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Markdown

This file is intended to find out if a file that contains nothing else except Markdown can be exported to a pdf file by the Yzane extension - i.e. right click and choose from the context menu.

The reason for this test is that I have produced files that are partly Markdown and partly LaTex - to include math equations in the document - and the extension doesn't render the equations. What happens is that the code for the equations is printed verbatim into the pdf file.

Standard Markdown Features.

Lists

First an ordered list:

- 1. First
- 2. Second
- 3. Third

Now a bulleted list (+, * or hyphen can be used). But, rather disappointingly, they all look the same.

- First
- Second
- Third

Text can be **in bold** using two asterisks at the start and at the end. The same thing can be done by using two underline characters at the start and at the end.

Also it can be *italicised* by using a single asterisk.

Bold and italic is done using three asterisks.

In general underlining is avoided to avoid confusion with links.

Two or more spaces at the end of a line forces a line break.

An alternative is to use the backslash.

Either creates a hard line break.

Blockquotes

A blockquote is created using the < sign.

So far everything is working really well. Yzane works and the conversion to pdf is very quick.

Varieties of Markdown that do not work out of the box

This was on a site owned by typora, it doesn't work using the extension or pandoc.

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Alice->Bob: Hello Bob, how are you?

Note right of Bob: Bob thinks Bob-->Alice: I am good thanks!

Flow Diagrams

This was the first thing that I tried that didn't work using the extension or pandoc. Something called 'mermaid' which I haven't looked into is involved.

mermaid graph TD; A-->B; A-->C; B-->D; C-->D;