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A typst library for parsing, normalizing and showing publication frontmatter

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Abstract

Utilities for loading and working with authors, affiliations, abstracts, keywords and other frontmatter information common in scientific publications.

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Loading Frontmatter

The frontmatter can contain all information for an article, including title, authors, affiliations, abstracts and keywords. These are then normalized into a standardized format that can be used with a number of `show` functions like `show-authors`. For example, we might have a YAML file that looks like this:

```yaml
author: Rowan Cockett
date: 2024/01/26
```

You can load that file with `yaml`, and pass it to the `load` function:

```typst
#let fm = pubmatter.load(yaml("pubmatter.yml"))
```

This will give you a normalized data-structure that can be used with the `show` functions for showing various parts of a document.

You can also use a `dictionary` directly:

```typst
#let fm = load((
  author: (
    (
      name: "Rowan Cockett",
      email: "rowan@curvenote.com",
      orcid: "0000-0002-7859-8394",
      affiliations: "Curvenote Inc.",
    ),
  ),
  date: datetime(year: 2024, month: 01, day: 26),
  doi: "10.1190/tle35080703.1",
))
#show-author-block(fm)
```

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Theming

The theme including color and font choice can be set using the `THEME` state. For example, this document has the following theme set:

```
#let theme = (color: red.darken(20%), font: "Noto Sans")
#state("THEME").update(theme)
#set page(header: pubmatter.show-page-header(fm), footer: pubmatter.show-page-footer(fm))
```

Note that for the `header` the theme must be passed in directly. This will hopefully become easier in the future, however, there is a current bug that removes the page header/footer if you set this above the `set page`. See #2987.

The `font` option only corresponds to the frontmatter content (abstracts, title, header/footer etc.) allowing the body of your document to have a different font choice.

Normalized Frontmatter Object

The frontmatter object has the following normalized structure:

```
title: content
subtitle: content
short-title: string            # alias: running-title, running-head
# Authors Array
# simple string provided for author is turned into ((name: string),)
authors:                       # alias: author
  - name: string
    url: string                # alias: website, homepage
    email: string
    phone: string
    fax: string
    orcid: string             # alias: ORCID
    note: string
    corresponding: boolean     # default: `true` when email set
    equal-contributor: boolean # alias: equalContributor, equal_contributor
    deceased: boolean
    roles: string[]            # must be a contributor role
    affiliations:              # alias: affiliation
      - id: string
        index: number
# Affiliations Array
affiliations:                  # alias: affiliation
  - string                     # simple string is turned into (name: string)
  - id: string
    index: number
    name: string
    institution: string        # use either name or institution
# Other publication metadata
open-access: boolean
license:                       # Can be set with a SPDX ID for creative commons
  id: string
  url: string
  name: string
doi: string                    # must be only the ID, not the full URL
date: datetime                 # validates from 'YYYY-MM-DD' if a string
citation: content
# Abstracts Array
# content is turned into ((title: "Abstract", content: string),)
abstracts:                     # alias: abstract
  - title: content
    content: content
```

Note that you will usually write the affiliations directly in line, in the following example, we can see that the output is a normalized affiliation object that is linked by the `id` of the affiliation (just the name if it is a string!).

```typst
#let fm = load((
  authors: (
    (
      name: "Rowan Cockett",
      affiliations: "Curvenote Inc.",
    ),
    (
      name: "Steve Purves",
      affiliations: ("Project Jupyter", "Curvenote Inc."),
    ),
  ),
))
#raw(lang:"yaml", yaml.encode(fm))
```

```yaml
authors:
- name: Rowan Cockett
  affiliations:
  - id: Curvenote Inc.
    index: 1
- name: Steve Purves
  affiliations:
  - id: Project Jupyter
    index: 2
  - id: Curvenote Inc.
    index: 1
affiliations:
- name: Curvenote Inc.
  id: Curvenote Inc.
  index: 1
- name: Project Jupyter
  id: Project Jupyter
  index: 2
date: 'datetime(year: 2025, month: 1, day: 29)'
citation: Cockett & Purves, 2025
```

API Documentation

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doi-link

Create a DOI link

```
#doi-link(doi: "10.1190/tle35080703.1")
```

https://doi.org/10.1190/tle35080703.1

Parameters

doi-link(doi: `str`) -> `content`

doi   `str`

Only include the DOI identifier, not the URL

Default: `none`

email-link

Create a mailto link with an email icon

```
#email-link(email: "rowan@curvenote.com")
```

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Parameters

email-link(email: `str`) -> `content`

email   `str`

Email as a string

Default: `none`

github-link

Create a link to a GitHub profile with the GitHub icon.

```
#github-link(github: "rowanc1")
```

Parameters

github-link(github: `str`) -> `content`

> **github**   `str`
>
> GitHub username (no @)
>
> Default: `none`

open-access-link

Create a link to Wikipedia with an OpenAccess icon.

```
#open-access-link()
```

Parameters

open-access-link() -> `content`

orcid-link

Create a ORCID link with an ORCID logo

```
#orcid-link(orcid: "0000-0002-7859-8394")
```

Parameters

orcid-link(orcid: `str`) -> `content`

> **orcid**   `str`
>
> Use an ORCID identifier with no URL, e.g. `0000-0000-0000-0000`
>
> Default: `none`

show-abstract-block

Show abstract-block including all abstracts and keywords

```
#show-abstract-block(fm)
```

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>
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>
> **Keywords**   typst package, open-science, standards

Parameters

show-abstract-block(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

> **fm**   `fm`
>
> The frontmatter object

show-abstracts

Show all abstracts (e.g. abstract, plain language summary)

```
#show-abstracts(fm)
```

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Parameters

show-abstracts(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

> **fm**   `fm`
>
> The frontmatter object

show-affiliations

Show affiliations

```
#show-affiliations(affiliations)
```

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Parameters

show-affiliations(
  size: `length` ,
  fill: `color` ,
  affiliations: `fm` `array`
) -> `content`

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size   `length`

Size of the affiliations text

Default: `8pt`

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fill   `color`

Color of of the affiliations text

Default: `gray`.`darken`(`50%`)

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affiliations   `fm` or `array`

The frontmatter object or affiliations directly

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show-author-block

Show author block, including author, icon links (e.g. ORCID, email, etc.) and affiliations

`#show-author-block`(`fm`)

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Parameters

show-author-block(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

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fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

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show-authors
Show authors

`#show-authors`(`authors`)

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Parameters

```
show-authors(
  size: length ,
  weight: weight ,
  show-affiliations: boolean ,
  show-orcid: boolean ,
  show-email: boolean ,
  show-github: boolean ,
  authors: fm array
) -> content
```

size `length`

Size of the author text

Default: `10pt`

weight `weight`

Weight of the author text

Default: `"semibold"`

show-affiliations `boolean`

Show affiliations text

Default: `true`

show-orcid `boolean`

Show orcid logo

Default: `true`

show-email `boolean`

Show email logo

Default: `true`

show-github `boolean`

Show github logo

Default: `true`

authors `fm` or `array`

The frontmatter object or authors directly

show-copyright

Show copyright

Function chose a short citation with the copyright year followed by the license text. If the license is a Creative Commons License, additional explainer text is shown.

```
#show-copyright(fm)
```

Parameters

show-copyright(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

show-keywords
Show keywords

```
#show-keywords(fm)
```

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Parameters

show-keywords(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

show-license-badge
Show license badge

Works for creative common license and other license.

```
#show-license-badge(load((license: "CC0")))
```

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```
#show-license-badge(load((license: "CC-BY-4.0")))
```

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```
#show-license-badge(load((license: "CC-BY-NC-4.0")))
```

ⓒ ① ⓢ

```
#show-license-badge(load((license: "CC-BY-NC-ND-4.0")))
```

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Parameters

show-license-badge(
  color,
  fm: `fm`
) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

show-page-footer
Show page footer

Default is the venue, date and page numbers

```
#show-page-footer(fm)
```

Parameters

show-page-footer(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

show-page-header
Show page header

Default an open-access badge and the DOI and then the running-title and citation

```
#show-page-header(fm)
```

Parameters

show-page-header(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

show-spaced-content
Create a spaced content array separated with a `spacer`.

The default spacer is   `|`   , and undefined elements are removed.

```
#show-spaced-content(("Hello", "There"))
```

Hello | There

Parameters

show-spaced-content(
  spacer: `content` ,
  content: `array`
) -> `content`

spacer   `content`

How to join the content

Default: `text(fill: gray)[#h(8pt) | #h(8pt)]`

content   `array`

The various things to going together

show-title
Show title and subtitle

`#show-title(fm)`

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Parameters
show-title(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

show-title-block
Show title block - title, authors and affiliations

`#show-title-block(fm)`

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Parameters
show-title-block(fm: `fm`) -> `content`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object

validate-frontmatter

- show-citation()

show-citation

Create a short citation in APA format, e.g. Cockett *et al.*, 2023

Parameters

```
show-citation(
  show-year: boolean ,
  fm: fm
) -> content
```

show-year   `boolean`

Include the year in the citation

Default: `true`

fm   `fm`

The frontmatter object