Literate Maruku

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Literate Programming

Instead of imagining that our main task is to instruct a computer what to do, let us concentrate rather on explaining to human beings what we want a computer to do.

--- Donald E. Knuth (1984)

Implemented in

- WEB, CWEB, noweb
 - (Pascal, C, any) Code embedded in LaTeX
- RubyWeb
 - Extended RDoc syntax
- Literate Ruby (Ruby Quiz #102)

but my problem was ...

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Some lines in test_helper.rb

• For more information see

Executable code in usage examples (rubyurl.com/0f0)

```
# The String class provides a * method
# which allows easy duplication.
```

```
example do
  output_of("bla" * 2) == "blabla"
  output_of("bla" * 3) == "blablabla"
end
```

Want that on a website?

RDoc???

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Annotates
methods and
classes,
not blocks

Literate Maruku

Libraries and Names

- Maruku is as Markdown library for Ruby
- Markdown was originally done for Perl
- BlueCloth is the most popular implementation
- Maruku is better !!!

Markdown

Markdown Heading

A paragraph is separated by \n\n.

* a bullet list

> a quote

a code block

Maruku brings Meta data

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A paragraph is separated by \n\n. {: class=introduction}

This will be replaced with a table of contents...

{: toc}

Literate Maruku brings fun

```
### String#*
```

The String class provides a `*` method which allows easy duplication.

```
example do
    output_of("bla" * 2) == "blabla"
    output_of("bla" * 3) == "blablabla"
    end
{: execute}
```

string.mkd

Literate Maruku brings fun

```
$ literate_maruku string.mkd
# executes the file
# like "ruby string.rb" does

$ literate_maruku --output-dir=. string.mkd
# executes the file
# and generates string.html
```

But ... No stack traces!

Where can I get it?

\$ gem install literate_maruku

rug-b.rubyforge.org/literate_maruku

Example usage in ContextR

