

nofake - simple **notangle** replacement for the **noweb** literate programming tool

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1 **nofake**

nofake is a Perl script that acts as a simple substitute for the **notangle** command from the **noweb** literate programming system. When using **noweb**, program documentation and source code are kept together in a single file (by convention named with the **.nw** suffix). The **notangle** command takes such a *noweb* file and extracts the source code from it for compilation. However, not everybody who wants to compile the source code has a full **noweb** installation available. For these cases **nofake** can be shipped with the source code to provide a substitute for the **notangle** command. **nofake** has a much simpler and less general architecture than **notangle** but can handle most cases correctly.

nofake is derived from NegWeb 1.0.1 that was released by its author Darrell Johnson <darrell@boswa.com> into the public domain at <http://boswa.com/misc/negweb/>.

Note that this source is itself a literate program in **noweb** syntax. It has to use the delimiters << and >> literally and hence has to escape them with a preceding @.

1.1 Manual Page

Perl manual pages are written in Perl's Plain Old Document (POD) format. They can be included into a script and extracted from there: `pod2man nofake`

> `nofake.1`; various other format can be generated as well, including HTML. This makes sure they do not get lost when the script is passed around. For the syntax, see the `perlpod` manual.

2 *<manual page in POD format 2>*≡ (5)
=head1 NAME

`nofake` - simple notangle replacement for the Noweb literate programming tool

=head1 SYNOPSIS

`B<nofake>` [`B<-R>I<chunk>` ...] [`B<-L>[I<format>]`] [`I<file>`] ...

`B<nofake>` [`B<--version>`|`B<-v>`]

`B<nofake>` [`B<--list-all>`] [`I<file>`] ...

`B<nofake>` [`B<--list-roots>`] [`I<file>`] ...

=head1 DESCRIPTION

Noweb(1) is a literate-programming tool like Knuth's WEB. A noweb file contains program source code interleaved with documentation. Extracting the source code for compilation requires notangle(1). To allow source code to be shipped to users not using noweb(1), `B<nofake>` offers the most commonly used functionality of notangle(1) as a simple perl(1) script. Alas, `B<nofake>` extracts source code from a file in noweb(1) syntax: `B<nofake>` reads `I<file>` and extracts the code chunk named `I<chunk>` to stdout. If no `I<file>` is provided, `B<nofake>` reads from stdin, if no `I<chunk>` is named, `B<nofake>` extracts the chunk `C<*>`.

=head1 OPTIONS

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=item `B<-R>I<chunk>`

Extract chunk `I<chunk>` (recursively) from the noweb file and write it to stdout.

=item `B<-L>[I<format>]`

`B<nofake>` emits cpp(1)-style `C<#line>` directives to allow a compiler emit error messages that refer to `I<file>` rather than the extracted source code directly. The optional `I<format>` allows to provided the format of the line directive: `C<-L'#line %L "%F"%N'>`. In `I<format>` `C<%F>`

indicates the name of the source file, C<%L> the line number, and C<%N> a newline. The default C<#line %L "%F"%N> is suitable for C compilers.

```
=item B<--list-all>
```

List all I<chunks> in noweb files.

```
=item B<--list-roots>
```

List all I<chunks> in noweb files that are not referenced by other chunks.

```
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```

```
=head1 SYNTAX OF NOWEB FILES
```

The authoritative source for the syntax of noweb files is the noweb(1) documentation. However, here is an example:

```
<<hello.c>>=
<<includes>>

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    <<say hello>>
    return 0;
}

<<say hello>>=
printf("Hello World!\n");
@

<<includes>>=
#include <stdio.h> /* for printf */
@
```

A chunk is defined by C<E<lt>E<lt>chunkE<gt>E<gt>=> and reaches up to the next definition or a line starting with C<@> followed by a space or newline. A chunk can recursively refer to other chunks: chunk C<hello.c> refers to C<includes> and C<say hello>. A chunk is referred to by C<E<lt>E<lt>chunkE<gt>E<gt>>. To use the C<E<lt>E<lt>> and C<E<gt>E<gt>> character literally in a program, precede them with a C<@>. Double C<@> on the first column to put a literal C<@> there, applies only to the first column.

```
=head1 LIMITATIONS
```

The B<nofake> architecture is simpler than that of notangle(1) and therefore one thing do not work. In particular:

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=item *

B<nofake> does not accept the B<-filter> I<command> option that B<notangle> uses to filter chunks before they are emitted.

=back

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Please note that this is a derived work and is not maintained by Lindig, the canonical source for this version is <https://github.com/ctarbide/ctweb/blob/master/tools/nofake.nw>.

=head1 SEE ALSO

noweb(1), notangle(1), perl(1), cpp(1)

Norman Ramsey, Literate programming simplified, IEEE Software 11(5):97-105, September 1994.

1.2 Implementation

```

5  <nofake 5>≡
    #!/usr/bin/env perl
    #
    # Generated from nofake.nw. Do not edit! Edit nofake.nw instead and
    # run nofake on it:
    #
    # ./nofake -Rnofake nofake.nw > nofake.pl
    # mv nofake.pl nofake
    # chmod a+x nofake
    #
    # The manual page is at the end of this file in Perl's
    # POD format. You can format it using pod2man(1):
    #
    # pod2man nofake > nofake.1
    # nroff -man nofake.1 | more
    #
    # The noweb source for this version is available at:
    #
    # https://github.com/ctarbide/ctweb/blob/master/tools/nofake.nw
    #
    # This software is in the public domain; for details, see the manual
    # page.

    eval 'exec perl -wS $0 ${1+"$@"}'
        if 0;

    use 5.008; # perl v5.8.0 was released on July 18, 2002
    use strict;
    use warnings FATAL => 'uninitialized';
    use Carp ();
    $SIG{__DIE__} = \&Carp::confess;

    local $\ = "\n";

    sub version {
        print <<'EOF';
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        NoFake is derived from the public domain NegWeb 1.0.1
        http://boswa.com/misc/negweb by Darrell Johnson <darrell@boswa.com>.
    EOF
    }

```

<defaults 6>

<many utils 15>

<line directive 7a>

<read file 8b>

<sub extract 12a>

<sub usage 12b>

<process command line and extract chunk 13>

__END__

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1.3 Variables

All (code) chunks are stored in the global hash table `chunks`. A chunk may contain references to other chunks. These are ignored when a chunk is read and expanded when then chunk itself is expanded.

```
6  <defaults 6>≡ (5)
    my $lineformat = '#line %L "%F"%N';    # default format for #line directive
    my $sync = 0;                          # default: do not emit #line directives

    my %chunks = ();                       # hash table for chunks
    my %chunks_options = ();               # hash table for chunks options

    my $list_roots = 0;                    # list only root chunks
```

1.4 Functions

If we compile source code that was extracted from a noweb file, we want the error messages point to the noweb file and not the file extracted from it. Therefore we emit `#line` directives that connect the extracted file back with the noweb file. They are understood by many compilers such that they can emit error messages pointing to the noweb file.

The `line_directive` returns the string to be used as a line directive. The formatting is taken from `lineformat` that is controlled by the `-L` command line option.

7a \langle line directive 7a $\rangle \equiv$ (5)

```
sub line_directive {
  my ($fname, $line) = @_ ;
  my $ret = $lineformat;
  $ret =~ s/%F/$fname/g;
  $ret =~ s/%L/$line/g;
  $ret =~ s/%N/\n/g;
  return $ret;
}
```

The `read_line` function reads a file line-by-line and recognizes chunk definitions. Each chunk is put under its name into the global `chunks` hash table. The `sync` flag controls whether line directives are emitted.

Relevant `man noweb` section: Documentation chunks begin with a line that starts with an `@` sign (`@`) followed by a space or newline.

A `@@` at the first column must yield a `@`.

7b \langle read line vars 7b $\rangle \equiv$ (8b)

```
my $chunk = '';
```

```

8a  <read line 8a>≡ (8b)
    if ($line =~ m{^<<(.*?)>>=\s*$}) {
        $chunk = $1;
        if (!$chunks_options{$chunk}) {
            $chunks_options{$chunk} = {nextractions => 0};
        }
        $chunks_options{$chunk}->{nchunks}++;
    } elsif ($chunk) {
        if ($line =~ m{^@(?:$|\s)}) {
            $chunk = '';
        } else {
            # regular line inside chunk
            $line =~ s,^@\@,\@,;
            set_many(%chunks, $chunk, $ARGV, $., $line . "\n");
        }
    } else {
        if ($line =~ m{^(|.*?[^\@])<<} and $1 !~ m{\\[\\]}) {
            Carp::carp("WARNING: Unescaped << in documentation chunk at line ${ARGV}:${}");
        }
    }
}

```

```

8b  <read file 8b>≡ (5)
    sub read_file {
        local @ARGV = @_;
        <read line vars 7b>
        while (my $line = <>) {
            chomp($line);
            <read line 8a>
        }
    }

```

The `extract` function takes a chunk name and extracts this chunk recursively from the `chunks` hash table. The output is returned as a string.

While we look for chunk names in lines to extract we have to be careful: if a chunk name delimiter is preceded by a `@` it does not denote a chunk, but the delimiter literally.

When dealing with line numbers, `nofake` prioritize document structure, `notangle` is more liberal in breaking lines to put line directives.

```

8c  <setup $before_has_content 8c>≡ (9a 10)
    my $before_has_content = $before !~ m{^\\s*$};

```


9a $\langle \text{setup } \$indent \text{ and } \$before_has_content \text{ 9a} \rangle \equiv$ (10)

```
my $indent;
 $\langle \text{setup } \$before\_has\_content \text{ 8c} \rangle$ 
if ($before_has_content) {
    $indent = ' ' x length($before);
} else {
    $indent = $before;
}
```

These special items will be processed at the top level, after all files have been read.

9b $\langle \text{propagate header special items 9b} \rangle \equiv$ (10)

```
while (@chunkreflines and ref($chunkreflines[0])) {
    # propagate special items early, before processing lines
    push(@res, shift(@chunkreflines));
}
```

Defining `$line_new` will effectively replace the current line and search for more references. This allows more than one chunk reference per line.

```

10  <extract and process chunk reference 10>≡ (11a)
    my @chunkreflines = extract($prefix . $before, $fname, $lnum, $chunkref);
    <propagate header special items 9b>
    if (@chunkreflines > 1) {
        # many lines
        <setup $indent and $before_has_content 9a>
        my $first = shift(@chunkreflines);
        my $last = pop(@chunkreflines);
        if ($before_has_content or $first ne "\n") {
            push(@res, $before . $first);
        } else {
            push(@res, "\n");
        }
        for (@chunkreflines) {
            if (ref($_)) {
                # deal with special items later
                push(@res, $_);
            } elsif ($_ ne "\n") {
                push(@res, $indent . $_);
            } else {
                # no need to indent an empty line
                push(@res, "\n");
            }
        }
        if ($after) {
            chomp($last);
            $line_new = $indent . $last . $after . "\n";
        } elsif ($last ne "\n") {
            push(@res, $indent . $last);
        } else {
            # no need to indent an empty line
            push(@res, "\n");
        }
    } elsif (@chunkreflines) {
        # just 1 line
        if ($after) {
            chomp(my $tmp = $chunkreflines[0]);
            $line_new = $before . $tmp . $after . "\n";
        } else {
            <setup $before_has_content 8c>
            if ($before_has_content or $chunkreflines[0] ne "\n") {
                push(@res, $before . $chunkreflines[0]);
            } else {

```

```

        push(@res, "\n");
    }
} else {
    Carp::carp("WARNING: Code chunk <<${chunkref}>> is empty (at ${fname}:${lnum}).");
}

```

11a *<process line 11a>*≡ (12a)

```

my $found_chunk_ref;
for (;;) {
    $found_chunk_ref = ($line =~ /^(|.*?[^\\@])<<(.?[^\\@])>>(.*)/);
    if ($found_chunk_ref) {
        my $before = $1;
        my $chunkref = $2;
        my $after = $3;
        if ($chunks_options{$chunkref}) {
            my $line_new = undef;
            <extract and process chunk reference 10>
            if (defined($line_new)) {
                $line = $line_new;
                next;
            }
        } else {
            Carp::carp("WARNING: Code chunk <<${chunkref}>> does not exist (at ${fname}:${lnum}).");
        }
        $lnum = -1; # force line number directive
    } else {
        $line =~ s/\\@(<<|>>)/$1/g;
        push(@res, $line);
    }
    last;
}

```

A chunk referenced at least once is definitely a non-root chunk, so we need to render all chunks at most once

11b *<remove chunk data if listing roots 11b>*≡ (12a)

```

if ($list_roots and @input) {
    $chunks{$chunk} = [$input[0], $input[1], ""];
}

```

Special item 0 is a line number directive.

11c *<push line number directive 11c>*≡ (12a)

```

push(@res, [0, $fname, $lnum]);

```

```

12a  <sub extract 12a>≡ (5)
    my %being_extracted = ();
    sub extract {
        my ($prefix, $parent_fname, $parent_lnum, $chunk) = @_;
        if ($being_extracted{$chunk}) {
            Carp::croak("ERROR: Code chunk <<$chunk>> is used in its own definition (at ${parent_fname}):");
        }
        $being_extracted{$chunk}++;
        $chunks_options{$chunk}->{nextactions}++;
        my @res = ();
        my @input = get_many($chunks{$chunk});
        <remove chunk data if listing roots 11b>
        my $lnum_previous = -1;
        while (my ($fname, $lnum, $line) = splice(@input, 0, 3)) {
            if ($sync and $lnum != $lnum_previous + 1) {
                <push line number directive 11c>
            }
            <process line 11a>
            $lnum_previous = $lnum;
        }
        $being_extracted{$chunk}--;
        return @res;
    }

12b  <sub usage 12b>≡ (5)
    sub usage {
        my $arg = shift @_;

        print STDERR <<EOF;
        Unknown command line argument "$arg". See the manual page for help
        which is also included at the end of this Perl script.

        nofake [-Rchunk ...] [-L[format]] [file] ...
        nofake [--version|-v]
        nofake [--list-all] [file] ...
        nofake [--list-roots] [file] ...
    EOF
}

```

We parse the command line and start working: reading the noweb files and then extracting each chunk in the `chunks` variable.

```

13  <process command line and extract chunk 13>≡ (5)
    my @chunks = ();
    my @files = ();
    my $list_all = 0;
    my $no_op = 0;

    while ($_ = shift(@ARGV)) {
        if (/^\-L(.*)/)          { $sync = 1; if ($1 ne '') { $lineformat = $1 }}
        elsif (/^\-R(.+)/)       { push(@chunks, $1) }
        elsif (/^\-(v|-version)$/) { version(); exit(0) }
        elsif (/^\--list-all$/)  { $list_all = 1 }
        elsif (/^\--list-roots$/) { $list_roots = 1 }
        elsif (/^\-filter$/)      { shift(@ARGV) } # ignore
        elsif (/^\--no-op$/)      { $no_op = 1 }
        elsif (/^\(\\-.*)$/)      { usage($1); exit(1) }
        else                     { push(@files, $_) }
    }

    if (!@chunks) {
        push(@chunks, '*');
    }

    if (!@files) {
        push(@files, '-');
    }

    read_file($_) for @files;

    if ($no_op) {
        # just read lines, useful for validating documentation chunks
    } elsif ($list_all) {
        print("<<${_}>>") for sort(keys(%chunks_options));
    } elsif ($list_roots) {
        <output roots 14d>
    } else {
        <output lines 14c>
    }

```

```

14a  <output lines of $chunk 14a>≡ (14c)
      local $\ = undef;
      my ($first_fname, $first_lnum) = get_many($chunks{$chunk});
      for my $item (extract('', $first_fname, $first_lnum, $chunk)) {
          if (ref($item) eq 'ARRAY') {
              print line_directive($item->[1], $item->[2]);
          } else {
              print $item;
          }
      }

14b  <verify $chunk is defined 14b>≡ (14c)
      if (!$chunks_options{$chunk}) {
          Carp::croak("ERROR: The root chunk <<${chunk}>> was not defined.");
      }

14c  <output lines 14c>≡ (13)
      for my $chunk (@chunks) {
          <verify $chunk is defined 14b>
      }
      for my $chunk (@chunks) {
          <output lines of $chunk 14a>
      }

14d  <output roots 14d>≡ (13)
      my @all_chunks = sort(keys(%chunks_options));
      # first pass, extract all chunks
      for my $chunk (@all_chunks) {
          my $opts = $chunks_options{$chunk};
          my ($first_fname, $first_lnum) = get_many($chunks{$chunk});
          extract('', $first_fname, $first_lnum, $chunk);
      }
      # second pass, report
      for my $chunk (@all_chunks) {
          my $opts = $chunks_options{$chunk};
          if ($opts->{nextextractions} == 1) {
              print("<<${chunk}>>");
          }
      }

```

```

15  <many utils 15>≡ (5)
    sub set_many (\%@) {
        my ($h, $k, @rest) = @_;
        if (defined($h->{$k})) {
            if (ref($h->{$k}) eq 'ARRAY') {
                push(@{ $h->{$k} }, @rest);
            } else {
                $h->{$k} = [$h->{$k}, @rest];
            }
        } elsif (@rest > 1) {
            $h->{$k} = [ @rest ];
        } elsif (@rest) {
            $h->{$k} = $rest[0];
        } else {
            Carp::carp("no value specified");
        }
    }
    sub get_many {
        # () yield undef in scalar context
        return () unless defined($_[0]);
        return @{ $_[0] } if ref($_[0]) eq 'ARRAY';
        @_;
    }
    # return () instead of (undef)
    # return @{arg}
    # return (arg)

```

This was taken from perl\5.8.3\bin\runperl.bat and tested under Windows XP SP3 (x86). Simply extract it to somewhere in the PATH, see documentation below in DESCRIPTION section.

```
16  <nofake.bat 16>≡
    @rem = '---Perl---
    @echo off
    if "%OS%" == "Windows_NT" goto WinNT
    perl.exe -x -S "%0" %1 %2 %3 %4 %5 %6 %7 %8 %9
    goto endofperl
:WinNT
    perl.exe -x -S %0 %*
    if NOT "%COMSPEC%" == "%SystemRoot%\system32\cmd.exe" goto endofperl
    if %errorlevel% == 9009 echo You do not have Perl in your PATH.
    if errorlevel 1 goto script_failed_so_exit_with_non_zero_val 2>nul
    goto endofperl
    @rem ';
    #!perl -w
    #line 15
    $0 =~ s|\.bat||i;
    unless (-f $0) {
        $0 =~ s|\.*/|/|;
        for (".", split ';', $ENV{PATH}) {
            $_ = "." if $_ eq "";
            $0 = "$_/$0" , goto doit if -f "$_/$0";
        }
        die "'$0' not found.\n";
    }
    doit: exec "perl.exe", "-x", $0, @ARGV;
    die "Failed to exec '$0': $!";
    __END__

=head1 NAME

runperl.bat - "universal" batch file to run perl scripts

=head1 SYNOPSIS

    C:\> copy runperl.bat foo.bat
    C:\> foo
    [..runs the perl script 'foo'..]

    C:\> foo.bat
    [..runs the perl script 'foo'..]
```


=head1 DESCRIPTION

This file can be copied to any file name ending in the ".bat" suffix. When executed on a DOS-like operating system, it will invoke the perl script of the same name, but without the ".bat" suffix. It will look for the script in the same directory as itself, and then in the current directory, and then search the directories in your PATH.

It relies on the C<exec()> operator, so you will need to make sure that works in your perl.

This method of invoking perl scripts has some advantages over batch-file wrappers like C<pl2bat.bat>: it avoids duplication of all the code; it ensures C<\$0> contains the same name as the executing file, without any egregious ".bat" suffix; it allows you to separate your perl scripts from the wrapper used to run them; since the wrapper is generic, you can use symbolic links to simply link to C<runperl.bat>, if you are serving your files on a filesystem that supports that.

On the other hand, if the batch file is invoked with the ".bat" suffix, it does an extra C<exec()>. This may be a performance issue. You can avoid this by running it without specifying the ".bat" suffix.

Perl is invoked with the -x flag, so the script must contain a C<#!perl> line. Any flags found on that line will be honored.

=head1 BUGS

Perl is invoked with the -S flag, so it will search the PATH to find the script. This may have undesirable effects.

=head1 SEE ALSO

perl, perlwin32, pl2bat.bat

=cut

__END__
:endofperl

2 List of all chunks

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