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pdftex, pdfninitex, pdfvirtex – PDF output from TeX

SYNOPSIS

pdftex [*options*] [**&format**] [*file* | \ *commands*]

DESCRIPTION

Run the pdfTeX typesetter on *file*, usually creating *file.pdf*. If the file argument has no extension, ".tex" will be appended to it. Instead of a filename, a set of pdfTeX commands can be given, the first of which must start with a backslash. With a **&format** argument pdfTeX uses a different set of precompiled commands, contained in *format.fmt*; it is usually better to use the **-fmt format** option instead.

pdfTeX is a version of TeX, with the e-TeX extensions, that can create *PDF* files as well as *DVI* files.

In *DVI* mode, pdfTeX can be used as a complete replacement for the TeX engine.

The typical use of pdfTeX is with a pregenerated formats for which PDF output has been enabled. The **pdftex** command uses the equivalent of the plain TeX format, and the **pdflatex** command uses the equivalent of the L^ATeX format. To generate formats, use the **-ini** switch.

The **pdfninitex** and **pdfvirtex** commands are pdfTeX's analogues to the **initex** and **virtex** commands. In this installation, if the links exist, they are symbolic links to the **pdftex** executable.

In *PDF* mode, pdfTeX can natively handle the *PDF*, *JPG*, *JBIG2*, and *PNG* graphics formats. pdfTeX cannot include PostScript or Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) graphics files; first convert them to PDF using **epstopdf**(1). pdfTeX's handling of its command-line arguments is similar to that of the other TeX programs in the *web2c* implementation.

OPTIONS

This version of pdfTeX understands the following command line options.

-draftmode

Sets \pdfdraftmode so pdfTeX doesn't write a PDF and doesn't read any included images, thus speeding up execution.

-enc Enable the encTeX extensions. This option is only effective in combination with **-ini**. For documentation of the encTeX extensions see <http://www.olsak.net/enctex.html>.

-etex Enable the e-TeX extensions. This option is only effective in combination with **-ini**. See **etex**(1).

-file-line-error

Print error messages in the form *file:line:error* which is similar to the way many compilers format them.

-no-file-line-error

Disable printing error messages in the *file:line:error* style.

-file-line-error-style

This is the old name of the **-file-line-error** option.

-fmt format

Use *format* as the name of the format to be used, instead of the name by which pdfTeX was called or a %& line.

-halt-on-error

Exit with an error code when an error is encountered during processing.

-help

Print help message and exit.

-ini

Start in *INI* mode, which is used to dump formats. The *INI* mode can be used for type-setting, but no format is preloaded, and basic initializations like setting catcodes may be required.

-interaction *mode*

Sets the interaction mode. The mode can be either *batchmode*, *nonstopmode*, *scrollmode*, and *errorstopmode*. The meaning of these modes is the same as that of the corresponding `\commands`.

-ipc

Send DVI or PDF output to a socket as well as the usual output file. Whether this option is available is the choice of the installer.

-ipc-start

As **-ipc**, and starts the server at the other end as well. Whether this option is available is the choice of the installer.

-jobname *name*

Use *name* for the job name, instead of deriving it from the name of the input file.

-kpathsea-debug *bitmask*

Sets path searching debugging flags according to the bitmask. See the *Kpathsea* manual for details.

-mktex *fnt*

Enable mktex *fnt*, where *fnt* must be either *tex* or *tfm*.

-mltex

Enable ML_T_EX extensions. Only effective in combination with **-ini**.

-no-mktex *fnt*

Disable mktex *fnt*, where *fnt* must be either *tex* or *tfm*.

-output-comment *string*

In *DVI* mode, use *string* for the *DVI* file comment instead of the date. This option is ignored in *PDF* mode.

-output-directory *directory*

directory instead of the current directory. Look up input files in *directory* first, then along the normal search path.

-output-format *format*

Set the output format mode, where *format* must be either *pdf* or *dvi*. This also influences the set of graphics formats understood by pdf_T_EX.

-parse-first-line

If the first line of the main input file begins with `%&` parse it to look for a dump name or a **-translate-file** option.

-no-parse-first-line

Disable parsing of the first line of the main input file.

-progname *name*

Pretend to be program *name*. This affects both the format used and the search paths.

-recorder

Enable the filename recorder. This leaves a trace of the files opened for input and output in a file with extension *.fls*.

-shell-escape

Enable the `\write18{command}` construct. The *command* can be any shell command. This construct is normally disallowed for security reasons.

-no-shell-escape

Disable the `\write18{command}` construct, even if it is enabled in the *texmf.cnf* file.

-src-specials

In *DVI* mode, insert source specials into the *DVI* file. This option is ignored in *PDF* mode.

-src-specials where

In *DVI* mode, insert source specials in certain places of the *DVI* file. *where* is a comma-separated value list: *cr*, *display*, *hbox*, *math*, *par*, *parent*, or *vbox*. This option is ignored in *PDF* mode.

-translate-file tcxname

Use the *tcxname* translation table to set the mapping of input characters and re-mapping of output characters.

-default-translate-file tcxname

Like **-translate-file** except that a `%&` line can override this setting.

-version

Print version information and exit.

ENVIRONMENT

See the Kpathsearch library documentation (the ‘Path specifications’ node) for precise details of how the environment variables are used. The **kpsewhich** utility can be used to query the values of the variables.

One caveat: In most pdf_TE_X formats, you cannot use `~` in a filename you give directly to pdf_TE_X, because `~` is an active character, and hence is expanded, not taken as part of the filename. Other programs, such as METAFONT, do not have this problem.

TEXMFOUTPUT

Normally, pdf_TE_X puts its output files in the current directory. If any output file cannot be opened there, it tries to open it in the directory specified in the environment variable **TEXMFOUTPUT**. There is no default value for that variable. For example, if you say *pdf_TE_X paper* and the current directory is not writable, if **TEXMFOUTPUT** has the value */tmp*, pdf_TE_X attempts to create */tmp/paper.log* (and */tmp/paper.pdf*, if any output is produced.)

TEXINPUTS

Search path for `\input` and `\openin` files. This should probably start with `“.”`, so that user files are found before system files. An empty path component will be replaced with the paths defined in the *texmf.cnf* file. For example, set **TEXINPUTS** to `“./home/usr/tex:”` to prepend the current directory and `“/home/user/tex”` to the standard search path.

TEXFORMATS

Search path for format files.

TEXPOOL

search path for **pdf_{TEX}** internal strings.

TEXEDIT

Command template for switching to editor. The default, usually **vi**, is set when pdf_{TEX} is compiled.

TFMFORMATS

Search path for font metric (*.tfm*) files.

FILES

The location of the files mentioned below varies from system to system. Use the **kpsewhich** utility to find their locations.

pdf_{TEX}.pool

Text file containing pdf_{TEX}'s internal strings.

pdf_{TEX}.map

Filename mapping definitions.

**.tfm* Metric files for pdf_{TEX}'s fonts.

**.fmt* Predigested pdf_{TEX} format (*.fmt*) files.

NOTES

Starting with version 1.40, pdf_{TEX} incorporates the e-_{TEX} extensions, and pdf_e_{TEX} is just a copy of pdf_{TEX}. See **et_{TEX}**(1). This manual page is not meant to be exhaustive. The complete documentation for this version of pdf_{TEX} can be found in the *pdf_{TEX} manual* and the info manual *Web2C: A TeX implementation*.

BUGS

This version of pdf_{TEX} implements a number of optional extensions. In fact, many of these extensions conflict to a greater or lesser extent with the definition of pdf_{TEX}. When such extensions are enabled, the banner printed when pdf_{TEX} starts is changed to print **pdf_{TeX}k** instead of **pdf_{TEX}**.

This version of pdf_{TEX} fails to trap arithmetic overflow when dimensions are added or subtracted. Cases where this occurs are rare, but when it does the generated *DVI* file will be invalid. Whether a generated *PDF* file would be usable is unknown.

AVAILABILITY

pdf_{TEX} is available for a large variety of machine architectures and operation systems. pdf_{TEX} is part of all major _{TEX} distributions.

Information on how to get pdf_{TEX} and related information is available at the **<http://www.pdf-tex.org>** pdf_{TEX} website.

The following pdf_e_{TEX} related mailing list is available: **pdf_{tex}@tug.org**. This is a mailman list; to subscribe send a message containing *subscribe* to **pdf_{tex}-request@tug.org**. More about the list can be found at the **[http://tug.org/mailman/listinfo/pdf_{tex}](http://tug.org/mailman/listinfo/pdftex)** mailing list website.

SEE ALSO

epstopdf(1), **et_{TEX}**(1), **latex**(1), **mptopdf**(1), **tex**(1), **texexec**(1), **mf**(1).

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