Basic Book Builder

A Pandoc Template for building books and articles

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1 Introduction

This is a basic book (or article) builder template based on a Pandoc build process in conjunction with a number of other tools to generate PDF, ODT, HTML, LaTex, Markdown, and Epub book output formats from Markdown source content , which can optionally be edited as an Obsidian vault.

This book builder template has been curated by John Haverlack.("John Haverlack | ACEP" n.d.)

1.1 Conventions

A few callout box styles have been added to easily highlight content.

Established Concept

Einsteins Relativistic Dynamics Equations

$$E^2 = (m_0 \cdot c^2)^2 + (p \cdot c)^2$$

Proposed Concept

With the speed of light, $c = 1$:

$$E^2 = m_0^2 + p^2$$

Speculative Concept

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$$E^2 = m_0^2 + p^2$$

Caution Note

Beware of this section.

Warning Note

Beware of this section.

Alerts

Extreme Highlight

2 Getting Started

2.1 Installing Pre-Requisites

For Debian / ZorinOS and likely Ubuntu based systems.

TODO

It would be nice to roll a setup script to take care of this.

2.1.1 Required

2.1.1.1 Pandoc

- https://pandoc.org/
- Download

```
sudo apt install https://github.com/jgm/pandoc/releases/download/3.8.2.1/pandoc-3.8.2.1-1-amd64.d
```

2.1.1.2 Code Editor

Code Editor

VSCodium is recommend for privacy (telemetry/tracking) reasons - https://vscodium.com/

But any text editor will work. #### make

```
sudo apt install make
```

2.1.1.3 jq and yq

```
sudo apt install jq yq
```

2.1.1.4 texlive

```
sudo apt install texlive texlive-xetex texlive-latex-extra texlive-fonts-recommended texlive-fonts
```

2.1.1.5 MathJax

- https://www.mathjax.org/

```
wget https://registry.npmjs.org/mathjax/-/mathjax-3.2.2.tgz
tar xzf mathjax-3.2.2.tgz
mv package/es5/* lib/mathjax
rm -rf package mathjax-3.2.2.tgz
```

TODO

This need to be rolled into a setup script.

2.1.2 Optional

The following are not strictly requires to use this book builder template.

2.1.2.1 Obsidian

Highly Recommended

Editing book chapter content in Obsidian is a very productive means for editing Markdown source content.

- https://obsidian.md/
- Deb Package

```
sudo apt install https://github.com/obsidianmd/obsidian-releases/releases/download/v1.9.14/obsidi
```

2.1.2.2 Zotero

Highly Recommended

If you need to managed citations and references, Zotero integration is highly recommended.

- https://www.zotero.org/

```
sudo cp ./scripts/deps/zotero.list /etc/apt/sources.list.d/
```

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt install zotero
```

2.1.2.2.1 Better BibTex for Zotero Install the Better BibTex Plugin for Zotero - Zotero > Tool > Plugins

2.1.2.2.2 Export citations.bib

- Zotero > File > Export Library > Format: Better BibTeX
- [ ] Keep Updated
- [ ] Save to: ~/Documents/Lib/zotero.bib
- [ ] Symlink your ~/Documents/Lib/Citations.bib to basic-book-builder/lib/zotero.bib

2.1.2.2.3 Zotero Connector Browser Plugin

- https://chromewebstore.google.com/detail/zotero-connector/ekhagklcjbdpajgpjgmbionohlpdbjgc

Provides you the ability to auto add Web resources to your Zotero citation database.

2.1.2.3 lmodern

```
sudo apt install lmodern
```

2.1.2.4 epubcheck

```
sudo apt install epubcheck
```

2.1.2.5 foliate

An EPub Reader

- https://johnfactotum.github.io/foliate/

```
sudo apt install https://github.com/johnfactotum/foliate/releases/download/2.6.4/com.github.johnf
```

2.1.2.6 calibre An EPub Reader

- https://calibre-ebook.com

```
sudo apt install calibre
```

2.2 Editing the Configuration

3 Editing the Book

3.0.1 Configuration

There are a number of other config files for each format:

```
conf/
├── epub-metadata.xml
├── epub_template.html
├── epub.yaml
├── frontmatter_epub.md
├── frontmatter_epub.xhtml
├── frontmatter.html
├── frontmatter.tex
├── header.tex
├── html.yaml
├── latex.yaml
├── markdown.yaml
├── metadata.yaml
├── pandoc.yaml
├── pdf.yaml
├── style.css
└── style_epub.css
```

3.0.1.1 Main Config Files

- metadata.yaml - Set Title, etc
- pandoc.yaml - Main Pandoc Config #### Per format Configs
- `pdf.yaml`
- `html.yaml`
- `latex.yaml`
- `epub.yaml`

3.0.2 FrontMatter Config

There are 2 Version of the FrontMatter for PDF, and HTML bases formats that set the Title, Author, Verizon, Copyright, etc...

- `frontmatter.tex`

- `frontmatter.html`
- `frontmatter_epub.*` - Work in Progress

  There is probably a better way to do this.

3.1 Editing the Content

To edit the book open the `basic-book-builder` directory as an Obsidian Vault.

- Edit the Markdown content in the `chapters` directory.

3.1.1 Citations

> Note: the Zotero database needs configured to export automatically to `lib/citations.bib`

To insert a Zotero Citation - Ensure the Zotero App and DB are running on you system. - Alt + I (to insert citation) - Search for and select citation reference

3.2 Usage: Building the Book

3.2.0.1 PDF

```
make pdf
```

3.2.0.2 HTML

```
make html
```

3.2.0.3 LaTex

```
make latex
```

3.2.0.4 Markdown

```
make markdown
```

3.2.0.5 EPub

> Note: This ePub configuration still needs tuning.

```
make epub
```

4 Example Content

In $R\nu$ the Planck Length is the universal unit for measurement of distance, and is defined approximately to be:

$$\boxed{L_P = \sqrt{\hbar} = 5.72928 \times 10^{-35} m = 1L}$$

Where 1 L, is 1 Planck Length of distance.

4.0.1 SI Conversion Factors

The following conversion factors can be used to convert observable quantities of measure from the *SI* system of units to $R\nu$ to ~6 significant digits.

Conversion Factor	Symbol	Value
meters to Planck Length	χ_P	$1.74542 \times 10^{34} \frac{L}{m}$
seconds to Planck Length	τ_p	$5.23264 \times 10^{42} \frac{L}{s}$
mass to Planck Length	G_P	$1.62871 \times 10^{8} \frac{L}{kg}$
energy to Planck Length	E_P	$1.81219 \times 10^{9} \frac{L}{J}$
momentum to Planck Length	P_P	$5.43280 \times 10^{-1} \frac{L \cdot s}{kg \cdot m}$
temperature to Planck Length	k_P	$2.501998 \times 10^{-14} \frac{L}{K}$
charge to Planck Length	C_P	$1.89007 \times 10^{18} \frac{L}{C}$

4.0.2 Physical Constants

Applying conversion factors from the table above, we can convert SI values to Reduced Natural Units. For example, performing this analysis on the the speed of light yields a unit-less number with a value of 1:

$c = 299792458 \frac{m}{s} = 299792458 \frac{m}{s} \cdot 1.74542 \times 10^{34} \frac{L}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{5.23264 \times 10^{42} \frac{L}{s}} = 1.00000$

Quantity	Symbol	SI	ν
Speed of Light	c	$299792458 \frac{m}{s}$	1
Reduced Gravitational Constant	G_0	$8.38659 \times 10^{-10} \frac{m^3}{kg \cdot s^2}$	1
Boltzmann's Constant	k	$k = 1.380649 \times 10^-23 \frac{J}{K}$	1
Permittivity of Free Space	ϵ_o	$8.854187817620 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2 s^2}{kg \cdot m^3}$	1
Permeability of Free Space	μ_o	$\frac{1}{\epsilon_o \cdot c^2}$	1
Reduced Planck's Constant	$\hbar$	$1.054571726 \times 10^-34 \frac{kg \cdot m^2}{s}$	$1L^2$
Mass of the Electron	m_e	$9.10938 \times 10^{-31} kg$	$1.48366 \times 10^{-22} L$
Charge of the Electron	e^-	$-1.60218 \times 10^{-19} C$	$-3.02822 \times 10^{-1} L$
Unit Cycle	Θ	$2\pi = 6.28318...$ *Radians*	$1\tau =$ 6.28318... *Radians*

4.1 Fine Structure Constant

As a consistency check, we compute the *Fine Structure Constant* using Reduced Natural Units which is a unit less ratio that should be independent of our system of units.

$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_o\hbar c} = \frac{e^2}{2\tau} = 0.00729735 \approx \frac{1}{137}$

4.1.0.1 Dimensional Analysis The reader should be familiar with high school physics and chemistry dimensional analysis.

- $1\ meter\ (m) = 100\ centimeters\ (cm)$
- $1\ kilometer\ (km) = 1000\ meters\ (m)$
- $1\ mile = 5280\ feet\ (ft\ or\ ')$
- $1\ foot\ (ft\ or\ ') = 12\ inches\ (in\ or\ ")$
- $1\ inch\ (") = 2.54\ centimeters\ (cm)$

How many kilometers are in 1 mile? $1\ mile = 1\ mile \times \frac{5280\ ft}{mile} \times \frac{12\ in}{ft} \times \frac{2.54\ cm}{in} \times \frac{1\ m}{100cm} \times \frac{1\ km}{1000m} = \frac{5280 \times 12 \times 2.54}{100 \times 1000}\ km = \frac{160934.40}{100000}\ km = 1.6\ km$ Note that each unit in the denominator cancels with one if the numerator until we are left with only km.

4.2 Newton's Law of Gravity

The force of gravity (F_g) between 2 masses, $m1$ and $m2$ separated by distance r is given by Newton's Law of Gravity:

$F_g = G\frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$

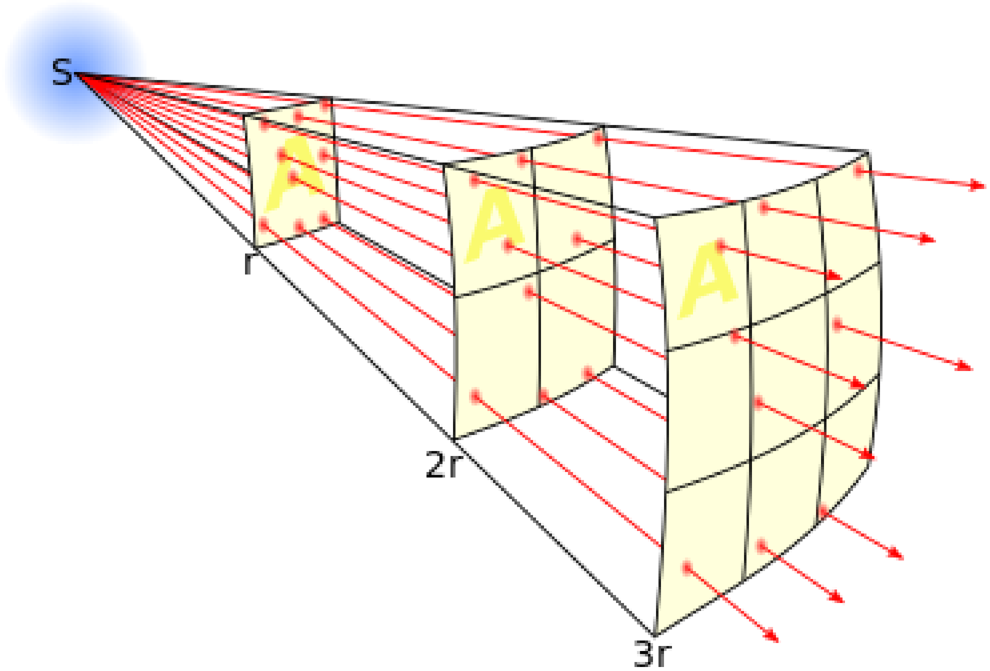
Where G, is the Gravitational Constant.

$G = 6.67430 \times 10^{-11}\ N\frac{m^2}{kg^2}$

The strength of gravitational force follow the inverse square law distributing gravitational flux over the surface area of a sphere ($4\pi r^2$).

4.2.0.1 Inverse Square Law Any source of a signal strength (S_0) that radiates isotropically in 3-dimensional space will distribute that signal strength (S_0) over the surface area of a sphere ($SA = 4\pi r$) of radius (r). Such that the intensity (I) at distance (r) is:

$$I(r) = \frac{S_0}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{S_0}{2\tau r^2}$$



$R\nu$

Reduced Gravitational Constant In this version of Newton's Law of Gravity we introduce a new constant G_0, the reduced gravitational constant to accommodate for the factor of $4\pi = 2\tau$ which is has been integrated in the SI version of the gravitational constant.

$F_g = G\frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} = G_0\frac{m_1 m_2}{4\pi r^2} = G_0\frac{m_1 m_2}{2\tau r^2}$

Where:

$G = \frac{G_0}{2\tau} = 6.67384 \times 10^{-11}\frac{N \cdot m^2}{kg^2}$

Analyzing the units:

$$\frac{N \cdot m^2}{kg^2} = \left(\frac{(kg \cdot \frac{m}{s^2}) \cdot m^2}{kg^2}\right) = \frac{m^3}{s^2 kg}$$

Converting seconds to meters with the SI speed of light as a conversion factor:

$$\frac{m^3}{s^2 kg} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{m^3}{s^2 kg} \cdot \frac{s^2}{m^2} = \frac{m}{kg}$$

Thus where space and time are measured in units of meters, the reduced gravitational constant, is:

$$\boxed{G_0 = \frac{2\tau G}{c^2} = \frac{2\tau \cdot 6.67384 \times 10^{-11}}{299792458^2}\frac{m}{kg} = 9.33135 \times 10^{-}27\frac{m}{kg}}$$

Observation This implies that not only can space an time be measure in units of meters, but so can mass.

4.2.1 Relativistic Energy Momentum Relation

Einsteins Relativistic Energy Momentum relationship shows a Pythagorean relation between the total energy (E), rest mass (m_0) and momentum (p) of a system.

$E^2 = (m_0 \cdot c^2)^2 + (p \cdot c)^2$

Where space and time are both measure in units of meters, c=1.

$E^2 = (m_0)^2 + (p)^2$

From this we can see that Energy, Momentum and Mass have equivalent units.

> *While we do not really know what energy, mass and momentum are we know that they are fundamentally "made" out of the same stuff because they have the same units.*

4.2.1.0.1 Objects of mass at rest For an object at rest with no momentum ($p = 0$) we see Einstein's famous equations:

$E = m_0 \cdot c^2$

Or, with $c = 1$, this is much simpler to understand. Energy = Mass

$E = m_0$

4.2.1.0.2 Zero mass objects moving at the speed of light And for objects with no mass, like photos, ($m_0 = 0$):

$E = pc$

Or, with $c = 1$, this is much simpler to understand. Energy = Momentum

$E = p$

4.3 Planck's Constant

The Reduced Planck constant , ħ, represents a conversion factor for relating the frequency, ω (in 2π radians per second), of a photon to the energy of that photon. This can easily be seen from the simple but profound relationship:

$E = \hbar\omega$

Where:

$\hbar = 1.054571726 \times 10^{-34} J \cdot s$

and

$J \cdot s = kg \cdot \frac{m^2}{s}$

Reduced Planck's Constant $\hbar = \frac{h}{2\pi} = \frac{h}{\tau}$

Simplifying our units by converting time and mass to units of meters:

$$\boxed{\hbar = 1.054571726 \times 10^{-34} kg \cdot \frac{m^2}{s} \cdot \frac{G_0}{c} = 3.282462 \times 10^{-69} m^2}$$

Which suggest that the Plank constant can be interpreted as an areas for which the square root of is suspiciously close to the Plank length:

$$\boxed{\sqrt{\hbar} = \sqrt{3.282462 \times 10^{-69} m^2} = 5.72928 \times 10^{-35} m}$$

4.3.0.1 Planck Area

The Planck Area is the square of the Planck Length.

$l_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}$

and $l_P^2 = \frac{\hbar G}{c^3}$

In $R\nu$ units both c and G_o are 1.

$l_P = \sqrt{\hbar}$

and $l_P^2 = \hbar$ ## Bekenstein's Bound After having recently read *Three Roads to Quantum Gravity* by Lee Smolin, I now suspect the meaning of this areas is related to the Bekensteins Law as applied to a surface areas surrounding a mass. Where the thermodynamic entropy, *S*, is proportional to the the enclosed surface area, A.

$S = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{A}{G\hbar}$

$S = \frac{kc^3 A}{4G\hbar}$

$S \leq \frac{2\pi kRE}{\hbar c} = \frac{\tau RkE}{\hbar c}$

From our new values for $G_0$and $\hbar$ we can likely rewrite this:

$S = \frac{\pi \cdot A}{\hbar G_0}$

With the limiting case being at the Plank scale.

$S = \frac{\pi \cdot \sqrt{\hbar}}{\hbar G_0}$

4.4 Planck Length

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planck_length

The concept of the Planck Length comes from exploring the limits of Quantum Mechanics and General Relativity. The limits of General Relativity can be seen a the event horizon of a black hole, described by the Schwarzschild Radius. And the limits of Quantum Mechanics can be found in the Compton Wavelength for a given quanta.

The Schwarzschild Radius is defined as the distance at which light cannot escape from the gravitational field of a mass (m):

Classic Derivation.

$r_S = \frac{2Gm}{c^2}$

The reduced Compton Wavelength represents a lower limit on the wavelength for quanta that can interact with a quantum particle with mass (m):

$\lambda_C = \frac{h}{mc}$

$\bar{\lambda}_C = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{mc} = \frac{\tau\hbar}{mc}$

And set the Schwarzschild Radius equal to the Compton Wavelength: $r_S = \lambda_C$

$\frac{2Gm}{c^2} = \frac{h}{mc}$

$m^2 = \frac{hc}{2G}$

$m = \sqrt{\frac{hc}{2G}}$

$l_P = \frac{2G\sqrt{\frac{hc}{2G}}}{c^2}$ $l_P = \frac{2G\sqrt{\frac{hc}{2G}}}{c^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2Gh}{c^2}}$

With reduced Compton Wavelength $r_S = \bar{\lambda}_C$

$\frac{2Gm}{c^2} = \frac{\tau\hbar}{mc}$

$m^2 = \frac{\tau\ \hbar\ c}{2G}$

$m = \sqrt{\frac{\tau\ \hbar\ c}{2G}}$

$l_P = \frac{2G\sqrt{\frac{\tau\ \hbar\ c}{2G}}}{c^2}$

$l_P = \frac{2G\sqrt{\frac{\tau\ \hbar\ c}{2G}}}{c^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4\ \tau\ G\ \hbar}{c^3}}$

If we reduce the units in these equation to those of mass and time measured in meters.

$l_P = \sqrt{4\tau\hbar G_o}$

and

$\lambda_C = \frac{\hbar}{m}$

$m = R_s = \lambda_C = \frac{\hbar}{m}$

This is known as the Planck Mass, M_P. $M_P = m = \sqrt{\hbar}$

Solving the Compton Wavelength for distance we find the classic Plank Length:

$\lambda_C = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{\hbar}} = \frac{\sqrt{\hbar}}{\sqrt{\hbar}} \cdot \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{\hbar}} = \sqrt{\hbar} = L_P$

Which is in precise agreement with the value we found in above. Thus the Plank Length is:

$L_P = \sqrt{\hbar} = 5.72928 \times 10^{-35} m$

When we measure distance, time, and mass in units of distance, c=1, and the Plank Time, T_P, is equal to Plank Length, L_P, which is equal to the Plank Mass, M_P:

$$\boxed{L_P = T_P = M_P}$$

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Permittivity of Free Space	ϵ_o	$8.854187817620 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2 s^2}{kg \cdot m^3}$	1
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4.5 Fine Structure Constant

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fine-structure_constant As a consistency check, we compute the *Fine Structure Constant* using Reduced Natural Units which is a unit less ratio that should be independent of our system of units.

$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_o\hbar c} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = 0.00729735 \approx \frac{1}{137}$

This check confirms that our system of Reduced Natural Units has internally consistent values for c, ϵ_o, $\hbar$ and $e-$. And also G_o which was used to computer prior values is also consistent.

4.6 Sage Code

Unit Analysis computations have been performed with Sage Math.

```
# Define constance
one = 1.n(digits=6)
pi = pi.n(digits=6)
tau = 2 * pi
t = tau

# Define the units
meters = var('m')
m = one*meters

seconds = var('s')
s = seconds

kilograms = var('kg')
kg = kilograms

newtons = kg * m / s^2
N = newtons

joules = N * m
J = joules

print("pi    =", pi)
print("tau   =", t)

# Speed of light in meters/second
speed_of_light = 299792458 * meters/seconds
sol = speed_of_light
c = sol
print("si c  =", c)

rnu_c = c / c
print("R\u03BD c  =", rnu_c)

# Gravitational Constant
gravitational_constant = 6.67384e-11 * N*(m^2/kg^2)
G = gravitational_constant
```

```
print("si G  =", G)

rnu_G = 4*pi*G/c^2
Go = rnu_G
print("R\u03BD Go =", Go)


# Planck's Constant
reduced_plancks_constant = 1.054571726e-34 * J*s
h_bar = reduced_plancks_constant
print("si \u210F  =", h_bar)

rnu_h_bar = h_bar * Go / c
print("R\u03BD "u"\u210F  =", rnu_h_bar)

# Planck Length
rnu_h_bar_str = str(rnu_h_bar)
numerical_part_str = rnu_h_bar_str.split('*')[0]
numerical_part_str = numerical_part_str.strip('()')
numerical_part = float(numerical_part_str)
rnu_sqrt_h_bar = numerical_part^(1/2)
# ^ Sage cannot process sqrt on units... Lame.
lP = rnu_sqrt_h_bar * m
print("R\u03BD \u221A\u210F =", lP)
```

4.6.0.1 Output

```
pi    = 3.14159
tau   = 6.28319
si c  = 299792458*m/s
Rν c  = 1
si G  = (6.67384e-11)*m^3/(kg*s^2)
Rν Go = (9.33135e-27)*m/kg
si ℏ  = (1.05457e-34)*kg*m^2/s
Rν ℏ  = (3.28246e-69)*m^2
Rν √ℏ = (5.72928e-35)*m
si lP = (1.61620e-35)*sqrt(m^2)
Rν lP = (2.77455e-47)*sqrt(m^3/kg)
```

5 Terminology

Citations

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