Set up the TikZ in Emacs Org Mode

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An introduction on how to setup the TikZ environment in Emacs Org Mode.So that in Org file, you can generate either vector graph of `pdf` format or raster graph of `png` format. Furthermore, you can export the vector graph when latex is called and otherwise raster graph.

1 config the header args

You can embed TiKz (One of LaTeX graphic package) code into a Org file. With org-babel, you can generate ,insert and export the figure generated from Tikz package. At first, you need set up the environment. This Post serves as a good introduction for beginners. Following it you may have a minimum working example like below:

```
#+name: tutorial
#+header: :file "~/Dropbox/mstemc_hugo/static/img/tikz/tutorial.png"
#+header: :results raw :exports none :fit yes :border 0cm
#+header: :imagemagick t :iminoptions -density 400 :imoutoptions -geometry 400 -flatten
#+header: :headers '("\\usepackage{tikz} \\usetikzlibrary{positioning, shapes.symbols, ca
#+begin_src latex
  \begin{tikzpicture}
    \node [circle, draw, fill=red!20] at (0,0) {1}
    child { node [circle, draw, fill=blue!30] {2}
      child { node [circle, draw, fill=green!30] {3} }
      child { node [circle, draw, fill=yellow!30] {4} }};
```

```
  \end{tikzpicture}
#+end_src
#+RESULTS: tutorial
[[file:../../img/tikz/tutorial.png]]
```

The example begins with several lines containing `#+header` which is sort of clutter. we can put them in a file and include it at the beginning of the Org file.

2 generate results with different formats

By changing the extension of `:file` (which is `pdf` for `"../../img/tikz/tutorial.pdf"`), we can generate results with different formats. Now, I need `pdf` and `png` . You can see the result by just press `C-c C-c` in the body of the tikz code.

3 export the results according to the backend

You can set `:exports` to control how the results will be exported. Now I set it as `none` which means the result will not be exported to latex or other format. I want to set more options of the exports. So I use:

```
#+ATTR_HTML:  :width 800 :align center
#+ATTR_LATEX: :width 0.8\textwidth :align center
{{{if-latex(tutorial.pdf,tutorial.png)}}}
```

`if-latex` is a Org MACRO whose definition is :

```
#+MACRO: if-latex (eval (if (org-export-derived-backend-p org-export-current-backend 'lat
 (concat "[[file:../../img/tikz/"  $1 "]]")
 (concat "[[file:../../img/tikz/"  $2 "]]") ))
```

The `if-latex` MACRO let you export different formats by the backend. If the backend is `latex` then, `pdf` format figure will be exported. Otherwise, `png` format figure. Eventually, in the final `pdf` document, you figure can be zoomed in or out without losing any resolution.

4 the final workflow

The minimum working example at the start of this post is simplifed as below.

```
#+header: :file  "../../img/tikz/tutorial.pdf"
#+begin_src latex
  \begin{tikzpicture}
    \node [circle, draw, fill=red!20] at (0,0) {1}
    child { node [circle, draw, fill=blue!30] {2}
```

```
      child { node [circle, draw, fill=green!30] {3} }
      child { node [circle, draw, fill=yellow!30] {4} }};
  \end{tikzpicture}
#+end_src

#+RESULTS:
[[file:../../img/tikz/tutorial.png]]

The following is the generated figure.
#+ATTR_HTML:  :width 800 :align center
#+ATTR_LATEX: :width 0.8\textwidth :align center
{{{if-latex(tutorial.pdf,tutorial.png)}}}
```

Many settings are grouped into a setup file which is included at the top of this post:

```
#+SETUPFILE: ~/.spacemacs.d/org-templates/math-en.org
```

Now, If you set the extension of the target file in the first line either `pdf` or `png` , a corresponding `pdf` or `png` figure will be generated. If execute `M-x org-toggle-inline-images` , you can preview the result. If export the org-file as latex file then the `pdf` file, the image of `pdf` format will be inserted. If export to other format, `png` image will be used.