

# The `pdftexcmds` package

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## Abstract

`LuaTeX` provides most of the commands of `pdfTeX` 1.40. However a number of utility functions are removed. This package tries to fill the gap and implements some of the missing primitive using `Lua`.

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## 1 Documentation

Some primitives of pdfTeX [1] are not defined by LuaTeX [2]. This package implements macro based solutions using Lua code for the following missing pdfTeX primitives;

- \pdfstrcmp
- \pdfunescapehex
- \pdfescapehex

- `\pdfescapename`
- `\pdfescapestring`
- `\pdffilesize`
- `\pdffilemoddate`
- `\pdffiledump`
- `\pdfmdfivesum`
- `\pdfresettimer`
- `\pdfelapsesdtimer`
- `\immediate\write18`

The original names of the primitives cannot be used:

- The syntax for their arguments cannot easily simulated by macros. The primitives using key words such as `file` (`\pdfmdfivesum`) or `offset` and `length` (`\pdffiledump`) and uses `<general text>` for the other arguments. Using token registers assignments, `<general text>` could be catched. However, the simulated primitives are expandable and register assignments would destroy this important property. (`<general text>` allows something like `\expandafter\bgroup ...`.)
  - The original primitives can be expanded using one expansion step. The new macros need two expansion steps because of the additional macro expansion.
- Example:

```
\expandafter\foo\pdffilemoddate{file}
vs.
\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
\foo\pdf@filemoddate{file}
```

`LuaTEX` isn't stable yet and thus the status of this package is *experimental*. Feedback is welcome.

## 1.1 General principles

**Naming convention:** Usually this package defines a macro `\pdf@{cmd}` if `pdfTEX` provides `\pdf{cmd}`.

**Arguments:** The order of arguments in `\pdf@{cmd}` is the same as for the corresponding primitive of `pdfTEX`. The arguments are ordinary undelimited `TEX` arguments, no `<general text>` and without additional keywords.

**Expandability:** The macro `\pdf@{cmd}` is expandable if the corresponding `pdfTEX` primitive has this property. Exact two expansion steps are necessary (first is the macro expansion) except for `\pdf@primitive` and `\pdf@ifprimitive`. The latter ones are not macros, but have the direct meaning of the primitive.

**Without `LuaTEX`:** The macros `\pdf@{cmd}` are mapped to the commands of `pdfTEX` if they are available. Otherwise they are undefined.

**Availability:** The macros that the packages provides are undefined, if the necessary primitives are not found and cannot be implemented by `Lua`.

## 1.2 Macros

### 1.2.1 Strings [1, “7.15 Strings”]

```
\pdfstrcmp {\langle stringA\rangle} {\langle stringB\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdfstrcmp{\langle stringA\rangle}{\langle stringB\rangle}`.

```
\pdfunescapehex {\langle string\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdfunescapehex{\langle string\rangle}`. The argument is a byte string given in hexadecimal notation. The result are character tokens from 0 until 255 with catcode 12 and the space with catcode 10.

```
\pdfescapehex {\langle string\rangle}  
\pdfescapestring {\langle string\rangle}  
\pdfescapename {\langle string\rangle}
```

Same as the primitives of pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>. However pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> does not know about characters with codes 256 and larger. Thus the string is treated as byte string, characters with more than eight bits are ignored.

### 1.2.2 Files [1, “7.18 Files”]

```
\pdffilesize {\langle filename\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdffilesize{\langle filename\rangle}`.

```
\pdffilemoddate {\langle filename\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdffilemoddate{\langle filename\rangle}`.

```
\pdffiledump {\langle offset\rangle} {\langle length\rangle} {\langle filename\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdffiledump offset \langle offset\rangle length \langle length\rangle {\langle filename\rangle}`. Both  $\langle offset\rangle$  and  $\langle length\rangle$  must not be empty, but must be a valid T<sub>E</sub>X number.

```
\pdfmdfivesum {\langle string\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdfmdfivesum{\langle string\rangle}`. Keyword `file` is supported by macro `\pdffilemdfivesum`.

```
\pdffilemdfivesum {\langle filename\rangle}
```

Same as `\pdfmdfivesum file{\langle filename\rangle}`.

### 1.2.3 Timekeeping [1, “7.17 Timekeeping”]

The timekeeping macros are based on Andy Thomas’ work [3].

```
\pdf@resettimer
```

Same as `\pdfresettimer`, it resets the internal timer.

```
\pdf@elapsedtime
```

Same as `\pdfelapsedtime`. It behaves like a read-only integer. For printing purposes it can be prefixed by `\the` or `\number`. It measures the time in scaled seconds (seconds multiplied with 65536) since the latest call of `\pdf@resettimer` or start of program/package. The resolution, the shortest time interval that can be measured, depends on the program and system.

- pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> with `gettimeofday`:  $\geq 1/65536$  s
- pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> with `ftime`:  $\geq 1$  ms
- pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> with `time`:  $\geq 1$  s
- LuaT<sub>E</sub>X:  $\geq 10$  ms  
(`os.clock()` returns a float number with two decimal digits in LuaT<sub>E</sub>X beta-0.70.1-2011061416 (rev 4277)).

#### 1.2.4 Miscellaneous [1, “7.21 Miscellaneous”]

```
\pdf@draftmode
```

If the T<sub>E</sub>X compiler knows `\pdfdraftmode` or `\draftmode` (pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>, LuaT<sub>E</sub>X), then `\pdf@draftmode` returns, whether this mode is enabled. The result is an implicit number: one means the draft mode is available and enabled. If the value is zero, then the mode is not active or `\pdfdraftmode` is not available. An explicit number is yielded by `\number\pdf@draftmode`. The macro cannot be used to change the mode, see `\pdf@setdraftmode`.

```
\pdf@ifdraftmode {\langle true \rangle} {\langle false \rangle}
```

If `\pdfdraftmode` is available and enabled, `\langle true \rangle` is called, otherwise `\langle false \rangle` is executed.

```
\pdf@setdraftmode {\langle value \rangle}
```

Macro `\pdf@setdraftmode` expects the number zero or one as `\langle value \rangle`. Zero de-activates the mode and one enables the draft mode. The macro does not have an effect, if the feature `\pdfdraftmode` is not available.

```
\pdf@shellescape
```

Same as `\pdfshellescape`. It is or expands to 1 if external commands can be executed and 0 otherwise. In pdf<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> external commands must be enabled first by command line option or configuration option. In LuaT<sub>E</sub>X option `--safer` disables the execution of external commands.

In  $\text{LuaTeX}$  before 0.68.0  $\text{\pdf@shellescape}$  is not available due to a bug in  $\text{os.execute}()$ . The argumentless form crashes in some circumstances with segmentation fault. (It is fixed in version 0.68.0 or revision 4167 of  $\text{LuaTeX}$ . and packported to some version of 0.67.0).

Hints for usage:

- Before its use  $\text{\pdf@shellescape}$  should be tested, whether it is available. Example with package  $\text{ltcmds}$  (loaded by package  $\text{pdftexcmds}$ ):

```
\ltx@ifundefined{\pdf@shellescape}{%
    % \pdf@shellescape is undefined
}{%
    % \pdf@shellescape is available
}
```

Use  $\text{\ltx@ifundefined}$  in expandable contexts.

- $\text{\pdf@shellescape}$  might be a numerical constant, expands to the primitive, or expands to a plain number. Therefore use it in contexts where these differences does not matter.
- Use in comparisons, e.g.:

```
\ifnum\pdf@shellescape=0 ...
```

- Print the number:  $\text{\number}\text{\pdf@shellescape}$

`\pdf@system {⟨cmdline⟩}`

It is a wrapper for  $\text{\immediate\write18}$  in  $\text{pdfTeX}$  or  $\text{os.execute}$  in  $\text{LuaTeX}$ .

In theory  $\text{os.execute}$  returns a status number. But its meaning is quite undefined. Are there some reliable properties? Does it make sense to provide an user interface to this status exit code?

`\pdf@primitive \cmd`

Same as  $\text{\pdfprimitive}$  in  $\text{pdfTeX}$  or  $\text{LuaTeX}$ . In  $\text{XeTeX}$  the primitive is called  $\text{\primitive}$ . Despite the current definition of the command  $\text{\cmd}$ , it's meaning as primitive is used.

`\pdf@ifprimitive \cmd`

Same as  $\text{\ifpdfprimitive}$  in  $\text{pdfTeX}$  or  $\text{LuaTeX}$ .  $\text{XeTeX}$  calls it  $\text{\ifprimitive}$ . It is a switch that checks if the command  $\text{\cmd}$  has it's primitive meaning.

### 1.2.5 Additional macro: $\text{\pdf@isprimitive}$

`\pdf@isprimitive \cmd1 \cmd2 {⟨true⟩} {⟨false⟩}`

If  $\text{\cmd1}$  has the primitive meaning given by the primitive name of  $\text{\cmd2}$ , then the argument  $⟨\text{true}⟩$  is executed, otherwise  $⟨\text{false}⟩$ . The macro  $\text{\pdf@isprimitive}$  is expandable. Internally it checks the result of  $\text{\meaning}$  and is therefore available for all  $\text{TeX}$  variants, even the original  $\text{TeX}$ . Example with  $\text{LATEX}$ :

```

\makeatletter
\pdf@isprimitive{@@input}{input}{%
  \typeout{\string@@input\space is original\string\input}%
}{%
  \typeout{Oops, \string@@input\space is not the %
          original\string\input}%
}

```

### 1.2.6 Experimental

\pdf@unescapehexnative {\langle string\rangle}
\pdf@escapehexnative {\langle string\rangle}
\pdf@escapenamnative {\langle string\rangle}
\pdf@mdfivesumnative {\langle string\rangle}

The variants without `native` in the macro name are supposed to be compatible with pdfTeX. However characters with more than eight bits are not supported and are ignored. If LuaTeX is running, then its UTF-8 coded strings are used. Thus the full unicode character range is supported. However the result differs from pdfTeX for characters with eight or more bits.

\pdf@pipe {\langle cmdline\rangle}
------------------------------------

It calls `\langle cmdline\rangle` and returns the output of the external program in the usual manner as byte string (catcode 12, space with catcode 10). The Lua documentation says, that the used `io.popen` may not be available on all platforms. Then macro `\pdf@pipe` is undefined.

## 2 Implementation

1 (\*package)

### 2.1 Reload check and package identification

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```

2 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
3   \catcode13=5 % ^M
4   \endlinechar=13 %
5   \catcode35=6 % #
6   \catcode39=12 % ,
7   \catcode44=12 % ,
8   \catcode45=12 % -
9   \catcode46=12 % .
10  \catcode58=12 % :
11  \catcode64=11 % @
12  \catcode123=1 % {
13  \catcode125=2 % }
14  \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@pdftexcmds.sty\endcsname
15  \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
16  \else
17    \def\empty{}%
18    \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
19      % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
20    \else
21      \expandafter\ifx\x\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax

```

```

22      \def\x#1#2{%
23          \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
24      }%
25      \else
26          \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
27      \fi
28      \x{pdftexcmds}{The package is already loaded}%
29      \aftergroup\endinput
30  \fi
31 \fi
32 \endgroup%

```

Package identification:

```

33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
34   \catcode13=5 % ^M
35   \endlinechar=13 %
36   \catcode35=6 % #
37   \catcode39=12 % ,
38   \catcode40=12 % (
39   \catcode41=12 % )
40   \catcode44=12 % ,
41   \catcode45=12 % -
42   \catcode46=12 % .
43   \catcode47=12 % /
44   \catcode58=12 % :
45   \catcode64=11 % @
46   \catcode91=12 % [
47   \catcode93=12 % ]
48   \catcode123=1 % {
49   \catcode125=2 % }
50 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
51   \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
52     \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
53     \xdef#1[#4]%
54   }%
55 \else
56   \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
57     #2[#3]%
58     \ifx#1\undefined
59       \xdef#1[#3]%
60     \fi
61     \ifx#1\relax
62       \xdef#1[#3]%
63     \fi
64   }%
65 \fi
66 \expandafter\x\csname ver@pdftexcmds.sty\endcsname
67 \ProvidesPackage{pdftexcmds}%
68 [2020-06-27 v0.33 Utility functions of pdfTeX for LuaTeX (HO)]%

```

## 2.2 Catcodes

```

69 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
70   \catcode13=5 % ^M
71   \endlinechar=13 %
72   \catcode123=1 % {
73   \catcode125=2 % }
74   \catcode64=11 % @
75   \def\x{\endgroup

```

```

76   \expandafter\edef\csname pdftexcmds@AtEnd\endcsname{%
77     \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
78     \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
79     \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
80     \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
81     \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
82     \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
83     \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
84     \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
85   }%
86 }%
87 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
88 \catcode13=5 % ^M
89 \endlinechar=13 %
90 \catcode35=6 % #
91 \catcode64=11 % @
92 \catcode123=1 % {
93 \catcode125=2 % }
94 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
95   \edef\pdftexcmds@AtEnd{%
96     \pdftexcmds@AtEnd
97     \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
98   }%
99   \catcode#1=#2\relax
100 }%
101 \TMP@EnsureCode{0}{12}%
102 \TMP@EnsureCode{1}{12}%
103 \TMP@EnsureCode{2}{12}%
104 \TMP@EnsureCode{10}{12}%
105 \TMP@EnsureCode{33}{12}%
106 \TMP@EnsureCode{34}{12}%
107 \TMP@EnsureCode{38}{4}%
108 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}%
109 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}%
110 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}%
111 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}%
112 \TMP@EnsureCode{43}{12}%
113 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}%
114 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}%
115 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}%
116 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}%
117 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}%
118 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}%
119 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}%
120 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}%
121 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}%
122 \TMP@EnsureCode{94}{7}%
123 \TMP@EnsureCode{95}{12}%
124 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}%
125 \TMP@EnsureCode{126}{12}%
126 \edef\pdftexcmds@AtEnd{%
127   \pdftexcmds@AtEnd
128   \escapechar=\number\escapechar\relax
129   \noexpand\endinput
130 }%
131 \escapechar=92 %

```

## 2.3 Load packages

```

132 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
133 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
134   \def\TMP@RequirePackage#1[#2]{%
135     \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
136     \expandafter\ifx\csname ver@#1.sty\endcsname\relax
137       \input #1.sty\relax
138     \fi
139   }%
140   \TMP@RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]%
141   \TMP@RequirePackage{iftex}[2019/11/07]%
142   \TMP@RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2010/12/02]%
143 \else
144   \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]%
145   \RequirePackage{iftex}[2019/11/07]%
146   \RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2010/12/02]%
147 \fi

```

## 2.4 Without LuaTeX

```

148 \ifluatex
149   \ifcsname catcodetable@string\endcsname\else\input{ltlualatex}\fi
150 \else
151   \def\pdftexcmds@nopdftex{%
152     \let\pdftexcmds@nopdftex\relax
153   }%
154   \def\pdftexcmds@temp#1{%
155     \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
156     \expandafter\ifx\csname
157       \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf#1\endcsname\relax\else pdf\fi#1\endcsname\relax
158     \pdftexcmds@nopdftex
159   }%
160   \else
161     \expandafter\def\csname pdf@#1\expandafter\endcsname
162       \expandafter{%
163         \csname\expandafter\ifx\csname pdf#1\endcsname\relax\else pdf\fi#1\endcsname
164       }%
165   \fi
166 }%
167 \pdftexcmds@temp{strcmp}%
168 \pdftexcmds@temp{escapehex}%
169 \let\pdf@escapehexnative\pdf@escapehex
170 \pdftexcmds@temp{unescapehex}%
171 \let\pdf@unescapehexnative\pdf@unescapehex
172 \pdftexcmds@temp{escapestring}%
173 \pdftexcmds@temp{escapename}%
174 \pdftexcmds@temp{filesize}%
175 \pdftexcmds@temp{filemoddate}%
176 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
177 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfshellescape\endcsname\relax
178   \pdftexcmds@nopdftex
179   \ltx@ifundefined{pdftexversion}{%
180     \ifeof18 %
181       \ifeof18 %
182         \chardef\pdf@shellescape=0 %
183       \else
184         \chardef\pdf@shellescape=1 %
185       \fi
186     \fi
187   }%

```

```

188 \else
189   \def\pdf@shellescape{%
190     \pdfshellescape
191   }%
192 \fi
193 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
194 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdffiledump\endcsname\relax
195   \pdftexcmds@nopdftex
196 \else
197   \def\pdf@filedump#1#2#3{%
198     \pdffiledump offset#1 length#2{#3}%
199   }%
200 \fi
201 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
202 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfmdfivesum\endcsname\relax
203   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
204   \expandafter\ifx\csname mdfivesum\endcsname\relax
205     \pdftexcmds@nopdftex
206   \else
207     \def\pdf@mdfivesum#{\mdfivesum}%
208     \let\pdf@mdfivesumnative\pdf@mdfivesum
209     \def\pdf@filemdfivesum#{\mdfivesum file}%
210   \fi
211 \else
212   \def\pdf@mdfivesum#\pdfmdfivesum}%
213   \let\pdf@mdfivesumnative\pdf@mdfivesum
214   \def\pdf@filemdfivesum#\pdfmdfivesum file}%
215 \fi
216 \def\pdf@system#{%
217   \immediate\write18%
218 }%
219 \def\pdftexcmds@temp#1{%
220   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
221   \expandafter\ifx\csname
222     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf#1\endcsname\relax\else pdf\fi#1\endcsname\relax
223     \pdftexcmds@nopdftex
224   \else
225     \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
226     \expandafter\let\csname pdf@#1\expandafter\endcsname
227     \csname\expandafter\ifx\csname pdf#1\endcsname\relax\else pdf\fi#1\endcsname
228   \fi
229 }%
230 \pdftexcmds@temp{resettimer}%
231 \pdftexcmds@temp{elapsedtime}%
232 \fi

```

## 2.5 \pdf@primitive, \pdf@ifprimitive

Since version 1.40.0 pdfTeX has `\pdfprimitive` and `\ifpdfprimitive`. And `\pdfprimitive` was fixed in version 1.40.4.

X<sub>E</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X provides them under the name `\primitive` and `\ifprimitive`. LuaT<sub>E</sub>X knows both name variants, but they have possibly to be enabled first (`tex.enableprimitives`).

Depending on the format TeX Live uses a prefix `luatex`.

Caution: `\let` must be used for the definition of the macros, especially because of `\ifpdfprimitive`.

### 2.5.1 Using LuaTeX's `tex.enableprimitives`

```
233 \ifluatex

\pdftexcmds@directlua

234 \ifnum\luatexversion<36 %
235   \def\pdftexcmds@directlua{\directlua0 }%
236 \else
237   \let\pdftexcmds@directlua\directlua
238 \fi

239 \begingroup
240   \newlinechar=10 %
241   \endlinechar=\newlinechar
242   \pdftexcmds@directlua{%
243     if tex.enableprimitives then
244       tex.enableprimitives(
245         'pdf@',
246         {'primitive', 'ifprimitive', 'pdfdraftmode', 'draftmode'}
247       )
248       tex.enableprimitives(' ', {'luaescapestring'})
249     end
250   }%
251 \endgroup %

252 \fi
```

### 2.5.2 Trying various names to find the primitives

```
\pdftexcmds@strip@prefix

253 \def\pdftexcmds@strip@prefix#1>{}

254 \def\pdftexcmds@temp#1#2#3{%
255   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
256   \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf@#1\endcsname\relax
257     \begingroup
258       \def\x{#3}%
259       \edef\x{\expandafter\pdftexcmds@strip@prefix\meaning\x}%
260       \escapechar=-1 %
261       \edef\y{\expandafter\meaning\csname#2\endcsname}%
262     \expandafter\endgroup
263     \ifx\x\y
264       \expandafter\let\csname pdf@#1\expandafter\endcsname
265       \csname #2\endcsname
266     \fi
267   \fi
268 }

\pdf@primitive

269 \pdftexcmds@temp{primitive}{pdfprimitive}{pdfprimitive}%
270 \pdftexcmds@temp{primitive}{primitive}{primitive}%
271 \pdftexcmds@temp{primitive}{luatexprimitive}{pdfprimitive}%
272 \pdftexcmds@temp{primitive}{luatexpdfprimitive}{pdfprimitive}%

\pdf@ifprimitive

273 \pdftexcmds@temp{ifprimitive}{ifpdfprimitive}{ifpdfprimitive}%
274 \pdftexcmds@temp{ifprimitive}{ifprimitive}{ifprimitive}%
275 \pdftexcmds@temp{ifprimitive}{luatexifprimitive}{ifpdfprimitive}%
276 \pdftexcmds@temp{ifprimitive}{luatexifpdfprimitive}{ifpdfprimitive}
```

```

Disable broken \pdfprimitive.

277 \ifluatex\else
278 \begingroup
279   \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf@primitive\endcsname\relax
280   \else
281     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdftexversion\endcsname\relax
282     \else
283       \ifnum\pdftexversion=140 %
284         \expandafter\ifx\csname pdftexrevision\endcsname\relax
285         \else
286           \ifnum\pdftexrevision<4 %
287             \endgroup
288             \let\pdf@primitive\@undefined
289             \@PackageInfoNoLine{pdftexcmds}{%
290               \string\pdf@primitive\space disabled, %
291               because\MessageBreak
292               \string\pdfprimitive\space is broken until pdfTeX 1.40.4%
293             }%
294             \begingroup
295             \fi
296             \fi
297             \fi
298             \fi
299   \endgroup
300 \fi

```

### 2.5.3 Result

```

302 \begingroup
303   \@PackageInfoNoLine{pdftexcmds}{%
304     \string\pdf@primitive\space is %
305     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf@primitive\endcsname\relax not \fi
306     available%
307   }%
308   \@PackageInfoNoLine{pdftexcmds}{%
309     \string\pdf@ifprimitive\space is %
310     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf@ifprimitive\endcsname\relax not \fi
311     available%
312   }%
313 \endgroup

```

## 2.6 X<sub>E</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X

Look for primitives \shellescape, \strcmp.

```

314 \def\pdftexcmds@temp#1{%
315   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
316   \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf@#1\endcsname\relax
317   \begingroup
318     \escapechar=-1 %
319     \edef\x{\expandafter\meaning\csname#1\endcsname}%
320     \def\y{#1}%
321     \def\z##1->{\}%
322     \edef\y{\expandafter\z\meaning\y}%
323   \expandafter\endgroup
324   \ifx\x\y
325     \expandafter\def\csname pdf@#1\expandafter\endcsname
326     \expandafter{%

```

```

327           \csname#1\endcsname
328       }%
329     \fi
330   \fi
331 }%
332 \pdftexcmds@temp{shellescape}%
333 \pdftexcmds@temp{strcmp}%

```

## 2.7 \pdf@isprimitive

```

334 \def\pdf@isprimitive{%
335   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
336   \expandafter\ifx\csname pdf@strcmp\endcsname\relax
337     \long\def\pdf@isprimitive##1{%
338       \expandafter\pdftexcmds@isprimitive\expandafter{\meaning##1}%
339     }%
340     \long\def\pdftexcmds@isprimitive##1##2{%
341       \expandafter\pdftexcmds@isprimitive\expandafter{\string##2}{##1}%
342     }%
343     \def\pdftexcmds@isprimitive##1##2{%
344       \ifnum0\pdftexcmds@equal##1\delimiter##2\delimiter=1 %
345         \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
346       \else
347         \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
348       \fi
349     }%
350     \def\pdftexcmds@equal##1##2\delimiter##3\delimiter{%
351       \ifx##1##3%
352         \ifx\relax##2##4\relax
353           %
354         \else
355           \ifx\relax##2\relax
356             %
357           \else
358             \ifx\relax##4\relax
359               \pdftexcmds@equalcont{##2}{##4}%
360             \fi
361           \fi
362         \fi
363       \fi
364     }%
365     \def\pdftexcmds@equalcont##1{%
366       \def\pdftexcmds@equalcont####1####2##1##1##1{%
367         ##1##1##1##1%
368         \pdftexcmds@equal##1\delimiter##2\delimiter
369       }%
370     }%
371     \expandafter\pdftexcmds@equalcont\csname fi\endcsname
372   \else
373     \long\def\pdf@isprimitive##1##2{%
374       \ifnum\pdf@strcmp{\meaning##1}{\string##2}=0 %
375         \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
376       \else
377         \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
378       \fi
379     }%
380   \fi
381 }

```

```

382 \ifluatex
383 \ifx\pdfdraftmode\@undefined
384   \let\pdfdraftmode\draftmode
385 \fi
386 \else
387   \pdf@isprimitive
388 \fi

2.8 \pdf@draftmode

389 \let\pdftexcmds@temp\ltx@zero %
390 \ltx@ifUndefined{\pdfdraftmode}{%
391   \@PackageInfoNoLine{\pdftexcmds}{\ltx@backslashchar pdfdraftmode not found}%
392 }{%
393   \ifpdf
394     \let\pdftexcmds@temp\ltx@one
395     \@PackageInfoNoLine{\pdftexcmds}{\ltx@backslashchar pdfdraftmode found}%
396   \else
397     \@PackageInfoNoLine{\pdftexcmds}{%
398       \ltx@backslashchar pdfdraftmode is ignored in DVI mode%
399     }%
400   \fi
401 }
402 \ifcase\pdftexcmds@temp

\pdf@draftmode
403   \let\pdf@draftmode\ltx@zero

\pdf@ifdraftmode
404   \let\pdf@ifdraftmode\ltx@secondoftwo

\pdftexcmds@setdraftmode
405   \def\pdftexcmds@setdraftmode#1{}%

406 \else

\pdftexcmds@draftmode
407   \let\pdftexcmds@draftmode\pdfdraftmode

\pdf@ifdraftmode
408   \def\pdf@ifdraftmode{%
409     \ifnum\pdftexcmds@draftmode=\ltx@one
410       \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
411     \else
412       \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
413     \fi
414   }%

\pdf@draftmode
415   \def\pdf@draftmode{%
416     \ifnum\pdftexcmds@draftmode=\ltx@one
417       \expandafter\ltx@one
418     \else
419       \expandafter\ltx@zero
420     \fi
421   }%

```

```

\pdftexcmds@setdraftmode
422 \def\pdftexcmds@setdraftmode#1{%
423   \pdftexcmds@draftmode=#1\relax
424 }%
425 \fi

\pdf@setdraftmode
426 \def\pdf@setdraftmode#1{%
427   \begingroup
428   \count\ltx@cclv=#1\relax
429   \edef\x{\endgroup
430   \noexpand\pdftexcmds@@setdraftmode{\the\count\ltx@cclv}%
431 }%
432   \x
433 }%

\pdftexcmds@@setdraftmode
434 \def\pdftexcmds@@setdraftmode#1{%
435   \ifcase#1 %
436     \pdftexcmds@setdraftmode{#1}%
437   \or
438     \pdftexcmds@setdraftmode{#1}%
439   \else
440     \@PackageWarning{pdftexcmds}{%
441       \string\pdf@setdraftmode: Ignoring\MessageBreak
442       invalid value '#1'%
443     }%
444   \fi
445 }

```

## 2.9 Load Lua module

```

446 \ifluatex
447 \else
448   \expandafter\pdftexcmds@AtEnd
449 \fi%
450 \pdftexcmds@directlua{%
451   require("pdftexcmds")%
452 }
453 \ifnum\luatexversion>37 %
454   \ifnum0%
455     \pdftexcmds@directlua{%
456       if status.ini_version then %
457         tex.write("1")%
458       end%
459     }>0 %
460   \everyjob\expandafter{%
461     \the\everyjob
462     \pdftexcmds@directlua{%
463       require("pdftexcmds")%
464     }%
465   }%
466   \fi
467 \fi
468 \begingroup
469   \def\x{2020-06-27 v0.33}%

```

```

470  \ltx@onelvel@sanitize\x
471  \edef\y{%
472    \pdfcmd{directlua}{%
473      if oberdiek.pdfcmd.getversion then %
474        oberdiek.pdfcmd.getversion()%}
475      end%
476    }%
477  }%
478  \ifx\x\y
479  \else
480    \PackageError{pdfcmd}{%
481      Wrong version of lua module.\MessageBreak
482      Package version: \x\MessageBreak
483      Lua module: \y
484    }\@ehc
485  \fi
486 \endgroup

```

## 2.10 Lua functions

### 2.10.1 Helper macros

```

\pdfcmd@toks
487 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
488 \expandafter\ifx\csname newtoks\endcsname\relax
489   \toksdef{pdfcmd@toks}=0 %
490 \else
491   \csname newtoks\endcsname{pdfcmd@toks}
492 \fi

\pdfcmd@Patch
493 \def{pdfcmd@Patch}[0]
494 \ifnum\luatexversion>40 %
495   \ifnum\luatexversion<66 %
496     \def{pdfcmd@Patch}[1]%
497   \fi
498 \fi

499 \ifcase{pdfcmd@Patch}
500   \catcode`\&=14 %
501 \else
502   \catcode`\&=9 %

\pdfcmd@PatchDecode
503 \def{pdfcmd@PatchDecode}[1]{nil}%
504   \pdfcmd{DecodeA}{#1}%
505 }%

\pdfcmd{DecodeA}
506 \def{pdfcmd@DecodeA}[1]{nil}%
507   \ifx\relax#2\relax
508     \ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi{%
509       \pdfcmd{DecodeB}{#3}%
510     }%
511   \else
512     \ltx@ReturnAfterFi{%
513       \pdfcmd{DecodeA}{#2}%
514     }%
515   \fi
516 }%

```

```

\pdftexcmds@DecodeB

517 \def\pdftexcmds@DecodeB#1^^A^^B#2\@nil#3{%
518   \ifx\relax#2\relax%
519     \ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi{%
520       \ltx@zero
521       #3#1%
522     }%
523   \else
524     \ltx@ReturnAfterFi{%
525       \pdftexcmds@DecodeB#2\@nil{#3#1^^A}%
526     }%
527   \fi
528 }%

529 \fi
530 \ifnum\luatexversion<36 %
531 \else
532   \catcode`\0=9 %
533 \fi

```

### 2.10.2 Strings [1, “7.15 Strings”]

```

\pdf@strcmp

534 \long\def\pdf@strcmp#1#2{%
535   \directlua0{%
536     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.strptime("\luaescapestring{#1}",%
537       "\luaescapestring{#2}")%
538   }%
539 }%

540 \pdf@isprimitive

\pdf@escapehex

541 \long\def\pdf@escapehex#1{%
542   \directlua0{%
543     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.escapehex("\luaescapestring{#1}", "byte")%
544   }%
545 }%

\pdf@escapehexnative

546 \long\def\pdf@escapehexnative#1{%
547   \directlua0{%
548     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.escapehex("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
549   }%
550 }%

\pdf@unescapehex

551 \def\pdf@unescapehex#1{%
552 & \romannumeral\expandafter\pdftexcmds@PatchDecode
553   \the\expandafter\pdftexcmds@toks
554   \directlua0{%
555     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.toks="pdftexcmds@toks"%
556     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.unescapehex("\luaescapestring{#1}", "byte", \pdftexcmds@Patch)%
557   }%
558 & \@nil
559 }%

```

```

\pdf@unescapehexnative
    560 \def\pdf@unescapehexnative#1{%
    561 & \romannumeral\expandafter\pdftexcmds@PatchDecode
    562   \the\expandafter\pdftexcmds@toks
    563   \directlua0{%
    564     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.toks="pdftexcmds@toks"%
    565     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.unescapehex("\luaescapestring{#1}", \pdftexcmds@Patch)%
    566   }%
    567 & \nil
    568 }%

\pdf@escapestring
    569 \long\def\pdf@escapestring#1{%
    570   \directlua0{%
    571     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.escapestring("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
    572   }%
    573 }

\pdf@escapename
    574 \long\def\pdf@escapename#1{%
    575   \directlua0{%
    576     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.escapename("\luaescapestring{#1}", "byte")%
    577   }%
    578 }

\pdf@escapenamenative
    579 \long\def\pdf@escapenamenative#1{%
    580   \directlua0{%
    581     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.escapename("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
    582   }%
    583 }

```

### 2.10.3 Files [1, “7.18 Files”]

```

\pdf@filesize
    584 \def\pdf@filesize#1{%
    585   \directlua0{%
    586     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.filesize("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
    587   }%
    588 }

\pdf@filemoddate
    589 \def\pdf@filemoddate#1{%
    590   \directlua0{%
    591     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.filemoddate("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
    592   }%
    593 }

\pdf@filedump
    594 \def\pdf@filedump#1#2#3{%
    595   \directlua0{%
    596     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.filedump("\luaescapestring{\number#1}", %
    597       "\luaescapestring{\number#2}", %
    598       "\luaescapestring{#3}")%
    599   }%
    600 }

```

```

\pdf@mdfivesum
601 \long\def\pdf@mdfivesum#1{%
602   \directlua0{%
603     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.mdfivesum("\luaescapestring{#1}", "byte")%
604   }%
605 }%

\pdf@mdfivesumnative
606 \long\def\pdf@mdfivesumnative#1{%
607   \directlua0{%
608     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.mdfivesum("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
609   }%
610 }%

\pdf@filemdfivesum
611 \def\pdf@filemdfivesum#1{%
612   \directlua0{%
613     oberdiek.pdftexcmds.filemdfivesum("\luaescapestring{#1}")%
614   }%
615 }%

```

#### 2.10.4 Timekeeping [1, “7.17 Timekeeping”]

```

\protected
616 \let\pdftexcmds@temp=Y%
617 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
618 \expandafter\ifx\csname protected\endcsname\relax
619   \pdftexcmds@directlua0{%
620     if tex.enableprimitives then %
621       tex.enableprimitives(' ', {'protected'})%
622     end%
623   }%
624 \fi
625 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
626 \expandafter\ifx\csname protected\endcsname\relax
627   \let\pdftexcmds@temp=N%
628 \fi

\numexpr
629 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
630 \expandafter\ifx\csname numexpr\endcsname\relax
631   \pdftexcmds@directlua0{%
632     if tex.enableprimitives then %
633       tex.enableprimitives(' ', {'numexpr'})%
634     end%
635   }%
636 \fi
637 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
638 \expandafter\ifx\csname numexpr\endcsname\relax
639   \let\pdftexcmds@temp=N%
640 \fi

641 \ifx\pdftexcmds@temp N%
642   \@PackageWarningNoLine{pdftexcmds}{%
643     Definitions of \ltx@backslashchar pdf@resettimer and%
644     \MessageBreak
645     \ltx@backslashchar pdf@elapsedtime are skipped, because%
646     \MessageBreak

```

```

647     e-TeX's \ltx@backslashchar protected or %
648     \ltx@backslashchar numexpr are missing%
649   }%
650 \else

\pdf@resettimer
651 \protected\def\pdf@resettimer{%
652   \pdftexcmds@directlua0{%
653     \oberdiek.pdftexcmds.resettimer()%
654   }%
655 }%

\pdf@elapsedtime
656 \protected\def\pdf@elapsedtime{%
657   \numexpr
658   \pdftexcmds@directlua0{%
659     \oberdiek.pdftexcmds.elapsedtime()%
660   }%
661   \relax
662 }%

663 \fi

2.10.5 Shell escape

\pdf@shellescape
664 \ifnum\luatexversion<68 %
665 \else
666 \protected\edef\pdf@shellescape{%
667   \numexpr\directlua{tex.sprint(%
668     \number\catcodetable@string,status.shell_escape)}\relax}
669 \fi

\pdf@system
670 \def\pdf@system#1{%
671   \directlua0{%
672     \oberdiek.pdftexcmds.system("\luaescapestring{\#1}")%
673   }%
674 }

\pdf@lastsystemstatus
675 \def\pdf@lastsystemstatus{%
676   \directlua0{%
677     \oberdiek.pdftexcmds.lastsystemstatus()%
678   }%
679 }

\pdf@lastsystemexit
680 \def\pdf@lastsystemexit{%
681   \directlua0{%
682     \oberdiek.pdftexcmds.lastsystemexit()%
683   }%
684 }

685 \catcode`\0=12 %

```

```

\pdf@pipe Check availability of io.popen first.
686 \ifnum0%
687     \pdftexcmds@directlua{%
688         if io.popen then %
689             tex.write("1")%
690         end%
691     }%
692     =1 %
693 \def\pdf@pipe#1{%
694 & \romannumeral\expandafter\pdftexcmds@PatchDecode
695     \the\expandafter\pdftexcmds@toks
696     \pdftexcmds@directlua{%
697         oberdiek.pdftexcmds.toks="pdftexcmds@toks"%
698         oberdiek.pdftexcmds.pipe("\luaescapestring{#1}", \pdftexcmds@Patch)%
699     }%
700 & \nil
701 }%
702 \fi

703 \pdftexcmds@AtEnd%
704 
```

## 2.11 Lua module

```

705 /*lua)
706 oberdiek = oberdiek or {}
707 local pdftexcmds = oberdiek.pdftexcmds or {}
708 oberdiek.pdftexcmds = pdftexcmds
709 local systemexitstatus
710 function pdftexcmds.getversion()
711   tex.write("2020-06-27 v0.33")
712 end

```

### 2.11.1 Strings [1, “7.15 Strings”]

```

713 function pdftexcmds.strcmp(A, B)
714   if A == B then
715     tex.write("0")
716   elseif A < B then
717     tex.write("-1")
718   else
719     tex.write("1")
720   end
721 end
722 local function utf8_to_byte(str)
723   local i = 0
724   local n = string.len(str)
725   local t = {}
726   while i < n do
727     i = i + 1
728     local a = string.byte(str, i)
729     if a < 128 then
730       table.insert(t, string.char(a))
731     else
732       if a >= 192 and i < n then
733         i = i + 1
734         local b = string.byte(str, i)
735         if b < 128 or b >= 192 then
736           i = i - 1

```

```

737     elseif a == 194 then
738         table.insert(t, string.char(b))
739     elseif a == 195 then
740         table.insert(t, string.char(b + 64))
741     end
742     end
743   end
744 end
745 return table.concat(t)
746 end

747 function pdftexcmds.escapehex(str, mode)
748   if mode == "byte" then
749     str = utf8_to_byte(str)
750   end
751   tex.write((string.gsub(str, ".",
752     function (ch)
753       return string.format("%02X", string.byte(ch))
754     end
755   )))
756 end

```

See procedure unescapehex in file `utils.c` of pdfTEX. Caution: `tex.write` ignores leading spaces.

```

757 function pdftexcmds.unescapehex(str, mode, patch)
758   local a = 0
759   local first = true
760   local result = {}
761   for i = 1, string.len(str), 1 do
762     local ch = string.byte(str, i)
763     if ch >= 48 and ch <= 57 then
764       ch = ch - 48
765     elseif ch >= 65 and ch <= 70 then
766       ch = ch - 55
767     elseif ch >= 97 and ch <= 102 then
768       ch = ch - 87
769     else
770       ch = nil
771     end
772     if ch then
773       if first then
774         a = ch * 16
775         first = false
776       else
777         table.insert(result, a + ch)
778         first = true
779       end
780     end
781   end
782   if not first then
783     table.insert(result, a)
784   end
785   if patch == 1 then
786     local temp = {}
787     for i, a in ipairs(result) do
788       if a == 0 then
789         table.insert(temp, 1)
790         table.insert(temp, 1)
791       else
792         if a == 1 then

```

```

793         table.insert(temp, 1)
794         table.insert(temp, 2)
795     else
796         table.insert(temp, a)
797     end
798 end
799 end
800 result = temp
801 end
802 if mode == "byte" then
803     local utf8 = {}
804     for i, a in ipairs(result) do
805         if a < 128 then
806             table.insert(utf8, a)
807         else
808             if a < 192 then
809                 table.insert(utf8, 194)
810                 a = a - 128
811             else
812                 table.insert(utf8, 195)
813                 a = a - 192
814             end
815             table.insert(utf8, a + 128)
816         end
817     end
818     result = utf8
819 end

```

this next line added for current luatex; this is the only change in the file. eroux, 28apr13. (v 0.21)

```

820     local unpack = _G["unpack"] or table.unpack
821     tex.settoks(pdftexcmds.toks, string.char(unpack(result)))
822 end

```

See procedure `escapestring` in file `utils.c` of pd<sup>T</sup>E<sub>X</sub>.

```

823 function pdftexcmds.escapestring(str, mode)
824     if mode == "byte" then
825         str = utf8_to_byte(str)
826     end
827     tex.write((string.gsub(str, ".",
828         function (ch)
829             local b = string.byte(ch)
830             if b < 33 or b > 126 then
831                 return string.format("\\%.3o", b)
832             end
833             if b == 40 or b == 41 or b == 92 then
834                 return "\\" .. ch
835             end

```

Lua 5.1 returns the match in case of return value `nil`.

```

836         return nil
837     end
838   )))
839 end

```

See procedure `escapename` in file `utils.c` of pd<sup>T</sup>E<sub>X</sub>.

```

840 function pdftexcmds.escapename(str, mode)
841     if mode == "byte" then
842         str = utf8_to_byte(str)
843     end
844     tex.write((string.gsub(str, ".",

```

```

845     function (ch)
846         local b = string.byte(ch)
847         if b == 0 then
848             return ""
849         end
850         if b <= 32 or b >= 127
851             or b == 35 or b == 37 or b == 40 or b == 41
852             or b == 47 or b == 60 or b == 62 or b == 91
853             or b == 93 or b == 123 or b == 125 then
854             return string.format("#%.2X", b)
855         else

```

Lua 5.1 returns the match in case of return value nil.

```

856             return nil
857         end
858     end
859   )))
860 end

```

## 2.11.2 Files [1, “7.18 Files”]

```

861 function pdftexcmds.filesize(filename)
862     local foundfile = kpse.find_file(filename, "tex", true)
863     if foundfile then
864         local size = lfs.attributes(foundfile, "size")
865         if size then
866             tex.write(size)
867         end
868     end
869 end

```

See procedure `makepdftime` in file `utils.c` of `pdfTeX`.

```

870 function pdftexcmds.filemoddate(filename)
871     local foundfile = kpse.find_file(filename, "tex", true)
872     if foundfile then
873         local date = lfs.attributes(foundfile, "modification")
874         if date then
875             local d = os.date("*t", date)
876             if d.sec >= 60 then
877                 d.sec = 59
878             end
879             local u = os.date("!*t", date)
880             local off = 60 * (d.hour - u.hour) + d.min - u.min
881             if d.year ~= u.year then
882                 if d.year > u.year then
883                     off = off + 1440
884                 else
885                     off = off - 1440
886                 end
887             elseif d.yday ~= u.yday then
888                 if d.yday > u.yday then
889                     off = off + 1440
890                 else
891                     off = off - 1440
892                 end
893             end
894             local timezone
895             if off == 0 then

```

```

896         timezone = "Z"
897     else
898         local hours = math.floor(off / 60)
899         local mins = math.abs(off - hours * 60)
900         timezone = string.format("%+03d'%02d'", hours, mins)
901     end
902     tex.write(string.format("D:%04d%02d%02d%02d%02d%s",
903                         d.year, d.month, d.day, d.hour, d.min, d.sec, timezone))
904   end
905 end
906 end
907 function pdftexcmds.filiedump(offset, length, filename)
908   length = tonumber(length)
909   if length and length > 0 then
910     local foundfile = kpse.find_file(filename, "tex", true)
911     if foundfile then
912       offset = tonumber(offset)
913       if not offset then
914         offset = 0
915       end
916       local filehandle = io.open(foundfile, "rb")
917       if filehandle then
918         if offset > 0 then
919           filehandle:seek("set", offset)
920         end
921         local dump = filehandle:read(length)
922         pdftexcmds.escapehex(dump)
923         filehandle:close()
924       end
925     end
926   end
927 end
928 function pdftexcmds.mdfivesum(str, mode)
929   if mode == "byte" then
930     str = utf8_to_byte(str)
931   end
932   pdftexcmds.escapehex(md5.sum(str))
933 end
934 function pdftexcmds.filemdfivesum(filename)
935   local foundfile = kpse.find_file(filename, "tex", true)
936   if foundfile then
937     local filehandle = io.open(foundfile, "rb")
938     if filehandle then
939       local contents = filehandle:read("*a")
940       pdftexcmds.escapehex(md5.sum(contents))
941       filehandle:close()
942     end
943   end
944 end

```

### 2.11.3 Timekeeping [1, “7.17 Timekeeping”]

The functions for timekeeping are based on Andy Thomas’ work [3]. Changes:

- Overflow check is added.
- `string.format` is used to avoid exponential number representation for sure.
- `tex.write` is used instead of `tex.print` to get tokens with catcode 12 and without appended `\newlinechar`.

```

945 local basetime = 0
946 function pdftexcmds.resettimer()
947   basetime = os.clock()
948 end
949 function pdftexcmds.elapsedtime()
950   local val = (os.clock() - basetime) * 65536 + .5
951   if val > 2147483647 then
952     val = 2147483647
953   end
954   tex.write(string.format("%d", math.floor(val)))
955 end

```

#### 2.11.4 Miscellaneous [1, “7.21 Miscellaneous”]

```

956 function pdftexcmds.shellescape()
957   if os.execute then
958     if status
959       and status.luatex_version
960       and status.luatex_version >= 68 then
961       tex.write(os.execute())
962     else
963       local result = os.execute()
964       if result == 0 then
965         tex.write("0")
966       else
967         if result == nil then
968           tex.write("0")
969         else
970           tex.write("1")
971         end
972       end
973     end
974   else
975     tex.write("0")
976   end
977 end
978 function pdftexcmds.system(cmdline)
979   systemexitstatus = nil
980   texio.write_nl("log", "system(" .. cmdline .. ") ")
981   if os.execute then
982     texio.write("log", "executed.")
983     systemexitstatus = os.execute(cmdline)
984   else
985     texio.write("log", "disabled.")
986   end
987 end
988 function pdftexcmds.lastsystemstatus()
989   local result = tonumber(systemexitstatus)
990   if result then
991     local x = math.floor(result / 256)
992     tex.write(result - 256 * math.floor(result / 256))
993   end
994 end
995 function pdftexcmds.lastsystemexit()
996   local result = tonumber(systemexitstatus)
997   if result then
998     tex.write(math.floor(result / 256))
999   end

```

```

1000 end
1001 function pdftexcmds.pipe(cmdline, patch)
1002   local result
1003   systemexitstatus = nil
1004   texio.write_nl("log", "pipe(.. cmdline ..) ")
1005   if io.popen then
1006     texio.write("log", "executed.")
1007     local handle = io.popen(cmdline, "r")
1008     if handle then
1009       result = handle:read("*a")
1010       handle:close()
1011     end
1012   else
1013     texio.write("log", "disabled.")
1014   end
1015   if result then
1016     if patch == 1 then
1017       local temp = {}
1018       for i, a in ipairs(result) do
1019         if a == 0 then
1020           table.insert(temp, 1)
1021           table.insert(temp, 1)
1022         else
1023           if a == 1 then
1024             table.insert(temp, 1)
1025             table.insert(temp, 2)
1026           else
1027             table.insert(temp, a)
1028           end
1029         end
1030       end
1031       result = temp
1032     end
1033     tex.settoks(pdftexcmds.toks, result)
1034   else
1035     tex.settoks(pdftexcmds.toks, "")
1036   end
1037 end
1038 
```

### 3 Installation

#### 3.1 Download

**Package.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.dtx](http://CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.dtx) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.pdf](http://CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.pdf) Documentation.

#### 3.2 Package installation

**Unpacking.** The .dtx file is a self-extracting docstrip archive. The files are extracted by running the .dtx through plain T<sub>E</sub>X:

---

tex pdftexcmds.dtx

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<sup>1</sup>[CTAN:pkg/pdftexcmds](http://CTAN:pkg/pdftexcmds)

**TDS.** Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

```
pdftexcmds.sty → tex/generic/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.sty  
pdftexcmds.lua → tex/generic/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.lua  
pdftexcmds.pdf → doc/latex/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.pdf  
pdftexcmds.dtx → source/latex/pdftexcmds/pdftexcmds.dtx
```

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

### 3.3 Refresh file name databases

If your `TEX` distribution (`TEX Live`, `MiKTEX`, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, `TEX Live` users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

### 3.4 Some details for the interested

**Unpacking with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain T<sub>E</sub>X:** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{pdftexcmds.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

**Generating the documentation.** You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
pdflatex pdftexcmds.dtx  
bibtex pdftexcmds.aux  
makeindex -s gind.ist pdftexcmds.idx  
pdflatex pdftexcmds.dtx  
makeindex -s gind.ist pdftexcmds.idx  
pdflatex pdftexcmds.dtx
```

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## 5 History

[2007/11/11 v0.1]

- First version.

[2007/11/12 v0.2]

- Short description fixed.

[2007/12/12 v0.3]

- Organization of Lua code as module.

[2009/04/10 v0.4]

- Adaptation for syntax change of `\directlua` in Lua<sup>T</sup>E<sub>X</sub> 0.36.

[2009/09/22 v0.5]

- `\pdf@primitive`, `\pdf@ifprimitive` added.
- X<sub>F</sub>T<sup>E</sup>X's variants are detected for `\pdf@shellescape`, `\pdf@strcmp`, `\pdf@primitive`, `\pdf@ifprimitive`.

[2009/09/23 v0.6]

- Macro `\pdf@isprimitive` added.

[2009/12/12 v0.7]

- Short info shortened.

[2010/03/01 v0.8]

- Required date for package ifluatex updated.

[2010/04/01 v0.9]

- Use `\ifeof{18}` for defining `\pdf@shellescape` between pdft<sup>E</sup>X 1.21a (inclusive) and 1.30.0 (exclusive).

[2010/11/04 v0.10]

- `\pdf@draftmode`, `\pdf@ifdraftmode` and `\pdf@setdraftmode` added.

[2010/11/11 v0.11]

- Missing `\RequirePackage` for package ifpdf added.

[2011/01/30 v0.12]

- Already loaded package files are not input in plain T<sub>E</sub>X.

## [2011/03/04 v0.13]

- Improved Lua function `shellescape` that also uses the result of `os.execute()` (thanks to Philipp Stephani).

## [2011/04/10 v0.14]

- Version check of loaded module added.
- Patch for bug in LuaTeX between 0.40.6 and 0.65 that is fixed in revision 4096.

## [2011/04/16 v0.15]

- LuaTeX: `\pdf@shellescape` is only supported for version 0.70.0 and higher due to a bug, `os.execute()` crashes in some circumstances. Fixed in LuaTeX beta-0.70.0, revision 4167.

## [2011/04/22 v0.16]

- Previous fix was not working due to a wrong catcode of digit zero (due to easily support the old `\directlua0`). The version border is lowered to 0.68, because some beta-0.67.0 seems also to work.

## [2011/06/29 v0.17]

- Documentation addition to `\pdf@shellescape`.

## [2011/07/01 v0.18]

- Add Lua module loading in `\everyjob` for iniTeX (LuaTeX only).

## [2011/07/28 v0.19]

- Missing space in an info message added (Martin Münch).

## [2011/11/29 v0.20]

- `\pdf@resettimer` and `\pdf@elapsedtime` added (thanks Andy Thomas).

## [2016/05/10 v0.21]

- local unpack added (thanks Élie Roux).

## [2016/05/21 v0.22]

- adjust `\textbackslash` usage in bib file for biber bug.

## [2016/10/02 v0.23]

- add file.close to lua filehandles (github pull request).

## [2017/01/29 v0.24]

- Avoid loading luatex-loader for current luatex. (Use pdftexcmds.lua not oberdiek.pdftexcmds.lua to simplify file search with standard require)

[2017/03/19 v0.25]

- New `\pdf@shellescape` for LuaTeX, see github issue 20.

[2018/01/21 v0.26]

- use rb not r mode for file open github issue 34.

[2018/01/30 v0.27]

- \pdf@mdfivesum for XETEX

[2018/09/07 v0.28]

- Fix catcode regime in luatex sprint for \pdf@shellescape GH issue 45

[2018/09/10 v0.29]

- Actually do the fix described above in the code, not just document it.

[2019/07/25 v0.30]

- Remove uses of module function, see PR70

[2019/11/24 v0.31]

- Use `iftex` directly rather than `ifluatex` and `ifpdf` wrappers.
  - detect `\filmoddate` and other X<sub>E</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X commands.
  - Adjust `\pdf@escapestring` in LuaT<sub>E</sub>X to produce the same as in pdfT<sub>E</sub>X in the 8bit range and not drop all non ascii characters.

[2020-06-04 v0.32]

- Updated pdftexcmds.elapsedtime to lua 5.3 (issue 4).

[2020-06-24 v0.33]

- avoid that `\pdfelapsetime` and `\pdfresettimer` are set to `\relax` when using xelatex (issue 5).
  - load lltuatem when using plain so that the catcode tables are available.

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