

INTRODUCTION

I want to create a semi-literate Raku source file with the extension . s l . Then, I will *weave* it to generate a readable file in formats like Markdown, PDF, HTML, and more. Additionally, I will *tangle* it to create source code without any Pod6.

To do this, I need to divide the file into Pod and Code sections by parsing it. For this purpose, I will create a dedicated Grammar.

Convenient tokens

Let's create two tokens for convenience.

```
15|
16| # We need to declare them with C<my> because we
17| # need to use them in a subroutine later. #TODO explain why.
18|
19| my token rest-of-line { \N* [\n | $] }
20| my token ws-till-EOL { \h* [\n | $] }
21| my token blank-line { ^^ <ws-till-EOL> }
22|
```

The Grammar

Our file will exclusively consist of Pod or Code sections, and nothing else. The TOP token clearly indicates this.

```
23|
24| #use Grammar::Tracer;
25| grammar Semi::Literate is export {
26| token TOP { [ <pod> | <code> ]* }
27|
28|
```

The Pod6 delimiters

According to the documentation,

Every Pod6 document has to begin with =begin pod 1 and end with =end pod.

So let's define those tokens.

The begin token

Most programming applications do not focus on the structure of the executable file, which is not meant to be easily read by humans.

However, we can provide the option for users to specify the number of empty lines that should replace a pod block. To do this, simply add a number at the end of the =begin directive. For example, =begin pod 2. [1]

```
33|
34| [\h* $<num-blank-lines>=(\d+)]? # an optional number to specify the
35| # number of blank lines to replace the
36| # C<Pod> blocks when tangling.
```

The remainder of the begin directive can only be whitespace.

```
37|
38| <ws-till-EOL>
39| } # end of my token begin
40|
```

The end token

The end token is much simpler.

```
41|
42| my token end { ^^ \h* \= end <.ws> pod <ws-till-EOL> }
43|
```

The Pod token

Within the delimiters, all lines are considered documentation. We will refer to these lines as plain-lines. Additionally, it is possible to have nested Pod sections. This allows for a hierarchical organization of documentation, allowing for more structured and detailed explanations.

It is also permissible for the block to be empty. Therefore, we will use the 'zero-or-more' quantifier on the lines of documentation, allowing for the possibility of having no lines in the block.

```
44|
45| token pod {
46| <begin>
47| [<pod> | <plain-line>]*
48| <end>
49| } # end of token pod
50|
```

The Code token

The Code sections are similarly easily defined. There are two types of Code sections, depending on whether they will appear in the woven code. See no-weave for why some code would not be included in the woven code.

```
51|
52| token code {
53| | <woven>
54| | <non-woven>
55| } # end of token code
```

Woven sections

These sections are trivially defined. They are just one or more plain-lines.

```
56|
57| token woven { <plain-line>+ }
```

Non-woven sections

Sometimes there will be code you do not want woven into the document, such as boilerplate code like use v6.d;. You have two options to mark such code. By individual lines or by delimited blocks of code.

```
58|
59| token non-woven {
60| | <one-line-no-weave>+
61| | <delimited-no-weave>+
62| } # end of token non-woven
```

One line of code

Simply append #no-weave at the end of the line!

Delimited blocks of code

Simply add comments #no-weave and #end-no-weave before and after the code you want ignored in the formatted document.

```
token delimited-no-weave {
70|
71|
            <begin-no-weave>
72|
                 <plain-line>*?
73|
            <end-no-weave>
        } # end of token delimited-no-weave
741
75 I
76|
        token begin-no-weave {
            ^^ \h*
77|
                                          # optional leading whitespace
            '#' <.ws> 'no-weave'
                                          # the delimiter itself (#no-weave)
781
            <.ws> <rest-of-line>
79|
                                          # optional trailing whitespace
        } # end of token <begin-no-weave>
80|
81|
82|
        token end-no-weave {
            ^^ \h*
83|
                                          # optional leading whitespace
84|
            '#' <.ws> 'end-no-weave'
                                         # the delimiter itself (#end-no-weave)
                                         # optional trailing whitespace
            <.ws> <rest-of-line>
85|
        } # end of token <end--no-weave>
86|
87|
```

The plain-line token

The plain-line token is, really, any line at all...

```
88|
89| token plain-line {
90| $<plain-line> = [^^ <rest-of-line>]
91|
```

Disallowing the delimiters in a plain-line.

... except for one subtlety. They it can't be one of the begin/end delimiters. We can specify that with a Regex Boolean Condition Check.

```
92|
93| <?{ &not-a-delimiter($<plain-line>.Str) }>
94| } # end of token plain-line
95|
```

This function simply checks whether the plain-line match object matches either the begin or end token.

Incidentally, this function is why we had to declare those tokens with the my keyword. This function wouldn't work otherwise.

```
96|
97| sub not-a-delimiter (Str $line --> Bool) {
98| return not $line ~~ /<begin> | <end>/;
99| } # end of sub not-a-delimiter (Match $line --> Bool)
100|
```

And that concludes the grammar for separating Pod from Code!

```
101|
```

102| } # end of grammar Semi::Literate
103|

The Tangle subroutine

This subroutine will remove all the Pod6 code from a semi-literate file (.sl) and keep only the Raku code.

```
104|
105| #TODO multi sub to accept Str & IO::PatGh
106| sub tangle (
107|
```

The subroutine has a single parameter, which is the input filename. The filename is required. Typically, this parameter is obtained from the command line or passed from the subroutine MAIN.

```
108| Str $input-file!,
```

The subroutine will return a Str, which will be a working Raku program.

```
109| --> Str ) is export {
```

First we will get the entire Semi-Literate . s 1 file...

```
110|
111| my Str $source = $input-file.IO.slurp;
112|
```

Clean the source

Remove the no-weave delimiters

```
113|

114| $source ~~ s:g{ ^^ \h* '#' <.ws> 'no-weave' <rest-of-line> } = '';

115| $source ~~ s:g{ ^^ \h* '#' <.ws> 'end-no-weave' <rest-of-line> } = '';

116|
```

Remove unnecessary blank lines

Very often the code section of the Semi-Literate file will have blank lines that you don't want to see in the tangled working code. For example:

```
# <== unwanted blank lines

# <== unwanted blank lines

sub foo () {
    { ... }
    } # end of sub foo ()

# <== unwanted blank lines

# <== unwanted blank lines

# <== unwanted blank lines</pre>
```

```
So we'll remove the blank lines at the beginning and end of the Pod6 sections.
```

```
118|

119| $source ~~ s:g/\=end (\N*)\n+/\=end$0\n/;

120| $source ~~ s:g/\n+\=begin /\n\=begin/;

121|
```

The interesting stuff

We parse it using the Semi::Literate grammar and obtain a list of submatches (that's what the caps method does) ...

```
122|
123| my Pair @submatches = Semi::Literate.parse($source).caps;
124|
```

...and iterate through the submatches and keep only the code sections...

```
125|
126| my Str $raku-code = @submatches.map( {
127| when .key eq 'code' {
128| .value;
129| }
```

Replace Pod6 sections with blank lines

#TODO rewrite Most programming applications do not focus on the structure of the executable file, which is not meant to be easily read by humans.

However, we can provide the option for users to specify the number of empty lines that should replace a pod block. To do this, simply add a number at the end of the =begin directive. For example, =begin pod 2.

```
131|
132|
133|
             when .key eq 'pod' {
                 my $num-blank-lines = .value.hash<begin><num-blank-lines>;
134|
                  "\n" x $num-blank-lines with $num-blank-lines;
135|
136|
             }
137|
138|
             #no-weave
139|
             default { die 'Should never get here' }
140|
             #end-no-weave
```

... and we will join all the code sections together...

```
141|
142| } # end of my Str $raku-code = @submatches.map(
143| ).join;
144|
```

remove blank lines at the end

```
145|
146| $raku-code ~~ s{\n <blank-line>* $ } = '';
147|
```

And that's the end of the tangle subroutine!

```
148| return $raku-code;
149| } # end of sub tangle (
150|
```

The Weave subroutine

The Weave subroutine will weave the .sl file into a readable Markdown, HTML, or other format. It is a little more complicated than subtangle because it has to include the code sections.

```
151|
152| sub weave (
153|
```

The parameters of Weave

sub weave will have several parameters.

\$input-file

The input filename is required. Typically, this parameter is obtained from the command line through a wrapper subroutine MAIN.

```
154|
155| Str $input-file!;
```

\$format

The output of the weave can (currently) be Markdown, Text, PDF or HTML. (Assuming you have the necessary Pod::To::X module installed.) It defaults to Markdown. The variable is case-insensitive, so 'markdown' also works.

```
156|
157| Str :f(:$format) is copy = 'markdown';
158| #= The output format for the woven file.
159|
```

\$line-numbers

It can be useful to print line numbers in the code listing. It defaults to True.

```
160|
161| Bool :l(:$line-numbers) = True;
162| #= Should line numbers be added to the embeded code?
163|
164|
```

sub weave returns a Str.

```
165|
166| --> Str ) is export {
```

The alogrithm

```
167|
168| my UInt $line-number = 1;
169|
```

First we will get the entire . s 1 file...

```
170|
```

```
171|
         my Str $source = $input-file.IO.slurp;
172|
173|
         my Str $cleaned-source;
174|
175| $cleaned-source = $source;
176| #=begin pod 1
177| #
178| #=head3 Remove full comment lines followed by blank lines
179| #
180| #=end pod
181| #
182| #
          # delete full comment lines
          source \sim s:g\{ ^^ h* '#' h* h+ \} = '';
183 | #
184| #
185| #
          # remove Raku comments, unless the '#' is escaped with
186| #
         # a backslash or is in a quote. (It doesn't catch all quote
187| #
         # constructs...(that's a TODO))
          # And leave the newline.
188| #
189| #
190| #=begin pod 1
191| #
192| #=head3 Remove EOL comments
193| #
194| #=end pod
195| #
196| #
         for $source.split("\n") -> $line {
197| #
              my $m = $line ~~ m{
                      \wedge \wedge
198| #
199| #
                     \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^*?}}
200| #
201| #
                      #TODO make this more robust - allow other delimiters, take into
2021 #
                      #account the Q language, heredocs, nested strings...
203 | #
                      <!after
                                      # make sure the '#' isn't in a string
204 | #
                          ] )
                              | \\
205| #
                              | \" <-[\"]>*
206| #
                              | \' <-[\']>*
207| #
208| #
                               209| #
                          ] )
210 | #
                      >
                      "#"
211| #
212| #
213 | #
214 | #
                      # We need to keep these delimiters.
                      # See the section above "Remove code marked as 'no-weave'".
215| #
216| #
                      <!before
217| #
218| #
                               | 'no-weave'
                               | 'end-no-weave'
219| #
220| #
                            ]
221| #
                      >
222| #
                      \ N *
223 | #
                      $$ };
224| #
225| #
              $cleaned-source ~= $m ?? $<stuff-before-the-comment> !! $line;
              $cleaned-source ~= "\n";
226| #
227| #
          } # end of for $source.split("\n") -> $line
228| #
```

```
229| #=begin pod 1
230| #=head3 Remove blank lines at the begining and end of the code
231| #
232| #B<EXPLAIN THIS!>
233| #
234| #=end pod
235| #
236| # $cleaned-source ~~ s:g{\=end (\N*)\n+} = "\=end$0\n";
237| # $cleaned-source ~~ s:g{\n+\=begin (<.ws> pod) [<.ws> \d]?} = "\n\=begin$0";
238| #
```

Interesting stuff ... Next, we parse it using the Semi::Literate grammar and obtain a list of submatches (that's what the caps method does) ...

```
239|
240| my Pair @submatches = Semi::Literate.parse($cleaned-source).caps;
241|
```

...And now begins the interesting part. We iterate through the submatches and insert the code sections into the Pod6...

```
242|
243|
244| my Str $weave = @submatches.map( {
245| when .key eq 'pod' {
246| .value
247| } # end of when .key
```

#TODO

```
2481
249|
             when .key eq 'code' { pd $_; qq:to/EOCB/; }
250|
                 \=begin pod
251|
                  \=begin code :lang<raku>
                  { my fmt = (\frac{1}{n} - numbers ?? "%3s| " !! '') ~ "%s\n";
252
253|
                      .value
                      .lines
254
255|
                      .map($line-numbers
256|
                              ?? {"%4s| %s\n".sprintf($line-number++, $_) }
2571
                              !! { "%s\n".sprintf(
                                                                        $ ) }
                          )
258|
                      .chomp;
259|
                  }
260|
                  \=end code
261
                 \=end
262|
                         pod
263|
                  E0CB
264
265|
             when .key eq 'non-woven' {
                 note "Inside non-woven"
266|
267|
                  ; # do nothing
268|
             } # end of when .key eq 'non-woven'
269|
270|
             # no-weave
             default { die 'Should never get here.' }
271|
272|
             # end-no-weave
         } # end of my $weave = Semi::Literate.parse($source).caps.map
273|
274|
         ).join;
```

```
275|
```

remove useless Pod directives

remove blank lines at the end

```
280|
281| $weave ~~ s{\n <blank-line>* $ } = '';
282|
```

And that's the end of the tangle subroutine!

```
283|
284| return $weave
285| } # end of sub weave (
286|
```

NAME

 ${\tt Semi::Literate-A\,semi-literate\,way\,to\,weave\,and\,tangle\,Raku/Pod6\,source\,code.}$

VERSION

This documentation refers to Semi-Literate version 0.0.1

SYNOPSIS

```
use Semi::Literate;
# Brief but working code example(s) here showing the most common usage(s)
# This section will be as far as many users bother reading
# so make it as educational and exemplary as possible.
```

DESCRIPTION

Semi::Literate is based on Daniel Sockwell's Pod::Literate module

A full description of the module and its features. May include numerous subsections (i.e. =head2, =head2, etc.)

BUGS AND LIMITATIONS

There are no known bugs in this module. Patches are welcome.

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```
287 I
 288| # no-weave
 289 | my %*SUB-MAIN-OPTS =
                                     # allow named variables at any location
 290| :named-anywhere,
                                     # allow bundling of named arguments
 291|
       :bundling,
 292| # :coerce-allomorphs-to(Str), # coerce allomorphic arguments to given type
 293|
       :allow-no,
                                      # allow --no-foo as alternative to --/foo
 2941
      :numeric-suffix-as-value,
                                   # allow -j2 as alternative to --j=2
 295|;
 2961
 297| #| Run with option '--pod' to see all of the Pod6 objects
 298 | multi MAIN(Bool : $pod!) is hidden-from-USAGE {
 299|
          for $=pod -> $pod-item {
              for $pod-item.contents -> $pod-block {
 300|
 301|
                   $pod-block.raku.say;
 302|
              }
 303|
          }
 304| } # end of multi MAIN (:$pod)
 305|
 306| #| Run with option '--doc' to generate a document from the Pod6
 307| #| It will be rendered in Text format
 308 | # | unless specified with the --format option. e.g.
               --doc --format=HTML
 309| #|
 310| multi MAIN(Bool :$doc!, Str :$format = 'Text') is hidden-from-USAGE {
          run $*EXECUTABLE, "--doc=$format", $*PROGRAM;
 312| } # end of multi MAIN(Bool :$man!)
 313|
 314| my $semi-literate-file =
'/Users/jimbollinger/Documents/Development/raku/Projects/Semi-Literate/source/Literate.sl';
 315| multi MAIN(Bool :$testt!) {
          say tangle($semi-literate-file);
 317| } # end of multi MAIN(Bool :$test!)
 318|
 319| multi MAIN(Bool :$testw!) {
          say weave($semi-literate-file);
 321| } # end of multi MAIN(Bool :$test!)
 322|
 323| #end-no-weave
```