



how to install ConTEXt

Introduction

Nowadays most \TeX users will use one of the many distributions that are available for free or commercially. This means that much of the hard work of installation is already taken care of. When installed properly, the user will quite certainly have the binaries, hyphenation patterns, fonts and some macro packages on the system.

This manual is therefore not targeted at installing \TeX , but focusses on how to get $\text{CON}\TeX$ running within an existing distribution. When, after reading this text, you still cannot get $\text{CON}\TeX$ working properly, we advice you to contact the maintainer of your distribution, or to send your questions to the $\text{CON}\TeX$ mailing list.

Unpacking the archives

The $\text{CON}\TeX$ distribution consists of several zipped archives. You need to unpack these to the appropriate directory of you file system. The archives are zipped using the free `zip` program, and can be unzipped using its counterpart. Just type:

```
unzip -a <archive>.zip
```

Everything you need to get started can be found in the main $\text{CON}\TeX$ archive:

`cont-tmf.zip` the $\text{CON}\TeX$ sources and programs

When you want more, there are two additional archives, one with documentation styles, and another one with the $\text{T}\TeX$ WORK editing environment. We just name them. The PERL/TK implementation of $\text{T}\TeX$ WORK is still rather experimental.

`cont-doc.zip` the documentation styles

`cont-wrk.zip` the $\text{T}\TeX$ WORK editing environment

There are also two sort of redundant archives. These can be useful for users of packages other than $\text{CON}\TeX$.

`cont-ppc.zip` the $\text{PPCH}\TeX$ only files

`cont-uti.zip` the $\text{T}\TeX$ UTIL program

To prevent duplication in files, we strongly advise to obey the path as coded in the archives. The files in these archives will be unpacked into the appropriate directories of the official `texmf` tree. Some files are stored in the directories for generic \TeX files or the \LaTeX package, but those are not important for $\text{CON}\TeX$ users.

<code>texmf/tex/context/config</code>	some configuration files
<code>texmf/tex/context/base</code>	all <code>CONTEXT</code> core files, modules
<code>texmf/tex/context/local</code>	user specific files
<code>texmf/tex/context/<third></code>	third party extensions to <code>CONTEXT</code>
<code>texmf/metapost/context</code>	the <code>METAPOST</code> modules
<code>texmf/context/config</code>	some configuration files
<code>texmf/context/data</code>	data files used by scripts
<code>texmf/context/perlTk</code>	the PERL scripts
<code>texmf/doc/context/base</code>	<code>CONTEXT</code> documentation

On UNIX, the PERL scripts should be installed without the `.pl` extension, because these scripts and possibly other programs rely on these names. They should be moved to the search path for binaries and scripts. On MSWINDOWS running scripts is not supported by the operating system. In the `perlTk` path one can find a zipped file with the executable `runperl.exe`, written by Fabrice Popineau. When copied to `<scriptname>.exe`, this program launches the script with the same name.

The initialization files for `TEXEXEC` go into `texmf/context` (`TETEX`) or into the same directory as the binaries. When setting up `TETEX`, make sure you enable generation of the format files, by uncommenting the lines that specify the `CONTEXT` formats. You can edit the `TETEX` (and `FTTEX`) configuration file using:

```
fmtutil
```

In `TETEX` you should pass the switch `--edit`. When you pass `--all` you get all formats. When in need for patterns other than the default ones, `texconfig` can be used to enable more hyphenation patterns in the file `cont-usr.tex`. You can also edit this file directly.

`CONTEXT` comes with a font that contains navigational symbols. These fonts go to the corresponding places in the fonts tree, in our case:

<code>texmf/fonts/tfm/hoekwater/context</code>	the files with suffix <code>tfm</code>
<code>texmf/fonts/afm/hoekwater/context</code>	the files with suffix <code>afm</code>
<code>texmf/fonts/type1/hoekwater/context</code>	the files with suffix <code>pfb</code>

There is also a `CONTEXT` specific encoding/map file. This one is stored in the following path:

```
texmf/dvips/config CONTEXT fontmap file
```

Don't forget to add a reference to this file `context.map` to the `pdftex.cfg` file that resides in the `PDFTEX` configuration directory.

```
map +context.map
```

Setting up T_EXEXEC

T_EXEXEC is the command line interface to CON_TE_XT. There is nothing wrong with running CON_TE_XT in the traditional way, like

```
pdfetex &cont-en --programe=context filename
```

but, and this will be more clear when we provide more options, the next call is more convenient:

```
texexec filename
```

T_EXEXEC is written in PERL, a scripting language that is available on most leading software platforms. In order to operate well, we need to set up T_EXEXEC. Of course you must have PERL running on your system. First one has to move T_EXEXEC and its relative T_EXUTIL to a location in the binaries path. When issuing the command `texexec` you should get some response. Even better, when saying:

```
texexec --verbose
```

you should get some information on how T_EXEXEC is set up. When generating formats and processing files fail, one needs to set up the initialization file `texexec.ini`. This file comes disguised as `texexec.rme`, so when not present, one needs to copy this file. The initialization file should be present in the `config` path, or in the same path as the script. Next one needs to edit this file. The most simple way is to comment and uncomment one of the following lines:

```
set TeXShell to tetex
%set TeXShell to fptex
%set TeXShell to miktex
%set TeXShell to private
```

When this is done, one should check to what extend the rest of the variables in this file match the local settings. We hope that the names of the variables used are clear.

When not set up properly, T_EXEXEC tries very hard to locate the files it needs. Normally T_EXEXEC should start up rather fast. When you are under the impression that you are waiting too long, there is probably an error in the setup.

Using T_EX

When you are using t_EX or derived distributions, you can usually stick to the regular updates, unless you want to use the latest version of CON_TE_XT. In any occasion, you should make sure that only one copy is present on your system, because otherwise files can get mixed, due to the often aggressive file searching algorithms. If you want to update anyway, you can unzip `cont-tmf.zip` from within the `texmf` directory and regenerate the format files.

The PPCH_TE_X only archive is for users who maintain their own files and only want to install this package. The _TE_XUTIL archive is for those who want to use this script, but don't want to install CON_TE_XT. Both archives are *not* needed in t_EX!

Using F_PT_EX

The first step in installing CON_TE_XT under F_PT_EX, is to unzip the file `cont-tmf.zip` within the `texmf` directory. Afterwards the `texexec` binaries and PERL script should be copied to the directories that contain the other _TE_X binaries. The _TE_X binaries path, that should also be part of your `PATH` variable, often looks like:

```
../tex/bin/win32
```

When no file `texexec.exe` is found, you have to unzip `texexec.zip` and copy `runperl.exe` to `texexec.exe`. Don't forget to update the `ls-R` file database by running `mktexlsr`.

Next you needs to locate the file `texmf/web2c/fmtutil.cnf`. In this file, which contains documentation, you need to activate the CON_TE_XT formats. Now you can run:

```
texexec --make
```

When everything is installed properly, _TE_X now generates one or more formats. When _TE_XEXEC fails, you have to check the file `exexec.ini`.

Using MIK_TE_X

This section is provided by Grzegorz Sapijaszko and Ed L. Cashin and concerns the installation of CON_TE_XT under MIK_TE_X. Installation in the MIK_TE_X environment isn't much different from the T_EX installation. Nevertheless, you should take a few steps to achieve good results. The first one is copying a `texexec.rme` file to `texexec.ini` and uncommenting the lines for MIK_TE_X as follows:

```
%set TeXShell to tetex
%set TeXShell to fptex
set TeXShell to miktex
%set TeXShell to private
```

In next step you should add a string `\context\perltk` to your environment variable `PATH` (in `autoexec.bat` under `WIN9X`, or in Control Panel in `WINNT`), for example:

```
PATH=c:\localtexmf\context\perltk;
```

If you are using other languages than Dutch, German or English, you should uncomment the lines in the `cont-usr.tex` file for the hyphenation patterns of the languages you need. After that you can refresh the filename databases, for example, by using “Refresh Filename Databases” from the “Start | Programs | MiKTeX | Maintenance” menu. You should also generate a format file. This is described in the next section. Notice that you should have PERL installed on your system.

After generating the formats you should copy the format file `cont-xx.fmt` from `\context\perltk` to the directory where `MIKTeX` is storing formats (usually `\localtexmf\miktex\fmt`). Another way is to add a `\context\perltk` directory to `miktex.ini` file:

```
[MiKTeX]
...
...
;; Where MiKTeX searches for .fmt files.
FMTPath=.;%R\miktex\fmt;C:\localtexmf\context\perltk//
```

As a convenience, you can copy the `runperl.exe` file from the `cont-wrk.zip` archive to `texexec.exe`. You should make sure sure that those binaries are in the same directory as the PERL scripts.

Generating formats

From its name one can deduce that `CONTEXT` is written in the typographic language `TeX`. `CONTEXT` is parameter driven, which means that users change its behaviour by setting variables and changing keys. `CONTEXT` comes with a multi-lingual interface. Currently there are three such interfaces: Dutch, English and German.

Users who want complete control, can edit the file `cont-usr.tex` and generate a format using the file `context.tex`. Users who want an Dutch, English or German format,

can stick to the files named `cont-nl`, `cont-en`, and `cont-de`. Again, by editing the file `cont-usr.tex`, one can influence the outcome.

In the early years of $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$, generating a format was common practice and users were pretty well aware of format files, hyphenation patterns and fonts. Nowadays, distributions take care of the more complicated issues, so users can comfortably skip many nasty installation steps. To make live even more comfortable, $\text{CON}_{\text{T}}\text{E}_{\text{X}}\text{T}$ comes with $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}_{\text{EXEC}}$, a command line interface to $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$. When properly set up, this PERL script can save you much time.

For instance, generating the three formats mentioned, is accomplished by:

```
texexec --make en de nl
```

When $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}_{\text{EXEC}}$ is set up properly, this command should work. Before you read on, you should try to generate at least the English format.

The formats associated with the interfaces default to the language of the interface. This is all right for Dutch, English or German users, but Polish and Czech users are worse off. For them a format file that defaults to their own language makes more sense. Poles will like to say:

```
texexec --make --language=pl --bodyfont=plr en
```

while Czech people will go for:

```
texexec --make --language=cz --bodyfont=csr en
```

Both produce a format called `cont-en` with an English interface, but the first one defaults to Polish hyphenation patterns and fonts, and the second one to Czech ones. If wanted, one may pass a comma separated list of languages.

```
texexec --make --language=pl,it,uk --bodyfont=plr en
```

or, to generate a english interface format with Czech and Slovak patterns and Czech-Slovak Computer Modern Roman fonts:

```
texexec --make --language=cz,sk,en --bodyfont=csr en
```

Unfortunately, the hyphenation patterns are sort of hard coded in a format file and cannot be loaded at run time. When always more patterns are needed than the ones loaded by default, one can consider adapting the file `cont-usr.tex`. This file is loaded at format generation time. When for instance Italian patterns are to be used, given that

these are available either in the file `lang-it.pat`, or in a file onto which this filename is mapped, one should uncomment the line:

```
\installlanguage [\s!it] [\c!status=\v!start] % italian
```

The strange looking `\s!` and `\c!` things are needed in order to support multiple interfaces. Don't touch these!

When using WEB2C, in `texmf.cnf` some CONTEX specific memory settings take place. When directly generating a format —i.e. when you're not using the T_ET_EX initialization script or T_EXEXEC— you should supply the program name: `-progrname=context`

Make sure you read the manual to T_EXEXEC. Apart from the normal processing of files, there are quite some options: mode dependant processing, output selection, generating booklets, typesetting contact sheets of figures, manipulating PDF files, and more.

Changing defaults

The somewhat more run-time specific settings, like certain special drivers, can be added to `cont-sys.tex`. This file is loaded at run time. This file for instance can contain the line:

```
\setupoutput[pdftex]
```

This commands tells CONTEX to produce PDF output by default. For Y&Y and Acrobat support, you just say:

```
\setupoutput[dviwindo,acrobat]
```

Of course one can also load location specific layout settings in this file. The next few lines tell CONTEX to default to the CONTEX navigational symbols, instead of the ones composed from other glyphs.

```
\usesymbols [nav]
\setupsymbolset [navigation 1]
```

At PRAGMA ADE we want to process METAPOST files at run-time, so there we also have entries like:

```
\runMPgraphicstrue
\recycleMPslotstrue
```


The verbatim environments provide pretty printing. When one wants even more fancy verbatim, for instance with in-between switching of a language interpreter, one should say:

```
\newprettytrue
```

When `CONTEXT` cannot determine the dimensions of an external figure, and no `texutil.tuf` file is present, one can let `CONTEXT` call `TEXUTIL` directly:

```
\runutilityfiletrue
```

Running more instances of `TEX` on one path, can lead to clashes in temporary files. The next switch enables a filename security feature:

```
\protectbufferstrue
```

For the moment, we use these low level boolean switched instead of more readable commands.

The WEB2C configuration

Although not strictly needed, `CONTEXT` will operate more smoothly when in the file `texmf.cnf` the next switches are set:

```
openout_any = a
shell_escape = t
allow_multiple_suffixes = f
```

The first line permits `CONTEXT` to open parent paths that can hold common styles. The second line enables running `METAPOST` directly. The last line makes sure that when opening files like `somefile.tuo`, `TEX` will not try to open `somefile.tuo.tex` first.

When one embeds `TEX` code in a `METAPOST` definition, using `btex ... etex`, the next line will use `TEXEXEC` to process that fragment.

```
TEX = texexec --once --batch
```

Processing files

When `CONTEXT` is set up, one can make a simple `TEX` file, say

```
\starttext
  \framed {Let's see if it works.}
\stoptext
```

This file is processed by saying:

```
texexec filename
```

Normally this will produce a file `filename.dvi`. Unless a file was already processed before, one will notice that `TEXEXEC` processes the file at least two times. During a `TEX` run, `CONTEXT` saves information in the files `filename.tui`: cross references, entries to the table of contents, data needed for optimization, etc. When the run was successful, this file is converted to a file called `filename.tuo`, and used in the next run. `TEXEXEC` will reprocess the file until the `tuo` file is unchanged.

We *strongly recommend* to use `PDF- ϵ -TEX`: ϵ -`TEX` permits `CONTEXT` to run more efficient, while `PDFTEX` provides PDF output. By default, `CONTEXT` generates DVI output for `DVIPS`, unless the output is specified otherwise. We already mentioned the `\setupoutput` command. A second way of achieving this is:

```
texexec --pdf filename
```

And yet another way is adding a comment line in the document source, like:

```
% interface=en output=pdfTEX translate=cp1250p1
```

or

```
% interface=en output=pdfTEX translate=cp1250cz
```

Now we can omit the `--pdf` switch when we launch `TEXEXEC`. Normally `TEXEXEC` is able to sort out the interface itself, but in case of troubles, one can set some defaults in the file `texexec.ini`. The `translate` key is only needed when one uses the reencoding-on-the-fly feature of `WEB2C`.

Subscribing to the list

There are two dedicated mailing lists hosted by the NTG:

the `CONTEXT` mailing list
 the `PPCHTEX` mailing list

These lists are so called *majordomo* ones, therefore one should send a subscription command to:

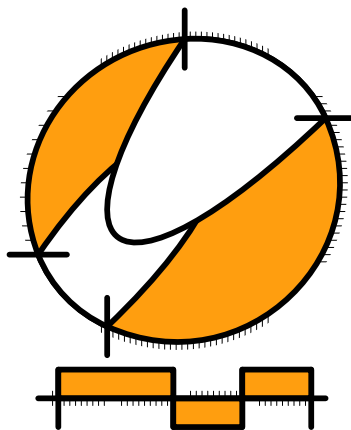
`majordomo@ntg.nl`

Just send a message to this address with the body text:

`subscribe ntg-context`

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