

pubmatter

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.

Our goal is to introduce standardized ways of working with this content to expose metadata to scientific publishers who are interested in using typst in a standardized way. The specification for this pubmatter is based on MyST Markdown and Quarto, and can load their YAML files directly.

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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:

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

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

```
#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:

```
#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
  - 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!).

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

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: 10, day: 9)'
citation: Cockett & Purves, 2025
```

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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")
```



Parameters

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

email `str`

Email as a string

Default: `none`

get-corresponding-author

Get corresponding author

Returns the first author marked as corresponding author, or the first author with an email.

```
#let author = get-corresponding-author(authors)
```

Parameters

get-corresponding-author(authors: fm array) -> dictionary

authors fm or array

The frontmatter object or authors directly

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

ror-link

Create a ROR link

```
#ror-link(ror: "02mz0e468")
```

Parameters

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

ror str

Only include the ROR identifier, not the URL

Default: none

show-abstract-block

Show abstract-block including all abstracts and keywords

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

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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,
    show-ror: boolean,
    show-equal-contributor: boolean,
    separator: str,
    affiliations: fm array
) -> content
```

size `length`

Size of the affiliations text

Default: `8pt`

fill `color`

Color of the affiliations text

Default: `gray.darken(50%)`

show-ror `boolean`

Show ror logo

Default: `true`

show-equal-contributor boolean

Show equal contributor note

Default: true

separator str

Separator between affiliations

Default: ", "

affiliations fm or array

The frontmatter object or affiliations directly

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
```

fm fm

The frontmatter object

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,
    show-equal-contributor: 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`

show-equal-contributor `boolean`

Show equal contributor asterisk

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)
```

Copyright © 2024 Cockett. This is an open-access article distributed under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International](#) license, which enables reusers to distribute, remix, adapt, and build upon the material in any medium or format, so long as attribution is given to the creator.

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")))
```

cc 0

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

cc i

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

cc i s

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

cc i s e

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)

Typst Package | January 26, 2024

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Parametersshow-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)

pubmatter | Cockett, 2024

Parametersshow-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

Parametersshow-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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```
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

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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