I don't use Microsoft Word!

Vincent Tam

1 March, 2014

Introduction

Who am I? This is an unnumbered list showing part of my answers. Before that, I would like to see how a paragraph looks like in pandoc's output. I really hope that this paragraph is not too long. Otherwise, I can do nothing to help.

- I'm a Linux user.
- I'm a free software supporter.
- I love text editing with Vim!

Microsoft Word is *not* your friend!

- If you are satisfied by the current version of Word, how can Microsoft make money?
- You need to wait for a while for Word to load.
- It's possible that Word fails to process your file properly, due to:
 - Encoding error
 - Runtime error
 - Other errors

Using plain text (TXT) files

- Notepad seldom causes a computer to hang.
- Notepad load files quickly.

Question: How about the font styles?

Use markdown

- 1. It's simple to write.
- 2. You can create **bolded** and *italicized* fonts.
- 3. Editing without leaving the keyboard is efficient.
- 4. Finding and clicking the right buttons for a numbered list is slow.
- 5. Use pandoc to get a PDF file for your boss.

Conclusion

- Microsoft Word
 - Inefficient
 - Susceptible to errors
 - Skills can be outdated after several years
 - Need to pay for the license
 - Need to pay for *another* license after several years
- TXT files and markdown
 - Easy to open
 - Easy to write
 - Pandoc to convert TXT files to a PDF file that has different font styles.