

# StatWeave: Flexible Software for Literate Programming in Statistics

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# Integrating code and documentation

## Why?

- Literate programming
  - Code comments (primitive)
  - **WEB** (Knuth 1979) and relatives
- Documentation generation (e.g., **doc++**, **javadoc**)
- Reproducible statistical analysis
  - Research, consulting
    - Document what is done
    - Possibility of re-running if data change
  - Manuals, course handouts
    - Output shown guaranteed to be result of code shown

## Goals

- Like **Sweave**, **SASweave**, **odfWeave**, combined and unified
- Support lots of languages
- Support different file formats; currently...
  - $\text{\LaTeX}$
  - OpenDocument Text (ODT): [www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org) or MSOffice plug-in from [www.sun.com/software/star/odf\\_plugin/index.jsp](http://www.sun.com/software/star/odf_plugin/index.jsp)
- Portability: Usable on all platforms
  - Written in **Java**
- Extensibility
  - Add languages
  - Add file formats (and possibly syntax rules)

# How StatWeave works

- Source file is like a regular document, but with *code chunks* added (delineated with special tags)
- Two basic operations:
  - Weaving** Process source file into a complete document with code listings, output listings, and graphs added
  - Tangling** Extract code from source file, to run or compile later
- Tangling is most useful for literate programming in languages like **Fortran**, and **C**.
- Weaving is most useful for reproducible statistical analysis

- Currently a command-line interface

```
statweave myfile.swv
```

```
statweave --tangle myfile-swv.odt
```

```
statweave --target dvi myfile-swv.tex
```

```
statweave --config new.cfg --keepall src.swv
```

- Available for download at

[www.stat.uiowa.edu/~rlenth/StatWeave/](http://www.stat.uiowa.edu/~rlenth/StatWeave/)

- GUI easy to do, and portable—to come

# Example (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X format)

## Source file (`oxide.swv`)

```
\documentclass[12pt]{article}
\usepackage[margin=1in]{geometry}
\begin{document}
```

```
\section*{Split-plot analysis}
```

In this example, we analyze some data on a semiconductor manufacturing process.

```
\begin{Rcode}{fig, scale=.5}
```

```
library(nlme)
```

```
plot(Oxide)
```

```
\end{Rcode}
```

Fit a multi-level model with random intercepts for lots and wafers within lots.

```
\begin{Rcode}
```

```
lme (Thickness ~ Source*Site, ~ 1 | Lot/Wafer, data=Oxide)
```

```
\end{Rcode}
```

```
\end{document}
```

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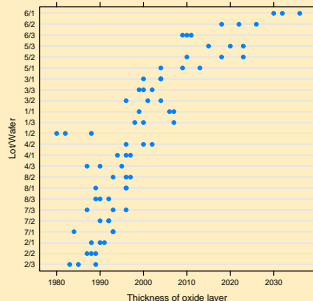
# Result after weaving with StatWeave

oxide.pdf

## Split-plot analysis

In this example, we analyze some data on a semiconductor manufacturing process.

```
R> library(nlme)
R> plot(Oxide)
```



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# Results (cont'd)

Fit a multi-level model with random intercepts for lots and wafers within lots.

```
R> lme (Thickness ~ Source*Site,  
R>      ~ 1 | Lot/Wafer, data = Oxide)
```

Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML

Data: Oxide

Log-restricted-likelihood: -215.4166

Fixed: Thickness ~ Source \* Site

(Intercept)	Source2	Site2	Site3	Source2:Site2
1994.0833333	11.7500000	0.1666667	2.9166667	-0.8333333

Source2:Site3

-4.1666667

Random effects:

Formula: ~1 | Lot

(Intercept)

StdDev: 10.94954

Formula: ~1 | Wafer %in% Lot

(Intercept) Residual

StdDev: 6.003643 3.469201

Number of Observations: 72

Number of Groups:

Lot Wafer %in% Lot

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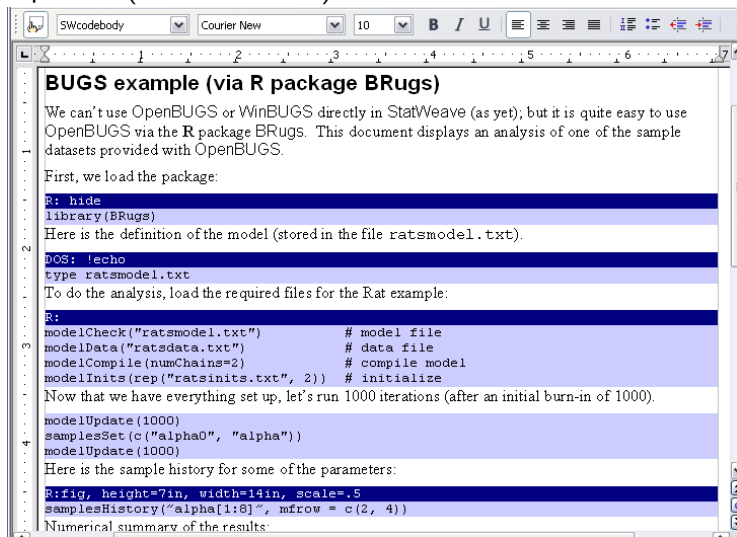
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# ODT example

## Input file (**Rats-swv.odt**)



```
BUGS example (via R package BRugs)

We can't use OpenBUGS or WinBUGS directly in StatWeave (as yet); but it is quite easy to use
OpenBUGS via the R package BRugs. This document displays an analysis of one of the sample
datasets provided with OpenBUGS.

First, we load the package:
R: hide
library(BRugs)
Here is the definition of the model (stored in the file ratsmodel.txt).

DOS: !echo
type ratsmodel.txt

To do the analysis, load the required files for the Rat example:
R:
modelCheck("ratsmodel.txt")      # model file
modelData("ratsdata.txt")        # data file
modelCompile(numChains=2)        # compile model
modelInits(rep("ratsinits.txt", 2)) # initialize

Now that we have everything set up, let's run 1000 iterations (after an initial burn-in of 1000).
modelUpdate(1000)
samplesSet(c("alpha0", "alpha"))
modelUpdate(1000)

Here is the sample history for some of the parameters:
R:fig, height=7in, width=14in, scale=.5
samplesHistory("alpha[1:8]", mfrow = c(2, 4))

Numerical summary of the results:
```

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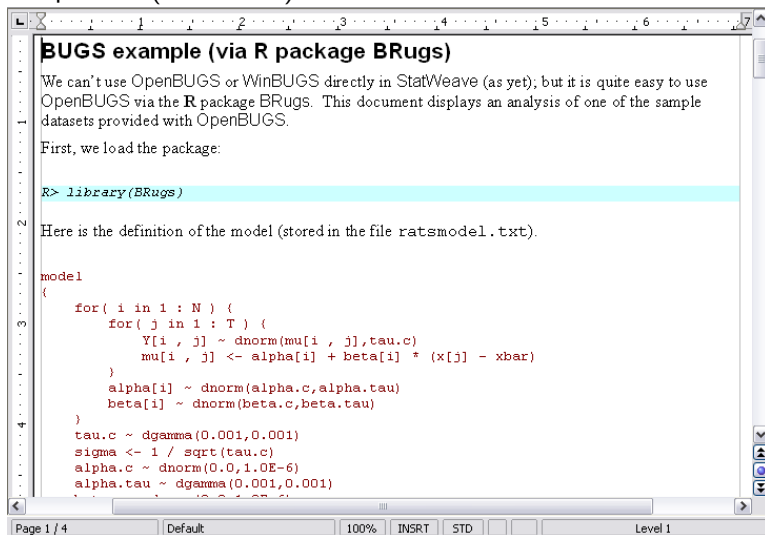
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## Output file (**Rats.odt**)



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R> library(BRugs)
```

Here is the definition of the model (stored in the file ratsmodel.txt).

```
model
{
  for( i in 1 : N ) {
    for( j in 1 : T ) {
      Y[i , j] ~ dnorm(mu[i , j],tau.c)
      mu[i , j] <- alpha[i] + beta[i] * (x[j] - xbar)
    }
    alpha[i] ~ dnorm(alpha.c,alpha.tau)
    beta[i] ~ dnorm(beta.c,beta.tau)
  }
  tau.c ~ dgamma(0.001,0.001)
  sigma <- 1 / sqrt(tau.c)
  alpha.c ~ dnorm(0.0,1.0E-6)
  alpha.tau ~ dgamma(0.001,0.001)
  beta.c ~ dnorm(0.0,1.0E-6)
  beta.tau ~ dgamma(0.001,0.001)
}
```

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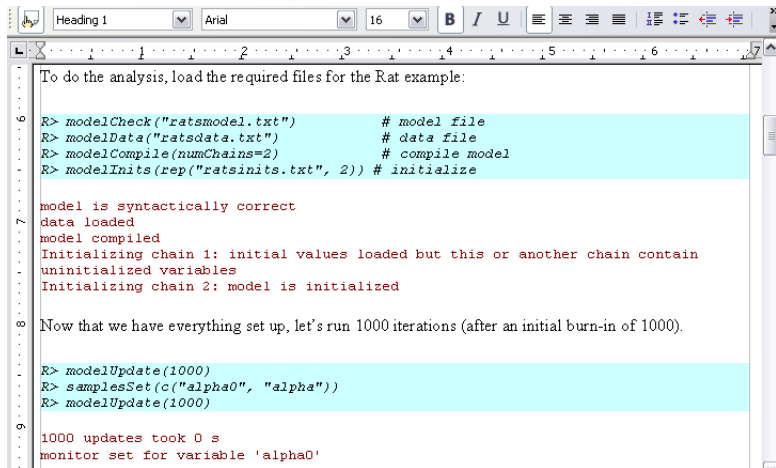
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# ODT results (cont'd)



The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor window with a toolbar at the top. The main text area contains the following content:

```
To do the analysis, load the required files for the Rat example:
```

```
R> modelCheck("ratsmodel.txt")      # model file
R> modelData("ratsdata.txt")        # data file
R> modelCompile(numChains=2)        # compile model
R> modelInits(rep("ratsinits.txt", 2)) # initialize
```

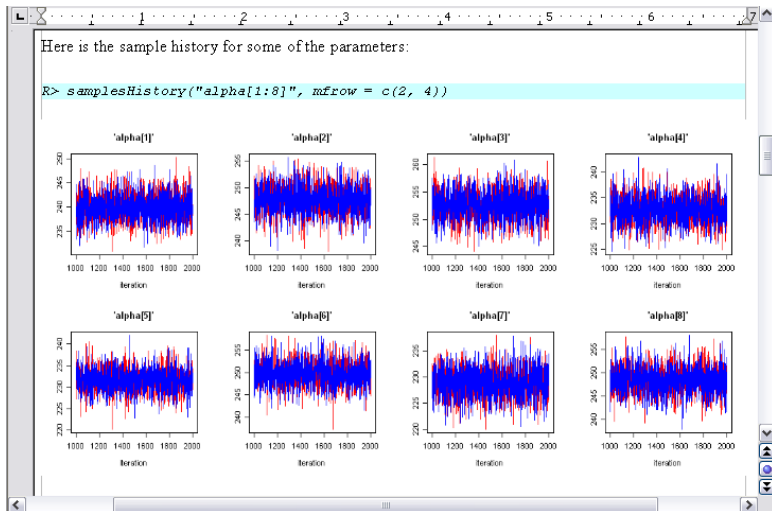
```
model is syntactically correct
data loaded
model compiled
Initializing chain 1: initial values loaded but this or another chain contain
uninitialized variables
Initializing chain 2: model is initialized
```

```
Now that we have everything set up, let's run 1000 iterations (after an initial burn-in of 1000).
```

```
R> modelUpdate(1000)
R> samplesSet(c("alpha0", "alpha"))
R> modelUpdate(1000)
```

```
1000 updates took 0 s
monitor set for variable 'alpha0'
```

# ODT results (cont'd)



# Maple example ( $\text{\LaTeX}$ format)

Here is a messy expression and its messier derivative

```
\begin{Maplecode}
a := sin(x) * x^(x^x);
diff(a, x);
\end{Maplecode}
```

We can make this look much nicer, though:

```
\begin{align}
a &= \text{\Mapleexpr{latex(a)}} \\
\partial a / \partial x &= \text{\Mapleexpr{latex(diff(a,x))}}
\end{align}
```

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# Maple example results

Here is a messy expression and its messier derivative

```
Maple> a := sin(x) * x^(x^x);
```

```
Maple> diff(a, x);
```

$$a := \sin(x) x^{\frac{x}{(x)^{x^x}}}$$

$$\cos(x) x^{\frac{x}{(x)^{x^x}}} + \sin(x) x^{\frac{x}{(x)^{x^x}}} \left( x^x (\ln(x) + 1) \ln(x) + \frac{x^x}{x} \right)$$

We can make this look much nicer, though:

$$a = \sin(x) x^{x^x} \tag{1}$$

$$\partial a / \partial x = \cos(x) x^{x^x} + \sin(x) x^{x^x} \left( x^x (\ln(x) + 1) \ln(x) + \frac{x^x}{x} \right) \tag{2}$$

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# Multi-language example (ODT)

## Source-file excerpt

```
SAS:codestyle=blueStyle
R:codestyle=redStyle
Stata:codestyle=greenStyle
ompt=": ", scale=.75
```

### Passing data around

There is a sample data set on shoe sales in the SASHELP library:

```
SAS:fig
proc gplot data=sashelp.shoes;
  plot returns * sales;
```

Let's export the data to a comma-delimited file.

```
proc export data = sashelp.shoes
  outfile = "shoes.csv"
  dbms = CSV replace;
```

OK, now let's look at a few lines of this file.

```
DOS:
head shoes.csv
Read the file into R
R:
shoes = read.csv("shoes.csv")
str(shoes)
```

Note that this dataset has `nrow(shoes)` observations. The last 3 variables are messy because SAS formatted them as dollars with embedded commas. We need to fix this: let's write a function for this.

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## Passing data around

There is a sample data set on shoe sales in the SASHELP library:

```
SAS: proc gplot data=sashelp.shoes;  
SAS:   plot returns * sales;
```



Read the file into R

```
R: shoes = read.csv("shoes.csv")  
R: str(shoes)
```

```
'data.frame': 395 obs. of 7 variables:  
 $ Region      : Factor w/ 10 levels "Africa","Asia",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...  
 $ Product     : Factor w/ 8 levels "Boot","Men's Casual",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 2 ..  
 $ Returns     : Factor w/ 372 levels "$1,006","$1,009",...: 329 119 129 67 62 330 36  
180 321 116 ...
```

Note that this dataset has 395 observations. The last 3 variables are messy because SAS formatted them as dollars with embedded commas. We need to fix this: let's write a function for this purpose.

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# Multi-language example (end part)

```
write.csv(shoes, "newshoes.csv")
Read this dataset into Stata and plot it.
Stata: fig
insheet using "newshoes.csv", comma
label var logsales "ln of Sales"
label var logreturns "ln of Returns"
mean (logsales logreturns)
tway (scatter logsales logreturns)
Finally, read this new dataset into SAS and plot it.
SAS: restart, fig
proc import
  datafile = "newshoes.csv"
  out = newshoes
```

```
R: write.csv(shoes, "newshoes.csv")
```

Read this dataset into Stata and plot it.

```
. insheet using "newshoes.csv", comma
. label var logsales "ln of Sales"
. label var logreturns "ln of Returns"
. mean (logsales logreturns)
. tway (scatter logsales logreturns)
```

(11 vars, 395 obs)

Mean estimation	Number of obs	=	395
	Mean	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]

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# Re-using code; Argument substitution

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```
\begin{SAScode}{label=mixedcode, !eval, !echo}
proc mixed data = laundry;
  class TUB det blch stain pwash;
  model #1 = det|blch|stain|pwash / outp=diags;
  random TUB;
proc gplot data = diags;
  plot resid*pred;
run;
\end{SAScode}
%
\begin{SAScode}{hide, fig, savefig}
\coderef{*mixedcode}{Whiteness}
\end{SAScode}
% (Prepending the * makes it show the recalled code)
```

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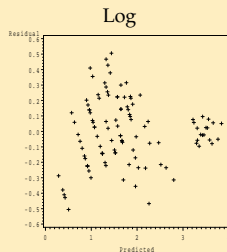
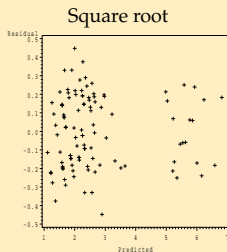
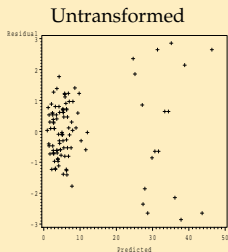
# Re-using code (cont'd)

```
\begin{tabular}{ccc}
Untransformed & Square root & Log \\
\recallfig{lastchunk}
&
\begin{SAScode}{hide, fig}
\coderef{mixedcode}{sqWht}
\end{SAScode}
&
\begin{SAScode}{hide, fig}
\coderef{mixedcode}{logWht}
\end{SAScode}
\end{tabular}
```

# Code-reuse results

statements for fitting a model to the untransformed response and obtaining a residual plot; and the residuals-versus-fitted plots for the same model with the three transformations.

```
proc mixed data = laundry;  
  class TUB det blch stain pwash;  
  model Whiteness = det|blch|stain|pwash / outp=diags;  
  random TUB;  
proc gplot data = diags;  
  plot resid*pred;  
run;
```



The square root is the best choice. Here is the ANOVA table for the fixed effects for

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# StatWeave tags summary

Element	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	ODT <par style>
Code chunk	<code>\lang</code> code environment { <i>opts</i> } environment args	<SWcodehead> <i>lang:opts</i> <SWcodebody>
Global opts	<code>\weaveOpts{opts}</code> <code>\langweaveOpts{opts}</code>	<SWoptions> <i>opts</i> <SWoptions> <i>lang:opts</i>
Expression	<code>\lang expr{expr}</code>	<SWexpr> <i>lang:expr</i> (character style)
Code reuse	<code>\coderef{label}</code> <code>\coderef{label}{arg}...</code>	<SWcoderef> <i>label</i> <SWcoderef> <i>label {arg}...</i>
Results reuse	<code>\recallwhat{label}</code> where <i>what</i> = code, out, or fig	<SWrecall> <i>what:label</i>

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# Useful options

- Code: `echo`, `eval`, `prompt`, `ompt`, `codefmt`, `codestyle`
- Output: `hide`, `outfmt`, `outstyle`
- Graphics: `fig`, `width`, `height`, `scale`, `dispw`, `disph`
- Other: `label`, `showrefs`, `savecode`, `saveout`, `savefig`,  
`restart`, `newlang`

- `StatWeave` class: Main program
- `FileInterface` interface: Implementations include `LaTeXFile` (with subsidiary `SyntaxInterface` implementations like `LaTeXSyntax`) and `ODTFile`
- `EngineInterface` interface and `AbstractEngine` class: Extensions include `REngine`, `SASEngine`, `StataEngine`, `PlusEngine`, `MapleEngine`, `LaTeXEngine`, `UnixEngine`, `DOSEngine`
- Configuration file: Tells `StatWeave` what file formats and engines are available, etc.
- Miscellaneous classes: `Err`, `FigFile`, `Tag`

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## FileInterface required methods

```
public void setParent(StatWeave parent);
public void readSourceFile(String fileName);
public void writeResults(int mopUp);
public Tag nextTag();
public String getLine();
public String getPosition();
public String getLang();
public String getExpr();
public String getOptions();
public String getCodeLine();
public String getLabel();
public java.util.Vector<String> getArgs();
public void saveBookmark(String sig);
public void replaceBookmark(String sig, String text,
                             Tag context);
public int[] getFigFormats();
public void embedPlots(String sig, FigFile ff, int[] pages);
```



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## AbstractEngine methods

These usually do need to be overridden:

```
public void putExpr(String expr);
public void putSeparator(String text);
public FigFile setupFig(String chunkName);
public void closeFig();
```

Many usually don't need to be overridden:

```
public boolean openCodeFile(String baseName);
public void closeCodeFile();
public void deleteCodeFile();
public String[] getFileNames();
public void setParents(StatWeave parent,
                      FileInterface filei);
public void setBinary(String binloc);
public void putStartup(boolean weaving);
public void putComment(String text);
public void putCode(String line);
public Process runCode();
```

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```
public static void message(String msg);
public static void warning(String msg);
public void error (String msg, int errCode);

public String getOption(String optName);
public String getOption(String optName, String dfault);
public boolean isTrue(String optName);
public double getDim(String optName, double dfault);
public String getConfig(String property);

public boolean isWeaving();
```

# Configuration file `.statweave` or `statweave.cfg`



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```
### File-format configuration ###...
```

```
FileInterfaces = LaTeXFile ODTFile
```

```
ODTFile.class = rv1.swv.ODTFile
```

```
ODTFile.sources = -swv.odt .swv.odt odt
```

```
ODTFile.target = odt
```

```
LaTeXFile.class = rv1.swv.LaTeXFile
```

```
LaTeXFile.sources = -swv.tex .swv.tex tex swv
```

```
LaTeXFile.target = pdf      # or dvi or tex
```

```
LaTeXFile.figfmt.pdf = PDF
```

```
LaTeXFile.figfmt.dvi = PS
```

```
LaTeXFile.bin.pdf = pdflatex --quiet
```

```
LaTeXFile.bin.dvi = latex --quiet
```

```
LaTeXFile.SyntaxInterfaces = LaTeXSyntax      #nowebSyntax
```

```
LaTeXSyntax.class = rv1.swv.LaTeXSyntax
```

# Configuration file (cont'd)



```
### Language and engine configuration ###
Languages = S R Splus SAS IML Maple tex Unix
Engines = R Splus SAS tex Maple Unix

S.engine = R
IML.engine = SAS
# Don't need engine mappings when lang == engine

R.class = rvl.swv.REngine
R.binary = swrun R %codefile% %outfile%
SAS.class = rvl.swv.SASEngine
SAS.binary = SAS %codefile%
# similar specs for other engines

# Global.options =
R.options = prompt=\"> \"
tex.options = results=tex
```

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- Reproducible statistical analyses
  - Integrated documentation
  - Several languages, file formats
  - Portable, extensible
- To do next. . .
  - Finish draft documentation
  - Add support for **Genstat**, **Matlab**, **Mathematica**, . . . (suggestions?)
  - Add **noweb** syntax for  $\text{\LaTeX}$
  - Add **docx** file format
  - Other ideas?