

```
1| #! /usr/bin/env raku
2|
3| # Get the Pod vs. Code structure of a Raku/Pod6 file.
4| # © 2023 Shimon Bollinger. All rights reserved.
5| # Last modified: Sat 02 Sep 2023 11:19:41 PM EDT
6| # Version 0.0.1
7|
8| # no-weave
9| # always use the latest version of Raku
10| use v6.*;
11| use PrettyDump;
12| use Data::Dump::Tree;
13| # end-no-weave
14|
```

A grammar to parse a file into Pod and Code sections.

INTRODUCTION

I want to create a semi-literate Raku source file with the extension `.sl`. 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

```
29|
30|     my token begin {
31|         ^^ \h* \= begin <.ws> pod
32|
```

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|
```

[\[1\]](#) This is non-standard Pod6 and will not compile until woven!

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 v6.0;`. 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!

```
63|
64|     token one-line-no-weave {
65|         ^^ \N*
66|         '#' <.ws> 'no-weave'
67|         <.ws> <rest-of-line>
68|     } # end of token one-line-no-weave
```

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.

```

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

```
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 .sl 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:

```
sub foo () {  
    { ... }  
} # end of sub foo ()  
  
# <== unwanted blank lines  
# <== unwanted blank lines  
  
# <== unwanted blank lines  
# <== unwanted blank lines
```

```
117|
```

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|         }  
130|
```

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' {  
134|         my $num-blank-lines = .value.hash<begin><num-blank-lines>;  
135|         "\n" x $num-blank-lines with $num-blank-lines;  
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 `sub tangle` 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, or HTML. 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 currently 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 {
```

`#TODO`

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

First we will get the entire `.sl` 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
183| #     $source =~ s:g{ ^^ \h* '#' \N* \n+} = '';
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))
188| #     # And leave the newline.
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{
198| #             ^^
199| #             $<stuff-before-the-comment> = ( \N*? )
200| #
201| #             #TODO make this more robust - allow other delimiters, take into
202| #             #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| #             # We need to keep these delimiters.
214| #             # See the section above "Remove code marked as 'no-weave'".
215| #             <!before
216| #                 [
217| #                     | 'no-weave'
218| #                     | 'end-no-weave'
219| #                 ]
220| #             >
221| #             \N*
222| #             $$ };
223| #
224| #         $cleaned-source ~= $m ?? $<stuff-before-the-comment> !! $line;
225| #         $cleaned-source ~= "\n";
226| #     } # end of for $source.split("\n") -> $line
227| #
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

```

248|
249|         when .key eq 'code' { qq:to/EOCB/; }
250|             \=begin pod
251|             \=begin code :lang<raku>
252|                 { my $fmt = ($line-numbers ?? "%3s| " !! ' ') ~ "%s\n";
253|                     .value
254|                     .lines
255|                     .map($line-numbers
256|                         ?? {"%4s| %s\n".sprintf($line-number++, $_) }
257|                         !! {      "%s\n".sprintf(                $_) }
258|                     )
259|                     .chomp;
260|                 }
261|             \=end code
262|             \=end pod
263|             EOCB
264|
265|         when .key eq 'non-woven' {
266|             ; # do nothing
267|         } # end of when .key eq 'non-woven'
268|
269|         # no-weave
270|         default { die 'Should never get here.' }
271|         # end-no-weave
272|     } # end of my $weave = Semi::Literate.parse($source).caps.map
273|     ).join;
274|

```

remove useless Pod directives

```
275|  
276|     $weave ~~ s:g{ \h* \=end    <.ws> pod  <rest-of-line>  
277|           \h* \=begin <.ws> pod <rest-of-line> } = '';  
278|
```

remove blank lines at the end

```
279|  
280|     $weave ~~ s{\n  <blank-line>* $ } = '';  
281|
```

And that's the end of the tangle subroutine!

```
282|  
283|     return $weave  
284| } # end of sub weave (  
285|
```

NAME

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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```
286|
287| # no-weave
288| my %*SUB-MAIN-OPTS =
289|   :named-anywhere,          # allow named variables at any location
290|   :bundling,                # allow bundling of named arguments
291|   # :coerce-allomorphs-to(Str), # coerce allomorphic arguments to given type
292|   :allow-no,                 # allow --no-foo as alternative to --/foo
293|   :numeric-suffix-as-value, # allow -j2 as alternative to --j=2
294| ;
295|
296| #| Run with option '--pod' to see all of the Pod6 objects
297| multi MAIN(Bool :$pod!) is hidden-from-USAGE {
298|   for $=pod -> $pod-item {
299|     for $pod-item.contents -> $pod-block {
300|       $pod-block.raku.say;
301|     }
302|   }
303| } # end of multi MAIN (:$pod)
304|
305| #| Run with option '--doc' to generate a document from the Pod6
306| #| It will be rendered in Text format
307| #| unless specified with the --format option. e.g.
308| #|     --doc --format=HTML
309| multi MAIN(Bool :$doc!, Str :$format = 'Text') is hidden-from-USAGE {
310|   run $*EXECUTABLE, "--doc=$format", $*PROGRAM;
311| } # end of multi MAIN(Bool :$man!)
312|
313| my $semi-literate-file =
'/Users/jimbollinger/Documents/Development/raku/Projects/Semi-Literate/source/Literate.sl';
314| multi MAIN(Bool :$testt!) {
315|   say tangle($semi-literate-file);
316| } # end of multi MAIN(Bool :$test!)
317|
318| multi MAIN(Bool :$testw!) {
319|   say weave($semi-literate-file);
320| } # end of multi MAIN(Bool :$test!)
321|
322| #end-no-weave
```