

Automated generation of training materials from markdown documents

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Introduction

Goals

Make the creation and maintenance of training material faster and easier

Automatic generation of Content

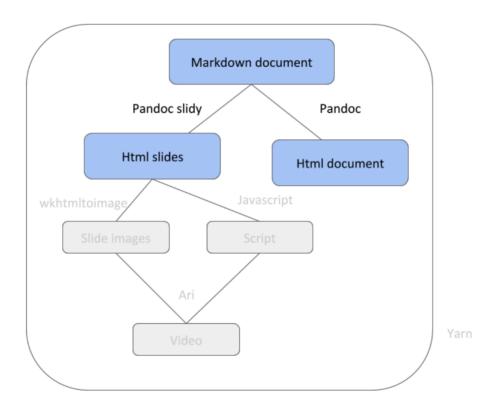
A hands-on HTML page

An HTML Slide-show

A lecture Video

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Workflow



Pandoc

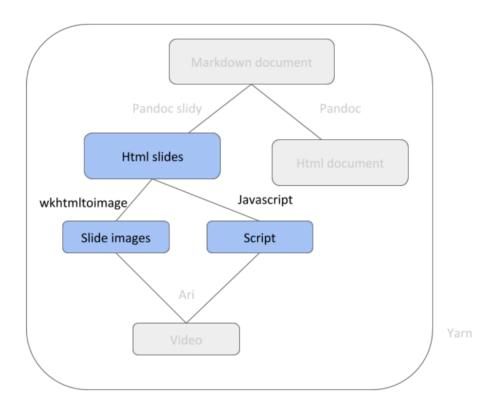
Universal document converter

Highly configurable

Allows the creation of self contained html with different css files

We use a different css file for the Main document and the slides

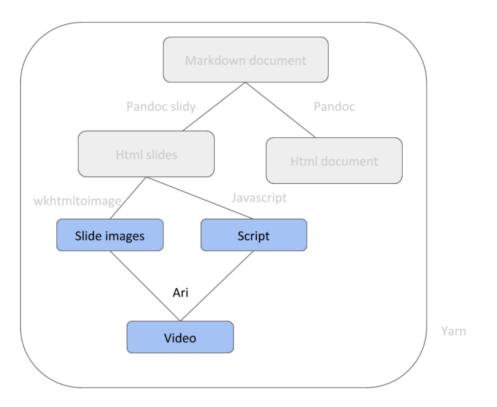
Workflow



wkhtmltoimage

Extract one image per HTML slide Independant of how we build the HTML

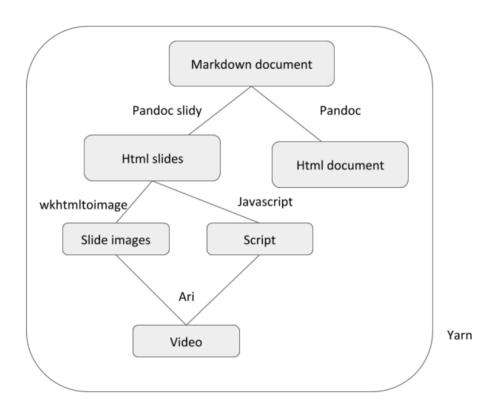
Workflow



Ari R package

From a html and a a text file, producte a video with voice over

Workflow



Create your base material

The document contains:

Content common to all supports

Content displayed in the Slides

Content displayed in the Document

Content destined to text-to speech

Markdown

```
### Section Title

#### Sub Section Title

This is a text where we include a list:
    First non numbered item
    1. First numbered item
    4. Second numbered Item
    * Second non numbered item
```

Title

Sub Title

This is a text where we can include a list:

- First non numbered item
 - 1. First numbered item
 - 2. Second numbered Item
- Second non numbered item

YAFIYGI format: you asked for it you got it. Form is encoded with tags in the document.

Pandoc Markdown

Special styles

```
For a special block of Text.
::::::

[For a special line] { .class}

For a special word or line.
```

Class

```
{ .name_class}

Id
{ #name_id }
```

Pandoc Markdown

Header

```
---
title: "How to build a wonderful presentation"
author: "Miss Bumblebee"
---
```

Document Structure

Slides structure

A new slide is created for each level I header # Header.

To avoid the repetition of titles in the Main Document, use the .onslides class.

[Document Structure] { .onslides}

If you wish to hide a whole slide, use the .onslides as such:

Document Structure { .onslides}

Document Structure

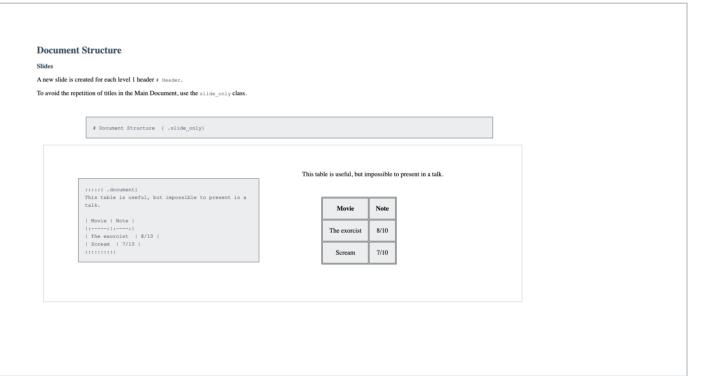
Sets marking

Class tags

- .document : in the hand-on document and not in the slide show
- .onslides: in the slide show and not in the hand-on document
- .spoken: is read by the text-to-speech in the video

```
::::{ .document}
This table is useful, but impossible to present in a talk.

| Movie | Note |
|:----:|:----:|
| The exorcist | 8/10 |
| Scream | 7/10 |
::::::::
![] (src/Images/table_doc.png) { .onslides}
```



Formatting with css

Two separate css:

One for the slides

One for the Hands-on document

The .document class:

In the slide css

```
.document {
    display:
    none;
}
```

In the document css

```
.document {
    display:
        block;

    padding:
     0.5rem;
    justify-
        content:
        center;
}
```

The .onslides class:

In the slide css

```
.onslides {
    visibility:
    visible;
}
```

In the document css

```
.onslides {
    display:
    none !
    important;

    visibility:
    hidden !
    important;

    position:
    static;
}
```

Usage

Generate files

Note: The files will not be generated if files with the same name exist, be sure to remove previous runs from the destination folder.

To generate the files from an original document How-to.md

Document

yarn jake dist/How-to-document.html

Slides

yarn jake dist/How-to-slides.html

Usage

Generate files

Video

yarn jake dist/How-to-slides.mp4

Important for the generation of the video:

Need of AWS access ID

Modify the script run_ari_spin.R to use it

Sys.setenv("AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID" = " ","AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY" = " ","AWS_DEFAULT_REGION" = "us-east-2")

Thank You

Futur of the project:

Adapt the workflow to Jekyll and GTN CSS

Wrap the workflow in Galaxy

Create a unique Parameter file

References:

Ari: https://github.com/jhudsl/ari

Pandoc: https://pandoc.org/

wkhtmltoimage: https://wkhtmltopdf.org/

Github repository https://github.com/galaxyproject/video-lectures/

Slides: https://github.com/galaxyproject/video-lectures/blob/master/dist/BCC2020/How-to-slides.pdf

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