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Getting Started

Welcome to Verku! Verku is the esperanto command to compose/write, and this little gem of an application is intended to help you do just that. This short guide is designed for you as a beginner to get started with Verku.

Verku tries to get styling out of your way so you can just write. To accomplish this, it uses Markdown (specifically Kramdown) to give you just enough formatting to write. It then uses a LaTeX variant to create a PDF suitable for printing; or HTML, ePub and Mobi for electronic distribution.

First you will need to install some prerequisites:

- The Ruby interpreter version 2.0.0 or greater.
- The XeTeX typesetting engine.
- The KindleGen converter.

1. Installing Ruby

To install Ruby, consider using RVM or rbenv, both available for Mac OSX and Linux distros. If you're running a Windows, well, I can't help you. I don't even know if Verku runs over Windows boxes, so if you find any bugs, make sure you let me know.

2. Installing XeTeX

XeTeX is a TeX typesetting engine using Unicode and supporting modern font technologies such as OpenType, Graphite and Apple Advanced Typography (AAT). We're using XeTeX because TeX is one of the best ways of formatting a beautiful hard-copy book.

- On Mac: To install on a Mac, you will want to install the MacTEX distribution.

3. Installing KindleGen

KindleGen is the command-line tool that allows you to convert e-pubs into .mobi files. Once you've done that, then you can make your work available via CreateSpace.

If you're running Homebrew on the Mac OSX, you can install it with `brew install kindlegen`. Go to KindleGen's website and download the appropriate installer otherwise.

4. Creating Chapters

You can create chapters by having multiple files or directories. They're alphabetically sorted, so make sure you use a prefixed file name like `01_Introduction.md` as the file name.

If you're going to write a long book, make sure you use the directory organization. This way you can have smaller text files, which will be easier to read and change as you go. A file structure suggestion for a book about Ruby on Rails would be:

```

text      getting-started-with-rails      [] [] []
text      [] [] []      01_Guide_Assumptions.md      [] [] []
02_Whats_Rails.md [] [] [] 03_Creating_A_New_Project
[] [] []      01_Installing_Rails.md      [] [] []
02_Creating_The_Blog_Application.md
[] [] []      04_Hello_Rails      [] [] []
01_Starting_Up_The_Web_Server.md
[] [] []      02_Say_Hello_Rails.md      [] [] []
03_Setting_The_Application_Home_Page.md      [] [] []
...

```

Notice that the file name does not need to be readable, but it will make your life easier.

Chapter 2

Generating output

An h1 header

Paragraphs are separated by a blank line.

2nd paragraph. *Italic*, **bold**, and monospace. Itemized lists look like:

- this one
- that one
- the other one

Note that — not considering the asterisk — the actual text content starts at 4-columns in.

Block quotes are written like so.

They can span multiple paragraphs, if you like.

Use 3 dashes for an em-dash. Use 2 dashes for ranges (ex., “it’s all in chapters 12–14”). Three dots ... will be converted to an ellipsis. Unicode is supported. □

1. An h2 header

Here’s a numbered list:

1. first item
2. second item
3. third item

Note again how the actual text starts at 4 columns in (4 characters from the left side). Here’s a code sample:

```
# Let me re-iterate ...  
for i in 1 .. 10 { do-something(i) }
```

As you probably guessed, indented 4 spaces. By the way, instead of indenting the block, you can use delimited blocks, if you like:

```
define foobar() {  
    print "Welcome to flavor country!";  
}
```

(which makes copying & pasting easier). You can optionally mark the delimited block for Pandoc to syntax highlight it:

```
import time  
# Quick, count to ten!  
for i in range(10):  
    # (but not *too* quick)  
    time.sleep(0.5)  
    print i
```

An h3 header

Now a nested list:

1. First, get these ingredients:
 - carrots
 - celery
 - lentils
2. Boil some water.
3. Dump everything in the pot and follow this algorithm:

```
find wooden spoon  
uncover pot  
stir  
cover pot  
balance wooden spoon precariously on pot handle
```

```
wait 10 minutes
goto first step (or shut off burner when done)
```

Do not bump wooden spoon or it will fall.

Notice again how text always lines up on 4-space indents (including that last line which continues item 3 above).

Here's a link to a website, to a local doc, and to a section heading in the current doc. Here's a footnote ^{*}.

Tables can look like this:

```
size material color --- -----
9 leather brown 10 hemp
canvas natural 11 glass transparent
```

Table: Shoes, their sizes, and what they're made of

(The above is the caption for the table.) Pandoc also supports multi-line tables:

```
keyword text ----
red Sunsets, apples, and other red
or reddish things.
```

```
green Leaves, grass, frogs and other things it's not easy being. ---
-----
```

A horizontal rule follows.

Here's a definition list:

apples Good for making applesauce. oranges

Citrus! tomatoes

There's no "e" in tomatoe.

Again, text is indented 4 spaces. (Put a blank line between each term/definition pair to spread things out more.)

Here's a "line block":

^{*}Footnote text goes here.

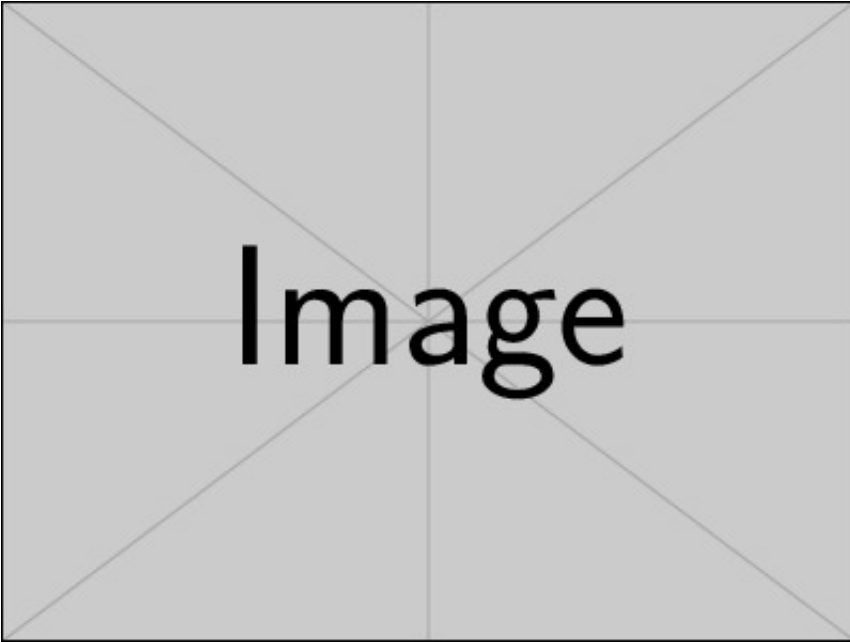


Figure 3.1:

1example image

| |
|-----------|
| Line one |
| Line too |
| Line tree |

and images can be specified like so:

Inline math equations go in like so: $\omega = d\phi / dt$.
 Display math should get its own line and be put in in double-dollarsigns:

$$I = \int \rho R^2 dV$$

And note that you can backslash-escape any punctuation characters which you wish to be displayed literally, ex.: 'foo', *bar*, etc.

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