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1 Introduction

Live-Scripting is an approach to combine work in IT projects, documentation and information retrieval.

Very much like test-driven development combines testing and coding, livescripting documents work in command shells, while doing it.



Figure 1: Live-Scripting Session in Emacs.

1.1 The Problem

Since more than 30 years, and even now, IT-work in many case is command shell centric. For many IP professionals the bash or other shells constitute a major part of there work. Sophisticated commands are constructed during problem resolution. Normally these commands are deleted at the end of a session. When similar problems arise days or weeks later, similar analysis and solutions steps are repeated again. If documentation of the work is required, it is an extra time consuming task. We wish to document this work in an easy way for ourselves and others. This should include an effective search method to quickly find documented information.

1.2 The live-scripting approach

Live-scripting is a work methodology based on emacs, which documents work on the command shell while doing it. Instead of entering and executing one command at a time, in live-scripting we use two windows side by side: An editor and a shell. The commands in the editor can then be executed with a single key shortcut in the adjacent shell. This is similar to a debugging session where we can step through code during execution. In the emacs editor we can jump between commands, repeat them in any order, duplicate and modify them. The editor is saved into a text file at the end of the session.

1.3 Emacs org-mode

Emacs is the ideal tool for it. The **ansi-term** provides for a robust shell interface within emacs. Since it is an programmable environment the functions to send a line of code to the ansi-term can be added. Furthermore the **org-mode** module is an emacs **killer app** on its own, adding many features to organize, format and publish the work. At it's core, org-mode is a markup language similar to markdown, put much more powerful. Emacs provides elaborated search capabilities across files and projects. The **magit** module is a highly praised interface to git. The fact that most files are plain text invites the storage in a source code control system like **git**. But org-mode can also handle pictures to add screenshots and attachments for file types like PDFs and others. org-mode together with a couple of other emacs modules constitute a cross-media publishing machine which makes it easy to export to HTML, PDF, Markdown, Confluence, and more.

1.4 Multi Project Website

Live-scripting, as it is presented here, is a configuration that spans multiple projects and publishes the org-files and attachments to a single static website. This can be used locally or be synchronized to a web server in an intranet or on the internet. The web site contains a search pages for the whole site based on **lunr**, which provides a full text search index to find information across different pages and projects.

2 Installation on lubuntu

The installation is performed on Lubuntu. Lubunut is lightweight and therefore suitable for virtual machines and cloud environments.

2.1 Prerequisites

A Linux with a graphical interface and a GNU Emacs installation is required to use live scripting.

In this example we use Lubuntu 19.10 and GNU Emacs 26.3.

```
sudo sed -i -e 's|disco|eoan|g' /etc/apt/sources.list
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
### New Release
lubuntu@lubuntu-pc:~$ lsb_release -a
No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
                Ubuntu 19.10
Description:
Release:
                19.10
Codename:
                eoan
### Install emacs
lubuntu@lubuntu-pc:~$ sudo snap install emacs --classic
2020-06-19T09:39:50+02:00 INFO Waiting for restart...
emacs 26.3 from Alex Murray (alexmurray) installed
### Clone project live-scripting
mkdir org; cd org
git clone https://github.com/andreaswittmann/live-scripting.git
```

Figure 2: This listing shows the Lubuntu upgrade from 19.04 to 19.10 and the Emacs installation.

This creates the prerequisites for live-scripting.

2.2 Basic Live-Scripting

In the base configuration the GNU Emacs installation is adapted to execute shell commands from an orgmode file. I use the init.el from this project

```
### Copy init.el to emacs
cp ~/org/live-scripting/init.el ~/.emacs.d/
```

```
### Restart emacs
```

We now open two windows side by side in emacs. In the right one we execute an ansi-term.

In the left window we execute shell commands from an orgmode file.

M-x 3	Open two windows
C-x o	other-window
M-x ansi-term	Open ansi-term
C-x 0	other-window
F5	Send command and step one line further.

Now shell commands can be executed directly. The code block is only for formatting.

example execution of shell commands with live-scripting

ls -la date whoami pwd

2.3 Spacemacs configuration

Emacs configuration is very time consuming. With the Spacemacs project you get a very extensively configured Emacs.

2.3.1 Installation

Spacemacs is cloned from GitHub. Before doing so, I backup the destination directory so that it is not overwritten. The old init.el is no longer used.

```
### move emacs directory, to save it
mv ~/.emacs.d ~/_emacs.d
mkdir ~/.emacs.d
cd ~/.emacs.d
ls -la
### Install spacemacs
git clone https://github.com/syl20bnr/spacemacs ~/.emacs.d
```

Emacs will now restart. The Spacemacs start dialog follows. I choose the following options:

- Editing Style: emacs
- Distribution: standard
- Completion Framework: helmet

I edit \sim /.spacemacs to use the following layers:

```
git
  markdown
  org
  (shell :variables
         shell-default-height 30
         shell-default-position 'bottom)
  spell-checking
  ;; syntax-checking
  version-control
  themes-megapack
  )
;; List of additional packages that will be installed without being
;; wrapped in a layer. If you need some configuration for these
;; packages, then consider creating a layer. You can also put the
;; configuration in 'dotspacemacs/user-config'.
dotspacemacs-additional-packages
'(
  minimap
  sr-speedbar
  ;;;; Org
  org-beautify-theme
 )
```

Emacs has to be restarted several times until it initializes without errors.

I want the .spacemacs file to become part of the project. It will be linked from the user directory.

```
cd ~
mv .spacemacs org/live-scripting/
ln -s ~/org/live-scripting/.spacemacs ~/.spacecmacs
```

2.3.2 Configuring the Default Theme.

To do this you have to edit the variable dotspacemacs-themes in the .spacemacs file.

2.3.3 Send to ansi-term

The old inti.el was replaced by the .spacemacs. I have to make necessary changes here to control the ansi-term. For this purpose the function dotspacemacs/user-config is extended.

```
;;;; Send region and line to ansi-term
;; https://emacs.stackexchange.com/questions/28122/how-to-execute-shell-command-from-e
(defun send-region-to-ansi ()
 "If region active, send it to ansi-term buffer."
  (interactive)
  (if (region-active-p)
      (send-region "*ansi-term*" (region-beginning) (region-end))))
;; Meine Erweiterungum Lines zu senden
(defun my-select-current-line ()
  "Selects the current line, including the NEXT-LINE char at the end"
  (interactive)
  (move-beginning-of-line nil)
  (set-mark-command nil)
  (move-end-of-line 2)
  (move-beginning-of-line nil)
  (setq deactivate-mark nil))
(defun send-line-to-ansi ()
  "If region active, send it to ansi-term buffer."
  (interactive)
  (my-select-current-line)
  (if (region-active-p)
      (send-region "*ansi-term*" (region-beginning) (region-end)))
```

```
(deactivate-mark 1))
;; das funktioniert sehr gut. Binden auf F8
(global-set-key [f5] 'send-line-to-ansi)
(global-set-key [f6] 'send-region-to-ansi)
(global-set-key [f7] 'other-window)
(global-set-key (kbd "C-n") 'other-window)
;; In ansi-term toggle between char run/line run mode.
;;http://joelmccracken.github.io/entries/switching-between-term-mode-and-line-mode-in-
(defun jnm/term-toggle-mode ()
    "Toggles term between line mode and char mode"
    (interactive)
    (if (term-in-line-mode)
        (term-char-mode)
        (term-line-mode)))
(global-set-key [f8] 'jnm/term-toggle-mode)
```

```
;; Moving Lines, from http://emacsredux.com/blog/2013/04/02/move-current-line-up-or-
;; Transpose function for lines
(defun move-line-up ()
  "Move up the current line."
  (interactive)
  (transpose-lines 1)
  (forward-line -2)
  (indent-according-to-mode))
(defun move-line-down ()
  "Move down the current line."
  (interactive)
  (forward-line 1)
  (transpose-lines 1)
  (forward-line -1)
  (indent-according-to-mode))
;; Diese Kürzel kollidieren nicht mit org-mode
(define-key input-decode-map "\e[1;5A" [C-up])
(define-key input-decode-map "\e[1;5B" [C-down])
```

```
(global-set-key [(C-up)] 'move-line-up)
(global-set-key [(C-down)] 'move-line-down)
```

Now commands can be executed directly in an ansi-term. Test:

F5 send line to ansi-term
F6 send region to ansi-term
F7 othe window (C-x o)
F8 toggle char run/line run mode

2.3.4 Configure Flyspell.

ls -la pwd whoami date

Flyspell already works. I want to switch the dictionary to German. For this purpose it must be installed first. In Ubuntu this is done via the package manager.

But I would rather use hunspell and install it together with the dictionary. Hints for dictionaries can be found at Ubuntu: https://wiki.ubuntuusers.de/Rechtschreibkorrektur/#Weillichter her install is the second statement of the second stateme

load aspell Dictionary sudo apt-get install aspell-en ### Install Hunspell. sudo apt-get install hunspell sudo apt-get install hunspell-en sudo apt-get install hunspell-en-frami which hunspell # /usr/bin/hunspell

M-x ispell-change-dictionrayselect german.M-x customize-variablebe ispell-dictionarySelect sting and enter english.M-x customize-variablebe ispell-program-nameentry: /usr/bin/hunspell

Test: Which program is used? The entry is in the message buffer:

Starting new Ispell process /usr/bin/hunspell with deutsch dictionary... Saving file /home/lubuntu/org/live-scripting/.spacemacs...

2.3.5 Magit Authentication

ATTACH

I want to be able to write from Magit to Github without having to enter the password again.

This can be done with SSH keys in three steps.

- 1. create SSH key pair.
- 2. Create ssh config file.
- 3. register public key in GitHub.

```
### Check for keys.
cd ~
ls -la .ssh
### Generate key
mkdir .ssh
cd ~/.ssh
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "lubuntu.mac@live-scripting.de"
id_rsa_github
# Empty Passpharse 2x RET
ls -la
## create config file
cat << EOF > ~/.ssh/config
Host github.com
IdentitiesOnly yes
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa_github
```

```
EOF
 cat ~/.ssh/config
### Copy the public Key to github via web gui
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa_github.pub
### Prepare projects
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa_github.pub
cd ~/org/live-scripting
git remote set-url origin ssh://git@github.com/andreaswittmann/live-scripting
git remote -v
cd ~/org/aw-org-html-themes
git remote set-url origin ssh://git@github.com/andreaswittmann/aw-org-html-themes
git remote -v
git push
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/
git remote -v
git remote set-url origin ssh://git@github.com/andreaswittmann/orgweb
### Check git operations
git pull -v
git push -v
```

The following figure shows how to add the public key to the GitHub project in order to access it with SSH.

2.3.6 Configuration of org-download ATTACH

org-download is an Emacs package which allows to add images to an org file by drag and drop.

```
GitHub: https://github.com/abo-abo/org-download
```

Org-Download offers two methods for saving the files. I want to use the Org-Attachment mechanism.

For this purpose the variable org-download-method has to be adapted via customization.



Figure 3: Add public key to GitHub project.

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2.3.7 Install Adobe Font Source Code Pro

This is the default font for Spacemacs. There is a manual available at: https://gist.github.com/enzinier/8d00d3f37d2e23985dcfa65662d2

```
#!/bin/sh
# Userland mode (~$USER/), (~/).
# ~/.fonts is now deprecated and that
#FONT_HOME=~/.fonts
# ~/.local/share/fonts should be used instead
cd
FONT_HOME=~/.local/share/fonts
echo "installing fonts at $PWD to $FONT_HOME"
#mkdir -p "$FONT_HOME/adobe-fonts/source-code-pro"
f
ind "$FONT_HOME" -iname '*.ttf' -exec echo '{}' \;
```

```
(git clone \
    --branch release \
    --depth 1 \
    'https://github.com/adobe-fonts/source-code-pro.git' \
    "$FONT_HOME/adobe-fonts/source-code-pro" && \
fc-cache -f -v "$FONT_HOME/adobe-fonts/source-code-pro")
```

Die Fonts liegen jetzt unter ~/.local/share/fonts/adobe-fonts/source-code-pro

The font used can be checked with : M-x describe-font This is too small for me. Therefore I use 15pt. This is set in .spacemacs using the variable dotspacemacs-default-font.

2.3.8 Set up SpeedKeys.

There is a module called org-speed-commands, sometimes also called speedkeys, which can be used to navigate an org-structure much faster. To use it, the variable **org-use-speed-commands** must be set to non-nil via M-x customize-variable. Weblinks:

Stack Exchange key bindings - how to use org-mode speed commands (speed keys)? - Emacs Stack Exchange

Blog scratch Org Speed Keys | scratch

Display Speed Commands Key Binings: Cursor on first star of an org heading + ?

3 Create Static Website

In this chapter I want to show how to create a static website from the orgmode files. I will use the org-publish feature which converts org-files to html. Initially I publish to a local web server and then sync the site to the internet.

3.1 Create local website.

I would like to create a website from the project that runs on a local web server.

It is a static website that can later be replicated on a web server on the Internet.

3.1.1 Installation of nginx

I use the nginx web server, there is an installation package of Ubuntu. There is a manual at: nginx on ubuntu

```
### Install nginx
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install nginx
Y
## start nginx
sudo /etc/init.d/nginx start
sudo /etc/init.d/nginx status
sudo
     /etc/init.d/nginx stop
## show web root
ls -la /var/www/html/index.nginx-debian.html
## setup a simple website:
sudo mkdir -p /var/www/html/simple
sudo mkdir -p /var/www/html/simple
cd /var/www/html/simple
ls -la
sudo chown lubuntu .
cat << EOF > /var/www/html/simple/index.html
<html>
```

```
<body>
<h1>Welcome to simple Web!</h1>
If you see this page, Simple Web ist running.
</body>
</html>
EOF
cat index.html
### get local ip address in lan
ip a #http://10.211.55.8/
URL for testing: http://localhost/
URL for testing: http://localhost/index.nginx-debian.html
URL for testing: http://localhost/simple/index.html
URL on the LAN: http://10.211.55.8/
Okay.
```

3.1.2 Setting up org-publish

With org-publish a website can be created. First of all I create the directory for the webroot and assign permissions to be able to work as user lubuntu.

```
### Clean up
sudo rm -rf /var/www/html/orgweb/
sudo rm -rf /var/www/html/
#*******
### create directoy for project live-scripting
sudo mkdir -p /var/www/html/orgweb
### nginx worker and lubuntu must have access
sudo chown lubuntu /var/www/html/orgweb/
cd /var/www/html/orgweb
ls -la
### Force regenerating the project
rm -r /var/www/html/orgweb/*
```

```
ls -la /var/www/html/orgweb
find /var/www/html/orgweb
cd ~/org/
find . -exec touch {} \;
```

Now I need the configuration in an alist variable. This configuration describes the publishing process.

```
;; Eval with C-x C-e at end of line
;; Publisch with M-x org-publish-project RET org RET
(require 'ox-publish)
(setq org-publish-project-alist
      '(
       ;; ... add all the components here (see below)...
       ("orgxxx" :components ("org-notes" "org-static"))
       ("org-notes"
        :base-directory "~/org/live-scripting/"
        :base-extension "org"
        :publishing-directory "/var/www/html/live-scripting"
        ;;:exclude ".*"
        ;;:include ["foobar.org"]
        :recursive t
        :publishing-function org-html-publish-to-html
        :headline-levels 4
                                       ; Just the default for this project.
        :auto-preamble t
        :auto-sitemap t
                                       ; Generate sitemap.org automagically...
        :sitemap-filename "sitemap.org" ; ... call it sitemap.org (it's the default).
        :sitemap-title "Sitemap"
                                     ; ... with title 'Sitemap'.
        )
       ("org-static"
        :base-directory "~/org/live-scripting/"
        :base-extension "css\\|js\\|png\\|jpg\\|jpeg\\|gif\\|pdf\\|txt\\|mp3\\|ogg\\|s
```

```
:exclude ".git\\|LICENSE"
 :publishing-directory "/var/www/html/live-scripting/"
 :recursive t
 :publishing-function org-publish-attachment
 )
))
```

The Publish process is called with : **M-x org-publish-project** Then in the next step one of the projects configured in alist can be selected.

This will produce the site with the html page: http://localhost/live-scripting/live-scripting.html

Test URL: http://localhost/live-scripting/sitemap.html Test URL: http://localhost/live-scripting/live-scripting.html

3.1.3 Load configuration for org-publish from external file.

I want to save the configuration to an external file and load it on Emacs startup.

To do this I create the file publish-project.el and load it into .spacemacs:

;; Load the configuration for org-publish (load-file "~/org/live-scripting/publish-project.el")

Okay.

3.1.4 Attachments and images

File attachments and images can be dragged and dropped directly into the org file. The module org-download then takes care that these files are embedded and stored in the folder images. Images are displayed inline, a link is generated for files other and images.

These files are also copied by org-publish to the website.

Example of an embedded image: (setq org-image-actual-width nil)



Figure 4: Embedded image file

Beispiel für eine eingebettete PDF Datei:

3.1.5 Problem: Some images are not displayed.

Some images are not displayed in the generated website.

1. Analysis There are files under the web root that belong to the user lubuntu and have no read permission for others. The nginx worker

Org-Mode Reference	e Card (1/2)	Tables		Formula Editor	
(for version 9.1.9)	Creating a table		edit formulas in separate buffer orit and install new formulas	C-c '
Getting Started		just start typing, c.g. Name Phone convert region to table separator at least 3 spaces	Age RET - TAB C-c C-3 C-c	exit, install, and apply new formulas abort toggle reference style	C-u C-c C-c C-c C-q C-c C-r
To read the on-line documentation try	M-x org-info	Commands available inside tables		complete Lisp symbol	TAB M-TAB
Visibility Cycling		The following commands work when the cursor is <i>inside a table</i> . Outside of tables, the same keys may have other functionality.		shift reference point shift test line for column references small the mindre showing the table	S-cursor N-up/down
		Re-aligning and field motion		toggle table coordinate grid	C-c }
rotate current subtree between states rotate entire buffer between states restore property-dependent startup vis show the whole file, including drawers reveal context around point	TAB S-TAB ibility C-u C-u TAB C-u C-u C-u TAB C-c C-r	re-align the table without moving the cursor re-align the table, move to next field move to previous field re-align the table, move to next row move to beginning/end of field	C-c C-c TAB S-TAB RET M-a/e	Links globally store link to the current location	C-c 1 [1
Matter		Row and column editing		insert file link with file name completion	C-u C-c C-1
Motion		move the current column left kill the current column	M-LEFT/RIGHT M-S-LEFT	edit (also hidden part of) link at point	C-c C-1
next/previous heading next/previous heading, same level backward to higher level heading jump to another place in document previous/next plain list item	C-c C-n/p C-c C-f/b C-c C-u C-c C-j S-UP/DOWN [2]	insert new column to left of cursor position move the current row up/down kill the current row or horizontal line insert new row above the current row insert hline below $(C-u : above)$ current row insert hline and move to line below it	M-S-RIGHT M-UP/DOWN M-S-UP M-S-DOWN C-c - C-c RET	open file links in emacs force open in emacs/other window open link at point force open in emacs/other window record a position in mark ring jump back to last followed link(s) find next link	C-c C-o C-u C-c C-o mouse-1/2 mouse-3 C-c % C-c & C-c & C-c C-n
Structure Editing		sort lines in region Regions	C-c ~	find previous link edit code snippet of file at point to the snippet of file at point	C-c C-x C-p C-c ,
insert new heading/item at current lev	el M-RET	cut/copy/paste rectangular region C-c	С-х С-и/М-и/С-у	toggie inline display of linked images	C-C C-X C-V
insert new heading after subtree insert new TODO entry/checkbox iten insert TODO entry/ckkx after subtree turn (head)line into item, cycle item ty turn item/line into headline	C-RET M-S-RET C-S-RET TPE C-C - C-C -	Miscellaneous to limit column width to N characters, use edit the current field in a separate window make current field fully visible	<⊪> C-c' C-u TAB	Working with Code (Babel) execute code block at point	C-c C-c
promote/demote heading promote/demote current subtree move subtree/list item up/down	M-LEFT/RIGHT M-S-LEFT/RIGHT M-UP/DOWN	export as tab-separated file M-x o import tab-separated file M-x o sum numbers in current column/rectangle	rg-table-export rg-table-import C-c +	check code block at point for errors insert a header argument with completion view expanded body of code block at point	C-c C-V c C-c C-V j C-c C-V y
sort subtree/region/plain-list	C-c -	Tables created with the table.el packa	ze -	view information about code block at point go to named code block	C-c C-v I
clone a subtree copy visible parts of the region kill/copy subtree	C-c C-x c C-c C-x v C-c C-x C-w/M-w	recognize existing table.el table convert table (Org-mode \leftrightarrow table.el)	C-c C-c C-c ⁻	go to named result go to the head of the current code block go to the next code block	C-c C-v r C-c C-v u C-c C-v u
yank subtree narrow buffer to subtree / widen	C-c C-x C-y or C-y C-x n s/w	Spreadsheet Formulas typed in field are executed by TAB,	RET and C-c C-c.	go to the previous code block demarcate a code block	C-c C-v p C-c C-v d
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				complete word at point	M-TAB

Figure 5: Eingebettete PDF Datei.

process belongs to www-data and cannot read these files. These are some image files I dragged and dropped from Firefox to orgmode.

2. Solution I search these files and set the permissions. Afterwards the website must be regenerated with org-publish.

```
### Handle Permissions.
cd ~/org/live-scripting
## Find files that don't have read permission for others.
find images -user lubuntu \! -perm -o+r -type f -exec ls -l {} \;
find images -user lubuntu \! -perm -o+r -type f -exec touch {} \;
## Add read permission for other
find images -user lubuntu \! -perm -o+r -type f -exec chmod o+r {} \;
```

3.1.6 HTML Style Readtheorg

There is a very good CSS based style sheet framework for org files. See: https://github.com/fniessen/org-html-themes I want to use the ReadTheOrg theme and install it locally.

```
### Clean update
cd
rm -rf ~/org/org-html-themes
### Clone the Project
cd org
git clone https://github.com/fniessen/org-html-themes.git
find~/org/org-html-themes
###
```

To use the themes, the directory styles must be copied to the website. For this I extend the configuration in publish-project.el

```
("org-themes"
```

```
:base directory "~/org/org-html-themes/styles"
:base-extension "css\\|js\\|png\\|jpg\\|jpeg\\|gif\\|pdf\\|txt\\|mp3\\|ogg\\|swf"
:exclude ".git\\\|LICENSE"
:publishing-directory "/var/www/html/live-scripting/styles"
:recursive t
:publishing-function org-publish-attachment
)
```

The theme is applied by the following directive SETUPFILE at the beginning of the org file:

```
#+SETUPFILE: ~/org/org-html-themes/setup/theme-readtheorg-local.setup
#+Options: \n:t
#+Title: live-scripting
```

With calling org-publish the style-sheet is now used in this file.

3.2 Multi-Project Website

I want to create a website that spans multiple git projects. This website will be created and updated with a single command. It uses the recursive feature org org-publish.

It is implemented in publish-project.el in the orgweb definition.

3.2.1 Creating the fork of org-html-themes

I have used the GitHub project org-html-themes for applying style sheets to my local website. Now I want to fork this project. I can then make local modifications to the themes. I also want to integrate it into my local website. I use the GitHub GUI on the web to fork and rename the project to aw-orghtml-themes: https://github.com/andreaswittmann/aw-org-html-themes I make a local clone of the project.

```
### Clean update
cd
rm -rf ~/org/aw-org-html-themes
### Clone the Project
cd org
git clone https://github.com/andreaswittmann/aw-org-html-themes.git
find ~/org/aw-org-html-themes
###
```

3.2.2 Using styles of the forked project.

Now I want to use my fork aw-org-html-themes. I have to change the directive SETUPFILE in all org-files and the base-directory path for the component orgweb-themes in publish-project.el.

```
#+SETUPFILE: ~/org/aw-org-html-themes/setup/theme-readtheorg-local.setup
#+Options: \n:t
#+Title: live-scripting
```

3.2.3 Problem: the folder "style" is not found by the html files.

The publish process does not respect the folder structure. It expects a style folder on the same directory level. The solution must take into account the option to replicate the static website to a server on the internet.

I write the emacs-lisp function "fixStyleFolder". It is called by :completionfunction. It gets the projectPropertyList as an argument. This list contains the publishingDirectory. The function will call the shell script fixStyle-Folder.sh that which creates symbolic links in all sub folders.

```
;; Example for projectPropertyList
(:base-directory ~/org/aw-org-html-themes/styles :base-extension css\|js\|png\|jpg\|jp
```

The emacs-lisp function fixStyleFolder is contained in the file publish-project.sh.

The shell script is located at ${\rm ~^{\sim}/org/live-scripting/bin/fixStyleFolder.sh}$

3.2.4 Updating the orgweb site

The orgweb site can be updated with org-publish.

Emacs CommandDescriptionM-x org-publish-project RET orgweb RETCreate or Update all components of orgweb.

Cleaning up and recreating everything.

```
### Force regenerating the project
## Delete Webroot
rm -r /var/www/html/orgweb/*
ls -la /var/www/html/orgweb
## touch all org files.
cd ~/org/
find . -exec touch {} \;
## use org-publish-project to recreate all.
## check
find /var/www/html/orgweb/
```

This recreates the website with all attachments.

3.3 Publish to github pages.

(Don't do it! Read the conclusion) I want to publish the static website orgweb to github pages. There are different approaches explained on: https://help.github.com/ en/github/working-with-github-pages

3.3.1 Publish to docs folder

I create docs directory and copy the site there. Then I commit and push it with magit.

```
### Creating a link.
cd ~/org/live-scripting
rm -rf ~/org/live-scripting/docs
mkdir -p ~/org/live-scripting/docs
cd ~/org/live-scripting/docs
cp -r /var/www/html/orgweb/* .
ls -la
find .
## create index.html from sitmap.html
cp sitemap.html index.html
## remove all symlinks, they are external and break github pages.
cd ~/org/live-scripting/docs
find . -type 1
find . -type l -exec rm \{\} \setminus;
## create symlinks manually
cd ~/org/live-scripting/docs/live-scripting
ls -la
ln -s ../styles styles
Ok, this works.
The site is online at: https://andreaswittmann.github.io/live-scripting/
sitemap.html
```

```
The site is online at: https://andreaswittmann.github.io/live-scripting/live-scripting.html
```

The style sheet is loaded. The PDF attachments are available as well.

Summary:

It is possible to publish the project to the docs folder in Github, thus demonstrating the capability of org-publish to create a static web site, including style sheets and attachments. However there are some aspects that I don't like. First, since this is a multi-project website, the publish site shouldn't really be inside the project live-scripting but be a project on it's own. Second, I don't like the idea of copying the project from the publish site to the docs directory, thus duplicating all files. This was necessary because git doesn't follow symbolic link.

3.3.2 Publish to a project

In this approach the published website becomes it's own GitHub project.

- 1. Activities There are the following activities:
 - \boxtimes Create new GitHub Project orgweb.
 - \boxtimes Clone orgweb to local publish site.
 - \boxtimes Insert public key on GitHub to push without password
 - \boxtimes Use org-publish to create the project.
 - ☑ Use Magit to publish site to GitHub
 - □ Write script to automatically commit on push on every org-publish
 - \boxtimes Update FixStyleFolder to use relative links.

That's it.

2. GitHub Project orgweb.

```
### Clean up and clone Website.
sudo rm -rf /var/www/html/orgweb/
cd /var/www/html/
ls -la
```

```
sudo git clone https://github.com/andreaswittmann/orgweb.git
sudo chown -R lubuntu:lubuntu /var/www/html/orgweb/
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/
### Fix symbolic links
find . -type 1
## one level
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/./styles/
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/./live-scripting/
rm styles
ln -s ../styles styles
ls -la
ls styles
## two levels
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/./aw-org-html-themes/demo/
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/./aw-org-html-themes/styles/
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/./live-scripting/moreorg/
rm styles
ln -s ../../styles styles
ls -la
ls styles
## three levels
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/./aw-org-html-themes/styles/readtheorg
rm styles
ln -s ../../styles styles
ls -la
```

```
The site can be found at: https://andreaswittmann.github.io/
orgweb/sitemap.html
```

An update of the site includes three steps:

(a) org-publish orgweb

- (b) magit or git: add and commit files in project orgweb
- (c) git push project orgweb.
- (a) Troubleshooting After pushing the project orgweb, GitHub starts a jykell Process to publish the site.This my lead to an error, send via email. Unfortunately the message very often is just useless like this.There are no additional information.

```
Error: The page build failed for the 'master' branch with the following error
```

3. Rebuilding the website.

These are the steps to rebuild the website completely

```
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/
## find all generated files and remove them, exclude .git
find . -maxdepth 1 ! -name .git ! -name README.md
find . -maxdepth 1 ! -name .git ! -name README.md -exec rm -rf {} \;
ll
## removing files
git add .
git status
git commit -m "Resetting project"
git push
# touch all file to qualify for regenerating the web
cd ~/org
ll
find . ! -name sitemap.org -exec touch {} \;
### regenerate web in emacs with org-publish-project orgweb
```

3.3.3 Conclusion

While it looks tempting to publish to github pages I have to advice against it.

I managed to publish the website orgweb several times but also often ran into errors.

The information provided to resolve the errors is not sufficient. This results in frustrating and time consuming analysis sessions. It is a waste of time.

The Pages feature in github up to now [2020-06-30 Di] is not mature enough to be used in real world projects!

Other publishing options like web servers or Amazon S3 will be explored.

3.4 Publish to Amazon S3

Amazon S3 is a storage service that includes basic webserver capabilities. It can host static websites, but doesn't not allow for https and authentication. This is fine for this project.

3.4.1 Installation of aws-cli and bucket creation

I need the the command line client from aws to access s3 buckets. I want to install aws-cli version 2.

```
I follow instructions from https://docs.aws.amazon.com/de_de/cli/latest/
userguide/install-cliv2-linux.html
```

```
mkdir ~/Downloads/aws-cli
cd ~/Downloads/aws-cli
ls -la
## we need curl
sudo apt install curl
## install aws-cli
curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip" -o "awscliv2.zip"
unzip awscliv2.zip
sudo ./aws/install
aws --version
# aws-cli/2.0.27 Python/3.7.3 Linux/5.3.0-61-generic botocore/2.0.0dev31
```

```
### install profile and credentials for aws
cat ~/.aws/config
cat ~/.aws/credentials
### Test s3 access
export AWS_PROFILE=anwi-gmbh
aws s3 ls
### Creating a buckets, prepare website hosting on aws gui in the browser
aws s3 mb s3://live-scripting
aws s3 ls s3://live-scripting --recursive
#aws s3 rm s3://live-scripting --recursive
```

Ok, now access s3 via the aws cli works.

3.4.2 Cleanup and Create Website

The following code deletes the local Website, touches all file in the org folder and recreates the local website. It then syncs to S3.

```
### Delete Website on Bucket
mkdir ~/temp
cd ~/temp
cp /var/www/html/orgweb/sitemap.html .
ls -la
aws s3 sync . s3://live-scripting --delete
### Delete and create local website.
rm -rf /var/www/html/orgweb/*
find ~/org/ -exec touch {} \;
### !!! create website in emacs with org publish !!!
## or use script publish.sh.
publish.sh -c publish
### Sync website to S3
cd /var/www/html/orgweb
```

ls -la
aws s3 sync /var/www/html/orgweb s3://live-scripting/orgweb --delete

The website is available at http://live-scripting.s3-website.eu-central-1. amazonaws.com/sitemap.html

3.4.3 Create a bucket policy

The bucket has to be made available for public access. I follow the aws instructions: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/de_de/AmazonS3/latest/dev/ WebsiteAccessPermissionsReqd.html

I use the aws management console.

During the process I create the following bucket policy.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "PublicReadGetObject",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": "*",
            "Action": [
                 "s3:GetObject"
            ],
            "Resource": [
                 "arn:aws:s3:::live-scripting/*"
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Ok, this gives public access to the website.

1. Trouble shooting symlinks. Problem: on the second run of fix Style-Folder.sh the link /var/www/html/orgweb/styles/styles is created but shouldn't

Analysis: This happens only on the second run of the script.

It also happens in subsequent identical calls to ln I don't know why this happens.

Solution: Instead of using symlinks I replicate the styles folder using rsync.

On the one hand this approach produces redundant files. On the other, it works stable and allows to use the same solution for local and remote websites.

```
## run script
~/org/live-scripting/bin/fixStyleFolder.sh -c mycopy -d /var/www/html/orgweb/sty
 ~/org/live-scripting/bin/fixStyleFolder.sh -c mycopy -d /var/www/html/orgweb/styl
cp -R ~/org/aw-org-html-themes/styles /var/www/html/orgweb
## test rsync
export WEB_ROOT=/var/www/html/orgweb
export SOURCE_DIR=/var/www/html/orgweb/styles
#export TARGET_DIR=/var/www/html/orgweb/styles
export TARGET_DIR=/var/www/html/orgweb/live-scripting
# test rsync
rsync -av --dry-run --delete $SOURCE_DIR $TARGET_DIR
rsync -av --delete $SOURCE_DIR $TARGET_DIR
ls -la $TARGET_DIR
find $TARGET_DIR/styles
rm -rf $TARGET_DIR/styles
find $WEB_ROOT -name "styles"
find $WEB_ROOT -name "styles" -exec rm -rf {} \;
## check resuclt
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/styles/
find /var/www/html/orgweb/ -type l -exec rm {} \;
find /var/www/html/orgweb/ -type 1
find /var/www/html/orgweb/ -type d
## executing ln two times produes error
    /var/www/html/orgweb/aw-org-html-themes/demo
cd
```

```
pwd /var/www/html/orgweb/aw-org-html-themes/demo
ls -la
ln -s ../../styles styles
mkdir -p /var/www/html/orgweb/aw-org-html-themes/foobar
cd /var/www/html/orgweb/aw-org-html-themes/foobar
ls -la
ln -s ../../styles styles
```

Test URL: http://localhost/orgweb/sitemap.html

3.5 Automation of Publishing Process

This includes following steps:

- 1. Publish to local website.
- 2. Update lunr search index.
- 3. Sync to public website on S3.

3.5.1 Publishing with script publish.sh

The first task involves running emacs in batch mode and executing orgpublish.

Then I will use the awscli to sync the website to S3.

These steps will be implemented in the script ${\rm \sim/org/live-scripting/bin/publish.sh}$

```
### extending PATH in .profile
# extend path to include custom scripts
export PATH=~/org/live-scripting/bin:${PATH}
```

```
## The publish process can be started with:
publish.sh -c publish
```

3.5.2 Problem syntax highlighting is poor

The syntax highlighting for the bash source code blocks look poor when using the script publish.sh. Analysis: This is complicated. Puh. This problem is discussed at https://emacs.stackexchange.com/questions/ 31439/how-to-get-colored-syntax-highlighting-of-code-blocks-in-asynchronous-org-mode-In short, the module responsible for formatting code snippets, htmlize, is configured differently in both situations. Solution:

1. Set variables in publish-config.el:

```
(setq org-export-with-broken-links t)
(setq org-html-htmlize-output-type 'css)
```

- 1. Create syntax.css using "M-x org-html-htmlize-generate-css" in emacs.
- 2. Edit the setup-file to load syntax.css
- 3. Distribute syntax.css together with the other style sheet files.

The result can be observed in the following sequence of pictures.

The first one shows the publishing result from within emacs unsing M-x orgpublish-project.

The second shows the result of publishing in emacs batch mode without modifications of this solution.

The third pictures shows the result of publishing in emacs batch mode with this solution applied.

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Figure 6: Differences in syntax highlighting depending on publish method.

Ok. While this solutions solves the problem, more work could be done to fine tune the style sheets.

4 Adding Search to the web

An important aspect of documentation is finding the documented information. Once the web grows, full text search is needed. Lunr as a full text search engine is a good choice. It is based on java script and as it states on it's website: it shines like solr but not as bright. Lunr Website

4.1 Lunr Integration

There is a Github project that indexes HTML pages with lunr and cheerio and makes them searchable with a search page.

Lunr-Index-and-Search-for-Static-Sites This project can be used as reference. I temporarily clone the project to use some artefacts.

The following diagram helps to explain how everything works together.

I use a lunr working director to generate the search index. Lunr and Cheerio must be installed here.

I use the file build_index.js from the github project, copy it to the working directory and rename it to buid_index_orgweb.js to reflect that it is modified for orgweb. I have to edit it to insert my web root. This javascript file uses cheerio to parse all html files under my web root and creates the index in a file lunr_index.js.



Figure 7: Directory Layout for Lunr Search in live-scripting

This has to be updates whenever the website is published.

At the web root I use the files runclient.js and search.html which I copy from the github project.

The following script block executes everything.

```
WORKDIR=~/lunr
WEBROOT=/var/www/html/orgweb
### create a project directory
mkdir -p $WORKDIR
cd $WORKDIR
ls -la
mkdir $WEBROOT/lunr
cd $WEBROOT/lunr
## Install npm
sudo apt install npm
## Install lunr
npm update node
```

```
npm install lunr
npm install cheerio
### create a temporary working directory
mkdir ~/lunr_work
cd ~/lunr_work
### clone the project with example site
git clone https://github.com/BLE-LTER/Lunr-Index-and-Search-for-Static-Sites.git
cd ~/lunr_work/Lunr-Index-and-Search-for-Static-Sites
### copy relevant files
cp build_index.js $WORKDIR/build_index_orgweb.js
cp example_site/search.css $WEBROOT/
cp example_site/search.html $WEBROOT/
cp example_site/lunrclient.js $WEBROOT/
### clean up lunr_work
cd
rm -rf ~/lunr_work
### Edit costants in build_index_orgweb.js
cd $WORKDIR
ls -la
### build the index for the example site and copy to webroot
node build_index_orgweb.js
cp lunr_index.js $WEBROOT
### Check index
cd $WEBROOT
ls -la
### Take some artefacts under git control
LUNR_FILES=~/org/live-scripting/lunr_files
mkdir $LUNR_FILES
cp $WORKDIR/build_index_orgweb.js $LUNR_FILES
cp $WEBROOT/lunrclient.js $LUNR_FILES
cp $WEBROOT/search.html $LUNR_FILES
### check and git
cd $LUNR_FILES
ls -la
git status
```

use magit to add and commit

Now the search page is available at: http://localhost/orgweb/search. html And on S3 at: http://live-scripting.s3-website.eu-central-1.amazonaws. com/search.html

The index creation must be part of the publishing process. I add it to the script publish.sh.

4.2 Creating an Index Page for the web

I want to have a central index page for orgweb, named index.html, which is located at the orgweb root.

This page includes the search field and the sitemap. I is created from the file index.org using org-publish.

```
## copy file to include in git
cp ~/org/index.org ~/org/live-scripting/lunr_files/
cp ~/org/index.org.template ~/org/live-scripting/lunr_files/
ls -la ~/org/live-scripting/lunr_files/
```

commit and push with magit

4.2.1 Creating the search field

The Lunr integration uses the search.html file. I copy the content to my new index.org file using HTML export declarations.

I also need the content from the HTML head element. I can set these in the index.org using HTML HEAD declarations.

The file index.org is located directly under \sim/org which is outside any git project. Therefore a save a copy at $\sim/\text{org/live-scripting/lunr_files/}$ and put it under git control. On any modification it has to be copied manually.

4.2.2 Creating the sitemap

A sitmap for orgweb is created during the org-publish process. It results in the file sitemap.html

I only need the body part form it.

I use perl to cut the relevant lines and paste them at the end of the index.org file.

The code is manually developed below.

```
cd ~/org
ls -la
cat /var/www/html/orgweb/sitemap.html
### Cut out relevant part of sitemap.html
### explanation of the chained command
cat /var/www/html/orgweb/sitemap.html | \
perl -ne 'print if /<body>/../<\/body>/' | \
                                                             # Take only the body part
perl -ne 'print if /<div id=\"content\">/../<\/div>/' | \
                                                             # Take only the div block
perl -ne 'print if ! ( $. <= 2)' | \
                                                             # Cut away the first two
perl -ne 'print if ! eof'
                                                             # Cut away the last line
### The chained command
cat /var/www/html/orgweb/sitemap.html |\
perl -ne 'print if /<body>/../<\/body>/' |\
perl -ne 'print if /<div id=\"content\">/../<\/div>/' |\
perl -ne 'print if ! ( $. <= 2)' |\
perl -ne 'print if ! eof' > /tmp/sitemap.txt
cat /tmp/sitemap.txt
### Insert it into index.org
cat ~/org/index.org.template
cp ~/org/index.org.template ~/org/index.org
echo "#+BEGIN_EXPORT html" >> ~/org/index.org
cat /tmp/sitemap.txt >> ~/org/index.org
echo "#+END_EXPORT" >> ~/org/index.org
cat ~/org/index.org
# Publish for testing
publish.sh -c publish
```

This is added to publish.sh and thus automatically updated on every publish action.

This also includes extending publish-project.el to include a single publish task for index.org.

Since index.org is modified after the website is published, it has to be regenerated.

It is also implemented in publish.sh and works fine. Ok.

4.2.3 Creating a Home Button

The orgmode HTML exporter defines the variables HTML_LINK_HOME and HTML_LINK_UP. I want to include a "Home-Link" on every HTML pages that links to the index.html of orgweb.

I need to use a root-relative URL because it must work in orgweb on localhost and on the S3 hosted site. Therefore it is necessary that the directory structures in both websites are identical.

#+HTML_LINK_HOME: /orgweb/index.html
#+HTML_LINK_UP: /orgweb/index.html

5 Sharing Options

It is not always possible or wanted to give access to the orgweb to everybody on the internet. There are multiple Options to share the whole org-web, single org-files or only parts of an org-file. The simplest form is an export to an ascii file which is quite readable but omits pictures and attachements. The most versatile form is a PDF file which features clickable links and inline integration of pictures. It is also possible to zip the whole orgweb or parts of it and send it to the recipient via file sharing. Furthermore there is an Markdown export options as well. All these possiblities produce quite good results out of the box.

- 5.1 ASCII Export
- 5.2 Markdown Export
- 5.3 HTML Archive

5.4 PDF Export

The whole orgfile or parts of it can be exported to PDF. This is done via the LAT_FX exporter.

It's been quite a while since I worked with Latex the last time and I am surprised that it is still used and well supported in 2020. The export to Latex and PDF works flawless and the result is very usable. However, if you are not satisfied with the result, it gets complicated. There are endless ways to tailor the export process, but that requires deep knowledge of the exporter backend, Tex and Latex. Some configurations can be made via org mode directives and emacs variables. The org mode documentation describes in detail. It can be found here: https://orgmode.org/manual/LaTeX-Export.html. If you need more flexibility, this tutorial on wrog is a good starting point to understand and modify the export process: https://orgmode.org/worg/org-tutorials/org-latex-export.html

To export an org mode file to pdf simply use this command.

```
M-x org-letex-export-to-pdf
```

The Latex Class can be controlled with org mode directive. Choose the latex class: **article**, report, book. , #+LATEX CLASS: report

Here is an example PDF export of this live-scripting.org.

5.5 Problem: PDF creation fails

I get the error message:

LaTeX Error: File 'wrapfig.sty' not found.

Analysis:

This problem is discussed at: https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/

```
291531/exporting-org-files-to-latex-error
Solutions:
```

I could solve the problem by installing texlive and extra packages.

```
sudo su
#password
apt-get update
apt-get install texlive
apt-get install texlive-latex-extra
```

This installs the versions:

```
# texlive newest version (2019.20190710-1).
# texlive-latex-extra newest version (2019.20190710-1).
```

And this solves the problem.

6 Miscellaneous

6.1 Handling large images

Large images can be resized during inline displays and in export to html and PDF.

We can use modifier attributes for it.

In the HTML page, the resized image should open to it's full size by clicking it. This can be achieved by including a html link as the description part in org-link.

I added the elisp function org-download-link-format-function-aw in the file publish-project.el.

By customizing the variable org-download-link-format-function.

The function is a modified version of the default function with alters the format of the image link.

Here is an example. A large screenshot is included but with specified width values.

The resulting small picture in the html file is clickable and opens the picture file in full size.



Figure 8: Screenshot that shows the modifications for clickable image links.

In order to use this feature, we need to customize the variable as explained above.

6.2 Side by Side images using a table.

It is possible to place images side by side, using an orgmode table. However tables orgmode tables don't support multi-line cells. Thus it is not possible to enrich it with caption or attributes.



6.3 Displaying folder structures

Folder Structures can be created with the unix tree command. It can be presented in a source block.

lubuntu@lubuntu-pc:/var/www/html/orgweb/live-scripting/images\$ tree

Installation_unter_lubuntu 2020-06-24_11-15-55_orgcard.pdf 2020-06-24_11-21-33_banana.jpeg 2020-06-30_10-25-57_2020-06-21_17-34-52_2020-06-21_17-15-37.png 2020-06-30_10-26-47_2020-06-21_17-34-52_2020-06-21_17-15-37.png 2020-07-03_21-03-36_2020-07-03_21-01-27.png 2020-07-07_21-36-29_2020-07-07_21-31-11.png Introduction 2020-07-03_22-06-50_2020-07-03_22-05-56.png Test 2020-07-08_08-52-47_1565435.png 2020-07-08_08-53-30_banana.jpeg 2020-07-08_08-54-39_banana.jpeg

6.4 Handling Sub and Superscript

Orgmode uses the underscore letter to indicate superscript. Most of the time this is not what I want.

The Variable org-use-sub-superscript can be used to customize this behavior. I choose the option "only with braces" to enable special format when I want it. Unfortunately this setting is ignored during the publishing process. As an alternative I use the directive:

```
#+OPTIONS: ^:{}
;;possible values are t, nil, {}
This will not be_subscript
This will be_{subscript}
This will not be^superscript
This will be^{superscript}
```

These lines produce the following result:

This will not be_subscript This will be_{subscript} This will not be[^]superscript This will be^{superscript}

Ok.