

# The luakeys package

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```
local luakeys = require('luakeys')
local kv = luakeys.parse('level1={level2={level3={dim=1cm,bool=true,num=-1e-
↪ 03,str=lua}}}')
luakeys.print(kv)
```

Result:

```
{
  ['level1'] = {
    ['level2'] = {
      ['level3'] = {
        ['dim'] = 1864679,
        ['bool'] = true,
        ['num'] = -0.001
        ['str'] = 'lua',
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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# 1 Introduction

`luakeys` is a Lua module that can parse key-value options like the  $\text{\TeX}$  packages `keyval`, `kvsetkeys`, `kvoptions`, `xkeyval`, `pgfkeys` etc. do. `luakeys`, however, accomplishes this task entirely, by using the Lua language and doesn't rely on  $\text{\TeX}$ . Therefore this package can only be used with the  $\text{\TeX}$  engine  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . Since `luakeys` uses LPeg, the parsing mechanism should be pretty robust.

The TUGboat article “Implementing key–value input: An introduction” (Volume 30 (2009), No. 1) by Joseph Wright and Christian Feuersänger gives a good overview of the available key-value packages.

This package would not be possible without the article Parsing complex data formats in  $\text{\LaTeX}$  with LPEG (Volume 40 (2019), No. 2).

## 2 Usage

```
\documentclass{article}
\directlua{
  luakeys = require('luakeys')
}

\newcommand{\helloworld}[2][{}]{
  \directlua{
    local keys = luakeys.parse('\luaescapestring{\unexpanded{#1}}')
    luakeys.print(keys)
    local marg = '#2'
    tex.print(keys.greeting .. ', ' .. marg .. keys.punctuation)
  }
}
\begin{document}
\helloworld[greeting=hello,punctuation=!]{world}
\end{document}
```

## 3 Syntax of the recognized key-value format

### 3.1 A attempt to put the syntax into words

A key-value pair is defined by an equal sign (**key=value**). Several key-value pairs or values without keys are lined up with commas (**key=value,value**) and build a key-value list. Curly brackets can be used to create a recursive data structure of nested key-value lists (**level1={level2={key=value,value}}**).

### 3.2 An (incomplete) attempt to put the syntax into the Extended Backus-Naur Form

$\langle list \rangle ::= \langle list-item \rangle \mid \langle list-item \rangle \langle list \rangle$

$\langle list-item \rangle ::= ( \langle key-value-pair \rangle \mid \langle value-without-key \rangle ) [ ', ' ]$

$\langle list-container \rangle ::= \{ ' \langle list \rangle ' \}$

$\langle value \rangle ::= \langle boolean \rangle$   
|  $\langle dimension \rangle$   
|  $\langle number \rangle$   
|  $\langle string-quoted \rangle$   
|  $\langle string-unquoted \rangle$

$\langle sign \rangle ::= '-' \mid '+'$

$\langle integer \rangle ::= '0' \mid '1' \mid '2' \mid '3' \mid '4' \mid '5' \mid '6' \mid '7' \mid '8' \mid '9'$

$\langle unit \rangle ::= \text{'bp'} \mid \text{'BP'}$   
|  $\text{'cc'} \mid \text{'CC'}$

|  |      |  |      |
|--|------|--|------|
|  | 'cm' |  | 'CM' |
|  | 'dd' |  | 'DD' |
|  | 'em' |  | 'EM' |
|  | 'ex' |  | 'EX' |
|  | 'in' |  | 'IN' |
|  | 'mm' |  | 'MM' |
|  | 'nc' |  | 'NC' |
|  | 'nd' |  | 'ND' |
|  | 'pc' |  | 'PC' |
|  | 'pt' |  | 'PT' |
|  | 'sp' |  | 'SP' |

... to be continued

### 3.3 Recognized data types

#### 3.3.1 boolean

The strings `true`, `TRUE` and `True` are converted into Lua's boolean type `true`, the strings `false`, `FALSE` and `False` into `false`.

```
\luakeysdebug{
  lower case true = true,
  upper case true = TRUE,
  title case true = True
  lower case false = false,
  upper case false = FALSE,
  title case false = False,
}
```

```
{
  ['lower case true'] = true,
  ['upper case true'] = true,
  ['title case true'] = true,
  ['lower case false'] = false,
  ['upper case false'] = false,
  ['title case false'] = false,
}
```

### 3.3.2 number

```
\luakeysdebug{  
  num1 = 4,  
  num2 = -4,  
  num3 = 0.4,  
  num4 = 4.57e-3,  
  num5 = 0.3e12,  
  num6 = 5e+20  
}
```

```
{  
  ['num1'] = 4,  
  ['num2'] = -4,  
  ['num3'] = 0.4,  
  ['num4'] = 0.00457,  
  ['num5'] = 300000000000.0,  
  ['num6'] = 5e+20  
}
```

### 3.3.3 dimension

luakeys detects T<sub>E</sub>X dimensions and automatically converts the dimensions into scaled points using the function `tex.sp(dim)`. Use the option `convert_dimensions` of the function `parse(kv_string, options)` to disalbe the automatic conversion.

```
local result = parse('dim=1cm', {
  convert_dimensions = false,
})
```

If you want to convert a scale point into a unit string you can use the module `lualibs-util-dim.lua`.

```
\begin{luacode}
require('lualibs')
tex.print(number.todimen(tex.sp('1cm'), 'cm', '%0.0F%s'))
\end{luacode}
```

| Unit name | Description               |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| bp        | big point                 |
| cc        | cicero                    |
| cm        | centimeter                |
| dd        | didot                     |
| em        | horizontal measure of $M$ |
| ex        | vertical measure of $x$   |
| in        | inch                      |
| mm        | milimeter                 |
| nc        | new cicero                |
| nd        | new didot                 |
| pc        | pica                      |
| pt        | point                     |
| sp        | scaledpoint               |

```
\luakeysdebug{
  bp = 1bp,
  cc = 1cc,
  cm = 1cm,
  dd = 1dd,
  em = 1em,
  ex = 1ex,
  in = 1in,
  mm = 1mm,
  nc = 1nc,
  nd = 1nd,
  pc = 1pc,
  pt = 1pt,
  sp = 1sp,
}
```

```
{
  ['bp'] = 65781,
  ['cc'] = 841489,
  ['cm'] = 1864679,
  ['dd'] = 70124,
  ['em'] = 655360,
  ['ex'] = 282460,
  ['in'] = 4736286,
  ['mm'] = 186467,
  ['nc'] = 839105,
  ['nd'] = 69925,
  ['pc'] = 786432,
  ['pt'] = 65536,
  ['sp'] = 1,
}
```

### 3.3.4 string

There are two ways to specify strings: With or without quotes. If the text have to contain commas or equal signs, then double quotation marks must be used.

```
\luakeysdebug{
  without quotes = no commas and
  ↪ equal signs are allowed,
  with double quotes = ", and = are
  ↪ allowed",
}
```

```
{
  ['without quotes'] = 'no commas
  ↪ and equal signs are allowed',
  ['with double quotes'] = ', and =
  ↪ are allowed',
}
```

### 3.3.5 Standalone values

Standalone values are values without a key. They are converted into an array. In Lua an array is a table with numeric indexes (The first index is 1).

```
\luakeysdebug{one,two,three}
```

```
{ 'one', 'two', 'three' }
```

is equivalent to

```
{
  [1] = 'one',
  [2] = 'two',
  [3] = 'three',
}
```

All recognized data types can be used as standalone values.

```
\luakeysdebug{one,2,3cm}
```

```
{ 'one', 2, 5594039 }
```



## 4 Exported functions of the Lua module `luakeys.lua`

To learn more about the individual functions (local functions), please read the source code documentation, which was created with LDoc. The Lua module exports this functions:

```
local luakeys = require('luakeys')
local parse = luakeys.parse
local render = luakeys.render
--local print = luakeys.print -- That would overwrite the built-in Lua function
local save = luakeys.save
local get = luakeys.get
```

### 4.1 `parse(kv_string, options): table`

The function `parse(input_string, options)` is the main method of this module. It parses a key-value string into a Lua table.

```
\newcommand{\mykeyvalcmd}[1][]{
  \directlua{
    result = luakeys.parse('#1')
    luakeys.print(result)
  }
  #2
}
\mykeyvalcmd[one=1]{test}
```

In plain  $\text{\TeX}$ :

```
\def\mykeyvalcommand#1{
  \directlua{
    result = luakeys.parse('#1')
    luakeys.print(result)
  }
}
\mykeyvalcmd{one=1}
```

The function can be called with a options table. This two options are supported.

```
local result = parse('one,two,three', {
  convert_dimensions = false,
  unpack_single_array_value = false
})
```

### 4.2 `render(tbl): string`

The function `render(tbl)` reverses the function `parse(kv_string)`. It takes a Lua table and converts this table into a key-value string. The resulting string usually has a different order as the input table.

```

result = luakeys.parse('one=1,two=2,tree=3,')
print(luakeys.render(result))
--- one=1,two=2,tree=3,
--- or:
--- two=2,one=1,tree=3,
--- or:
--- ...

```

In Lua only tables with 1-based consecutive integer keys (a.k.a. array tables) can be parsed in order.

```

result = luakeys.parse('one,two,three')
print(luakeys.render(result))
--- one,two,three, (always)

```

### 4.3 print(tbl): void

The function `print(tbl)` pretty prints a Lua table to standard output (stdout). It is a utility function that can be used to debug and inspect the resulting Lua table of the function `parse`. You have to compile your  $\text{\TeX}$  document in a console to see the terminal output.

```

result = luakeys.parse('level1={level2={key=value}}')
luakeys.print(result)

```

The output should look like this:

```

{
  ['level1'] = {
    ['level2'] = {
      ['key'] = 'value',
    },
  },
}

```

### 4.4 save(identifier, result): void

The function `save(identifier, result)` saves a result (a table from a previous run of `parse`) under an identifier. Therefore, it is not necessary to pollute the global namespace to store results for the later usage.

### 4.5 get(identifier): table

The function `get(identifier)` retrieves a saved result from the result store.

## 5 Debug packages

Two small debug packages are included in **luakeys**. One debug package can be used in **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X** (luakeys-debug.sty) and one can be used in plain **T<sub>E</sub>X** (luakeys-debug.tex). Both packages provide only one command: `\luakeysdebug{kv-string}`

```
\luakeysdebug{one,two,three}
```

Then the following output should appear in the document:

```
{
  ['1'] = 'one',
  ['2'] = 'two',
  ['3'] = 'three',
}
```

### 5.1 For plain **T<sub>E</sub>X**: luakeys-debug.tex

An example of how to use the command in plain **T<sub>E</sub>X**:

```
\input luakeys-debug.tex
\uakeysdebug{one,two,three}
\bye
```

### 5.2 For **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X**: luakeys-debug.sty

An example of how to use the command in **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X**:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{luakeys-debug}
\begin{document}
\uakeysdebug[
  unpack single array values=false,
  convert dimensions=false
]{one,two,three}
\end{document}
```

## 6 Implementation

### 6.1 luakeys.lua

```
1  -- luakeys-debug.tex
2  -- Copyright 2021 Josef Friedrich
3  --
4  -- This work may be distributed and/or modified under the
5  -- conditions of the LaTeX Project Public License, either version 1.3c
6  -- of this license or (at your option) any later version.
7  -- The latest version of this license is in
8  --   http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
9  -- and version 1.3c or later is part of all distributions of LaTeX
10 -- version 2008/05/04 or later.
11 --
12 -- This work has the LPPL maintenance status `maintained'.
13 --
14 -- The Current Maintainer of this work is Josef Friedrich.
15 --
16 -- This work consists of the files luakeys.lua, luakeys-debug.sty
17 -- and luakeys-debug.tex.
18
19 --- A key-value parser written with Lpeg.
20 --
21 -- Explanations of some LPeg notation forms:
22 --
23 -- * `patt ^ 0` = `expression *`
24 -- * `patt ^ 1` = `expression +`
25 -- * `patt ^ -1` = `expression ?`
26 -- * `patt1 * patt2` = `expression1 expression2`: Sequence
27 -- * `patt1 + patt2` = `expression1 / expression2`: Ordered choice
28 --
29 -- * [TUGboat article: Parsing complex data formats in LuaTeX with
30 --   ↪ LPEG] (https://tug.org/TUGboat/tb40-2/tb125menke-lpeg.pdf)
31 --
32 -- @module luakeys
33
34 local lpeg = require('lpeg')
35
36 if not tex then
37   tex = {}
38
39   -- Dummy function for the tests.
40   tex['sp'] = function (input)
41     return 1234567
42   end
43 end
44
45 --- A table to store parsed key-value results.
46 local result_store = {}
47
48 --- Generate the PEG parser using Lpeg.
49 --
50 -- @treturn userdata The parser.
51 local function generate_parser(options)
52   -- Optional whitespace
53   local white_space = lpeg.S(' \t\n\r')
```

```

53
54 --- Match literal string surrounded by whitespace
55 local ws = function(match)
56     return white_space^0 * lpeg.P(match) * white_space^0
57 end
58
59 local boolean_true =
60     lpeg.P('true') +
61     lpeg.P('TRUE') +
62     lpeg.P('True')
63
64 local boolean_false =
65     lpeg.P('false') +
66     lpeg.P('FALSE') +
67     lpeg.P('False')
68
69 local number = lpeg.P({'number',
70     number =
71         lpeg.V('int') *
72         lpeg.V('frac')^-1 *
73         lpeg.V('exp')^-1,
74
75     int = lpeg.V('sign')^-1 * (
76         lpeg.R('19') * lpeg.V('digits') + lpeg.V('digit')
77     ),
78
79     sign = lpeg.S('+-' ),
80     digit = lpeg.R('09'),
81     digits = lpeg.V('digit') * lpeg.V('digits') + lpeg.V('digit'),
82     frac = lpeg.P('.') * lpeg.V('digits'),
83     exp = lpeg.S('eE') * lpeg.V('sign')^-1 * lpeg.V('digits'),
84 })
85
86 --- Define data type dimension.
87 --
88 -- @return Lpeg patterns
89 local function build_dimension_pattern()
90     local sign = lpeg.S('+-' )
91     local integer = lpeg.R('09')^1
92     local tex_number = (integer^1 * (lpeg.P('.') * integer^1)^0) + (lpeg.P('.') *
93         ⇐ integer^1)
94
95     -- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/latex3/lualibs/master/lualibs-util-dim.lua
96     local unit =
97         lpeg.P('bp') + lpeg.P('BP') +
98         lpeg.P('cc') + lpeg.P('CC') +
99         lpeg.P('cm') + lpeg.P('CM') +
100         lpeg.P('dd') + lpeg.P('DD') +
101         lpeg.P('em') + lpeg.P('EM') +
102         lpeg.P('ex') + lpeg.P('EX') +
103         lpeg.P('in') + lpeg.P('IN') +
104         lpeg.P('mm') + lpeg.P('MM') +
105         lpeg.P('nc') + lpeg.P('NC') +
106         lpeg.P('nd') + lpeg.P('ND') +
107         lpeg.P('pc') + lpeg.P('PC') +
108         lpeg.P('pt') + lpeg.P('PT') +
109         lpeg.P('sp') + lpeg.P('SP')

```

```

109
110     local dimension = (sign^0 * white_space^0 * tex_number * white_space^0 * unit)
111
112     if options.convert_dimensions then
113         return dimension / tex.sp
114     else
115         return lpeg.C(dimension)
116     end
117 end
118
119 --- Add values to a table in two modes:
120 --
121 -- # Key value pair
122 --
123 -- If arg1 and arg2 are not nil, then arg1 is the key and arg2 is the
124 -- value of a new table entry.
125 --
126 -- # Index value
127 --
128 -- If arg2 is nil, then arg1 is the value and is added as an indexed
129 -- (by an integer) value.
130 --
131 -- @tparam table table
132 -- @tparam mixed arg1
133 -- @tparam mixed arg2
134 --
135 -- @treturn table
136 local add_to_table = function(table, arg1, arg2)
137     if arg2 == nil then
138         local index = #table + 1
139         return rawset(table, index, arg1)
140     else
141         return rawset(table, arg1, arg2)
142     end
143 end
144
145 return lpeg.P({
146     'list',
147
148     list = lpeg.Cf(
149         lpeg.Ct('') * lpeg.V('list_item')^0,
150         add_to_table
151     ),
152
153     list_container =
154         ws('{') * lpeg.V('list') * ws('}'),
155
156     list_item =
157         lpeg.Cg(
158             lpeg.V('key_value_pair') +
159             lpeg.V('value')
160         ) * ws(',')^-1,
161
162     key_value_pair =
163         (lpeg.V('value') * ws('=')) * (lpeg.V('list_container') + lpeg.V('value')),
164
165     value =

```

```

166         lpeg.V('boolean') +
167         lpeg.V('dimension') +
168         lpeg.V('number') +
169         lpeg.V('string_quoted') +
170         lpeg.V('string_unquoted'),
171
172     boolean =
173         boolean_true * lpeg.Cc(true) +
174         boolean_false * lpeg.Cc(false),
175
176     dimension = build_dimension_pattern(),
177
178     string_quoted =
179         white_space^0 * lpeg.P("'") *
180         lpeg.C((lpeg.P('\\"') + 1 - lpeg.P('"'))^0) *
181         lpeg.P("'") * white_space^0,
182
183     string_unquoted =
184         white_space^0 *
185         lpeg.C(
186             lpeg.V('word_unquoted')^1 *
187             (lpeg.S(' \t')^1 * lpeg.V('word_unquoted')^1)^0) *
188         white_space^0,
189
190     word_unquoted = (1 - white_space - lpeg.S('{},='))^1;
191
192     number =
193         white_space^0 * (number / tonumber) * white_space^0,
194
195     })
196 end
197
198 --- Get the size of an array like table `{ 'one', 'two', 'three' }` = 3.
199 --
200 -- @tparam table value A table or any input.
201 --
202 -- @treturn number The size of the array like table. 0 if the input is
203 -- no table or the table is empty.
204 local function get_array_size(value)
205     local count = 0
206     if type(value) == 'table' then
207         for _ in ipairs(value) do count = count + 1 end
208     end
209     return count
210 end
211
212 --- Get the size of a table `{ one = 'one', 'two', 'three' }` = 3.
213 --
214 -- @tparam table value A table or any input.
215 --
216 -- @treturn number The size of the array like table. 0 if the input is
217 -- no table or the table is empty.
218 local function get_table_size(value)
219     local count = 0
220     if type(value) == 'table' then
221         for _ in pairs(value) do count = count + 1 end
222     end

```

```

223     return count
224 end
225
226 --- Unpack a single valued array table like `{ 'one' }` into `one` or
227 --- `{ 1 }` into `into`.
228 ---
229 --- @treturn If the value is a array like table with one non table typed
230 --- value in it, the unpacked value, else the unchanged input.
231 local function unpack_single_valued_array_table(value)
232     if
233         type(value) == 'table' and
234         get_array_size(value) == 1 and
235         get_table_size(value) == 1 and
236         type(value[1]) ~= 'table'
237     then
238         return value[1]
239     end
240     return value
241 end
242
243 --- This normalization tasks are performed on the raw input table coming
244 --- directly from the PEG parser:
245 ---
246 --- 1. Trim all strings: `text \n` into `text`
247 --- 2. Unpack all single valued array like tables: `{ 'text' }` into
248 ---    `text`
249 ---
250 --- @tparam table raw The raw input table coming directly from the PEG
251 --- parser
252 ---
253 --- @tparam table options Some options. A table with the key
254 --- `unpack_single_array_values`
255 ---
256 --- @treturn table A normalized table ready for the outside world.
257 local function normalize(raw, options)
258     local function normalize_recursive(raw, result, options)
259         for key, value in pairs(raw) do
260             if options.unpack_single_array_values then
261                 value = unpack_single_valued_array_table(value)
262             end
263             if type(value) == 'table' then
264                 result[key] = normalize_recursive(value, {}, options)
265             else
266                 result[key] = value
267             end
268         end
269         return result
270     end
271     return normalize_recursive(raw, {}, options)
272 end
273
274 --- The function `stringify(tbl, for_tex)` converts a Lua table into a
275 --- printable string. Stringify a table means to convert the table into
276 --- a string. This function is used to realize the `print` function.
277 --- `stringify(tbl, true)` (`for_tex = true`) generates a string which
278 --- can be embeded into TeX documents. The macro `\\luakeysdebug{}` uses
279 --- this option. `stringify(tbl, false)` or `stringify(tbl)` generate a

```



```

280 -- string suitable for the terminal.
281 --
282 -- @tparam table input A table to stringify.
283 --
284 -- @tparam boolean for_tex Stringify the table into a text string that
285 -- can be embeded inside a TeX document via tex.print(). Curly braces
286 -- and whites spaces are escaped.
287 --
288 -- https://stackoverflow.com/a/54593224/10193818
289 local function stringify(input, for_tex)
290     local line_break, start_bracket, end_bracket, indent
291
292     if for_tex then
293         line_break = '\\par'
294         start_bracket = '$\\{${$'
295         end_bracket = '$\\}\\}$'
296         indent = '\\ \\ '
297     else
298         line_break = '\\n'
299         start_bracket = '{'
300         end_bracket = '}'
301         indent = ' '
302     end
303
304     local function stringify_inner(input, depth)
305         local output = {}
306         depth = depth or 0;
307
308         local function add(depth, text)
309             table.insert(output, string.rep(indent, depth) .. text)
310         end
311
312         if type(input) ~= 'table' then
313             return tostring(input)
314         end
315
316         for key, value in pairs(input) do
317             if (key and type(key) == 'number' or type(key) == 'string') then
318                 key = string.format('\\'%s\\'', key);
319
320                 if (type(value) == 'table') then
321                     if (next(value)) then
322                         add(depth, key .. ' = ' .. start_bracket);
323                         add(0, stringify_inner(value, depth + 1, for_tex));
324                         add(depth, end_bracket .. ',');
325                     else
326                         add(depth, key .. ' = ' .. start_bracket .. end_bracket .. ',');
327                     end
328                 else
329                     if (type(value) == 'string') then
330                         value = string.format('\\'%s\\'', value);
331                     else
332                         value = tostring(value);
333                     end
334
335                     add(depth, key .. ' = ' .. value .. ',');
336                 end
337             end
338         end
339     end
340
341     if for_tex then
342         return '\\begin{table}\\n' .. line_break .. '\\end{table}'
343     else
344         return '{' .. line_break .. '}'
345     end
346 end

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337         end
338     end
339
340     return table.concat(output, line_break)
341 end
342
343 return start_bracket .. line_break .. stringify_inner(input, 1) .. line_break ..
↪   end_bracket
344 end
345
346 --- For the LaTeX version of the macro
347 -- '\luakeysdebug[options]{kv-string}'.
348 --
349 -- @tparam table options_raw Options in a raw format. The table may be
350 -- empty or some keys are not set.
351 --
352 -- @treturn table
353 local function normalize_parse_options (options_raw)
354     if options_raw == nil then
355         options_raw = {}
356     end
357     local options = {}
358
359     if options_raw['unpack single array values'] ~= nil then
360         options['unpack_single_array_values'] = options_raw['unpack single array
↪   values']
361     end
362
363     if options_raw['convert dimensions'] ~= nil then
364         options['convert_dimensions'] = options_raw['convert dimensions']
365     end
366
367     if options.convert_dimensions == nil then
368         options.convert_dimensions = true
369     end
370
371     if options.unpack_single_array_values == nil then
372         options.unpack_single_array_values = true
373     end
374
375     return options
376 end
377
378 return {
379     stringify = stringify,
380
381     --- Parse a LaTeX/TeX style key-value string into a Lua table. With
382     --- this function you should be able to parse key-value strings like
383     --- this example:
384     ---
385     ---     show,
386     ---     hide,
387     ---     key with spaces = String without quotes,
388     ---     string="String with double quotes: ,{ }=",
389     ---     dimension = 1cm,
390     ---     number = -1.2,
391     ---     list = {one,two,three},

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392 --      key value list = {one=one,two=two,three=three},
393 --      nested key = {
394 --          nested key 2= {
395 --              key = value,
396 --          },
397 --      },
398 --
399 -- The string above results in this Lua table:
400 --
401 --      {
402 --          'show',
403 --          'hide',
404 --          ['key with spaces'] = 'String without quotes',
405 --          string = 'String with double quotes: ,{}= ',
406 --          dimension = 1864679,
407 --          number = -1.2,
408 --          list = {'one', 'two', 'three'},
409 --          key value list = {
410 --              one = 'one',
411 --              three = 'three',
412 --              two = 'two'
413 --          },
414 --          ['nested key'] = {
415 --              ['nested key 2'] = {
416 --                  key = 'value'
417 --              }
418 --          },
419 --      }
420 --
421 -- @tparam string kv_string A string in the TeX/LaTeX style key-value
422 -- format as described above.
423 --
424 -- @tparam table options A table containing
425 -- settings: `convert_dimensions` `unpack_single_array_values`
426 --
427 -- @treturn table A hopefully properly parsed table you can do
428 -- something useful with.
429 parse = function(kv_string, options)
430     if kv_string == nil then
431         return {}
432     end
433     options = normalize_parse_options(options)
434
435     local parser = generate_parser(options)
436     return normalize(parser:match(kv_string), options)
437 end,
438
439 --- The function `render(tbl)` reverses the function
440 --- `parse(kv_string)`. It takes a Lua table and converts this table
441 --- into a key-value string. The resulting string usually has a
442 --- different order as the input table. In Lua only tables with
443 --- 1-based consecutive integer keys (a.k.a. array tables) can be
444 --- parsed in order.
445 ---
446 --- @tparam table tbl A table to be converted into a key-value string.
447 ---
448 --- @treturn string A key-value string that can be passed to a TeX

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449  -- macro.
450  render = function (tbl)
451    local function render_inner(tbl)
452      local output = {}
453      local function add(text)
454        table.insert(output, text)
455      end
456      for key, value in pairs(tbl) do
457        if (key and type(key) == 'string') then
458          if (type(value) == 'table') then
459            if (next(value)) then
460              add(key .. '={');
461              add(render_inner(value));
462              add('},');
463            else
464              add(key .. '={},');
465            end
466          else
467            add(key .. '=' .. tostring(value) .. ',');
468          end
469        else
470          add(tostring(value) .. ',')
471        end
472      end
473      return table.concat(output)
474    end
475    return render_inner(tbl)
476  end,
477
478  --- The function `print(tbl)` pretty prints a Lua table to standard
479  -- output (stdout). It is a utility function that can be used to
480  -- debug and inspect the resulting Lua table of the function
481  -- `parse`. You have to compile your TeX document in a console to
482  -- see the terminal output.
483  --
484  -- @tparam table tbl A table to be printed to standard output for
485  -- debugging purposes.
486  print = function(tbl)
487    print(stringify(tbl, false))
488  end,
489
490  --- The function `save(identifier, result): void` saves a result (a
491  -- table from a previous run of `parse`) under an identifier.
492  -- Therefore, it is not necessary to pollute the global namespace to
493  -- store results for the later usage.
494  --
495  -- @tparam string identifier The identifier under which the result is
496  -- saved.
497  --
498  -- @tparam table result A result to be stored and that was created by
499  -- the key-value parser.
500  save = function(identifier, result)
501    result_store[identifier] = result
502  end,
503
504  --- The function `get(identifier): table` retrieves a saved result
505  -- from the result store.

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506  --
507  -- @tparam string identifier The identifier under which the result was
508  --    saved.
509  get = function(identifier)
510      return result_store[identifier]
511  end,
512
513 }
```

## 6.2 luakeys-debug.tex

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10 % version 2008/05/04 or later.
11 %
12 % This work has the LPPL maintenance status `maintained'.
13 %
14 % The Current Maintainer of this work is Josef Friedrich.
15 %
16 % This work consists of the files luakeys.lua, luakeys-debug.sty
17 % and luakeys-debug.tex.
18
19 \directlua{
20   luakeys = require('luakeys')
21 }
22
23 % https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/418401/42311
24 \catcode`\@=11
25 \long\def\LuaKeysIfNextChar#1#2#3{%
26   \let\@tmpa=#1%
27   \def\@tmpb{#2}%
28   \def\@tmpc{#3}%
29   \futurelet\@future\LuaKeysIfNextChar@i%
30 }%
31 \def\LuaKeysIfNextChar@i{%
32   \ifx\@tmpa\@future%
33     \expandafter\@tmpb
34   \else
35     \expandafter\@tmpc
36   \fi
37 }%
38 \def\luakeysdebug@parse@options#1{
39   \directlua{
40     luakeys.save('debug_options', luakeys.parse('#1'))
41   }
42 }%
43 \def\luakeysdebug@output#1{
44   {
45     \tt
46     \parindent=0pt
47     \directlua{
48       local result = luakeys.parse('\luaescapestring{\unexpanded{#1}}',
49         ⇐ luakeys.get('debug_options'))
50       tex.print(luakeys.stringify(result, true))
51       luakeys.print(result)
52     }
53   }%
54 \def\luakeysdebug@oarg[#1]#2{%
55   \luakeysdebug@parse@options{#1}%

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56     \luakeysdebug@output{#2}%
57 }%
58 \def\luakeysdebug@marg#1{%
59     \luakeysdebug@output{#1}%
60 }%
61 \def\luakeysdebug{\LuaKeysIfNextChar[{\luakeysdebug@oarg}{\luakeysdebug@marg}}%
62 \catcode`\@=12

```

## 6.3 luakeys-debug.sty

```
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18
19 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
20 \ProvidesPackage{luakeys-debug}[2021/09/19 Debug package for luakeys.]
21
22 \input luakeys-debug.tex
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Change History

|                                 |                            |          |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| v0.1                            |                            |          |
| General: Inital release         | .....                      | 24       |
| v0.2                            |                            |          |
| General: * Allow all recognized |                            |          |
| data types as keys * Allow TeX  |                            |          |
|                                 | macros in the values * New |          |
|                                 | public Lua functions:      |          |
|                                 | save(identifier, result),  |          |
|                                 | get(identifier)            | ..... 24 |