

# The **I3pdf** package

## Core PDF support

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## 1 I3pdf documentation

### 1.1 Objects

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`\pdf_object_new:nn`  
New: 2019-06-02

`\pdf_object_new:nn {⟨object⟩} {⟨type⟩}`

Declares *⟨object⟩* as a PDF object of *⟨type⟩*, which should be one of

- `array`
- `dict`
- `fstream`
- `stream`

The object may be referenced from this point on, and written later using `\pdf_object_write:nn`.

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`\pdf_object_if_exist_p:n *`  
`\pdf_object_if_exist:nTF *`  
New: 2020-05-15

`\pdf_object_if_exist_p:n {⟨object⟩}`  
`\pdf_object_if_exist:nTF {⟨object⟩}`

Tests whether an object with name *{⟨object⟩}* has been defined.

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`\pdf_object_write:nn`  
`\pdf_object_write:nx`  
New: 2019-06-02

`\pdf_object_write:nn {⟨object⟩} {⟨content⟩}`

Writes the *⟨content⟩* as content of the *⟨object⟩*. Depending on the *⟨type⟩* declared for the object, the format required for the *⟨data⟩* will vary

`array` A space-separated list of values

`dict` Key–value pairs in the form */⟨key⟩ ⟨value⟩*

`fstream` Two brace groups: *⟨file name⟩* and *⟨file content⟩*

`stream` Two brace groups: *⟨attributes (dictionary)⟩* and *⟨stream contents⟩*

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<code>\pdf_object_ref:n *</code>	<code>\pdf_object_ref:n {&lt;object&gt;}</code>
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	Inserts the appropriate information to reference the <i>&lt;object&gt;</i> in for example page resource allocation
<code>\pdf_object_now:nn</code>	<code>\pdf_object_now:nn {&lt;type&gt;} {&lt;content&gt;}</code>
<code>\pdf_object_now:nx</code>	Writes the <i>&lt;content&gt;</i> as content of an anonymous object. Depending on the <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> , the format required for the <i>&lt;data&gt;</i> will vary
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	
	<code>array</code> A space-separated list of values
	<code>dict</code> Key-value pairs in the form / <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> <i>&lt;value&gt;</i>
	<code>fstream</code> Two brace groups: <i>&lt;file name&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;file content&gt;</i>
	<code>stream</code> Two brace groups: <i>&lt;attributes (dictionary)&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;stream contents&gt;</i>

<code>\pdf_object_last: *</code>	<code>\pdf_object_last:</code>
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	Inserts the appropriate information to reference the last <i>&lt;object&gt;</i> created. This is particularly useful for anonymous objects.

## 1.2 Version

<code>\pdf_version_compare_p:Nn *</code>	<code>\pdf_version_compare:NnTF {&lt;comparator&gt;} {&lt;version&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\pdf_version_compare:NnTF *</code>	
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	
	C.compares the version of the PDF being created with the <i>&lt;version&gt;</i> string specified, using the <i>&lt;comparator&gt;</i> . Either the <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> or <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> will be left in the output stream.
<code>\pdf_version_gset:n</code>	<code>\pdf_version_gset:n {&lt;version&gt;}</code>
<code>\pdf_version_min_gset:n</code>	Sets the <i>&lt;version&gt;</i> of the PDF being created. The <code>min</code> version will not alter the output version unless it is currently lower than the <i>&lt;version&gt;</i> requested.
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	This function may only be used up to the point where the PDF file is initialised.

<code>\pdf_version: *</code>	<code>\pdf_version:</code>
<code>\pdf_version_major: *</code>	
<code>\pdf_version_minor: *</code>	
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	
	Expands to the currently-active PDF version.

## 1.3 Compression

<code>\pdf_uncompress:</code>	<code>\pdf_uncompress:</code>
<code>New: 2019-06-02</code>	Disables any compression of the PDF, where possible. This function may only be used up to the point where the PDF file is initialised.

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