fully demonstrate Cryogen's unique characteristics.
- 3. Some problems I considered difficult might not be the case for an experienced developer.



