# fpdf2 manual

A minimalist PDF creation library for Python

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# 1. fpdf2

fpdf2 is a library for simple & fast PDF document generation in Python. It is a fork and the successor of PyfPDF (cf. history).

Latest Released Version: pypi v2.5.6



from fpdf import FPDF pdf = FPDF() pdf.add\_page()
pdf.set\_font('helvetica', size=12)
pdf.cell(txt="hello world") pdf.output("hello\_world.pdf")

# 1.1 Main features

- · Easy to use, with a user-friendly API, and easy to extend
- Python 3.7+ support
- Unicode (UTF-8) TrueType font subset embedding (Central European, Cyrillic, Greek, Baltic, Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hindi and almost any other language in the world)
- Internal / external links
- Embedding images, including transparency and alpha channel, using Pillow (Python Imaging Library)

- Arbitrary path drawing and basic SVG import
- Embedding barcodes, charts & graphs, emojis, symbols & dingbats
- · Cell / multi-cell / plaintext writing, with automatic page breaks, line break and text justification
- Choice of measurement unit, page format & margins. Optional page header and footer
- Basic conversion from HTML to PDF
- A templating system to render PDFs in batchs
- Images & links alternative descriptions, for accessibility
- Table of contents & document outline
- · Document signing
- Annotations, including text highlights, and file attachments
- Presentation mode with control over page display duration & transitions
- Optional basic Markdown-like styling: \*\*bold\*\*, \_\_italics\_\_
- It has very few dependencies: Pillow, defusedxml & svg.path
- Can render mathematical equations & charts
- Many example scripts available throughout this documentation, including usage examples with Django, Flask, streamlit, AWS lambdas...: Usage in web APIs
- Unit tests with <code>qpdf</code>-based PDF diffing, and PDF samples validation using 3 different checkers:



# 1.2 Tutorials

- English
- Deutsch
- Italian
- español

- français
- .
- português
- Русский
- Ελληνικά

# 1.3 Installation

#### From PyPI:

pip install fpdf2

To get the latest, unreleased, development version straight from the development branch of this repository:

pip install git+https://github.com/PyFPDF/fpdf2.git@master

fpdf2 can be installed without any dependency, but it needs Pillow to render images:

pip install --no-dependencies fpdf2

**Developement**: check the dedicated documentation page.

#### 1.3.1 Displaying deprecation warnings

DeprecationWarning s are not displayed by Python by default.

Hence, every time you use a newer version of fpdf2, we strongly encourage you to execute your scripts with the -wd option (*cf.* documentation) in order to get warned about deprecated features used in your code.

 $This \ can \ also \ be \ enabled \ programmatically \ with \ warnings. \verb|simplefilter('default', DeprecationWarning)|.$ 

# 1.4 Community

# 1.4.1 Support

For community support, please feel free to file an issue or open a discussion.

# 1.4.2 They use fpdf2

- Undying Dusk: a video game in PDF format, with a gameplay based on exploration and logic puzzles, in the tradition of dungeon crawlers
- OpenDroneMap: a command line toolkit for processing aerial drone imagery
- OpenSfM: a Structure from Motion library, serving as a processing pipeline for reconstructing camera poses and 3D scenes from multiple images
- RPA Framework : libraries and tools for Robotic Process Automation (RPA), designed to be used with both Robot Framework
- Concordia : a platform developed by the US Library of Congress for crowdsourcing transcription and tagging of text in digitized images
- wudududu/extract-video-ppt : create a one-page-per-frame PDF from a video or PPT file. fpdf2 also has a demo script to convert a GIF into a one-page-per-frame PDF: gif2pdf.py
- csv2pdf: convert CSV files to PDF files easily

# 1.4.3 Related

- Looking for alternative libraries? Check out this detailed list of PDF-related Python libs by Patrick Maupin (pdfrw author).

  There is also borb, pikepdf, WeasyPrint & pydyf. We have some documentations about combining fpdf2 with borb & pdfrw.
- Create PDFs with Python: a series of tutorial videos by bvalgard
- digidigital/Extensions-and-Scripts-for-pyFPDF-fpdf2: scripts ported from PHP to add transpareny to elements of the page or part of an image, allow to write circular text, draw pie charts and bar diagrams, embed JavaScript, draw rectangles with rounded corners, draw a star shape, restrict the rendering of some elements to screen or printout, paint linear / radial / multicolor gradients gradients, add stamps & watermarks, write sheared text...

# 1.5 Misc

- Release notes: CHANGELOG.md
- This library could only exist thanks to the dedication of many volunteers around the world: list & map of contributors
- You can download an offline PDF version of this manual: fpdf2-manual.pdf

# 2. Tutorial

#### 2.1 Tutorial

Methods full documentation: fpdf.FPDF API doc

- Tutorial
- Tuto 1 Minimal Example
- Tuto 2 Header, footer, page break and image
- Tuto 3 Line breaks and colors
- Tuto 4 Multi Columns
- Tuto 5 Creating Tables
- Tuto 6 Creating links and mixing text styles

#### 2.1.1 Tuto 1 - Minimal Example

Let's start with the classic example:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### Resulting PDF

After including the library file, we create an FPDF object. The FPDF constructor is used here with the default values: pages are in A4 portrait and the measure unit is millimeter. It could have been specified explicitly with:

```
pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
```

It is possible to set the PDF in landscape mode (L) or to use other page formats (such as Letter and Legal) and measure units (pt, cm, in).

There is no page for the moment, so we have to add one with add\_page. The origin is at the upper-left corner and the current position is by default placed at 1 cm from the borders; the margins can be changed with set margins.

Before we can print text, it is mandatory to select a font with set\_font, otherwise the document would be invalid. We choose Helvetica bold 16:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

We could have specified italics with I, underlined with U or a regular font with an empty string (or any combination). Note that the font size is given in points, not millimeters (or another user unit); it is the only exception. The other built-in fonts are Times, Courier, Symbol and ZapfDingbats.

We can now print a cell with cell. A cell is a rectangular area, possibly framed, which contains some text. It is rendered at the current position. We specify its dimensions, its text (centered or aligned), if borders should be drawn, and where the current position moves after it (to the right, below or to the beginning of the next line). To add a frame, we would do this:

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
```

To add a new cell next to it with centered text and go to the next line, we would do:

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Powered by FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

Remark: the line break can also be done with ln. This method allows to specify in addition the height of the break.

Finally, the document is closed and saved under the provided file path using output. Without any parameter provided, output() returns the PDF bytearray buffer.

#### 2.1.2 Tuto 2 - Header, footer, page break and image

Here is a two page example with header, footer and logo:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Rendering logo:
        self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
# Setting font: helvetica bold 15
         self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Moving cursor to the right:
        self.cell(80)
        # Printing title:
self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
         # Performing a line break:
        self.ln(20)
    def footer(self):
         # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
        # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Printing page number
        self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}/{{nb}}", align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf = PDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41)
    pdf.cell(0, 10, f"Printing line number {i}", new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")
pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
```

## Resulting PDF

This example makes use of the header and footer methods to process page headers and footers. They are called automatically. They already exist in the FPDF class but do nothing, therefore we have to extend the class and override them.

The logo is printed with the image method by specifying its upper-left corner and its width. The height is calculated automatically to respect the image proportions.

To print the page number, a null value is passed as the cell width. It means that the cell should extend up to the right margin of the page; it is handy to center text. The current page number is returned by the page\_no method; as for the total number of pages, it is obtained by means of the special value {nb} which will be substituted on document closure (this special value can changed by alias\_nb\_pages()). Note the use of the set\_y method which allows to set position at an absolute location in the page, starting from the top or the bottom.

Another interesting feature is used here: the automatic page breaking. As soon as a cell would cross a limit in the page (at 2 centimeters from the bottom by default), a break is performed and the font restored. Although the header and footer select their own font (helvetica), the body continues with Times. This mechanism of automatic restoration also applies to colors and line width. The limit which triggers page breaks can be set with set auto page break.

# 2.1.3 Tuto 3 - Line breaks and colors

Let's continue with an example which prints justified paragraphs. It also illustrates the use of colors.

```
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
        width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
        self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
```

```
# Setting colors for frame, background and text:
          self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
          self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
          # Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
          self.set_line_width(1)
          # Printing title:
          self.cell(
               width.
                self.title,
               border=1,
               new_x="LMARGIN",
               new_y="NEXT",
align="C",
                fill=True
          # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(10)
          \ensuremath{\text{\#}} Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
          self.set_y(-15)
          # Setting font: helvetica italic 8 self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8) # Setting text color to gray:
          self.set_text_color(128)
          # Printing page number
          self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
          # Setting font: helvetica 12
self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
# Setting background color
          self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
          # Printing chapter name:
self.cell(
                f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
               new x="LMARGIN".
               new_y="NEXT",
               fill=True
           # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(4)
     def chapter_body(self, filepath):
    # Reading text file:
          with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
          txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
# Setting font: Times 12
          self.set_font("Times", size=12)
          # Printing justified text:
self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
          # Performing a line break
          self.ln()
          # Final mention in italics:
          self.set_font(style="I")
self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
          self.add_page()
           self.chapter_title(num, title)
          self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

#### Resulting PDF

#### Jules Verne text

The get\_string\_width method allows determining the length of a string in the current font, which is used here to calculate the position and the width of the frame surrounding the title. Then colors are set (via set\_draw\_color, set\_fill\_color and set\_text\_color) and the thickness of the line is set to 1 mm (against 0.2 by default) with set\_line\_width. Finally, we output the cell (the last parameter to true indicates that the background must be filled).

The method used to print the paragraphs is  $multi\_cell$ . Text is justified by default. Each time a line reaches the right extremity of the cell or a carriage return character ( $\n$ ) is met, a line break is issued and a new cell automatically created under the current

one. An automatic break is performed at the location of the nearest space or soft-hyphen (\u00ad) character before the right limit. A soft-hyphen will be replaced by a normal hyphen when triggering a line break, and ignored otherwise.

Two document properties are defined: the title (set\_title) and the author (set\_author). Properties can be viewed by two means. First is to open the document directly with Acrobat Reader, go to the File menu and choose the Document Properties option. The second, also available from the plug-in, is to right-click and select Document Properties.

#### 2.1.4 Tuto 4 - Multi Columns

This example is a variant of the previous one, showing how to lay the text across multiple columns.

```
from fpdf import EPDE
class PDF(FPDF):
    def __init__(self):
         super().__init__()
self.col = 0  # Current column
self.y0 = 0  # Ordinate of column start
     def header(self):
          self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
         width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
          self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
         self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
         self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
         self.set_line_width(1)
         self.cell(
              width,
              self.title,
              border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
              new_y="NEXT",
              align="C",
fill=True,
         self.ln(10)
         # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
     def footer(self):
          self.set_y(-15)
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
          self.set_text_color(128)
          self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def set_col(self, col):
          # Set column position:
         self.col = col
         x = 10 + col * 65
self.set_left_margin(x)
          self.set_x(x)
     @property
     def accept_page_break(self):
         if self.col < 2:
    # Go to next column:</pre>
              self.set_col(self.col + 1)
              # Set ordinate to top:
              self.set_y(self.y0)
              # Stay on the same page:
return False
         # Go back to first column:
         self.set col(0)
          # Trigger a page break:
         return True
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
         self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
          self.cell(
              f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
              new_x="LMARGIN",
              new_y="NEXT",
              horder="l"
              fill=True.
          # Saving ordinate position:
          self.y0 = self.get_y()
     def chapter_body(self, name):
         # Reading text file:
```

```
with open(name, "rb") as fh:
               txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
          # Setting font: Times 12
          # Setting Font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing text in a 6cm width column:
          self.multi_cell(60, 5, txt)
          self.ln()
          # Final mention in italics:
          self.set font(style="I")
          self.self(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
# Start back at first column:
          self.set_col(0)
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, name):
          self.add_page()
          self.chapter_title(num, title)
          self.chapter_body(name)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto4.pdf")
```

# Resulting PDF

#### Jules Verne text

The key difference from the previous tutorial is the use of the accept page break and the set col methods.

Using the accept\_page\_break method, once the cell crosses the bottom limit of the page, it will check the current column number. If it is less than 2 (we chose to divide the page in three columns) it will call the set\_col method, increasing the column number and altering the position of the next column so the text may continue there.

Once the bottom limit of the third column is reached, the accept\_page\_break method will reset and go back to the first column and trigger a page break.

# 2.1.5 Tuto 5 - Creating Tables

This tutorial will explain how to create tables easily.

The code will create three different tables to explain what can be achieved with some simple adjustments.

```
import csv
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def basic_table(self, headings, rows):
        for heading in headings:
             self.cell(40, 7, heading, 1)
        self.ln()
        for row in rows:
            for col in row:
    self.cell(40, 6, col, 1)
             self.ln()
    def improved_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 40)):
        for col_width, heading in zip(col\_widths, headings): self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C")
        self.ln()
        for row in rows:
             self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR")
             self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR")
self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R")
             self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
             self.ln()
        # Closure line
        self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", border="T")
    def colored_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 42)):
         # Colors, line width and bold font:
        self.set_fill_color(255, 100, 0)
        self.set_text_color(255)
        self.set_draw_color(255, 0, 0)
        self.set line width(0.3)
         self.set_font(style="B")
        for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
             self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C", fill=True)
        self.ln()
        # Color and font restoration:
        self.set_fill_color(224, 235, 255)
```

```
self.set_text_color(0)
          self.set_font()
          fill = False
          for row in rows:
               self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill) self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill) self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
                self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
               self.ln()
          {\tt self.cell(sum(col\_widths),\ 0,\ "",\ "T")}
def load_data_from_csv(csv_filepath):
     headings, rows = [], []
     with open(csv_filepath, encoding="utf8") as csv_file:
          for row in csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=","):
    if not headings: # extracting column names from first row:
                    headings = row
               else:
                     rows.append(row)
     return headings, rows
col_names, data = load_data_from_csv("countries.txt")
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=14)
pdf.add page()
pdf.basic_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.improved_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.colored_table(col_names, data)
pdf.output("tuto5.pdf")
```

#### Resulting PDF - Countries text

Since a table is just a collection of cells, it is natural to build one from them.

The first example is achieved in the most basic way possible: simple framed cells, all of the same size and left aligned. The result is rudimentary but very quick to obtain.

The second table brings some improvements: each column has its own width, titles are centered and figures right aligned. Moreover, horizontal lines have been removed. This is done by means of the border parameter of the Cell() method, which specifies which sides of the cell must be drawn. Here we want the left (L) and right (R) ones. Now only the problem of the horizontal line to finish the table remains. There are two possibilities to solv it: check for the last line in the loop, in which case we use LRB for the border parameter; or, as done here, add the line once the loop is over.

The third table is similar to the second one but uses colors. Fill, text and line colors are simply specified. Alternate coloring for rows is obtained by using alternatively transparent and filled cells.

# 2.1.6 Tuto 6 - Creating links and mixing text styles

This tutorial will explain several ways to insert links inside a pdf document, as well as adding links to external sources.

It will also show several ways we can use different text styles, (bold, italic, underline) within the same text.

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin

class MyFPDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    pass

pdf = MyFPDF()

# First page:
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=20)
pdf.write(5, "To find out what's new in self tutorial, click ")
pdf.set_font(style="u")
link = pdf.add_link()
pdf.write(5, "here", link)
pdf.set_font()

# Second page:
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_link(link)
pdf.image(
    ".../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 10, 50, 0, "", "https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/"
)
pdf.set_left_margin(60)
```

```
pdf.set_font_size(18)
pdf.write_html(
    """You can print text mixing different styles using HTML tags: <b>bold</b>, <i>italic</i>,
<u>underlined</u>, or <b><i><u>underlined</u>, or <b><ii><u>underlined</u>, or slow an also insert links on text, such as <a href="https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/">https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/</a>,
or on an image: the logo is clickable!"""
)
pdf.output("tuto6.pdf")
```

#### Resulting PDF - fpdf2-logo

The new method shown here to print text is write(). It is very similar to multi cell(), the key differences being:

- The end of line is at the right margin and the next line begins at the left margin.
- The current position moves to the end of the text.

The method therefore allows us to write a chunk of text, alter the font style, and continue from the exact place we left off. On the other hand, its main drawback is that we cannot justify the text like we do with the multi cell() method.

In the first page of the example, we used write() for this purpose. The beginning of the sentence is written in regular style text, then using the set font() method, we switched to underline and finished the sentence.

To add an internal link pointing to the second page, we used the add\_link() method, which creates a clickable area which we named "link" that directs to another place within the document. On the second page, we used set\_link() to define the destination area for the link we just created.

To create the external link using an image, we used image(). The method has the option to pass a link as one of its arguments. The link can be both internal or external.

As an alternative, another option to change the font style and add links is to use the write\_html() method. It is an html parser, which allows adding text, changing font style and adding links using html.

# 2.2 Kurzanleitung

Vollständige Dokumentation der Methoden: fpdf.fpdf API doc

- Kurzanleitung
- Lektion 1 Minimalbeispiel
- Lektion 2 Kopfzeile, Fußzeile, Seitenumbruch und Bild
- Lektion 3 Zeilenumbrüche und Farben
- Lektion 4 Mehrspaltiger Text
- Lektion 5 Tabellen erstellen
- Lektion 6 Links erstellen und Textstile mischen

#### 2.2.1 Lektion 1 - Minimalbeispiel

Beginnen wir mit dem Klassiker:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### Erzeugtes PDF

Nachdem wir die Bibliothek eingebunden haben, erstellen zuerst wir ein FPDF Objekt. Der FPDF Konstruktor wird hier mit den Standardwerten verwendet: Das Seitenformat wird auf A4-Hochformat gesetzt und als Maßeinheit Millimeter festgelegt.

Diese Werte hätten wir auch explizit angegeben können:

```
pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
```

Es ist auch möglich, eine PDF-Datei im Querformat zu erstellen ( L ), sowie andere Seitenformate ( Letter und Legal ) und Maßeinheiten ( pt , cm , in ) zu verwenden.

Bisher haben wir dem Dokument noch keine Seite hinzugefügt. Um eine Seite hinzuzufügen, verwenden wir add\_page. Der Ursprung der Koordinaten liegt in der oberen linken Ecke und die aktuelle Schreibposition ist standardmäßig jeweils 1 cm von den Rändern entfernt. Diese Randabstände können mit set\_margins angespasst werden.

Bevor wir Text hinzufügen können, müssen wir zuerst mit set\_font eine Schriftart festlegen, um ein gültiges Dokument zu erzeugen. Wir wählen Helvetica, fett in Schriftgröße 16 pt:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

Anstelle von B hätten wir mit I kursiv, U unterstichen oder durch die Übergabe einer leeren Zeichenkette einen "normale" Textstil wählen können. Beliebige Kombinationen der drei Werte sind zulässig. Beachte, dass die Schriftgröße in Punkt und nicht in Millimetern (oder einer anderen durch den Benutzer bei der Erstellung mit unit= festgelegten Maßeinheit) angegeben wird. Dies ist die einzige Ausnahme vom Grundsatz, dass immer die durch den Benutzer gewählte Maßeinheit bei der Festlegung von Positions- oder Größenangaben genutzt wird. Neben Helvetica stehen Times, Courier, Symbol und ZapfDingbats als Standardschriftarten zur Verfügung.

Wir können jetzt eine erste Textzelle mit cell einfügen. Eine Zelle ist ein rechteckiger Bereich - optional umrahmt - der Text enthalten kann. Sie wird an der jeweils aktuellen Schreibposition gerendert. Wir können die Abmessungen der Zelle, den Text und dessen Formatierung (zentriert oder ausgerichtet), einen ggf. gewünschten Rahmen und die Festlegung der neuen Schreibposition nach dem Schreiben der Zelle (rechts, unten oder am Anfang der nächsten Zeile) bestimmen.

Um einen Rahmen hinzuzufügen, würden wir die Methode folgendermaßen einbinden:

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
```

Um eine neue Zelle mit zentriertem Text hinzuzufügen und anschließend in die nächste Zeile zu springen, können wir Folgendes schreiben:

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Powered by FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

**Anmerkung**: Der Zeilenumbruch kann auch mit 1n erfolgen. Diese Methode erlaubt es, zusätzlich die Höhe des Umbruchs anzugeben.

Schließlich wird das Dokument mit output geschlossen und unter dem angegebenen Dateipfad gespeichert. Ohne Angabe eines Parameters liefert output() den PDF bytearray -Puffer zurück.

#### 2.2.2 Lektion 2 - Kopfzeile, Fußzeile, Seitenumbruch und Bild

Hier ein zweiseitiges Beispiel mit Kopfzeile, Fußzeile und Logo:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Rendering logo:
self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        self.cell(80)
         # Printing title:
         self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
         # Performing a line break
         self.ln(20)
    def footer(self):
         # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
# Setting font: helvetica italic 8
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Printing page number:
        self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}/{{nb}}", align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf = PDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41)
    pdf.cell(0, 10, f"Printing line number {i}", new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")
```

#### Erzeugtes PDF

Dieses Beispiel verwendet die Methoden header und footer, um Kopf- und Fußzeilen zu verarbeiten. Sie werden jeweils automatisch aufgerufen. Die Methode 'header' direkt nach dem Hinzugügen einer neuen Seite, die Methode 'footer' wenn die Bearbeitung einer Seite durch das Hinzufügen einer weiteren Seite oder das Abspeichern des Dokuments abgeschlossen wird. Die Methoden existieren bereits in der Klasse FPDF, sind aber leer. Um sie zu nutzen, müssen wir die Klasse erweitern und sie überschreiben.

Das Logo wird mit der Methode image eingebunden, und auf der Seite durch die Angabe der Position der linken oberen Ecke und die gewünschte Bildbreite platziert. Die Höhe wird automatisch berechnet, um die Proportionen des Bildes zu erhalten.

Um die Seitenzahl einzufügenn, übergeben wir zuerst der Zelle einen Nullwert als Breite der Zelle. Das bedeutet, dass die Zelle bis zum rechten Rand der Seite reichen soll. Das ist besonders praktisch, um Text zu zentrieren. Die aktuelle Seitenzahl wird durch die Methode page\_no ermittelt und in die Zelle geschrieben. Die Gesamtseitenzahl wird mit Hilfe des speziellen Platzhalterwertes {nb} ermittelt, der beim Schließen des Dokuments ersetzt wird aufgerufen. Beachte die Verwendung der Methode set\_y, mit der du die vertikale Schreibposition an einer absoluten Stelle der Seite - von oben oder von unten aus - setzen kannst.

Eine weitere interessante Funktion wird hier ebenfalls verwendet: der automatische Seitenumbruch. Sobald eine Zelle eine festgelegte Grenze in der Seite überschreitet (standardmäßig 2 Zentimeter vom unteren Rand), wird ein Seitenumbruch durchgeführt und die Einstellungen der gewahlten Schrift auf der nächsten Seite automatisch beibehalten. Obwohl die Kopf- und

Fußzeilen ihre eigene Schriftart (Helvetica) wählen, wird im Textkörper Times verwendet. Dieser Mechanismus der automatischen Übernahme der Einstellungen nach Seitenumbruch gilt auch für Farben und Zeilenbreite. Der Grenzwert, der den Seitenumbruch auslöst, kann mit set\_auto\_page\_break festgelegt werden .

#### 2.2.3 Lektion 3 - Zeilenumbrüche und Farben

Fahren wir mit einem Beispiel fort, das Absätze im Blocksatz ausgibt. Es demonstriert auch die Verwendung von Farben.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
     def header(self):
         # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
          # Self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
# Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
          width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
           \begin{array}{l} self.set\_x(( \textcolor{red}{210} \text{ - width}) \text{ / 2}) \\ \# \text{ Setting colors for frame, background and text:} \\ \end{array} 
          self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
          self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
          \mbox{\#} Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
          self.set_line_width(1)
          # Printing title:
          self.cell(
               width,
               self.title.
               border=1,
               new_x="LMARGIN",
               new_y="NEXT",
               align="C",
               fill=True
          # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(10)
     def footer(self):
          # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
          self.set_y(-15)
          # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
          # Setting text color to gray:
          self.set_text_color(128)
          # Printing page number
          self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
          # Setting font: helvetica 12
self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
          # Setting background color
          self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
          # Printing chapter name:
          self.cell(
               f"Chapter {num} : {label}", new_x="LMARGIN",
               new_y="NEXT",
               align="L".
               fill=True,
          # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(4)
     def chapter body(self, filepath):
          # Reading text file:
          with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
    txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
          # Setting font: Times 12
          self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing justified text:
          self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
          # Performing a line break:
          self.ln()
          # Final mention in italics:
self.set_font(style="I")
          self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
          self.add_page()
          self.chapter_title(num, title)
self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
```

```
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

# **Resulting PDF**

#### Jules Verne text

Die Methode <code>get\_string\_width</code> ermöglicht die Bestimmung die Breite des übergebenen Textes in der aktuellen Schriftart. Das Beispiel nutzt sie zur Berechnung der Position und der Breite des Rahmens, der den Titel umgibt. Anschließend werden die Farben mit <code>set\_draw\_color</code>, <code>set\_fill\_color</code> und und <code>set\_text\_color</code> gesetzt und die Linienstärke mit <code>set\_line\_width</code> auf 1 mm (Abweichend vom Standardwert von 0,2) festgelegt. Schließlich geben wir die Zelle aus (Der letzte Parameter True zeigt an, dass der Hintergrund gefüllt werden muss).

Zur Erstellung von Absätzen wir die Methode multi\_cell genutzt. Jedes Mal, wenn eine Zeile den rechten Rand der Zelle erreicht oder ein Zeilenumbruchzeichen \n im Text erkannt wird, wird ein Zeilenumbruch durchgeführt und automatisch eine neue Zelle unterhalb der aktuellen Zelle erstellt. Der Text wird standardmäßig im Blocksatz ausgerichtet.

Es werden zwei Dokumenteigenschaften definiert: Titel (set\_title) und Autor (set\_author). Dokumenteneigenschaften können auf zwei Arten eingesehen werden. Man kann das Dokument mit dem Acrobat Reader öffnen und im Menü **Datei** die Option **Dokumenteigenschaften** auswählen. Alternativ kann man auch mit der rechten Maustaste auf das Dokument klicken und die Option Dokumenteigenschaften wählen.

# 2.2.4 Lektion 4 - Mehrspaltiger Text

Dieses Beispiel ist eine Abwandlung des vorherigen Beispiels und zeigt, wie sich Text über mehrere Spalten verteilen lässt.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def __init__(self):
    super().__init__()
    self.col = 0 # Current column
    self.y0 = 0 # Ordinate of column start
     def header(self):
          self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
          width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
          self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
          self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
          self.set_line_width(1)
          self.cell(
               self.title,
               border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
               new_y="NEXT",
               align="C",
               fill=True.
          self.ln(10)
          # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
     def footer(self):
          self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
          self.set_text_color(128)
          self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def set_col(self, col)
          # Set column position:
          self.col = col
          x = 10 + col * 65
          self.set_left_margin(x)
          self.set_x(x)
     @property
     def accept_page_break(self):
         if self.col < 2:
    # Go to next column:</pre>
               self.set_col(self.col + 1)
               # Set ordinate to top:
self.set_y(self.y0)
               # Stay on the same page:
               return False
          # Go back to first column:
```

```
self.set_col(0)
            # Trigger a page break:
           return True
      def chapter_title(self, num, label):
           self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
            self.cell(
                 f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
new_x="LMARGIN",
                  new_y="NEXT",
                 border="L",
                 fill=True,
            self.ln(4)
            # Saving ordinate position:
            self.y0 = self.get_y()
     def chapter_body(self, name):
           # Reading text file:
           with open(name, "rb") as fh:
                 txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
           # Setting font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing text in a 6cm width column:
           self.multi cell(60, 5, txt)
           self.ln()
           # Final mention in italics:
self.set_font(style="I")
           self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
# Start back at first column:
           self.set_col(0)
      def print_chapter(self, num, title, name):
            self.add_page()
            self.chapter_title(num, title)
           self.chapter_body(name)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto4.pdf")
```

#### **Erzeugtes PDF**

# Jules Verne Text

Der Hauptunterschied zur vorherigen Lektion ist die Verwendung der Methoden accept\_page\_break und set\_col.

Wird accept\_page\_break verwendet, wird die aktuelle Spaltennummer überprüft, sobald die Zelle den zur Auslösung eines Seitenumbruchs festgelegten Abstand zum unteren Seitenrand (Standard 2cm) überschreitet. Ist die Spaltennummer kleiner als 2 (wir haben uns entschieden, die Seite in drei Spalten zu unterteilen), wird die Methode set\_col aufgerufen. Sie erhöht die Spaltennummer auf die nächsthöhere und setzt die Schreibposition auf den Anfang der nächsten Spalte, damit der Text dort fortgesetzt werden kann.

Sobald det Text der dritten den oben beschriebenen Abstand zum Seitenende erreicht, wird durch die Methode accept\_page\_break ein Seitenumbruch ausgelöst und die aktive Spalte sowie Schreibposition zurückgesetzt.

# 2.2.5 Lektion 5 - Tabellen erstellen

In dieser Lektion zeigen wir, wie man auf einfache Weise Tabellen erstellen kann.

Der Code wird drei verschiedene Tabellen erstellen, um zu zeigen, welche Effekte wir mit einigen einfachen Anpassungen erzielen können.

```
import csv
from fpdf import FPDF

class PDF(FPDF):
    def basic_table(self, headings, rows):
        for heading in headings:
            self.cell(40, 7, heading, 1)
        self.ln()
        for row in rows:
            for col in row:
                 self.cell(40, 6, col, 1)
```

```
self.ln()
    def improved_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 40)):
        for col width, heading in zip(col widths, headings):
             self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C")
         self.ln()
        for row in rows:
             {\tt self.cell(col\_widths[0],\ 6,\ row[0],\ border="LR")}
             self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR")
self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R")
             self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
             self.ln()
        self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", border="T")
    def colored_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 42)):
         # Colors, line width and bold font:
self.set_fill_color(255, 100, 0)
         self.set_text_color(255)
         self.set_draw_color(255, 0, 0)
         self.set_line_width(0.3)
         self.set_font(style="B")
        for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
             {\tt self.cell(col\_width, \ 7, \ heading, \ border=1, \ align="C", \ fill=True)}
        self.ln()
         # Color and font restoration:
         self.set_fill_color(224, 235, 255)
        self.set text color(0)
         self.set_font()
         fill = False
         for row in rows:
             self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)
             self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)
self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
             self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
             self.ln()
             fill = not fill
         self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", "T")
def load data from csv(csv filepath):
    headings, rows = [], []
    with open(csv_filepath, encoding="utf8") as csv_file:
         for row in csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=","):
             if not headings: # extracting column names from first row:
                 headings = row
             else:
                 rows.append(row)
    return headings, rows
col_names, data = load_data_from_csv("countries.txt")
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=14)
pdf.add page()
pdf.basic_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.improved_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.colored_table(col_names, data)
pdf.output("tuto5.pdf")
```

#### Erzeugtes PDF - Länder

Da eine Tabelle lediglich eine Sammlung von Zellen darstellt, ist es naheliegend, eine Tabelle aus den bereits bekannten Zellen aufzubauen.

Das erste Beispiel wird auf die einfachste Art und Weise realisiert. Einfach gerahmte Zellen, die alle die gleiche Größe haben und linksbündig ausgerichtet sind. Das Ergebnis ist rudimentär, aber sehr schnell zu erzielen.

Die zweite Tabelle bringt einige Verbesserungen: Jede Spalte hat ihre eigene Breite, die Überschriften sind zentriert und die Zahlen rechtsbündig ausgerichtet. Außerdem wurden die horizontalen Linien entfernt. Dies geschieht mit Hilfe des Randparameters der Methode cell(), der angibt, welche Seiten der Zelle gezeichnet werden müssen. Im Beispiel wählen wir die linke (L) und die rechte (R) Seite. Jetzt muss nur noch das Problem der horizontalen Linie zum Abschluss der Tabelle gelöst werden. Es gibt zwei Möglichkeiten, es zu lösen: In der Schleife prüfen, ob wir uns in der letzten Zeile befinden und dann "LRB" als Rahmenparameter übergeben oder, wie hier geschehen, eine abschließende Zelle separat nach dem Durchlaufen der Schleife einfügen.

Die dritte Tabelle der zweiten sehr ähnlich, verwendet aber zusätzlich Farben. Füllung, Text und Linienfarben werden einfach mit den entsprechenden Methoden gesetzt. Eine wechselnde Färbung der Zeilen wird durch die abwechselnde Verwendung transparenter und gefüllter Zellen erreicht.

#### 2.2.6 Lektion 6 - Links erstellen und Textstile mischen

In dieser Lektion werden verschiedene Möglichkeiten der Erstellung interner und externer Links beschrieben.

Es wird auch gezeigt, wie man verschiedene Textstile (fett, kursiv, unterstrichen) innerhalb eines Textes verwenden kann.

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin
class MyFPDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
pdf = MyFPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=20)
pdf.write(5, "To find out what's new in self tutorial, click ")
pdf.set_font(style="U")
link = pdf.add_link()
pdf.write(5, "here", link)
pdf.set_font()
# Second page:
pdf.add_page(
pdf.set_link(link)
pdf.image(
      ../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 10, 50, 0, "", "https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/"
pdf.set left margin(60)
pdf.set_font_size(18)
pdf.write_html(
    """You can print text mixing different styles using HTML tags: <b>bold</b>, <i>italic</i>,
<u>underlined</u>, or <b><i><u>all at once</u></i></b>
<br>You can also insert links on text, such as <a href="https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/">https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/</a>,
or on an image: the logo is clickable!"""
pdf.output("tuto6.pdf")
```

#### Erzeugtes PDF - fpdf2-logo

Die hier gezeigte neue Methode zur Einbindung von Text lautet write(). Sie ähnelt der bereits bekannten multi\_cell(). Die wichtigsten Unterschiede sind:

- Das Ende der Zeile befindet sich am rechten Rand und die nächste Zeile beginnt am linken Rand.
- Die aktuelle Position wird an das Textende gesetzt.

Die Methode ermöglicht es uns somit, zuerst einen Textabschnitt zu schreiben, dann den Schriftstil zu ändern und genau an der Stelle fortzufahren, an der wir aufgehört haben. Der größte Nachteil ist jedoch, dass die von multi\_cell() bekannte Möglichkeit zur Festlegung der Textausrichtung fehlt.

Auf der ersten Seite des Beispiels nutzen wir write(). Der Anfang des Satzes wird in "normalem" Stil geschrieben, dann mit der Methode set\_font() auf Unterstreichung umgestellt und der Satz beendet.

Um einen internen Link hinzuzufügen, der auf die zweite Seite verweist, nutzen wir die Methode <a href="mailto:add\_link(">add\_link()</a>), die einen anklickbaren Bereich erzeugt, den wir "link" nennen und der auf eine andere Stelle innerhalb des Dokuments verweist. Auf der zweiten Seite verwenden wir <a href="mailto:set\_link(">set\_link()</a>), um den Zielbereich für den soeben erstellten Link zu definieren.

Um einen externen Link mit Hilfe eines Bildes zu erstellen, verwenden wir image(). Es besteht die Möglichkeit, der Methode ein Linkziel als eines ihrer Argumente zu übergeben. Der Link kann sowohl einer interner als auch ein externer sein.

Eine weitere Möglichkeit, den Schriftstil zu ändern und Links hinzuzufügen, stellt die Verwendung der Methode write\_html() dar. Sie ist ein HTML-Parser, der das Hinzufügen von Text, Änderung des Schriftstils und Erstellen von Links mittels HTML ermöglicht.

# 2.3 Tutorial en español

Los diferentes ejemplos muestran rápidamente como usar fpdf2. Encontrará todas las características principales explicadas.

- · Ejemplo básico
- Encabezado, pie de página, salto de página e imagen
- · Saltos de línea y colores

#### 2.3.1 Ejemplo básico

Empecemos con el ejemplo clásico:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### Demo

Luego de incluir la biblioteca, creamos un objeto FPDF. El constructor FPDF es usado aquí con los valores predeterminados: páginas en A4 portrait -vertical- y la unidad de medida en milímetros. Podría haberlos especificado explícitamente:

```
pdf=FPDF('P', 'mm', 'A4')
```

Es posible usar landscape -horizontal- (L), otros formatos de página (como Letter -carta- y Legal -oficio-) y unidad de medida (pt, cm, in).

Por el momento no hay una página, entonces tenemos que agregar una con add\_page. El origen es la esquina superior-izquierda y la posición actual está ubicada a 1 cm de los bordes; los márgenes pueden ser cambiados con set margins.

Antes de que podamos imprimir texto, es obligatorio seleccionar una fuente con set\_font, de lo contrario, el documento será inválido. Elegimos helvetica bold 16:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

Podríamos haber especificado italic -cursiva- con I, underline -subrayado- con U o fuente regular con string vacío (o cualquier combinación). Notar que el tamaño de la fuente es dado en puntos, no milímetros (u otra unidad de medida del usuario); ésta es la única excepción. Las otras fuentes estándar son Times, Courier, Symbol y ZapfDingbats.

Podemos ahora imprimir una celda con cell. Una celda es un área rectangular, posiblemente enmarcada, que contiene algún texto. Se imprime en la posición actual. Especificamos sus dimensiones, su texto (centrado o alineado), si los bordes deberían ser dibujados, y donde la posición actual se mueve después (a la derecha, abajo o al principio de la próxima linea). Para agregar un marco, haremos:

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hola mundo !', 1)
```

Para agregar una nueva celda próxima a ella, con texto centrado y luego ir a la siguiente línea, haríamos:

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Hecho con FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

Nota: el salto de línea puede hacerse también con ln. Este método permite especificar adicionalmente la altura del salto.

Finalmente, el documento es cerrado y enviado al explorador con output. Podemos haberlo grabado a un fichero al pasarle el nombre de archivo.

*Precaución*: en caso cuando el PDF es enviado al explorador, nada más debe ser enviado a la salida, ni antes ni después (el mínimo caracter importa).

#### 2.3.2 Encabezado, pie de página, salto de página e imagen

Aquí hay un ejemplo de dos páginas con encabezado, pie y logo:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF)
    def header(self):
        # Rendering logo:
        self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 1
                                      "B", 15)
        # Moving cursor to the right:
        self.cell(80)
         # Printing title:
        {\tt self.cell(30,\ 10,\ "Title",\ border=1,\ align="C")}
        # Performing a line break:
    def footer(self):
         Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
         # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Printing page number:
        self.cell(0, \ 10, \ f"Page \ \{self.page\_no()\}/\{\{nb\}\}", \ align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf = PDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41):
    pdf.cell(0, 10, f"Printing line number {i}", new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")
pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
```

#### Demo

Este ejemplo hace uso de métodos header y footer para procesar el encabezado y pie de página. Son llamados automáticamente. Ya existen en la clase FPDF pero no hacen nada por sí solos, por lo tanto tenemos que extender la clase y sobreescribirlos.

El logo es impreso con el método image especificando su esquina superior izquierda y su ancho. La altura es calculada automáticamente para respetar las proporciones de la imagen.

Para imprimir el número de página, un valor nulo es pasado como ancho de celda. Significa que la celda deberá ser extendida hasta el margen derecho de la página; es útil centrar texto. El número de página actual es devuelto por el método page\_no; y para el número total de páginas, éste será obtenido mediante el valor especial {nb} que será sustituido al cerrar el documento. Notar el uso del método set\_y que permite establecer la posición en una ubicación absoluta en la página, empezando desde arriba hacia abajo.

Otra característica interesante es usada aquí: el salto de página automático. Tan pronto una celda cruza el límite de una página (por defecto a 2 centímetros desde abajo), un salto es realizado y la fuente es restaurada. Aunque el encabezado y pie de página tienen su propia fuente (helvetica), el cuerpo continúa en Times. Este mecanismo de restauración automática también se aplica a los colores y el ancho de la línea. El límite que dispara los saltos de página puede establecerse con set\_auto\_page\_break.

#### 2.3.3 Saltos de línea y colores

Continuemos con un ejemplo que imprime párrafos justificados. También ilustra el uso de colores.

```
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
        width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
        self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
        # Setting colors for frame, background and text:
        self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
        self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
        self.set_fill_color(220, 50, 50)
        # Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
        self.set_line_width(1)
        # Printing title:
        self.cell(
```

```
width,
              self.title.
              border=1.
              new_x="LMARGIN",
              new_y="NEXT"
              align="C",
              fill=True
          # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(10)
     def footer(self):
         # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
self.set_y(-15)
         # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
# Setting text color to gray:
         self.set_text_color(128)
         # Printing page number
         self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
         # Setting font: helvetica 12
self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
         # Setting background color
         self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
         # Printing chapter name:
         self.cell(
              f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
              new_x="LMARGIN",
new_y="NEXT",
              align="L"
              fill=True,
         # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(4)
     def chapter_body(self, filepath):
         # Reading text file:
         with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
             txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
         # Setting font: Times 12
         self.set_font("Times", size=12)
         # Printing justified text:
         self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
         # Performing a line break:
         self.ln()
         # Final mention in italics:
         self.set_font(style="I")
self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
         self.add_page()
         self.chapter_title(num, title)
         self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

# Demo

El método get\_string\_width permite determinar la longitud de una cadena en la fuente actual, usado aquí para calcular la posición y el ancho del marco que rodea al título. Los colores son establecidos (vía set\_draw\_color, set\_fill\_color y set\_text\_color) y el grosor de la línea es establecido a 1 mm (contra 0.2 por defecto) con set\_line\_width. Finalmente, emitimos la celda (el último parámetro es True para indicar que el fondo debe ser rellenado).

El método usado para imprimir párrafos es multi\_cell. Cada vez que una línea alcanza el extremo derecho de la celda o un caracter de retorno de línea, un salto de línea es emitido y una nueva celda es automáticamente creada bajo la actual. El texto es justificado por defecto.

Dos propiedades del documento son definidas: el título (set\_title) y el autor (set\_author). Las propiedades pueden ser vistas de dos formas. La primera es abrir el documento directamente con Acrobat Reader, ir al menú Archivo y elegir la opción Propiedades del Documento. La segunda, también disponible en el plug-in, es hacer clic izquierdo y seleccionar Propiedades del documento (Document Properties).

#### 2.4 Tutorial

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#### 2.4.1 Tuto 1 - Exemple minimal

Commençons par un exemple classique :

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### PDF généré

Après avoir inclu la librairie, on créé un objet FPDF. Le constructeur FPDF est utilisé avec ses valeurs par défaut : les pages sont en format portrait A4 et l'unité de mesure est le millimètre. Cela peut également être spéficié de cette manière :

```
pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
```

Il est possible de créer un PDF en format paysage (L) ou encore d'utiliser d'autres formats (par exemple Letter et Legal) et unités de mesure (pt, cm, in).

Il n'y a pas encore de page, il faut donc en créer une avec add\_page. Le coin en haut à gauche correspond à l'origine, et le curseur (c'est-à-dire la position actuelle où l'on va afficher un élément) est placé par défaut à 1 cm des bords; les marges peuvent être modifiées avec set margins.

Avant de pouvoir afficher du texte, il faut obligatoirement choisir une police de caractères avec set\_font. Choisissons Helvetica bold 16:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

On aurait pu spécifier une police en italique avec I; soulignée avec U ou une police normale avec une chaine de caractères vide. Il est aussi possible de combiner les effets en combinant les caractères. Notez que la taille des caractères est à spécifier en points (pts), pas en millimètres (ou tout autre unité); c'est la seule exception. Les autres polices fournies par défaut sont Times, courier, Symbol et ZapfDingbats.

On peut maintenant afficher une cellule avec cell. Une cellule est une zone rectangulaire, avec ou sans cadre, qui contient du texte. Elle est affichée à la position actuelle du curseur. On spécifie ses dimensions, le texte (centré ou aligné), si'l y a une bordure ou non, ainsi que la position du curseur après avoir affiché la cellule (s'il se déplace à droite, vers le bas ou au début de la ligne suivante). Pour ajouter un cadre, on utilise ceci :

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
```

Pour ajouter une nouvelle cellule avec un texte centré, et déplacer le curseur à la ligne suivante on utilise cela :

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Powered by FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

Remarque : le saut de ligne peut aussi être fait avec ln. Cette méthode permet de spécifier la hauteur du saut.

Enfin, le document est sauvegardé à l'endroit spécifié en utilisant output. Sans aucun paramètre, output() retourne le buffer bytearray du PDF.

#### 2.4.2 Tuto 2 - En-tête, bas de page, saut de page et image

Voici un exemple contenant deux pages avec un en-tête, un bas de page et un logo :

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
         # Rendering logo:
        self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
# Setting font: helvetica bold 15
         self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
         # Moving cursor to the right:
        self.cell(80)
        # Printing title:
self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
         # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(20)
    def footer(self):
         # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
        # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Printing page number
         self.cell(0, \ 10, \ f"Page \ \{self.page\_no()\}/\{\{nb\}\}", \ align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41)
    pdf.cell(0, 10, f"Printing line number {i}", new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")
pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
```

## PDF généré

Cet exemple utilise les méthodes header et footer pour générer des en-têtes et des bas de page. Elles sont appelées automatiquement. Elles existent déjà dans la classe FPDF mais elles ne font rien, il faut donc les redéfinir dans une classe fille.

Le logo est affiché avec la méthode image en spécifiant la position du coin supérieur gauche et la largeur de l'image. La hauteur est calculée automatiquement pour garder les proportions de l'image.

Pour centrer le numéro de page dans le bas de page, il faut passer la valeur nulle à la place de la largeur de la cellule. Cela fait prendre toute la largeur de la page à la cellule, ce qui permet de centrer le texte. Le numéro de page actuel est obtenu avec la méthode page\_no; le nombre total de pages est obtenu avec la variable <code>{nb}</code> qui prend sa valeur quand le document est fermé (la méthode alias\_nb\_pages permet de définir un autre nom de variable pour cette valeur). La méthode set\_y permet de spécifier une position dans la page relative au haut ou pas de page.

Une autre fonctionnalité intéressante est utilisée ici : les sauts de page automatiques. Si une cellule dépasse la limite du contenu de la page (par défaut à 2 centimètres du bas), un saut de page est inséré à la place et la police de caractères est restaurée. C'est-à-dire, bien que l'en-tête et le bas de page utilisent la police (helvetica), le corps du texte garde la police Times. Ce mécanisme de restauration automatique s'applique également à la couleur et l'épaisseur des lignes. La limite du contenu qui déclenche le saut de page peut être spécifiée avec set auto page break.

# 2.4.3 Tuto 3 - Saut de ligne et couleur

Continuons avec un exemple qui affiche des paragraphes avec du texte justifié. Cet exemple montre également l'utilisation de couleurs.

```
from fpdf import FPDF

class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
```

```
# Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
          width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
         self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
# Setting colors for frame, background and text:
self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
         self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
          \mbox{\# Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)}
         self.set line width(1)
          # Printing title:
          self.cell(
              width,
               self.title,
               border=1,
               new_x="LMARGIN",
               new_y="NEXT",
               align="C",
               fill=True
          # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(10)
     def footer(self):
          # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
          self.set_y(-15)
         # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
          # Setting text color to gray:
         self.set_text_color(128)
          # Printing page number
          self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
          # Setting font: helvetica 12
self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
# Setting background color
          self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
          # Printing chapter name:
          self.cell(
               f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
new_x="LMARGIN",
               new_y="NEXT",
              align="L",
fill=True,
          # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(4)
     def chapter_body(self, filepath):
    # Reading text file:
         with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
         txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
# Setting font: Times 12
         self.set_font("Times", size=12)
         # Printing justified text:
         self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
         # Performing a line break
         self.ln()
          # Final mention in italics:
          self.set_font(style="I")
          self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
          self.add_page()
         self.chapter_title(num, title)
self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

# PDF généré

# Texte de Jules Verne

La méthode get\_string\_width permet de déterminer la largeur d'un texte utilisant la police actuelle, ce qui permet de calculer la position et la largeur du cadre autour du titre. Ensuite les couleurs sont spécifiées (avec set\_draw\_color, set\_fill\_color et set\_text\_color) et on spécifie l'épaisseur de la bordure du cadre à 1 mm (contre 0.2 par défaut) avec set\_line\_width. Enfin, on affiche la cellule (le dernier paramètre "true" indique que le fond doit être rempli).

La méthode multi\_cell est utilisée pour afficher les paragraphes. Chaque fois qu'une ligne atteint le bord d'une cellule ou qu'un caractère de retour à la ligne est présent, un saut de ligne est inséré et une nouvelle cellule est créée automatiquement sous la cellule actuelle. Le texte est justifié par défaut.

Deux propriétés sont définies pour le document : le titre (set\_title) et l'auteur (set\_author). Les propriétés peuvent être trouvées en ouvrant le document PDF avec Acrobat Reader. Elles sont alors visibles dans le menu Fichier -> Propriétés du document.

# 2.4.4 Tuto 4 - Colonnes multiples

En cours de traduction.

# 2.4.5 Tuto 5 - Créer des tables

En cours de traduction.

# 2.4.6 Tuto 6 - Créer des liens et mélanger différents styles de textes

En cours de traduction.

#### 2.5 Tutorial

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#### 2.5.1 Tuto 1 - Esempio base

Iniziamo con un esempio comune:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### Risultato PDF

Dopo aver incluso la libreria, creiamo un oggetto FPDF. Così facendo il costruttore FPDF viene utilizzato con i suoi valori di default: le pagine sono in A4 verticale e l'unità di misura è millimetri. Avremmo potuto specificarle esplicitamente facendo:

```
pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
```

È possibile impostare il PDF in modalità orizzontale ( L ) o utilizzare altri formati (come Letter e Legal ) e unità di misura ( pt , cm , in ).

Non esiste una pagina al momento, quindi dobbiamo aggiungerne una con add\_page. L'origine è in alto a sinistra e la posizione corrente è a 1cm dai bordi; i margini possono essere cambiati con set\_margins.

Prima di poter stampare del testo, è obbligatorio selezionare un font con set\_font, altrimenti il documento risulterebbe non valido. Scegliamo Helvetica bold 16:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

Avremmo potuto scegliere il corsivo con I, sottolineato con U o un font regolare lasciando la stringa vuota (o ogni combinazione). Notare che la dimensione dei caratteri è specificata in punti, non millimetri (o altre unità di misura); questa è l'unica eccezione. Gli altri font disponibili sono Times, Courier, Symbol and ZapfDingbats.

Adesso possiamo disegnare una cella con cell. Una cella è un'area rettangolare, in caso con bordo, che contiene del testo. È disegnata nella attuale posizione. Specifichiamo le sue dimensioni, il suo testo (centrato o allineato), se i bordi devono essere mostrati, e dove verrà spostata la posizione quando avremo finito (a destra, sotto, o all'inizio della riga successiva). Faremmo così:

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
```

Per aggiungere una nuova cella di fianco alla precedente con testo centrato e poi spostarci alla riga successiva, faremmo:

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Powered by FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

NB: si può andare a capo anche con ln. Questo metodo permette di specificare l'altezza dello spazio.

In fine, il documento è chiuso e salvato nella destinazione fornita attraverso output. Senza alcun parametro, output() ritorna il PDF in un buffer bytearray.

#### 2.5.2 Tuto 2 - Intestazione, piè di pagina, interruzione di pagina ed immagini

Ecco un esempio composto da due pagine con intestazione, piè di pagina e logo:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self)
        # Rendering logo:
self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
         # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Moving cursor to the right:
        self.cell(80)
        # Printing title:
self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
         # Performing a line break
        self.ln(20)
    def footer(self):
         # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
         # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
        self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
        # Printing page number:
self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}/{{nb}}", align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41)
    pdf.cell(0, 10, f"Printing line number {i}", new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")
pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
```

#### Risultato PDF

Questo esempio sfrutta i metodi header e footer per processare intestazioni e piè di pagina. Vengono chiamati automaticamente. Esistono nella classe FPDF ma non eseguono operazioni, quindi è necessario estendere la classe e sovrascriverli.

Il logo è stampato con il metodo image specificando la posizione del suo angolo in alto a sinistra e la sua larghezza. L'altezza è calcolata automaticamente per rispettare le proporzioni dell'immagine.

Per stampare il numero della pagina, un valore nullo può essere passato come larghezza della cella. Significa che la cella "crescerà" fino al margine destro della pagina; è utile per centrare il testo. Il numero di pagina è ritornato da page\_no; mentre per il numero totale di pagine, si ottiene attraverso il valore speciale <code>{nb}</code> che verrà sostituito quando le pagine saranno generate. Importante menzionare il metodo set\_y che permette di selezionare una posizione assoluta all'interno della pagina, incominciando dall'alto o dal basso.

Un'altra feature interessante: l'interruzione di pagina automatica. Non appena una cella dovesse superare il limite nella pagina (a 2 centimetri dal fondo di default), ci sarebbe un'interruzione e un reset del font. Nonostante l'intestazione e il piè di pagina scelgano il proprio font (helvetica), il contenuto continua in Times. Questo meccanismo di reset automatico si applica anche ai colori e allo spessore della linea. Il limite può essere scelto con set auto page break.

# 2.5.3 Tuto 3 - Interruzioni di riga e colori

Continuiamo con un esempio che stampa paragrafi giustificati. Mostreremo anche l'utilizzo dei colori.

```
from fpdf import FPDF

class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
        width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
        self.set_X((210 - width) / 2)
        # Setting colors for frame, background and text:
        self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
        self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
```

```
self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
         # Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
         self.set_line_width(1)
         # Printing title:
         self.cell(
             width,
              self.title,
              border=1.
              new_x="LMARGIN",
              new_y="NEXT",
align="C",
              fill=True
         # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(10)
         # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
          # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Setting text color to gray:
         self.set_text_color(128)
         # Printing page number
         self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def chapter title(self, num, label):
          # Setting font: helvetica 12
         self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
# Setting background color
         self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
         # Printing chapter name:
self.cell(
              f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
              new_x="LMARGIN",
new_y="NEXT",
              fill=True.
         # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(4)
     def chapter_body(self, filepath):
         # Reading text file:
         with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
         txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
# Setting font: Times 12
         self.set_font("Times", size=12)
         # Printing justified text:
self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
         # Performing a line break
         self.ln()
# Final mention in italics:
         self.set_font(style="I")
         self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
         self.add_page()
          self.chapter_title(num, title)
         self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

#### Risultato PDF

#### Testo Jules Verne

Il metodo get\_string\_width permette di determinare la lunghezza di una stringa nel font selezionato, e viene utilizzato per calcolare la posizione e la larghezza della cornice intorno al titolo. Successivamente selezioniamo i colori (utilizzando set\_draw\_color, set\_fill\_color e set\_text\_color) e aumentiamo la larghezza della linea a 1mm (invece dei 0.2 di default) con set line width. In fine, stampiamo la cella (l'ultimo parametro a true indica che lo sfondo dovrà essere riempito).

Il metodo utilizzato per stampare i paragrafi è multi\_cell. Ogni volta che una linea raggiunge l'estremità destra della cella o c'è un carattere carriage return, avremo un'interruzione di linea e una nuova cella verrà automaticamente creata. Il testo è giustificato di default.

Due proprietà del documento vengono definite: il titolo (set\_title) e l'autore

(set\_author). Le proprietà possono essere controllate in due modi. Il primo è aprire direttamente il documento con Acrobat Reader, cliccare sul menù File e scegliere l'opzione Proprietà del documento. la seconda, è di cliccare con il tasto destro e scegliere Proprietà del documento.

# 2.5.4 Tuto 4 - Colonne multiple

Questo esempio è una variante del precedente, mostra come disporre il test attraverso colonne multiple.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
      def __init__(self):
           super().__init__()
self.col = 0  # Current column
self.y0 = 0  # Ordinate of column start
           self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
           self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
           self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
self.set_line_width(1)
           self.cell(
                 width.
                 9,
self.title,
                border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
new_y="NEXT",
align="C",
                 fill=True,
           self.ln(10)
           # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
      def footer(self):
           self.set_y(-15)
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
           self.set_text_color(128)
self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
      def set_col(self, col):
           # Set column position:
           self.col = col
            x = 10 + col * 65
           self.set_left_margin(x)
           self.set_x(x)
     def accept_page_break(self):
    if self.col < 2:</pre>
                 # Go to next column
                 self.set_col(self.col + 1)
                 # Set ordinate to top:
                 self.set_y(self.y0)
                # Stay on the same page: return False
           # Go back to first column:
self.set_col(0)
            # Trigger a page break:
           return True
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
    self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
    self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
            self.cell(
                 f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
new_x="LMARGIN",
                  new_y="NEXT",
                 border="L".
           # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
      def chapter_body(self, name):
          # Reading text file:
with open(name, "rb") as fh:
                 txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
           # Setting font: Times 12
```

```
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing text in a 6cm width column:
self.multi_cell(60, 5, txt)
self.ln()
# Final mention in italics:
self.set_font(style="I")
self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
# Start back at first column:
self.set_col(0)

def print_chapter(self, num, title, name):
    self.add_page()
    self.add_page()
    self.chapter_title(num, title)
    self.chapter_body(name)

pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_uitle("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_cl.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_cl.txt")
pdf.output("tuto4.pdf")
```

#### Risultato PDF

#### Testo Jules Verne

La differenza dal precedente tutoria è l'utilizzo dei metodi accept\_page\_break e set\_col.

Usando accept\_page\_break, una volta che la cella oltrepasserà il limite basso della pagina, il numero della colonna corrente verrà controllato. Se sarà meno di 2 (abbiamo deciso di dividere la pagina in 3 colonne) chiamerà il metodo set\_cal, incrementando il numero della colonna e modificando la posizione della prossima colonna in modo e il testo continui lì.

Una volta che il limite inferiore della terza colonna sarà raggiunto, accept\_page\_break resetterà e andrà alla prima colonna provocando una interruzione di pagina.

# 2.5.5 Tuto 5 - Creare tabelle

Questo tutoria spiegherà come creare facilmente tabelle.

Creeremo tre diverse tabelle per spiegare cosa si può ottenere con piccolo cambiamenti.

```
import csv
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def basic_table(self, headings, rows):
        for heading in headings:
              self.cell(40, 7, heading, 1)
        self.ln()
         for row in rows:
            for col in row:
    self.cell(40, 6, col, 1)
             self.ln()
    def improved_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 40)):
         for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
    self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C")
         self.ln()
         for row in rows:
             self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR")
             self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR")
self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R")
             self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
             self.ln()
        # Closure line
         self.cell(sum(col\_widths), 0, "", border="T")
    def colored_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 42)):
         # Colors, line width and bold font:
        self.set_fill_color(255, 100, 0)
self.set_text_color(255)
         self.set_draw_color(255, 0, 0)
        self.set_line_width(0.3)
         self.set_font(style="B")
         for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
             self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C", fill=True)
         self.ln()
         # Color and font restoration:
        self.set_fill_color(224, 235, 255)
         self.set_text_color(0)
         self.set_font()
fill = False
```

```
for row in rows:
               self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)
               self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill) self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill) self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
               self.ln()
               fill = not fill
          {\tt self.cell(sum(col\_widths),\ 0,\ "",\ "T")}
def load_data_from_csv(csv_filepath):
     headings, rows = [], []
     with open(csv_filepath, encoding="utf8") as csv_file:
         for row in csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=","):
    if not headings: # extracting column names from first row:
                    headings = row
               else:
                    rows.append(row)
     return headings, rows
col_names, data = load_data_from_csv("countries.txt")
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=14)
ndf.add nage()
pdf.basic_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.improved table(col names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.colored_table(col_names, data)
pdf.output("tuto5.pdf")
```

#### Risultato PDF - Testo delle nazioni

Dato che una tabella è un insieme di celle, viene natura crearne una partendo da loro.

Il primo esempio è la via più elementare: semplici celle con cornice, tutte della stessa dimensione e allineate a sinistra. Il risultato è rudimentale ma molto veloce da ottenere.

La seconda tabella contiene dei miglioramenti: ogni colonna ha la propria larghezza, i titoli sono centrati e i numeri allineati a destra. Inoltre, le linee orizzontale sono state rimosse. Questo è stato possibile grazie al parametro border del metodo Cell(), che specifica quali lati della cella saranno disegnati. In questo caso vogliamo il sinistro (L) e il destro (R). Rimane il problema delle linee orizzontali. Ci sono due possibilità per risolverlo: controllare di essere nell'ultimo giro del ciclo, nel qual caso utilizziamo LRB per il parametro border; oppure, come fatto in questo esempio, aggiungiamo una linea dopo il completamento del ciclo.

La terza tabella è molto simile alla seconda, ma utilizza i colori. Il colore di sfondo, testo e linee sono semplicemente specificati. L'alternanza dei colori delle righe è ottenuta utilizzando celle con sfondo colorato e trasparente alternativamente.

## 2.5.6 Tuto 6 - Creare link e mescolare stili di testo

Questo tutorial spiegherà molti modi di inserire link interni al pdf, e come inserirne a sorgenti esterne.

Saranno mostrati anche molti modi di utilizzare diversi stili di testo (grassetto, corsivo e sottolineato) nello stesso testo.

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin
class MyFPDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
pdf = MyFPDF()
pdf.add page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=20)
pdf.write(5, "To find out what's new in self tutorial, click ")
pdf.set_font(style="U")
link = pdf.add_link()
pdf.write(5, "here", link)
pdf.set_font()
# Second page:
pdf.add_page(
pdf.set_link(link)
pdf.image(
     "../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 10, 50, 0, "", "https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/"
pdf.set left margin(60)
pdf.set_font_size(18)
pdf.write_html(
       "You can print text mixing different styles using HTML tags: <b>bold</b>, <i>italic</i>,
```

```
<u>underlined</u>, or <b><i><u>u>insert links on text, such as <a href="https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/">https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/</a>,
or on an image: the logo is clickable!"""
)
pdf.output("tuto6.pdf")
```

#### Risultato PDF - fpdf2-logo

Il nuovo metodo qui utilizzato per stampare testo è write(). È molto simile a multi cell(), ma con delle differenze:

- La fine della linea è al margine destro e la linea successiva inizia al margine sinistro.
- La posizione attuale si sposta alla fine del testo stampato.

Il metodo quindi ci permette di scrivere un blocco di testo, cambiare lo stile del testo, e continuare a scrivere esattamente da dove eravamo rimasti. D'altro canto, il suo peggior svantaggio è che non possiamo giustificare il testo come con multi\_cell() method.

Nella prima pagina dell'esempio, abbiamo usato write() per questo scopo. L'inizio della frase è scritta in font normale, poi utilizzando set font() siamo passati al sottolineato e abbiamo finito la frase.

Per aggiungere un link interno che puntasse alla seconda pagina, abbiamo utilizzato add\_link() che crea un area cliccabile che abbiamo chiamato "link" che redirige ad un altro punto del documento. Nella seconda pagina abbiamo usato set\_link() per definire un'area di destinazione per il link creato in precedenza.

Per creare un link esterno utilizzando un'immagine, abbiamo usato image() . Il metodo ha l'opzione di passare un link come argomento. Il link può essere sia interno che esterno.

In alternativa, un'altra opzione per cambiare lo stile e aggiungere link è di utilizzare write\_html(). È un parser hrml che permette di aggiungere testo, cambiare stile e aggiungere link utilizzando html.

# 2.6 Tutorial

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# 2.6.1 Tuto 1 - Exemplo Mínimo

Vamos começar com um exemplo clássico:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### PDF resultante

Após incluirmos o ficheiro da biblioteca, criamos um objeto FPDF. O FPDF construtor é construído com os seguintes parâmetros por omissão: Páginas são em formato A4 vertical e a unidade de medida é o milímetro. Pode ser especificado explicitamente através de:

```
pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
```

É possível colocar o PDF em modo horizontal (L) ou em outros formatos de página (como Letter e Legal) e em outras unidades de medida (pt, cm, in).

Neste momento, não há nenhuma página, então temos que adicionar uma com add\_page. A origem está no canto superior esquerdo e a posição atual é, por padrão, colocada a 1 cm das bordas; as margens podem ser alteradas com set\_margins.

Antes de imprimirmos o texto, é obrigatório selecionar uma fonte com set\_font, caso contrário, o documento será inválido. Nós escolhemos Helvetica bold 16:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

Podemos formatar em itálico com I, sublinhar com U ou uma fonte normal com uma string vazia (ou qualquer combinação). Observe que o tamanho da fonte é fornecido em pontos, não milímetros (ou outra unidade do utilizador); esta é a única exceção. As outras fontes integradas são Times, Courier, Symbol e ZapfDingbats.

Agora podemos imprimir uma célula com cell. Uma célula é uma área retangular, possivelmente emoldurada, que contém algum texto. É renderizado na posição atual. Nós especificamos as suas dimensões, o seu texto (centrado ou alinhado), se as bordas devem ser desenhadas, e para onde a posição atual se deve mover depois desta alteração (para a direita, abaixo ou no início da próxima linha). Para adicionar uma moldura, temos de fazer o seguinte:

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
```

Para adicionar uma nova célula ao lado desta, com texto centralizado e ir para a próxima linha, teríamos de fazer:

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Powered by FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

Nota: a quebra de linha também pode ser feita com ln. Esse método permite especificar, adicionalmente, a altura da quebra.

Finalmente, o documento é fechado e guardado no caminho do arquivo fornecido utilizando output. Sem termos qualquer parâmetro fornecido, output () retorna o buffer PDF bytearray.

## 2.6.2 Tuto 2 - Cabeçalho, rodapé, quebra de página e imagem

Aqui temos um exemplo de duas páginas com cabeçalho, rodapé e logótipo:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
       # Rendering logo:
self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Moving cursor to the right:
        self.cell(80)
        # Printing title:
        self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
        # Performing a line break
        self.ln(20)
    def footer(self):
        # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
        self.set_y(-15)
        # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
        self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
        # Printing page number:
self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}/{{nb}}", align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41)
    pdf.cell(0, 10, f"Printing line number {i}", new x="LMARGIN", new v="NEXT")
pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
```

#### PDF resultante

Este exemplo usa os header e o footer para processar cabeçalhos e rodapés de página. Estes são chamados automaticamente. Eles já existem na classe FPDF, mas não fazem nada, portanto, temos que os estender a classe e substituí-los.

O logótipo é impresso utilizando o método image, especificando o seu canto superior esquerdo e sua largura. A altura é calculada automaticamente para respeitar as proporções da imagem.

Para imprimir o número da página, um valor nulo é passado como a largura da célula. Isso significa que a célula deve se estender até a margem direita da página; é útil para centralizar texto. O número da página atual é retornado pelo método page\_no; quanto ao número total de páginas, é obtido por meio do valor especial <code>{nb}</code> que será substituído quando se fecha o documento.

Observe que o uso do método set y permite definir a posição em um local absoluto da página, começando do início ou do fim.

Outro recurso interessante que se usa aqui é a quebra de página automática. Desde do momento em que uma célula cruza o limite da página (a 2 centímetros da parte inferior por padrão), uma pausa é executada e a fonte restaurada. Embora o cabeçalho e rodapés selecionam a sua própria fonte (helvetica), o corpo continua com Times. Este mecanismo de restauração automática também se aplica a cores e largura de linha. O limite que dispara quebras de página pode ser definido com set\_auto\_page\_break.

## 2.6.3 Tuto 3 - Quebras de linha e cores

Vamos continuar com um exemplo que imprime parágrafos justificados e o uso de cores.

```
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
        self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
        # Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
        width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
        self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
        # Setting colors for frame, background and text:
        self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
        self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
        self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
```

```
# Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
         self.set_line_width(1)
         # Printing title:
        self.cell(
             width,
              self.title,
             border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
             new_y="NEXT",
             align="C",
             fill=True,
         # Performing a line break:
        self.ln(10)
    def footer(self):
         # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_y(-15)
         # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Setting text color to gray:
        self.set_text_color(128)
         # Printing page number
         self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
    def chapter_title(self, num, label):
         # Setting font: helvetica 12
         self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
        # Setting background color
self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
         # Printing chapter name:
         self.cell(
             f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
             new_y="NEXT",
             align="L",
              fill=True
         # Performing a line break:
         self.ln(4)
    def chapter_body(self, filepath):
        # Reading text file:
with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
             txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
        # Setting font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
         # Printing justified text
        self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
# Performing a line break:
         self.ln()
        # Final mention in italics:
         self.set_font(style="I"
         self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
    def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
         self.add_page()
         self.chapter_title(num, title)
         self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

#### PDF resultante

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O método get\_string\_width permite determinar o comprimento de uma string na fonte atual, e que é usada aqui para calcular a posição e a largura do quadro ao redor do título. Em seguida, as cores são definidas (via set\_draw\_color, set\_fill\_color e set\_text\_color) e a espessura da linha é definida como 1 mm (contra 0,2 por padrão) com set\_line\_width. Finalmente, produzimos a célula (se o último parâmetro for verdadeiro, indica que o plano de fundo deve ser preenchido).

O método usado para imprimir os parágrafos é multi\_cell. Cada vez que uma linha atinge a extremidade direita da célula ou um código de fim de linha é encontrado, uma quebra de linha é emitida e uma nova célula é criada automaticamente sob a atual. O texto é justificado por padrão.

Duas propriedades do documento são definidas: o título (set\_title) e o autor (set\_author). As propriedades podem ser visualizadas de duas maneiras: A primeira é abrir o documento diretamente com o Acrobat Reader, vá para o menu Arquivo e escolha a opção

Propriedades do documento. O segundo, também disponível no plug-in, é clicar com o botão direito e selecionar Propriedades do documento.

#### 2.6.4 Tuto 4 - Multi Colunas

Este exemplo é uma variante do anterior, mostrando como colocar o texto em várias colunas.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
     def __init__(self):
           super().__init__()
self.col = 0  # Current column
self.y0 = 0  # Ordinate of column start
      def header(self):
            self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
           width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
           self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
           self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
self.set_line_width(1)
           self.cell(
                 width,
                 self.title,
                border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
                 new_y="NEXT",
align="C",
fill=True,
           self.ln(10)
           # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
      def footer(self):
           self.set_y(-15)
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
           self.set_text_color(128)
           self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
      def set_col(self, col):
           # Set column position:
           self.col = col
           x = 10 + col * 65
self.set_left_margin(x)
           self.set_x(x)
      @property
      def accept_page_break(self):
          if self.col < 2:
# Go to next column:
                self.set_col(self.col + 1)
                # Set ordinate to top:
                self.set_y(self.y0)
                # Stay on the same page:
return False
           # Go back to first column:
self.set_col(0)
           # Trigger a page break:
           return True
      def chapter_title(self, num, label):
           self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
           self.cell(
                 f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
new_x="LMARGIN",
new_y="NEXT",
                 horder="l"
                 fill=True,
           # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
      def chapter_body(self, name):
           # Reading text file:
with open(name, "rb") as fh:
    txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
           # Setting font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing text in a 6cm width column:
           self.multi_cell(60, 5, txt)
           self.ln()
```

```
# Final mention in italics:
    self.set_font(style="I")
    self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
    # Start back at first column:
    self.set_col(0)

def print_chapter(self, num, title, name):
    self.add_page()
    self.chapter_title(num, title)
    self.chapter_body(name)

pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_cl.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_cl.txt")
pdf.output("tuto4.pdf")
```

#### PDF resultante

#### Texto de Júlio Verne

A principal diferença em relação ao tutorial anterior é o uso do accept page break e os métodos set col.

Usando o método accept\_page\_break, quando a célula ultrapassar o limite inferior da página, ela verificará o número da coluna atual. Se isso for menor que 2 (optamos por dividir a página em três colunas), chamando o método set\_col, aumentando o número da coluna e alterando a posição da próxima coluna para que o texto continue aí.

Quando o limite inferior da terceira coluna é alcançado, o método accept\_page\_break será redefinido e vai voltar para a primeira coluna e adicionar uma quebra de página.

#### 2.6.5 Tuto 5 - Criar Tabelas

Este tutorial irá explicar como criar tabelas facilmente.

O código seguinte cria três tabelas diferentes para explicar o que pode ser alcançado com alguns ajustes simples.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def basic_table(self, headings, rows):
        for heading in headings:
            self.cell(40, 7, heading, 1)
        self.ln()
        for row in rows:
           for col in row:
                 self.cell(40, 6, col, 1)
            self.ln()
    def improved_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 40)):
        for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings)
             self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C")
        self.ln()
        for row in rows:
            {\tt self.cell(col\_widths[0],\ 6,\ row[0],\ border="LR")}
            self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
            self.ln()
        # Closure line:
        self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", border="T")
    def colored_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 42)):
    # Colors, line width and bold font:
        self.set_fill_color(255, 100, 0)
        self.set_text_color(255)
        self.set_draw_color(255, 0, 0)
        self.set_line_width(0.3)
        self.set_font(style="B")
        for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
             self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C", fill=True)
        self.ln()
        # Color and font restoration:
        self.set_fill_color(224, 235, 255)
        self.set text color(0)
        self.set_font()
        fill = False
        for row in rows:
            {\tt self.cell(col\_widths[0],\ 6,\ row[0],\ border="LR",\ align="L",\ fill=fill)}
            self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)
self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
```

```
self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
            fill = not fill
        self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", "T")
def load_data_from_csv(csv_filepath):
    headings, rows = [], []
    with open(csv filepath, encoding="utf8") as csv file:
        for row in csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=","):
    if not headings: # extracting column names from first row:
                headings = row
                 rows.append(row)
    return headings, rows
col_names, data = load_data_from_csv("countries.txt")
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=14)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.basic table(col names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.improved_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.colored_table(col_names, data)
pdf.output("tuto5.pdf")
```

#### PDF resultante - Texto dos países

Uma vez que uma tabela é apenas uma coleção de células, é natural construir uma a partir delas.

O primeiro exemplo é obtido da maneira mais básica possível: moldura simples células, todas do mesmo tamanho e alinhadas à esquerda. O resultado é rudimentar, mas muito rápido de obter.

A segunda tabela traz algumas melhorias: cada coluna tem sua largura própria, os títulos estão centrados e as figuras alinhadas à direita. Além disso, as linhas horizontais foram removidas. Isto é feito por meio do parâmetro border do método Cell(), que especifica quais lados da célula devem ser desenhados. Aqui nós queremos os esquerdo (L) e direito (R). Agora apenas o problema da linha horizontal para terminar a mesa permanece. Existem duas possibilidades para resolvê-lo: verificar para a última linha do loop, caso este em que usamos LRB para o parâmetro da borda; ou, como foi feito aqui, adicione a linha assim que o loop terminar.

A terceira tabela é semelhante à segunda, mas usa cores. Preenchimento, texto e as cores das linhas são simplesmente especificadas. Coloração alternativa para linhas é obtida usando células alternativamente transparentes e preenchidas.

## 2.6.6 Tuto 6 - Criar links e misturar estilos de texto

Este tutorial irá explicar várias maneiras de inserir links dentro de um documento PDF, bem como adicionar links para fontes externas.

Também mostrará várias maneiras de usar diferentes estilos de texto, (negrito, itálico, sublinhado) no mesmo texto.

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin
class MyFPDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    pass
pdf = MyFPDF()
# First page:
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=20)
pdf.write(5, "To find out what's new in self tutorial, click ")
pdf.set_font(style="U")
link = pdf.add_link()
pdf.write(5, "here", link)
pdf.set_font()
# Second page:
pdf.add_page(
pdf.set_link(link)
    "../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 10, 50, 0, "", "https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/"
pdf.set_left_margin(60)
pdf.set_font_size(18)
      "You can print text mixing different styles using HTML tags: <b>bold</b>, <i>italic</i>,
<u>underlined</u>, or <b><i><u>all at once</u></i></b>!
```

```
<pr><br><pr><br><pr><br><pr><pr><pr><don</pr>an also insert links on text, such as <a href="https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/">https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf2/</a>,or on an image: the logo is clickable!""")pdf.output("tuto6.pdf")
```

#### PDF resultante - fpdf2-logo

O novo método mostrado aqui para imprimir texto é write(). É muito parecido com multi cell (), sendo as principais diferenças:

- O fim da linha está na margem direita e a próxima linha começa na margem esquerda.
- A posição atual move-se para o final do texto.

O método, portanto, nos permite escrever um pedaço de texto, alterar o estilo da fonte, e continuar do ponto exato em que paramos. Por outro lado, a sua principal desvantagem é que não podemos justificar o texto como nós fazemos com o método [multi cell()(https://pyfpdf.github.io/fpdf/fpdf/html#fpdf.fpdf.FPDF.multi cell).

Na primeira página do exemplo, usámos write() para este propósito. O início da frase está escrita no estilo de texto normal, depois usando o método set font(), trocamos para sublinhado e acabámos a frase.

Para adicionar o link externo a apontar para a segunda página, nós usámos o método add\_link(), que cria uma área clicável à qual demos o nome de "link" que direciona para outra parte do documento. Na segunda página, usámos set\_link() para definir uma área de destino para o link que acabámos de criar.

Para criar o link externo usando uma imagem, usámos image(). O método tem a opção de passar um link como um dos seus argumentos. O link pode ser interno ou externo.

Como alternativa, outra opção para mudar o estilo da fonte e adicionar links é usar o método write\_html(). É um "parser" que permite adicionar texto, mudar o estilo da fonte e adicionar links usando html.

# 2.7 Руководство

Полная документация по методам класса FPDF: fpdf.FPDF API doc

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## 2.7.1 Руководство 1 - Минимальный пример

Начнём с классического примера:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
```

#### Итоговый PDF

После подключения библиотеки мы создаем объект FPDF. Здесь используется конструктор FPDF со значениями по умолчанию: страницы формата A4 портретные, единица измерения - миллиметр.

```
pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
```

Можно установить PDF в альбомном режиме ( L ) или использовать другой формат страниц (например, Letter или Legal ) и единицы измерения ( pt , cm , in ).

На данный момент страницы нет, поэтому мы должны добавить ее с помощью команды add\_page. Начало страницы находится в левом верхнем углу, а текущая позиция по умолчанию располагается на расстоянии 1 см от границ; поля можно изменить с помощью команды set margins.

Прежде чем мы сможем напечатать текст, обязательно нужно выбрать шрифт с помощью set\_font, иначе документ будет недействительным. Мы выбираем Helvetica bold 16:

```
pdf.set_font('helvetica', 'B', 16)
```

Мы можем указать курсив с помощью ї, подчеркнутый шрифт с помощью ∪ или обычный шрифт с помощью пустой строки (или использовать любую комбинацию). Обратите внимание, что размер шрифта задается в пунктах, а не в миллиметрах (или другой единице измерений); это единственное исключение. Другие встроенные шрифты: Times, Courier, Symbol и ZapfDingbats.

Теперь мы можем распечатать ячейку с помощью cell. Ячейка - это прямоугольная область, возможно, обрамленная рамкой, которая содержит некоторый текст. Она отображается в текущей позиции. Мы указываем ее размеры, текст (центрированный или выровненный), должны ли быть нарисованы рамки, и куда текущая позиция перемещается после нее (вправо, вниз или в начало следующей строки). Чтобы добавить рамку, мы сделаем следующее:

```
pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
```

Чтобы добавить новую ячейку с центрированным текстом и перейти к следующей строке, мы сделаем следующее:

```
pdf.cell(60, 10, 'Powered by FPDF.', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT", align='C')
```

**Примечание**: разрыв строки также можно сделать с помощью ln. Этот метод позволяет дополнительно указать высоту разрыва.

Наконец, документ закрывается и сохраняется по указанному пути к файлу с помощью функции output. Без указания параметров output() возвращает буфер PDF bytearray.

#### 2.7.2 Руководство 2 - Верхний колонтитул, нижний колонтитул, разрыв страницы и картинка

Пример двух страниц с верхним и нижним колонтитулами и логотипом:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
        # Rendering logo:
self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
        # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 1
         # Moving cursor to the right:
        self.cell(80)
         # Printing title:
        self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
# Performing a line break:
         self.ln(20)
    def footer(self):
         # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
         self.set_v(-15)
         # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
         self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
         # Printing page number:
         self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}/{{nb}}", align="C")
# Instantiation of inherited class
pdf = PDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41):
    pdf.cell(0, \ 10, \ f"Printing \ line \ number \ \{i\}", \ new\_x="LMARGIN", \ new\_y="NEXT")
pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
```

#### Итоговый PDF

В этом примере используются методы header и footer для обработки заголовков и колонтитулов страницы. Они вызываются автоматически. Они уже существуют в классе FPDF, но ничего не делают, поэтому мы должны расширить класс и переопределить их.

Логотип печатается методом image с указанием его левого верхнего угла и ширины. Высота вычисляется автоматически, чтобы соблюсти пропорции изображения.

Для печати номера страницы в качестве ширины ячейки передается нулевое значение. Это означает, что ячейка должна простираться до правого поля страницы; это удобно для центрирования текста. Номер текущей страницы возвращается методом page\_no; что касается общего количества страниц, то оно получается с помощью специального значения {nb}, которое будет подставлено при закрытии документа. Обратите внимание на использование метода set\_y, который позволяет установить позицию в абсолютном месте страницы, начиная сверху или снизу.

Здесь используется еще одна интересная функция: автоматический разрыв страницы. Как только ячейка пересекает границу страницы (по умолчанию 2 сантиметра от низа), происходит разрыв и шрифт восстанавливается. Хотя верхний и нижний колонтитулы выбирают свой собственный шрифт (helvetica), основная часть продолжает использовать Times. Этот механизм автоматического восстановления также применяется к цветам и ширине линий. Предел, который вызывает разрыв страницы, можно установить с помощью set\_auto\_page\_break.

#### 2.7.3 Руководство 3 - Переносы строк и цвета

Продолжим с примера, который печатает выровненные абзацы. Он также иллюстрирует использование цветов.

```
from fpdf import FPDF

class PDF(FPDF):
    def header(self):
```

```
# Setting font: helvetica bold 15
self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
          # Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
          width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
          # Setting colors for frame, background and text: self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
          self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
          self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
# Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
          self.set_line_width(1)
          # Printing title:
          self.cell(
               width,
                self.title,
               border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
                new_y="NEXT",
                align="C",
                fill=True,
          # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(10)
     def footer(self):
          # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
          self.set_y(-15)
           # Setting font: helvetica italic 8
          self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
# Setting text color to gray:
          self.set_text_color(128)
          # Printing page number
self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
    # Setting font: helvetica 12
          self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
          # Setting background color
          self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
          # Printing chapter name:
          self.cell(
                f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
               new_x="LMARGIN",
new_y="NEXT",
               fill=True.
           # Performing a line break:
          self.ln(4)
     def chapter_body(self, filepath):
          # Reading text file:
with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
          txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
# Setting font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
          # Printing justified text:
self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)
          # Performing a line break
          self.ln()
          # Final mention in italics:
          self.set_font(style="I")
self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
     def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
          self.add_page()
          self.chapter_title(num, title)
          self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

## Итоговый PDF

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Метод get\_string\_width позволяет определить длину строки в текущем шрифте, которая используется здесь для расчета положения и ширины рамки, окружающей заголовок. Затем устанавливаются цвета (через set\_draw\_color, set\_fill\_color и set\_text\_color), а толщина линии устанавливается в 1 мм (против 0,2 по умолчанию) с помощью set\_line\_width. Наконец, мы выводим ячейку (последний параметр True указывает на то, что фон должен быть заполнен).

Для печати абзацев используется метод multi\_cell. Каждый раз, когда строка достигает правого края ячейки или встречается символ возврата каретки, выдается разрыв строки и автоматически создается новая ячейка под текущей. По умолчанию текст выравнивается по ширине.

Определены два свойства документа: заголовок (set\_title) и автор (set\_author). Свойства можно просматривать двумя способами. Первый - открыть документ непосредственно с помощью Acrobat Reader, перейти в меню Файл и выбрать пункт Свойства документа. Второй, также доступный из плагина, - щелкнуть правой кнопкой мыши и выбрать пункт Свойства документа.

## 2.7.4 Руководство 4 - Несколько колонок

Этот пример является вариантом предыдущего и показывает, как расположить текст в нескольких колонках.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
     def __init__(self):
          super().__init__()
self.col = 0 # Current column
           self.y0 = 0 # Ordinate of column start
          self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
          self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
           self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
          self.set line width(1)
          self.cell(
                width.
                self.title,
                border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
                new_y="NEXT"
                align="C",
                fill=True,
          self.ln(10)
          # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
     def footer(self):
          self.set_y(-15)
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
          self.set_text_color(128)
self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
     def set_col(self, col):
          # Set column position:
           self.col = col
           x = 10 + col * 65
          self.set_left_margin(x)
          self.set_x(x)
     def accept_page_break(self):
    if self.col < 2:</pre>
                # Go to next column
                self.set_col(self.col + 1)
                # Set ordinate to top:
                self.set_y(self.y0)
               # Stay on the same page:
return False
          # Go back to first column:
          self.set_col(0)
           # Trigger a page break:
           return True
     def chapter_title(self, num, label):
    self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
    self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
           self.cell(
                f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
                new_x="LMARGIN",
                new_y="NEXT",
                border="L".
          self.ln(4)
          # Saving ordinate position:
          self.y0 = self.get_y()
```

```
def chapter_body(self, name):
           # Reading text file:
with open(name, "rb") as fh:
                txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
          # Setting font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing text in a 6cm width column:
           self.multi_cell(60, 5, txt)
           self.ln()
           # Final mention in italics:
self.set_font(style="I")
           self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
# Start back at first column:
           self.set_col(0)
      def print_chapter(self, num, title, name):
           self.add_page()
           self.chapter_title(num, title)
           self.chapter_body(name)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto4.pdf")
```

#### Итоговый PDF

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Ключевым отличием от предыдущего урока является использование методов accept page break и set col.

С помощью метода accept\_page\_break, в тот момент, когда ячейка пересекает нижнюю границу страницы, проверяется номер текущей колонки. Если он меньше 2 (мы решили разделить страницу на три колонки), то будет вызван метод set\_col, увеличивающий номер колонки и изменяющий положение следующей колонки, чтобы текст мог быть продолжен в ней

Как только будет достигнута нижняя граница третьей колонки, метод accept\_page\_break произведет сброс и возврат к первой колонке и инициирует разрыв страницы.

## 2.7.5 Руковдство 5 - Создание таблиц

В этом уроке мы расскажем, как можно с легкостью создавать таблицы.

Код создаст три различные таблицы, чтобы объяснить, чего можно достичь с помощью нескольких простых настроек.

```
import csv
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
    def basic_table(self, headings, rows):
         for heading in headings:
              self.cell(40, 7, heading, 1)
         self.ln()
for row in rows:
             for col in row:
                   self.cell(40, 6, col, 1)
              self.ln()
    def improved_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 40)):
         for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
              self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C")
         self.ln()
         for row in rows:
self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR")
              self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR")
self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R")
self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
         # Closure line
         self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", border="T")
    def colored_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 42)):
    # Colors, line width and bold font:
         self.set_fill_color(255, 100, 0)
         self.set_text_color(255)
         self.set_draw_color(255, 0, 0)
         self.set_line_width(0.3)
self.set_font(style="B")
```

```
for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
             self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C", fill=True)
        self.ln()
        # Color and font restoration:
         self.set_fill_color(224, 235, 255)
        self.set_text_color(0)
         self.set_font()
         fill = False
        for row in rows:
             self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)
             self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill) self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
             self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
             self.ln()
fill = not fill
         self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", "T")
def load_data_from_csv(csv_filepath):
    headings, rows = [], []
    with open(csv_filepath, encoding="utf8") as csv_file:
        for row in csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=","):
    if not headings: # extracting column names from first row:
                 headings = row
             else:
                  rows.append(row)
    return headings, rows
col_names, data = load_data_from_csv("countries.txt")
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=14)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.basic_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.improved table(col names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.colored_table(col_names, data)
pdf.output("tuto5.pdf")
```

#### Итоговый PDF - Список стран

Поскольку таблица - это просто набор ячеек, естественно построить таблицу из них.

Первый пример достигается самым простым способом: простые ячейки в рамке, все одинакового размера и выровненные по левому краю. Результат элементарен, но достигается очень быстро.

Вторая таблица имеет некоторые улучшения: каждый столбец имеет свою ширину, заголовки выровнены по центру, а цифры - по правому краю. Более того, горизонтальные линии были удалены. Это сделано с помощью параметра border метода Cell(), который указывает, какие стороны ячейки должны быть нарисованы. Здесь нам нужны левая (L) и правая (R). Теперь остается только проблема горизонтальной линии для завершения таблицы. Есть две возможности решить ее: проверить наличие последней строки в цикле, в этом случае мы используем LRB для параметра границы; или, как сделано здесь, добавить линию после завершения цикла.

Третья таблица похожа на вторую, но в ней используются цвета. Цвета заливки, текста и линий просто задаются. Альтернативная окраска строк достигается путем использования поочередно прозрачных и заполненных ячеек.

# 2.7.6 Руководство 6 - Создание ссылок и смешивание стилей текста

В этом уроке будет рассказано о нескольких способах вставки ссылок внутри pdf документа, а также о добавлении ссылок на внешние источники.

Также будет показано несколько способов использования различных стилей текста (жирный, курсив, подчеркивание) в одном и том же тексте.

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin

class MyFPDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    pass

pdf = MyFPDF()

# First page:
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=20)
pdf.write(5, "To find out what's new in self tutorial, click ")
pdf.set_font(style="U")
link = pdf.add_link()
```

#### Итоговый PDF - fpdf2-logo

Новый метод, показанный здесь для печати текста - это write(). Он очень похож на multi\_cell(), основные отличия заключаются в следующем:

- Конец строки находится на правом поле, а следующая строка начинается на левом поле.
- Текущая позиция перемещается в конец текста.

Таким образом, этот метод позволяет нам написать фрагмент текста, изменить стиль шрифта и продолжить с того самого места, на котором мы остановились. С другой стороны, его главный недостаток заключается в том, что мы не можем выровнять текст, как это делается при использовании метода multi\_cell().

На первой странице примера мы использовали для этой цели write(). Начало предложения написано текстом обычного стиля, затем, используя метод set font(), мы переключились на подчеркивание и закончили предложение.

Для добавления внутренней ссылки, указывающей на вторую страницу, мы использовали метод add\_link(), который создает кликабельную область, названную нами "link", которая ведет в другое место внутри документа. На второй странице мы использовали метод set link(), чтобы определить целевую зону для только что созданной ссылки.

Чтобы создать внешнюю ссылку с помощью изображения, мы использовали метод image(). Этот метод имеет возможность передать ссылку в качестве одного из аргументов. Ссылка может быть как внутренней, так и внешней.

В качестве альтернативы для изменения стиля шрифта и добавления ссылок можно использовать метод write\_html(). Это парсер html, который позволяет добавлять текст, изменять стиль шрифта и добавлять ссылки с помощью html.

2.8

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fpdf2
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                                                             : fpdf.FPDF API doc
• Tuto 1 -
• Tuto 2 -
                      (Header),
                                            (Footer),
                                                                      (Page Break)
                                                                                               (Image)
• Tuto 3 -
• Tuto 4 -
• Tuto 5 -
• Tuto 6 -
 2.8.1 Tuto 1 -
   from fpdf import FPDF
   pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", "B", 16)
pdf.cell(40, 10, "Hello World!")
pdf.output("tuto1.pdf")
  Resulting PDF
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                                                    FPDF
         A4
   pdf = FPDF(orientation="P", unit="mm", format="A4")
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   pdf.cell(40, 10, 'Hello World!', 1)
                   (centered text)
                                                                    (cell)
```

2.8.2 Tuto 2 - (Header), (Footer), (Page Break) (Image)

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{\tt pdf.cell(60,\ 10,\ 'Powered\ by\ FPDF.',\ new\_x="LMARGIN",\ new\_y="NEXT",\ align='C')}
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2.8.2 Tuto 2 -
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                                                                  (Footer),
                                                                                                    (Page Break)
                                                                                                                                     (Image)
                       (Header),
                                                 (Footer)
                                                                          (Logo)
   from fpdf import FPDF
   class PDF(FPDF):
        def header(self):
            header(self):
# Rendering logo:
self.image("../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 10, 8, 33)
# Setting font: helvetica bold 15
self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
             # Moving cursor to the right:
self.cell(80)
             # Printing title:
self.cell(30, 10, "Title", border=1, align="C")
# Performing a line break:
             self.ln(20)
        def footer(self):
             # Position cursor at 1.5 cm from bottom:
            # Postion cursor at 1.5 cm from bots
self.set_y(-15)
# Setting font: helvetica italic 8
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
# Printing page number:
             self.cell(0, \ 10, \ f"Page \ \{self.page\_no()\}/\{\{nb\}\}", \ align="C")
   # Instantiation of inherited class
pdf = PDF()
   pdf.add_page()
   pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=12)
for i in range(1, 41):
        pdf.cell(0,\ 10,\ f"Printing\ line\ number\ \{i\}",\ new\_x="LMARGIN",\ new\_y="NEXT")
   pdf.output("new-tuto2.pdf")
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2.8.3 Tuto 3 -
```

Justified

```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
   def header(self):
             # Setting font: helvetica bold 15
self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
# Calculating width of title and setting cursor position:
              width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
             #Setf.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
# Setting colors for frame, background and text:
self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
              # Setting thickness of the frame (1 mm)
self.set_line_width(1)
              # Printing title:
              self.cell(
                    width,
                     9,
self.title,
                     border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
new_y="NEXT",
                     align="C",
                     fill=True.
               # Performing a line break:
              self.ln(10)
       def footer(self):
              # Setting position at 1.5 cm from bottom:
             self.set_y(-15)
# Setting font: helvetica italic 8
self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
             # Setting text color to gray:
self.set_text_color(128)
              # Printing page number
              self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
       def chapter_title(self, num, label):
    # Setting font: helvetica 12
    self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
              # Setting background color
              self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
# Printing chapter name:
              self.cell(
                     f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
new_x="LMARGIN",
                     new_y="NEXT",
align="L",
fill=True,
              # Performing a line break:
              self.ln(4)
       def chapter_body(self, filepath):
             # Reading text file:
with open(filepath, "rb") as fh:
    txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
             txt = rn.read().decouve( lat.

# Setting font: Times 12

self.set_font("Times", size=12)

# Printing justified text:

self.multi_cell(0, 5, txt)

# Performing a line break:
             self.ln()
# Final mention in italics:
self.set_font(style="I")
              self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
       def print_chapter(self, num, title, filepath):
              self.add_page()
self.chapter_title(num, title)
              self.chapter_body(filepath)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_attle( 20000 Leagues under the Seas )
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto3.pdf")
```

# Resulting PDF

Jules Verne text

```
get_string_width
```

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                             )
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                         set_draw_color, set_fill_color
                                                           set\_text\_color
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                 0.2
                               )
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                                                           multi cell
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                Justified
                                       $et_title)
                                                         (set\_author).
```

## 2.8.4 Tuto 4 -

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```
from fpdf import FPDF
class PDF(FPDF):
       def __init__(self):
    super().__init__()
    self.col = 0 # Current column
    self.y0 = 0 # Ordinate of column start
       def header(self):
    self.set_font("helvetica", "B", 15)
    width = self.get_string_width(self.title) + 6
    self.set_x((210 - width) / 2)
    self.set_draw_color(0, 80, 180)
    self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
    self.set_fill_color(230, 230, 0)
                self.set_text_color(220, 50, 50)
self.set_line_width(1)
                 self.cell(
                         width,
                          self.title,
                          border=1,
new_x="LMARGIN",
                          new_y="NEXT",
align="C",
                          fill=True,
                 self.ln(10)
                # Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
        def footer(self):
                self.set_y(-15)
                self.set_font("helvetica", "I", 8)
self.set_text_color(128)
self.cell(0, 10, f"Page {self.page_no()}", align="C")
        def set_col(self, col):
    # Set column position:
                self.col = col
x = 10 + col * 65
self.set_left_margin(x)
                self.set_x(x)
       @property
def accept_page_break(self):
    if self.col < 2:
        # Go to next column:
        self.set_col(self.col + 1)
        # Cot_ordinate to too:</pre>
                         # Set ordinate to top:
self.set_y(self.y0)
# Stay on the same page:
return False
                # Go back to first column:
self.set_col(0)
                # Trigger a page break:
return True
        def chapter_title(self, num, label):
    self.set_font("helvetica", "", 12)
```

```
self.set_fill_color(200, 220, 255)
                Θ,
                 f"Chapter {num} : {label}",
                 new_x="LMARGIN",
                 new_y="NEXT",
                 border="L",
                 fill=True.
           self.ln(4)
# Saving ordinate position:
self.y0 = self.get_y()
      def chapter_body(self, name):
           # Reading text file:
           with open(name, "rb") as fh:
    txt = fh.read().decode("latin-1")
           # Setting font: Times 12
self.set_font("Times", size=12)
# Printing text in a 6cm width column:
           self.multi_cell(60, 5, txt)
          self.ln()
# Final mention in italics:
           self.set_font(style="I")
self.cell(0, 5, "(end of excerpt)")
# Start back at first column:
           self.set col(0)
      def print_chapter(self, num, title, name):
           self.add_page()
           self.chapter_title(num, title)
           self.chapter_body(name)
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_title("20000 Leagues Under the Seas")
pdf.set_author("Jules Verne")
pdf.print_chapter(1, "A RUNAWAY REEF", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.print_chapter(2, "THE PROS AND CONS", "20k_c1.txt")
pdf.output("tuto4.pdf")
```

# **Resulting PDF**

Jules Verne text

# 2.8.5 Tuto 5 -

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```
import csv
from fpdf import FPDF

class PDF(FPDF):
    def basic_table(self, headings, rows):
        for heading in headings:
            self.cell(40, 7, heading, 1)
        self.ln()
        for row in rows:
            for col in row:
                 self.cell(40, 6, col, 1)
                  self.ln()

def improved_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 40)):
            for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
                  self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C")
                  self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR")
                  self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                 self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R")
                  self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR")
```

```
def colored_table(self, headings, rows, col_widths=(42, 39, 35, 42)):
           # Colors, line width and bold font:
self.set_fill_color(255, 100, 0)
            self.set_text_color(255)
           self.set_draw_color(255, 0, 0)
self.set_line_width(0.3)
           self.set_font(style="B")
           for col_width, heading in zip(col_widths, headings):
                 self.cell(col_width, 7, heading, border=1, align="C", fill=True)
           self.ln()
# Color and font restoration:
           self.set_fill_color(224, 235, 255)
           self.set_text_color(0)
self.set_font()
            fill = False
           for row in rows:

self.cell(col_widths[0], 6, row[0], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)

self.cell(col_widths[1], 6, row[1], border="LR", align="L", fill=fill)

self.cell(col_widths[2], 6, row[2], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)

self.cell(col_widths[3], 6, row[3], border="LR", align="R", fill=fill)
           self.ln()
fill = not fill
self.cell(sum(col_widths), 0, "", "T")
def load_data_from_csv(csv_filepath):
     headings, rows = [], []
with open(csv_filepath, encoding="utf8") as csv_file:
          for row in csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=","):
    if not headings: # extracting column names from first row:
                       headings = row
                 else:
rows.append(row)
     return headings, rows
col_names, data = load_data_from_csv("countries.txt")
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=14)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.basic_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.improved_table(col_names, data)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.colored_table(col_names, data)
pdf.output("tuto5.pdf")
```

## Resulting PDF - Countries text

# 2.8.6 Tuto 6 -

,( , , )

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin

class MyFPDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    pass

pdf = MyFPDF()
# First page:
```

## Resulting PDF - fpdf2-logo

# 3. Page Layout

# 3.1 Page format and orientation

By default, a FPDF document has a A4 format with portrait orientation.

Other formats & orientation can be specified to FPDF constructor:

```
pdf = fpdf.FPDF(orientation="landscape", format="A5")
```

Currently supported formats are a3, a4, a5, letter, legal or a tuple (width, height). Additional standard formats are welcome and can be suggested through pull requests.

## 3.1.1 Per-page format, orientation and background

.set\_page\_background() lets you set a background for all pages following this call until the background is removed. The value must be of type str, io.BytesIO, PIL.Image.Image, drawing.DeviceRGB, tuple or None

The following code snippet illustrates how to configure different page formats for specific pages as well as setting different backgrounds and then removing it:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica")
pdf.set_page_background((252,212,255))
for i in range(9):
    if i == 6:
        pdf.set_page_background('image_path.png')
    pdf.add_page(format=(210 * (1 - i/10), 297 * (1 - i/10)))
    pdf.cell(txt=str(i))
pdf.set_page_background(None)
pdf.set_page(same=True)
pdf.cell(txt="g")
pdf.output("varying_format.pdf")
```

Similarly, an orientation parameter can be provided to the add\_page method.

# 3.1.2 Page layout & zoom level

set\_display\_mode() allows to set the **zoom level**: pages can be displayed entirely on screen, occupy the full width of the window, use the real size, be scaled by a specific zooming factor or use the viewer default (configured in its *Preferences* menu).

The page layout can also be specified: single page at a time, continuous display, two columns or viewer default.

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_display_mode(zoom="default", layout="TWO_COLUMN_LEFT")
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=30)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.cell(txt="page 1")
pdf.add_page()
pdf.cell(txt="page 2")
pdf.output("two-column.pdf")
```

#### 3.1.3 Viewer preferences

```
from fpdf import FPDF, ViewerPreferences

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.viewer_preferences = ViewerPreferences(
    hide_toolbar=True,
    hide_menubar=True,
    hide_window_u_i=True,
    fit_window=True,
    center_window=True,
    display_doc_title=True,
    non_full_screen_page_mode="USE_OUTLINES",
```

```
)
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=30)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.cell(txt="page 1")
pdf.add_page()
pdf.cell(txt="page 2")
pdf.output("viewer-prefs.pdf")
```

# 3.1.4 Full screen

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.page_mode = "FULL_SCREEN"
pdf.output("full-screen.pdf")
```

# 3.2 Margins

Those margins control the initial current X & Y position to render elements on a page, and also define the height limit that triggers automatic page breaks when they are enabled.

Margins can be completely removed:

pdf.set\_margin(0)

Several methods can be used to set margins:

- set margin
- set\_left\_margin
- set\_right\_margin
- set\_top\_margin
- set margins
- set\_auto\_page\_break

## 3.3 Introduction

Templates are predefined documents (like invoices, tax forms, etc.), or parts of such documents, where each element (text, lines, barcodes, etc.) has a fixed position (x1, y1, x2, y2), style (font, size, etc.) and a default text.

These elements can act as placeholders, so the program can change the default text "filling in" the document.

Besides being defined in code, the elements can also be defined in a CSV file or in a database, so the user can easily adapt the form to his printing needs.

A template is used like a dict, setting its items' values.

# 3.4 How to use Templates

There are two approaches to using templates.

## 3.4.1 Using Template()

The traditional approach is to use the Template() class, This class accepts one template definition, and can apply it to each page of a document. The usage pattern here is:

```
tmpl = Template(elements=elements)
# first page and content
tmpl.add_page()
tmpl[item_key_01] = "Text 01"
tmpl[item_key_02] = "Text 02"
...
# second page and content
tmpl.add_page()
tmpl[item_key_01] = "Text 11"
tmpl[item_key_02] = "Text 12"
...
# possibly more pages
...
# finalize document and write to file
tmpl.render(outfile="example.pdf")
```

The Template() class will create and manage its own FPDF() instance, so you don't need to worry about how it all works together. It also allows to set the page format, title of the document, measuring unit, and other metadata for the PDF file.

For the method signatures, see pyfpdf.github.io: class Template.

Setting text values for specific template items is done by treating the class as a dict, with the name of the item as the key:

```
Template["company_name"] = "Sample Company"
```

# 3.4.2 Using FlexTemplate()

When more flexibility is desired, then the FlexTemplate() class comes into play. In this case, you first need to create your own FPDF() instance. You can then pass this to the constructor of one or several FlexTemplate() instances, and have each of them load a template definition. For any page of the document, you can set text values on a template, and then render it on that page. After rendering, the template will be reset to its default values.

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
# One template for the first page
fp_tmpl = FlexTemplate(pdf, elements=fp_elements)
fp_tmpl["item_key_01"] = "Text 01"
fp_tmpl["item_key_02"] = "Text 02"
...
fp_tmpl.render() # add template items to first page
# add some more non-template content to the first page
pdf.polyline(point_list, fill=False, polygon=False)
```

```
# second page
pdf.add_page()
 # header for the second page
h_tmpl = FlexTemplate(pdf, elements=h_elements)
h_tmpl["item_key_HA"] = "Text 2A"
h_tmpl["item_key_HB"] = "Text 2B"
h_tmpl.render() # add header items to second page
 # footer for the second page
f_tmpl = FlexTemplate(pdf, elements=f_elements)
f_tmpl["item_key_FC"] = "Text 2C"
 f_tmpl["item_key_FD"] = "Text 2D"
 f_tmpl.render() # add footer items to second page
 # other content on the second page
pdf.set_dash_pattern(dash=1, gap=1)
 pdf.line(x1, y1, x2, y2):
pdf.set_dash_pattern()
 # third name
pdf.add_page()
# header for the third page, just reuse the same template instance after render()
h_tmpl["item_key_HA"] = "Text 3A"
h_tmpl["item_key_HB"] = "Text 3B"
h tmpl.render() # add header items to third page
# footer for the third page
f_tmpl["item_key_FC"] = "Text 3C"
 f_tmpl["item_key_FD"] = "Text 3D"
 f_tmpl.render() # add footer items to third page
 # other content on the third page
pdf.rect(x, y, w, h, style=None)
 # possibly more pages
pdf.next_page()
# finally write everything to a file
pdf.output("example.pdf")
```

Evidently, this can end up quite a bit more involved, but there are hardly any limits on how you can combine templated and non-templated content on each page. Just think of the different templates as of building blocks, like configurable rubber stamps, which you can apply in any combination on any page you like.

Of course, you can just as well use a set of full-page templates, possibly differentiating between cover page, table of contents, normal content pages, and an index page, or something along those lines.

And here's how you can use a template several times on one page (and by extension, several times on several pages). When rendering with an offsetx and/or offsety argument, the contents of the template will end up in a different place on the page. A rotate argument will change its orientation, rotated around the origin of the template. The pivot of the rotation is the offset location. And finally, a scale argument allows you to insert the template larger or smaller than it was defined.

For the method signatures, see pyfpdf.github.io: class FlexTemplate.

The dict syntax for setting text values is the same as above:

```
FlexTemplate["company_name"] = "Sample Company"
```

# 3.5 Details - Template definition

A template definition consists of a number of elements, which have the following properties (columns in a CSV, items in a dict, fields in a database). Dimensions (except font size, which always uses points) are given in user defined units (default: mm). Those are the units that can be specified when creating a Template() or a FPDF() instance.

- name: placeholder identification (unique text string)
- mandatory
- type:
- ullet 'T': Text places one or several lines of text on the page
- 'L': Line draws a line from x1/y1 to x2/y2
- $\bullet$  'I': Image positions and scales an image into the bounding box
- ${}^{\mathbf{B}}$ : Box draws a rectangle around the bounding box
- ullet 'E': Ellipse draws an ellipse inside the bounding box
- 'BC': Barcode inserts an "Interleaved 2 of 5" type barcode
- 'C39': Code 39 inserts a "Code 39" type barcode
- Incompatible change: A previous implementation of this type used the non-standard element keys "x", "y", "w", and "h", which are now deprecated (but still work for the moment).
- ${}^{\mathbf{W}}$ : "Write" uses the FPDF.write() method to add text to the page
- mandatory
- x1, y1, x2, y2: top-left, bottom-right coordinates, defining a bounding box in most cases
- for multiline text, this is the bounding box of just the first line, not the complete box
- $\bullet$  for the barcodes types, the height of the barcode is y2 y1, x2 is ignored.
- mandatory ("x2" optional for the barcode types)
- font: the name of a font type for the text types
- optional
- default: "helvetica"
- size: the size property of the element (float value)
- for text, the font size (in points!)
- for line, box, and ellipse, the line width
- for the barcode types, the width of one bar
- optional
- default: 10 for text, 2 for 'BC', 1.5 for 'C39'
- bold, italic, underline: text style properties
- in elements dict, enabled with True or equivalent value
- in csv, only int values, 0 as false, non-0 as true
- optional
- default: false
- foreground, background: text and fill colors (int value, commonly given in hex as 0xRRGGBB)
- optional
- $\bullet$  default: foreground 0x000000 = black; background None/empty = transparent
- Incompatible change: Up to 2.4.5, the default background for text and box elements was solid white, with no way to make them transparent.
- align: text alignment, 'L': left, 'R': right, 'C': center
- optional
- default: 'L'

- text: default string, can be replaced at runtime
- displayed text for 'T' and 'W'
- data to encode for barcode types
- optional (if missing for text/write, the element is ignored)
- · default: empty
- priority: Z-order (int value)
- optional
- default: 0
- multiline: configure text wrapping
- in dicts, None for single line, True for multicells (multiple lines), False trims to exactly fit the space defined
- in csv, 0 for single line, >0 for multiple lines, <0 for exact fit
- optional
- default: single line
- rotation: rotate the element in degrees around the top left corner x1/y1 (float)
- optional
- default: 0.0 no rotation

Fields that are not relevant to a specific element type will be ignored there, but if not left empty, they must still adhere to the specified data type (in dicts, string fields may be None).

# 3.6 How to create a template

A template can be created in 3 ways:

- · By defining everything manually in a hardcoded way as a Python dictionary
- By using a template definition in a CSV document and parsing the CSV with Template.parse dict()
- By defining the template in a database (this applies to [Web2Py] (Web2Py.md) integration)

# 3.7 Example - Hardcoded

```
#this will define the ELEMENTS that will compose the template.

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See template.py or [Web2Py] (Web2Py.md) for a complete example.

# 3.8 Example - Elements defined in CSV file

You define your elements in a CSV file "mycsvfile.csv" that will look like:

```
line0;L;20.0;12.0;190.0;12.0;times;0.5;0;0;0;0;16777215;C;;0;0;0.0
line1;L;20.0;36.0;190.0;36.0;times;0.5;0;0;0;0;16777215;C;;0;0;0.0
name0;T;21.0;14.0;104.0;25.0;times;16.0;0;0;0;16777215;L;name;2;0;0.0
title0;T;21.0;26.0;104.0;30.0;times;10.0;0;0;0;0;0;16777215;L;title;2;0;0.0
multiline;T;21.0;50.0;28.0;54.0;times;10.5;0;0;0;0;0;0;ffff00;L;multi line;0;1;0.0
numeric_text;T;21.0;80.0;100.0;84.0;times;10.5;0;0;0;0;0;R;007;0;0,0
empty_fields;T;21.0;100.0;100.0;104.0
rotated;T;21.0;80.0;100.0;84.0;times;10.5;0;0;0;;R;ROTATED;0;0;30.0
```

Remember that each line represents an element and each field represents one of the properties of the element in the following order: ('name','type','x1','y1','x2','y2','font','size','bold','italic','underline','foreground','background','align','text','priority', 'multiline', 'rotate') As noted above, most fields may be left empty, so a line is valid with only 6 items. The "empty\_fields" line of the example demonstrates all that can be left away. In addition, for the barcode types "x2" may be empty.

Then you can use the file like this:

## 3.9 Tables

Tables can be built either using cells or with write\_html.

## 3.9.1 Using cells

There is a method to build tables allowing for multilines content in cells:

# 3.9.2 Using write\_html

An alternative method using fpdf.HTMLMixin, with the same data as above, and column widths defined as percent of the effective width:

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin
class PDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    pass
pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font_size(16)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.write_html(
    f"""<thead>
   {data[0][0]}{data[0][1]}
    {data[0][2]}
{data[0][3]}

    <\!td\!>\!\{'<\!/td\!>\!<\!td\!>'.join(data[{\color{red}1}])\}<\!/td\!>
{''.join(data[2])}
<tr
    $$  {''.join(data[4])} 
table_line_separators=True,
pdf.output('table_html.pdf')
```

Note that htmlmixin has some limitations, notably regarding multi-lines cells.

# 3.9.3 Recipes

- our 5th tutorial provides examples on how to build tables: Tuto 5 Creating Tables
- @bvalgard wrote a custom table() method: YouTube video create\_table() source code
- code snippet by @RubendeBruin to adapt row height to the highest cell

# 3.9.4 Repeat table header on each page

The following recipe demonstrates a solution to handle this requirement:

Note that if you want to use multi\_cell() method instead of cell(), some extra code will be required: an initial call to multi\_cell with split\_only=True will be needed in order to compute the number of lines in the cell.

# 4. Text Content

# 4.1 Adding Text

There are several ways in fpdf to add text to a PDF document, each of which comes with its own special features and its own set of advantages and disadvantages. You will need to pick the right one for your specific task.

method	lines	markdown support	HTML support	accepts new current position	details
.text()	one	no	no	fixed	Inserts a single-line text string with a precise location on the base line of the font.
.cell()	one	yes	no	yes	Inserts a single-line text string within the boundaries of a given box, optionally with background and border.
.multi_cell()	several	yes	no	yes	Inserts a multi-line text string within the boundaries of a given box, optionally with background and border.
.write()	several	no	no	auto	Inserts a multi-line text string within the boundaries of the page margins, starting at the current x/y location (typically the end of the last inserted text).
.write_html()	several	no	yes	auto	From html.py. An extension to .write(), with additional parsing of basic HTML tags.

# 4.1.1 Typographical Limitations

There are a few advanced typesetting features that fpdf doesn't currently support.

- Automatic ligatures Some writing systems (eg. most Indic scripts such as Devaganari, Tamil, Kannada) frequently combine a number of written characters into a single glyph. This would require advanced font analysis capabilities, which aren't currently implemented.
- Contextual forms In some writing systems (eg. Arabic, Mongolian, etc.), characters may take a different shape, depending on whether they appear at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a word, or isolated. Fpdf will always use the same standard shape in those cases.
- Vertical writing Some writing systems are meant to be written vertically. Doing so is not directly supported. In cases where this just means to stack characters on top of each other (eg. Chinese, Japanese, etc.), client software can implement this by placing each character individuall at the correct location. In cases where the characters are connected with each other (eg. Mongolian), this may be more difficult, if possible at all.
- Right-to-Left writing Letters of scripts that are written right to left(eg. Arabic, Hebrew) appear in the wrong order
- $\bullet \ \ Special \ Diacritics \ \ Special \ diacritics \ that \ use \ separate \ code \ points \ (eg.\ in \ Din\'e \ Bizaad, \ Hebrew) \ appear \ displaced$

#### Right-to-Left & Arabic Script workaround

For Arabic and RTL scripts there is a temporary solution (using two additional libraries python-bidi and arabic-reshaper) that works for most languages; only a few (rare) Arabic characters aren't supported. Using it on other scripts(eg. when the input is unknown or mixed scripts) does not affect them:

```
from arabic_reshaper import reshape
from bidi.algorithm import get_display

some_text = 'الْعَرَيْسَةُوْهِ סَاوِّית'
fixed_text = get_display(reshape(some_text))
```

#### 4.1.2 Text Formatting

For all text insertion methods, the relevant font related properties (eg. font/style and foreground/background color) must be set before invoking them. This includes using:

- .set\_font()
- .set\_text\_color()
- .set\_draw\_color() for cell borders
- .set\_fill\_color() for the background

In addition, some of the methods can optionally use markdown or HTML markup in the supplied text in order to change the font style (bold/italic/underline) of parts of the output.

#### 4.1.3 Change in current position

.cell() and .multi\_cell() let you specify where the current position ( .x / .y ) should go after the call. This is handled by the parameters  $new_x$  and  $new_y$ . Their values must one of the following enums values or an equivalent string:

- XPos
- YPos

#### 4.1.4 .text()

Prints a single-line character string. In contrast to the other text methods, the position is given explicitly, and not taken from .x/.y. The origin is on the left of the first character, on the baseline. This method allows placing a string with typographical precision on the page, but it is usually easier to use the .cell(),  $.multi_cell()$  or .write() methods.

Signature and parameters for .text()

# 4.1.5 .cell()

Prints a cell (rectangular area) with optional borders, background color and character string. The upper-left corner of the cell corresponds to the current position. The text can be aligned or centered. After the call, the current position moves to the selected new\_x/new\_y position. It is possible to put a link on the text. If markdown=True, then minimal markdown styling is enabled, to render parts of the text in bold, italics, and/or underlined.

If automatic page breaking is enabled and the cell goes beyond the limit, a page break is performed before outputting.

Signature and parameters for.cell()

# 4.1.6 .multi\_cell()

Allows printing text with line breaks. Those can be automatic (breaking at the most recent space or soft-hyphen character) as soon as the text reaches the right border of the cell, or explicit (via the \n character). As many cells as necessary are stacked, one below the other. Text can be aligned, centered or justified. The cell block can be framed and the background painted.

Using new\_x="RIGHT", new\_y="TOP", maximum height=pdf.font\_size can be useful to build tables with multiline text in cells.

In normal operation, returns a boolean indicating if page break was triggered. When <code>split\_only == True</code>, returns <code>txt</code> split into lines in an array (with any markdown markup removed).

Signature and parameters for multi cell()

# 4.1.7 .write()

Prints multi-line text between the page margins, starting from the current position. When the right margin is reached, a line break occurs at the most recent space or soft-hyphen character, and text continues from the left margin. A manual break happens any time the \n character is met, Upon method exit, the current position is left near the end of the text, ready for the next call to continue without a gap, potentially with a different font or size set. Returns a boolean indicating if page break was triggered.

The primary purpose of this method is to print continuously wrapping text, where different parts may be rendered in different fonts or font sizes. This contrasts eg. with <code>.multi\_cell()</code>, where a change in font family or size can only become effective on a new line.

Signature and parameters for.write()

# 4.1.8 .write\_html()

This method can be accessed by using the class <code>HTMLMixin</code> from "html.py". It is very similar to <code>.write()</code>, but accepts basic HTML formatted text as input. See <a href="html.py">html.py</a> for more details and the supported HTML tags.

Note that when using data from actual web pages, the result may not look exactly as expected, because <code>.write\_html()</code> prints all whitespace unchanged as it finds them, while webbrowsers rather collapse each run of consequitive whitespace into a single space character.

Signature and parameters for write html()

# 4.2 Line breaks

When using  $multi\_cell()$  or write(), each time a line reaches the right extremity of the cell or a carriage return character (  $\n$  ) is met, a line break is issued and a new line automatically created under the current one.

An automatic break is performed at the location of the nearest space or soft-hyphen (\u00ad) character before the right limit. A soft-hyphen will be replaced by a normal hyphen when triggering a line break, and ignored otherwise.

If the parameter print\_sh=False in multi\_cell() or write() is set to True, then they will print the soft-hyphen character to the document (as a normal hyphen with most fonts) instead of using it as a line break opportunity.

# 4.3 Page breaks

By default, fpdf2 will automatically perform page breaks whenever a cell or the text from a write() is rendered at the bottom of a page with a height greater than the page bottom margin.

This behaviour can be controlled using the set\_auto\_page\_break and accept\_page\_break methods.

# 4.3.1 Manually trigger a page break

Simply call .add\_page().

# 4.3.2 Inserting the final number of pages of the document

The special string <code>{nb}</code> will be substituted by the total number of pages on document closure. This special value can changed by calling <code>alias\_nb\_pages()</code>.

# 4.3.3 will page break

will\_page\_break(height) lets you know if adding an element will trigger a page break, based on its height and the current ordinate (y position).

#### 4.3.4 Unbreakable sections

In order to render content, like tables, with the insurance that no page break will be performed in it, on the can use the FPDF.unbreakable() context-manager:

An alternative approach is <code>offset\_rendering()</code> that allows to test the results of some operations on the global layout before performing them "for real":

```
with pdf.offset_rendering() as dummy:
    # Dummy rendering:
    dummy.multi_cell(...)
if dummy.page_break_triggered:
    # We trigger a page break manually beforehand:
    pdf.add_page()
    # We duplicate the section header:
    pdf.cell(txt="Appendix C")
# Now performing our rendering for real:
pdf.multi_cell(...)
```

# 4.4 Text styling

#### 4.4.1 set\_font()

Setting emphasis on text can be controlled by using <code>set\_font(style=...)</code>:

- style="B" indicates bold
- style="I" indicates italics
- style="U" indicates underline
- style="BI" indicates **bold italics**

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=36)
pdf.cell(txt="This")
pdf.set_font(style="B")
pdf.set_font(style="B")
pdf.set_font(style="I")
pdf.set_font(style="I")
pdf.set_font(style="U")
pdf.set_font(style="U")
pdf.cell(txt="PDF")
pdf.output("style.pdf")
```

# 4.4.2 .set\_stretching(stretching=100)

Text can be stretched horizontally with this setting, measured in percent. If the argument is less than 100, then all characters are rendered proportionally narrower and the text string will take less space. If it is larger than 100, then the width of all characters will be expanded accordingly.

The example shows the same text justified to the same width, with stretching values of 100 and 150.

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", "", 8)
pdf.set_fill_color(255, 255, 0)
pdf.multi_cell(w=50, txt=LOREM_IPSUM[:100], new_x="LEFT", fill=True)
pdf.ln()
pdf.set_stretching(150)
pdf.multi_cell(w=50, txt=LOREM_IPSUM[:100], new_x="LEFT", fill=True)
```

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# 4.4.3 .set\_char\_spacing(spacing=0)

This method changes the distance between individual characters of a test string. Normally, characters are placed at a given distance according the width information in the font file. If spacing is larger than 0, then their distance will be larger, creating a gap in between. If it is less than 0, then their distance will be smaller, possibly resulting in an overlap. The change in distance is given in typographic points (Pica), which makes it easy to adapt it relative to the current font size.

Character spacing works best for formatting single line text created by any method, or for highlighting individual words included in a block of text with "write().

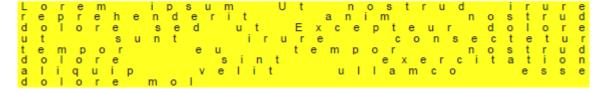
**Limitations**: Spacing will only be changed *within* a sequence of characters that fpdf2 adds to the PDF in one go. This means that there will be no extra distance *eg.* between text parts that are placed successivly with write(). Also, if you apply different

font styles using the Markdown functionality of <code>.cell()</code> and <code>.multi\_cell()</code> or by using <code>html\_write()</code>, then any parts given different styles will have the original distance between them. This is so because <code>fpdf2</code> has to add each styled fragment to the PDF file seperately.

The example shows the same text justified to the same width, with char\_spacing values of 0 and 10 (font size 8 pt).

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", "", 8)
pdf.set_fill_color(255, 255, 0)
pdf.multi_cell(w=150, txt=LOREM_IPSUM[:200], new_x="LEFT", fill=True)
pdf.ln()
pdf.set_char_spacing(10)
pdf.multi_cell(w=150, txt=LOREM_IPSUM[:200], new_x="LEFT", fill=True)
```

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# 4.4.4 .text\_mode

The PDF spec defines several text modes:

**TABLE 5.3 Text rendering modes** 

MODE	EXAMPLE	DESCRIPTION
0	R	Fill text.
1	R	Stroke text.
2	R	Fill, then stroke text.
3		Neither fill nor stroke text (invisible).
4	R	Fill text and add to path for clipping (see above).
5	R	Stroke text and add to path for clipping.
6	R	Fill, then stroke text and add to path for clipping.
7		Add text to path for clipping.

The text mode can be controlled with the .text\_mode attribute. With STROKE modes, the line width is induced by .line\_width, and its color can be configured with set\_draw\_color(). With FILL modes, the filling color can be controlled by set\_fill\_color() or set text color().

With any of the 4 CLIP modes, the letters will be filled by vector drawings made afterwards, as can be seen in this example:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF(orientation="landscape")
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=100)

with pdf.local_context(text_mode="STROKE", line_width=2):
    pdf.cell(txt="Hello world")
# Outside the local context, text_mode & line_width are reverted
```

```
# back to their original default values
pdf.ln()
with pdf.local_context(text_mode="CLIP"):
    pdf.cell(txt="CLIP text mode")
    for r in range(0, 250, 2): # drawing concentric circles
        pdf.circle(x=130-r/2, y=70-r/2, r=r)
pdf.output("text-modes.pdf")
```

# Hello world

More examples from test\_text\_mode.py:

- text modes.pdf
- clip\_text\_modes.pdf

#### 4.4.5 markdown=True

An optional markdown=True parameter can be passed to the cell() & multi\_cell() methods in order to enable basic Markdown-like styling: \*\*bold\*\*, \_\_italics\_\_, --underlined--

Bold & italics require using dedicated fonts for each style.

For the standard fonts (Courier, Helvetica & Times), those dedicated fonts are configured by default. Using other fonts means that their variants (bold, italics) must be registered using add\_font (with style="B" and style="I").

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = fpdf.FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Times", size=60)
pdf.cetl(txt="**Lorem** _Ipsum__ --dolor--", markdown=True)
pdf.output("markdown-styled.pdf")
```

# 4.4.6 write\_html

 $write\_html$  allows to set emphasis on text through the <b>, <i> and <u> tags:

#### 4.5 Unicode

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- Example
- Free Font Pack and Copyright Restrictions

The FPDF class was modified adding UTF-8 support. Moreover, it embeds only the necessary parts of the fonts that are used in the document, making the file size much smaller than if the whole fonts were embedded. These features were originally developed for the mPDF project, and ported from Ian Back's sFPDF LGPL PHP version.

Before you can use UTF-8, you have to install at least one Unicode font in the font directory (or system font folder). Some free font packages are available for download (extract them into the font folder):

- DejaVu family: Sans, Sans Condensed, Serif, Serif Condensed, Sans Mono (Supports more than 200 languages)
- GNU FreeFont family: FreeSans, FreeSerif, FreeMono
- Indic (ttf-indic-fonts Debian and Ubuntu package) for Bengali, Devanagari, Gujarati, Gurmukhi (including the variants for Punjabi), Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan
- AR PL New Sung (firefly): The Open Source Chinese Font (also supports other east Asian languages)
- Alee (ttf-alee Arch Linux package): General purpose Hangul Truetype fonts that contain Korean syllable and Latin9 (iso8859-15) characters.
- Fonts-TLWG (formerly ThaiFonts-Scalable)

These fonts are included with this library's installers; see Free Font Pack for FPDF below for more information.

Then, to use a Unicode font in your script, pass True as the fourth parameter of add\_font.

#### Notes on non-latin languages

Some users may encounter a problem where some characters displayed incorrectly. For example, using Thai language in the picture below

# ที นัน นี ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรี

The solution is to find and use a font that covers the characters of your language. From the error in the image above, Thai characters can be fixed using fonts from Fonts-TLWG which can be downloaded from this link. The example shown below.

fonts/Kinnari.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

fonts/Waree.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

fonts/Garuda.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

fonts/TlwgTypist.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

fonts/Umpush-Light.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

fonts/WareeSans.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

fonts/Sawasdee.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหคี่

fonts/Loma.ttf - ที่ นั้น นี่ ทั้ง มั้ง บุหรื่

#### Right-to-Left & Arabic Script workaround

For Arabic and RTL scripts there is a temporary solution (using two additional libraries python-bidi and arabic-reshaper) that works for most languages; only a few (rare) Arabic characters aren't supported. Using it on other scripts(eg. when the input is unknown or mixed scripts) does not affect them:

```
from arabic_reshaper import reshape
from bidi.algorithm import get_display
some_text = 'الْعَرَبِيّةُ وَ٩ ٥١﴿وَ'رَا الْعَرَبِيّةُ وَ٩ ٥١﴿وَ'رَا الْعَرَبِيّةُ وَ٩ ٥١﴿وَالْمَا الْعَرَبِيّةُ وَ٩ ٥١﴿وَالْمَا الْعَرَبِيّةُ وَ٩ ٥١﴿وَالْمَا الْعَرْبِيّةُ وَ٩ ٥١﴾
```

#### 4.5.1 Example

This example uses several free fonts to display some Unicode strings. Be sure to install the fonts in the font directory first.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf8 -*-
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
```

```
# Add a DejaVu Unicode font (uses UTF-8)
# Supports more than 200 languages. For a coverage status see: # http://dejavu.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/dejavu/trunk/dejavu-fonts/langcover.txt
pdf.add_font('DejaVu', fname='DejaVuSansCondensed.ttf')
pdf.set_font('DejaVu', size=14)
text = """"
English: Hello World
Greek: Γειά σου κόσμος
Polish: Witaj świecie
Portuguese: Olá mundo
Russian: Здравствуй, Мир
Vietnamese: Xin chào thế giới
مرحبا العالم :Arabic
Hebrew: שלום עולם
for txt in text.split('\n'):
     pdf.write(8, txt)
     pdf.ln(8)
# Add a Indic Unicode font (uses UTF-8)
# Supports: Bengali, Devanagari, Gujarati,
               Gurmukhi (including the variants for Punjabi)
# Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan
pdf.add_font('gargi', fname='gargi.ttf')
pdf.set_font('gargi', size=14)
pdf.write(8, u'Hindi: ')
# Add a AR PL New Sung Unicode font (uses UTF-8)
# The Open Source Chinese Font (also supports other east Asian languages)
pdf.add_font('fireflysung', fname='fireflysung.ttf')
pdf.set_font('fireflysung', size=14)
pdf.write(8, u'Chinese:
pdf.write(8, u'Japanese:
pdf.ln(10)
# Add a Alee Unicode font (uses UTF-8)
# General purpose Hangul truetype fonts that contain Korean syllable
# and Latin9 (iso8859-15) characters.
pdf.add_font('eunjin', fname='Eunjin.ttf')
pdf.set_font('eunjin', size=14)
pdf.write(8, u'Korean:
pdf.ln(20)
# Add a Fonts-TLWG (formerly ThaiFonts-Scalable) (uses UTF-8)
pdf.add_font('waree', fname='Waree.ttf')
pdf.set_font('waree', size=14)
pdf.write(8, u'Thai:
pdf.ln(20)
# Select a standard font (uses windows-1252)
{\tt pdf.set\_font('helvetica', size=14)}
pdf.ln(10)
pdf.write(5, 'This is standard built-in font')
pdf.output("unicode.pdf")
```

View the result here: unicode.pdf

# 4.5.2 Free Font Pack and Copyright Restrictions

For your convenience, this library collected 96 TTF files in an optional "Free Unicode TrueType Font Pack for FPDF", with useful fonts commonly distributed with GNU/Linux operating systems (see above for a complete description). This pack is included in the Windows installers, or can be downloaded separately (for any operating system).

You could use any TTF font file as long embedding usage is allowed in the licence. If not, a runtime exception will be raised saying: "ERROR - Font file filename.ttf cannot be embedded due to copyright restrictions."

# 4.6 Emojis, Symbols & Dingbats

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#### 4.6.1 Emojis

Displaying emojis requires the use of a Unicode font file. Here is an example using the DejaVu font:

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF()
pdf.add_font("DejaVuSans", fname="DejaVuSans.ttf")
pdf.set_font("DejaVuSans", size=64)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.multi_cell(0, txt="".join([chr(0x1F600 + x) for x in range(68)]))
pdf.set_font_size(32)
pdf.text(10, 270, "".join([chr(0x1F0A0 + x) for x in range(15)]))
pdf.output("fonts_emoji_glyph.pdf")
```

This code produces this PDF file: fonts\_emoji\_glyph.pdf

#### 4.6.2 Symbols

The Symbol font is one of the built-in fonts in the PDF format. Hence you can include its symbols very easily:

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("symbol", size=36)
pdf.cell(h=16, txt="\u00e22 \u00e30 \u00e32 \u00e32
```

This results in:

```
\forall \eta \exists \epsilon \in \Re, \eta/\epsilon \cong \infty
\Delta \Phi \Sigma \Omega \Psi \alpha \beta \chi
\in \clubsuit \bullet \Psi \bullet \longleftrightarrow \leftarrow \uparrow \to \downarrow \Leftrightarrow \Leftarrow \Rightarrow
```

The following table will help you find which characters map to which symbol: symbol.pdf. For reference, it was built using this script: symbol.py.

# 4.6.3 Dingbats

The ZapfDingbats font is one of the built-in fonts in the PDF format. Hence you can include its dingbats very easily:

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("zapfdingbats", size=36)
pdf.cell(txt="+ 3 8 A r \u00a6 } \u00a8 \u00a8
```

This results in:



The following table will help you find which characters map to which dingbats: zapfdingbats.pdf. For reference, it was built using this script: zapfdingbats.py.

# **4.7 HTML**

fpdf2 supports basic rendering from HTML.

This is implemented by using html.parser.HTMLParser from the Python standard library. The whole HTML 5 specification is **not** supported, and neither is CSS, but bug reports & contributions are very welcome to improve this. *cf.* Supported HTML features below for details on its current limitations.

For a more robust & feature-full HTML-to-PDF converter in Python, you may want to check Reportlab, WeasyPrint or borb.

#### 4.7.1 write html usage example

HTML rendering require the use of fpdf.HTMLMixin, that provides a new write\_html method:

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin
class PDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
pdf = PDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.write_html("""
<h1>Big title</h1>
   <h2>Section title</h2>
   Hello world. <u>I am</u> <i>tired</i>.
   <a href="https://github.com/PyFPDF/fpdf2">PyFPDF/fpdf2 GitHub repo</a>
   right aligned text
i am a paragraph <br />in two parts.
   <font color="#00ff00">hello in green</font>
   <font size="7">hello small</font>
   <font face="helvetica">hello helvetica</font>
   <font face="times">hello times</font>
 </section>
 <section>
   <h2>0ther section title</h2>
   ul>ul>i>onorderedlistitems
   orderedlistitems
   i am preformatted text.
   <blockquote>hello blockquote

<thead>
       ID
       Name
     </thead>
    1
       Alice
      2
      </section>
pdf.output("html.pdf")
```

# 4.7.2 Supported HTML features

- <h1> to <h8>: headings (and align attribute)
- : paragraphs (and align attribute)
- <b>, <i>, <u>: bold, italic, underline
- <font>: (and face, size, color attributes)
- <center> for aligning
- <a>: links (and href attribute)

- <img>: images (and src, width, height attributes)
- <ol>, <ul>, <li>: ordered, unordered and list items (can be nested)
- : (and border, width attributes)
- <thead>: header (opens each page)
- <tfoot>: footer (closes each page)
- : actual rows
- : rows (with bgcolor attribute)
- : heading cells (with align, bgcolor, width attributes)
- : cells (with align, bgcolor, width attributes)

#### Notes:

- tables should have at least a first row with a width attribute.
- currently **table cells can only contain a single line**, *cf.* issue 91. Contributions are welcome to add support for multi-line text in them!  $\odot$

# 5. Graphics Content

# 5.1 Images

When rendering an image, its size on the page can be specified in several ways:

- explicit width and height (expressed in user units)
- one explicit dimension, the other being calculated automatically in order to keep the original proportions
- no explicit dimension, in which case the image is put at 72 dpi

Note that if an image is displayed several times, only one copy is embedded in the file.

# 5.1.1 Simple example

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("docs/fpdf2-logo.png", x=20, y=60)
pdf.output("pdf-with-image.pdf")
```

By default an image is rendered with a resolution of 72 dpi, but you can control its dimension on the page using the w= & h= parameters of the image() method.

#### 5.1.2 Assembling images

The following code snippets provide examples of some basic layouts for assembling images into PDF files.

#### Side by side images, full height, landscape page

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF(orientation="landscape")
pdf.set_margin(0)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("imgA.png", h=pdf.eph, w=pdf.epw/2)  # full page height, half page width
pdf.set_y(0)
pdf.image("imgB.jpg", h=pdf.eph, w=pdf.epw/2, x=pdf.epw/2) # full page height, half page width, right half of the page
pdf.output("side-by-side.pdf")
```

#### **Blending images**

You can control the color blending mode of overlapping images. Valid values for blend\_mode are Normal, Multiply, Screen, Overlay, Darken, Lighten, ColorDodge, ColorBurn, HardLight, SoftLight, Difference, Exclusion, Hue, Saturation, Color and Luminosity.

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("imgA.png", ...)
with pdf.local_context(blend_mode="ColorBurn"):
    pdf.image("imgB.jpg", ...)
pdf.output("blended-images.pdf")
```

Demo of all color blend modes: blending\_images.pdf

# 5.1.3 Image clipping





You can select only a portion of the image to render using clipping methods:

- rect\_clip():
- example code
- resulting PDF
- round\_clip():
- example code
- resulting PDF
- elliptic\_clip():
- example code
- resulting PDF

# 5.1.4 Alternative description

A textual description of the image can be provided, for accessibility purposes:

```
pdf.image("docs/fpdf2-logo.png", x=20, y=60, alt_text="Snake logo of the fpdf2 library")
```

# 5.1.5 Usage with Pillow

You can perform image manipulations using the Pillow library, and easily embed the result:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from PIL import Image

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
img = Image.open("docs/fpdf2-logo.png")
img = img.crop((10, 10, 490, 490)).resize((96, 96), resample=Image.NEAREST)
pdf.image(img, x=80, y=100)
pdf.output("pdf-with-image.pdf")
```

# 5.1.6 SVG images

SVG images passed to the  $\mbox{image()}$  method will be embedded as PDF paths:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("SVG_logo.svg", w=100)
pdf.output("pdf-with-vector-image.pdf")
```

# 5.1.7 Retrieve images from URLs

URLs to images can be directly passed to the image() method:

```
pdf.image("https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/70/Example.png")
```

#### 5.1.8 Image compression

By default, fpdf2 will avoid altering your images: no image conversion from / to PNG / JPEG is performed.

However, you can easily tell fpdf2 to convert and embed all images as JPEGs in order to reduce your PDF size:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_image_filter("DCTDecode")
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("docs/fpdf2-logo.png", x=20, y=60)
pdf.output("pdf-with-image.pdf")
```

Beware that "flattening" images this way will fill transparent areas of your images with color (usually black).

# 5.1.9 Oversized images detection & downscaling

If the resulting PDF size is a concern, you may want to check if some inserted images are *oversized*, meaning their resolution is unnecessarily high given the size they are displayed.

There is how to enable this detection mechanism with fpdf2:

```
pdf.oversized_images = "WARN"
```

After setting this property, a WARNING log will be displayed whenever an oversized image is inserted.

fpdf2 is also able to automatically downscale such oversized images:

```
pdf.oversized_images = "DOWNSCALE"
```

After this, oversized images will be automatically resized, generating DEBUG logs like this:

```
OVERSIZED: Generated new low-res image with name=lowres-test.png dims=(319, 451) id=2
```

For finer control, you can set pdf.oversized\_images\_ratio to set the threshold determining if an image is oversized.

If the concepts of "image compression" or "image resolution" are a bit obscure for you, this article is a recommended reading: The 5 minute guide to image quality

#### 5.1.10 Disabling transparency

By default images transparency is preserved: alpha channels are extracted and converted to an embedded smask. This can be disabled by setting smask. This can be disabled by setting smask. This can be disabled by setting smask.

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.allow_images_transparency = False
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=15)
pdf.cetl(w=pdf.epw, h=30, txt="Text behind. " * 6)
pdf.image("docs/fpdf2-logo.png", x=0)
pdf.output("pdf-including-image-without-transparency.pdf")
```

This will fill transparent areas of your images with color (usually black).

cf. also documentation on controlling transparency.

# 5.1.11 Sharing the image cache among FPDF instances

Image parsing is often the most CPU & memory intensive step when inserting pictures in a PDF.

If you create several PDF files that use the same illustrations, you can share the images cache among FPDF instances:

```
images_cache = {}

for ... # loop
    pdf = FPDF()
    pdf.images = images_cache
    ... # build the PDF
    pdf.output(...)
    # Reset the "usages" count, to avoid ALL images to be inserted in subsequent PDFs:
    for img in images_cache.values():
        img["usages"] = 0
```

This recipe is valid for fpdf2 v2.5.7+. For previous versions of fpdf2, a deepcopy of .images must be made, (cf. issue #501).

# 5.2 Shapes

The following code snippets show examples of rendering various shapes. \\

# 5.2.1 Lines

Using line() to draw a thin plain orange line:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(0.5)
pdf.set_draw_color(r=255, g=128, b=0)
pdf.line(x1=50, y1=50, x2=150, y2=160)
pdf.output("orange_plain_line.pdf")
```



# Drawing a dashed light blue line:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(0.5)
pdf.set_draw_color(r=0, g=128, b=255)
pdf.set_dash_pattern(dash=2, gap=3)
pdf.line(x1=50, y1=50, x2=150, y2=100)
pdf.output("blue_dashed_line.pdf")
```



# 5.2.2 Circle

Using circle() to draw a disc filled in pink with a grey outline:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(2)
pdf.set_draw_color(240)
pdf.set_fill_color(r=230, g=30, b=180)
pdf.circle(x=50, y=50, r=50, style="FD")
pdf.output("circle.pdf")
```



# 5.2.3 Ellipse

Using  ${\tt ellipse()}$  , filled in grey with a pink outline:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(2)
pdf.set_draw_color(r=230, g=30, b=180)
pdf.set_fill_color(240)
pdf.set_fill_color(240)
pdf.ellipse(x=50, y=50, w=100, h=50, style="FD")
pdf.output("ellipse.pdf")
```

# 5.2.4 Rectangle

Using  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{rect}}$ () to draw nested squares:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
for i in range(15):
    pdf.set_fill_color(255 - 15*i)
    pdf.rect(x=5+5*i, y=5+5*i, w=200-10*i, h=200-10*i, style="FD")
pdf.output("squares.pdf")
```



# Using rect() to draw rectangles with round corners:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_draw_color(200)
y = 10
pdf.rect(60, y, 33, 28, round_corners=True, style="D")

pdf.set_fill_color(0, 255, 0)
pdf.rect(100, y, 50, 10, round_corners=("BOTTOM_RIGHT"), style="DF")

pdf.set_fill_color(255, 255, 0)
pdf.rect(160, y, 10, 10, round_corners=("TOP_LEFT", "BOTTOM_LEFT"), style="F")
pdf.output("round_corners_rectangles.pdf")
```



# 5.2.5 Polygon

# Using polygon():

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(2)
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=0)
coords = ((100, 0), (5, 69), (41, 181), (159, 181), (195, 69))
pdf.polygon(coords, style="DF")
pdf.output("polygon.pdf")
```



# 5.2.6 Arc

# Using arc():

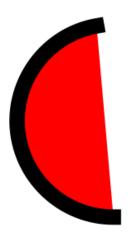
```
from fpdf import FPDF

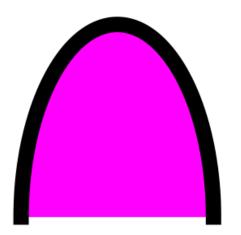
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(2)
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=0)
pdf.arc(x=75, y=75, a=25, b=25, start_angle=90, end_angle=260, style="FD")

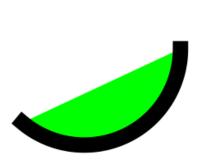
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=255)
pdf.arc(x=105, y=75, a=25, b=50, start_angle=180, end_angle=360, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=0, g=255, b=0)
pdf.arc(x=135, y=75, a=25, b=25, start_angle=0, end_angle=130, style="FD")

pdf.output("arc.pdf")
```







# 5.2.7 Solid arc

#### Using solid\_arc():

```
from fpdf import FPDF

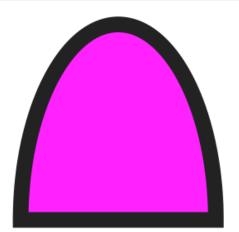
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(2)
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=0)
pdf.solid_arc(x=75, y=75, a=25, b=25, start_angle=90, end_angle=260, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=255)
pdf.solid_arc(x=105, y=75, a=25, b=50, start_angle=180, end_angle=360, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=0, g=255, b=0)
pdf.solid_arc(x=135, y=75, a=25, b=25, start_angle=0, end_angle=130, style="FD")

pdf.output("solid_arc.pdf")
```







# 5.2.8 Regular Polygon

# Using regular\_polygon():

```
from fpdf import FPDF

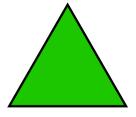
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(0.5)

pdf.set_fill_color(r=30, g=200, b=0)
pdf.regular_polygon(x=40, y=80, polyWidth=30, rotateDegrees=270, numSides=3, style="FD")

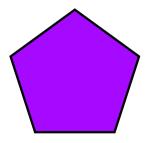
pdf.set_fill_color(r=10, g=30, b=255)
pdf.regular_polygon(x=80, y=80, polyWidth=30, rotateDegrees=135, numSides=4, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=165, g=10, b=255)
pdf.regular_polygon(x=120, y=80, polyWidth=30, rotateDegrees=198, numSides=5, style="FD")
```

```
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=125, b=10)
pdf.regular_polygon(x=160, y=80, polyWidth=30, rotateDegrees=270, numSides=6, style="FD")
pdf.output("regular_polygon.pdf")
```









# 5.2.9 Regular Star

# Using star():

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(0.5)

pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=0)
pdf.star(x=40, y=80, r_in=5, r_out=15, rotate_degrees=0, corners=3, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=0, g=255, b=255)
pdf.star(x=80, y=80, r_in=5, r_out=15, rotate_degrees=90, corners=4, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=255, b=0)
pdf.star(x=120, y=80, r_in=5, r_out=15, rotate_degrees=180, corners=5, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=255)
pdf.star(x=160, y=80, r_in=5, r_out=15, rotate_degrees=270, corners=6, style="FD")

pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=0, b=255)
pdf.star(x=160, y=80, r_in=5, r_out=15, rotate_degrees=270, corners=6, style="FD")
pdf.output("star.pdf")
```









# 5.2.10 Path styling

- line\_width specifies the thickness of the line used to stroke a path
- stroke\_join\_style defines how the corner joining two path components should be rendered:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from fpdf.enums import StrokeJoinStyle

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(5)
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=128, b=0)
with pdf.local_context(stroke_join_style=StrokeJoinStyle.ROUND):
    pdf.regular_polygon(x=50, y=120, polyWidth=100, numSides=8, style="FD")
pdf.output("regular_polygon_rounded.pdf")
```



• stroke\_cap\_style defines how the end of a stroke should be rendered. This affects the ends of the segments of dashed strokes, as well.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from fpdf.enums import StrokeCapStyle

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_line_width(5)
pdf.set_fill_color(r=255, g=128, b=0)
with pdf.local_context(stroke_cap_style=StrokeCapStyle.ROUND):
    pdf.line(x1=50, y1=50, x2=150, y2=100)
pdf.output("line_with_round_ends.pdf")
```

 $There \ are \ even \ more \ specific \ path \ styling \ settings \ supported: \ dash\_pattern \ , \ stroke\_opacity \ , \ stroke\_miter\_limit \ ...$ 

All of those settings can be set in a  $local\_context()$ .

# 5.3 Transparency

The alpha opacity of text, shapes and even images can be controlled through stroke\_opacity (for lines) & fill\_opacity (for all other content types):

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", "B", 24)
pdf.set_fine_width(1.5)
pdf.set_fine_width(1.5)
pdf.add_page()

# Draw an opaque red square:
pdf.set_fill_color(255, 0, 0)
pdf.rect(10, 10, 40, 40, "DF")

# Set alpha to semi-transparency for shape lines & filled areas:
with pdf.local_context(fill_opacity=0.5, stroke_opacity=0.5):
    # Draw a green square:
    pdf.set_fill_color(0, 255, 0)
    pdf.rect(20, 20, 40, 40, "DF")

# Set transparency for images & text:
with pdf.local_context(fill_opacity=0.25):
    # Insert an image:
    pdf.image(HERE / "../docs/fpdf2-logo.png", 30, 30, 40)
    # Print some text:
    pdf.text(22, 29, "You are...")

# Print some text with full opacity:
pdf.text(30, 45, "Over the top")

# Produce the resulting PDF:
pdf.output("transparency.pdf")
```

Results in:



#### 5.4 Barcodes

#### 5.4.1 Code 39

Here is an example on how to generate a Code 39 barcode:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.code39("*fpdf2*", x=30, y=50, w=4, h=20)
pdf.output("code39.pdf")
```

Output preview:



# 5.4.2 Interleaved 2 of 5

Here is an example on how to generate an Interleaved 2 of 5 barcode:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.interleaved2of5("1337", x=50, y=50, w=4, h=20)
pdf.output("interleaved2of5.pdf")
```

Output preview:



#### 5.4.3 PDF-417

Here is an example on how to generate a PDF-417 barcode using the pdf417 lib:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from pdf417 import encode, render_image
pdf = FPDF()
```

```
pdf.add_page()
img = render_image(encode("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Sed non risus. Suspendisse lectus tortor, dignissim sit amet, adipiscing nec, ultricies sed, dolor. Cras elementum ultrices diam."))
pdf.image(img, x=10, y=50)
pdf.output("pdf417.pdf")
```

# Output preview:



# 5.4.4 QRCode

Here is an example on how to generate a QR Code using the python-qrcode lib:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
import qrcode

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
img = qrcode.make("fpdf2")
pdf.image(img.get_image(), x=50, y=50)
pdf.output("qrcode.pdf")
```

# Output preview:



# 5.4.5 DataMatrix

fpdf2 can be combined with the pystrich library to generate DataMatrix barcodes: pystrich generates pilimages, which can then be inserted into the PDF file via the FPDF.image() method.

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from pystrich.datamatrix import DataMatrixEncoder, DataMatrixRenderer

# Define the properties of the barcode
positionX = 10
positionY = 10
width = 57
height = 57
cellsize = 5

# Prepare the datamatrix renderer that will be used to generate the pilimage
encoder = DataMatrixEncoder("[Text to be converted to a datamatrix barcode]")
encoder.width = width
encoder.height = height
renderer = DataMatrixRenderer(encoder.matrix, encoder.regions)

# Generate a pilimage and move it into the memory stream
img = renderer.get_pilimage(cellsize)

# Draw the barcode image into a PDF file
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.image(img, positionX, positionY, width, height)
```



# Extend FPDF with a datamatrix() method

The code above could be added to the FPDF class as an extension method in the following way:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from pystrich.datamatrix import DataMatrixEncoder, DataMatrixRenderer

class PDF(FPDF):
    def datamatrix(self, text, w, h=None, x=None, y=None, cellsize=5):
        if x is None: x = self.x
        if y is None: y = self.y
```

```
if h is None: h = w
encoder = DataMatrixEncoder(text)
encoder.width = w
encoder.height = h
renderer = DataMatrixRenderer(encoder.matrix, encoder.regions)
img = renderer.get_pilimage(cellsize)
self.image(img, x, y, w, h)

# Usage example:
pdf = PDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
pdf.datamatrix("Hello world!", w=100)
pdf.output("datamatrix.pdf")
```

# 5.5 Drawing

The fpdf.drawing module provides an API for composing paths out of an arbitrary sequence of straight lines and curves. This allows fairly low-level control over the graphics primitives that PDF provides, giving the user the ability to draw pretty much any vector shape on the page.

The drawing API makes use of features (notably transparency and blending modes) that were introduced in PDF 1.4. Therefore, use of the features of this module will automatically set the output version to 1.4 (fpdf normally defaults to version 1.3. Because the PDF 1.4 specification was originally published in 2001, this version should be compatible with all viewers currently in general use).

# 5.5.1 Getting Started

The easiest way to add a drawing to the document is via <code>fpdf.FPDF.new\_path</code>. This is a context manager that takes care of serializing the path to the document once the context is exited.

Drawings follow the fpdf convention that the origin (that is, coordinate(0, 0)), is at the top-left corner of the page. The numbers specified to the various path commands are interpreted in the document units.

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF(unit='mm', format=(10, 10))
pdf.add_page()

with pdf.new_path() as path:
    path.move_to(2, 2)
    path.line_to(8, 8)
    path.horizontal_line_relative(-6)
    path.line_relative(6, -6)
    path.close()

pdf.output("drawing-demo.pdf")
```

This example draws an hourglass shape centered on the page:



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#### 5.5.2 Adding Some Style

Drawings can be styled, changing how they look and blend with other drawings. Styling can change the color, opacity, stroke shape, and other attributes of a drawing.

Let's add some color to the above example:

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF(unit='mm', format=(10, 10))
pdf.add_page()

with pdf.new_path() as path:
    path.style.fill_color = '#A070D0'
    path.style.fill_color = fpdf.drawing.gray8(210)
    path.style.stroke_ouder = fpdf.drawing.gray8(210)
    path.style.stroke_ouder = 0.75
    path.style.stroke_join_style = 'round'

path.move_to(2, 2)
    path.line_to(8, 8)
    path.horizontal_line_relative(-6)
    path.line_relative(6, -6)
    path.close()

pdf.output("drawing-demo.pdf")
```

If you make color choices like these, it's probably not a good idea to quit your day job to become a graphic designer. Here's what the output should look like:



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# 5.5.3 Transforms And You

Transforms provide the ability to manipulate the placement of points within a path without having to do any pesky math yourself. Transforms are composable using python's matrix multiplication operator (@), so, for example, a transform that both rotates and scales an object can be create by matrix multiplying a rotation transform with a scaling transform.

An important thing to note about transforms is that the result is order dependent, which is to say that something like performing a rotation followed by scaling will not, in the general case, result in the same output as performing the same scaling followed by the same rotation.

Additionally, it's not generally possible to deconstruct a composed transformation (representing an ordered sequence of translations, scaling, rotations, shearing) back into the sequence of individual transformation functions that produced it. That's okay, because this isn't important unless you're trying to do something like animate transforms after they've been composed, which you can't do in a PDF anyway.

All that said, let's take the example we've been working with for a spin (the pun is intended, you see, because we're going to rotate the drawing). Explaining the joke does make it better.

An easy way to apply a transform to a path is through the path.transform property.

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF(unit="mm", format=(19, 10))
pdf.add_page()

with pdf.new_path() as path:
    path.style.stroke_color = "#A070D0"
    path.style.stroke_color = fpdf.drawing.gray8(210)
    path.style.stroke_width = 1
    path.style.stroke_join_style = "round"
    path.style.stroke_join_style = "round"
    path.transform = fpdf.drawing.Transform.rotation_d(45).scale(0.707).about(5, 5)

path.move_to(2, 2)
    path.line_to(8, 8)
    path.line_relative(6, -6)

path.close()

pdf.output("drawing-demo.pdf")
```



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The transform in the above example rotates the path 45 degrees clockwise and scales it by 1/sqrt(2) around its center point. This transform could be equivalently written as:

```
import fpdf
T = fpdf.drawing.Transform
T.translation(-5, -5) @ T.rotation_d(45) @ T.scaling(0.707) @ T.translation(5, 5)
```

Because all transforms operate on points relative to the origin, if we had rotated the path without first centering it on the origin, we would have rotated it partway off of the page. Similarly, the size-reduction from the scaling would have moved it closer to the origin. By bracketing the transforms with the two translations, the placement of the drawing on the page is preserved.

# 5.5.4 Clipping Paths

The clipping path is used to define the region that the normal path is actually painted. This can be used to create drawings that would otherwise be difficult to produce.

```
import fpdf

pdf = fpdf.FPDF(unit="mm", format=(10, 10))

pdf.add_page()

clipping_path = fpdf.drawing.ClippingPath()
    clipping_path.rectangle(x=2.5, y=2.5, w=5, h=5, rx=1, ry=1)

with pdf.new_path() as path:
    path.style.fill_color = "#A07000"
    path.style.stroke_color = fpdf.drawing.gray8(210)
    path.style.stroke_color = fpdf.drawing.gray8(210)
    path.style.stroke_opacity = 0.75
    path.style.stroke_opacity = 0.75
    path.style.stroke_opacity = "round"

path.clipping_path = clipping_path

path.move_to(2, 2)
    path.line_to(8, 8)
    path.line_relative(6, -6)

path.close()

pdf.output("drawing-demo.pdf")
```



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# 5.5.5 Next Steps

The presented API style is designed to make it simple to produce shapes declaratively in your Python scripts. However, paths can just as easily be created programmatically by creating instances of the <code>fpdf.drawing.PaintedPath</code> for paths and <code>fpdf.drawing.GraphicsContext</code> for groups of paths.

Storing paths in intermediate objects allows reusing them and can open up more advanced use-cases. The <code>fpdf.svg</code> SVG converter, for example, is implemented using the <code>fpdf.drawing</code> interface.

# 5.6 Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)

fpdf2 supports basic conversion of SVG paths into PDF paths, which can be inserted into an existing PDF document or used as the contents of a new PDF document.

Not all SVGs will convert correctly. Please see the list of unsupported features for more information about what to look out for.

#### 5.6.1 Basic usage

SVG files can be directly inserted inside a PDF file using the image() method:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("vector.svg")
pdf.output("doc-with-svg.pdf")
```

Either the embedded .svg file must includes width and/or height attributes (absolute or relative), or some dimensions must be provided to .image() through its w= and/or h= parameters.

#### 5.6.2 Detailed example

The following script will create a PDF that consists only of the graphics contents of the provided SVG file, filling the whole page:

```
import fpdf

svg = fpdf.svg.SVGObject.from_file("my_file.svg")

pdf = fpdf.FPDF(unit="pt", format=(svg.width, svg.height))
pdf.add_page()
    svg.draw_to_page(pdf)

pdf.output("my_file.pdf")
```

Because this takes the PDF document size from the source SVG, it does assume that the width/height of the SVG are specified in absolute units rather than relative ones (i.e. the top-level <svg> tag has something like width="5cm" and not width=50%). In this case, if the values are percentages, they will be interpreted as their literal numeric value (i.e. 100% would be treated as 100 pt). The next example uses transform\_to\_page\_viewport, which will scale an SVG with a percentage based width to the pre-defined PDF page size.

The converted SVG object can be returned as an fpdf.drawing.GraphicsContext collection of drawing directives for more control over how it is rendered:

### 5.6.3 Supported SVG Features

- groups
- · paths

- basic shapes (rect, circle, ellipse, line, polyline, polygon)
- basic cross-references
- stroke & fill coloring and opacity
- basic stroke styling
- Inline CSS styling via style="..." attributes.

#### 5.6.4 Currently Unsupported Notable SVG Features

Everything not listed as supported is unsupported, which is a lot. SVG is a ridiculously complex format that has become increasingly complex as it absorbs more of the entire browser rendering stack into its specification. However, there are some pretty commonly used features that are unsupported that may cause unexpected results (up to and including a normal-looking SVG rendering as a completely blank PDF). It is very likely that off-the-shelf SVGs will not be converted fully correctly without some preprocessing.

#### In addition to that:

- text/tspan/textPath
- symbols
- markers
- patterns
- gradients
- · a lot of attributes
- embedded images or other content (including nested SVGs)
- CSS styling via <style> tags or external \*.css files.

# 5.7 Charts & graphs

#### 5.7.1 Charts

#### **Using Matplotlib**

Before running this example, please install the required dependencies using the command below:

```
pip install fpdf2 matplotlib
```

Example taken from Matplotlib artist tutorial:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from matplotlib.backends.backend_agg import FigureCanvasAgg as FigureCanvas from matplotlib.figure import Figure
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
fig = Figure(figsize=(6, 4), dpi=300)
fig.subplots_adjust(top=0.8)
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(211)
ax1.set_ylabel("volts")
ax1.set_title("a sine wave")
 \begin{split} t &= np.arange(0.0,~1.0,~0.01) \\ s &= np.sin(2~*np.pi~*t) \\ (line,) &= ax1.plot(t,~s,~color="blue",~lw=2) \end{split} 
# Fixing random state for reproducibility
np.random.seed(19680801)
ax2 = fig.add_axes([0.15, 0.1, 0.7, 0.3])
n, bins, patches = ax2.hist(
    np.random.randn(1000), 50, facecolor="yellow", edgecolor="yellow"
ax2.set_xlabel("time (s)")
# Converting Figure to an image:
canvas = FigureCanvas(fig)
canvas.draw()
img = Image.fromarray(np.asarray(canvas.buffer_rgba()))
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image(img, w=pdf.epw) # Make the image full width
pdf.output("matplotlib.pdf")
```

Result:



You can also embed a figure as SVG:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

plt.figure(figsize=[2, 2])
x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.00001)
y = x*np.sin(2* np.pi * x)
plt.plot(y)
plt.savefig("figure.svg", format="svg")

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image("figure.svg")
pdf.output("doc-with-figure.pdf")
```

# **Using Pandas**

The dependencies required for the following examples can be installed using this command:

```
pip install fpdf2 matplotlib pandas
```

Create a plot using pandas.DataFrame.plot:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import io

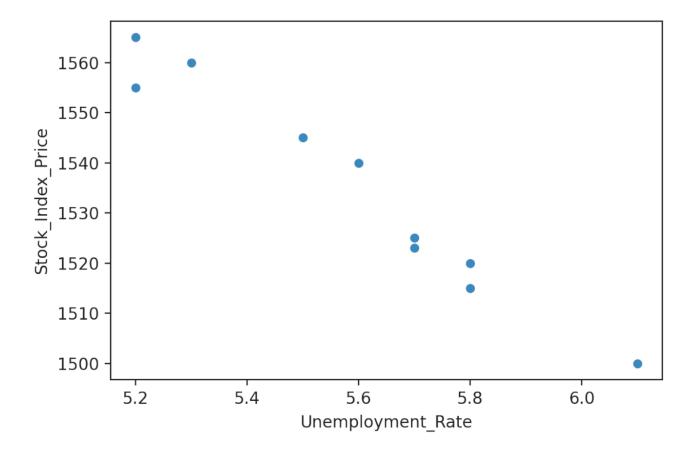
data = {
    "Unemployment_Rate": [6.1, 5.8, 5.7, 5.7, 5.8, 5.6, 5.5, 5.3, 5.2, 5.2],
    "Stock_Index_Price": [1500, 1520, 1525, 1523, 1515, 1540, 1545, 1560, 1555, 1565],
}

plt.figure() # Create a new figure object
df = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=["Unemployment_Rate", "Stock_Index_Price"])
df.plot(x="Unemployment_Rate", y="Stock_Index_Price", kind="scatter")
# Converting Figure to an image:
```

```
img_buf = io.BytesIO()  # Create image object
plt.savefig(img_buf, dpi=200)  # Save the image

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image(img_buf, w=pdf.epw)  # Make the image full width
pdf.output("pandas.pdf")
img_buf.close()
```

#### Result:



#### Create a table with pandas DataFrame:

```
max_line_height=pdf.font_size,
)
pdf.ln(line_height)
pdf.output("table_with_cells.pdf")
```

#### Result:

First name	Last name	Age	City
Jules	Smith	34	San Juan
Mary	Ramos	45	Orlando
Carlson	Banks	19	Los Angeles
Lucas	Cimon	31	Saint-Mahturin-sur-Loire

#### 5.7.2 Mathematical formulas

fpdf2 can only insert mathematical formula in the form of **images**. The following sections will explain how to generate and embed such images.

#### **Using Google Charts API**

Official documentation: Google Charts Infographics - Mathematical Formulas.

#### Example:

```
from io import BytesIO
from urllib.parse import quote
from urllib.request import urlopen
from fpdf import FPDF

formula = "x^n + y^n = a/b"
height = 170
url = f"https://chart.googleapis.com/chart?cht=tx&chs={height}&chl={quote(formula)}"
with urlopen(url) as img_file:
    img = BytesIO(img_file.read())

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.image(img, w=30)
pdf.output("equation-with-gcharts.pdf")
```

Result:

$$x^n + y^n = a/b$$

#### **Using Matplotlib**

Matplotlib can render LaTeX: Text rendering With LaTeX.

#### Example:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from matplotlib.backends.backend_agg import FigureCanvasAgg as FigureCanvas
from matplotlib.figure import Figure
import numpy as np
```

```
from PIL import Image

fig = Figure(figsize=(6, 2), dpi=300)
    axes = fig.gca()
    axes.text(0, 0.5, r"$x^n + y^n = \frac{a}{b}$", fontsize=60)
    axes.axis("off")

# Converting Figure to an image:
    canvas = FigureCanvas(fig)
    canvas.draw()
    img = Image.fromarray(np.asarray(canvas.buffer_rgba()))

pdf = FPDF()
    pdf.dd_page()
    pdf.image(img, w=100)
    pdf.output("equation-with-matplotlib.pdf")
```

#### Result:

$$x^n + y^n = \frac{a}{b}$$

# 6. PDF Features

#### 6.1 Links

fpdf2 can generate both **internal** links (to other pages in the document) & **hyperlinks** (links to external URLs that will be opened in a browser).

#### 6.1.1 Hyperlink with FPDF.cell

This method makes the whole cell clickable (not only the text):

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=24)
pdf.cell(w=40, h=10, txt="Cell link", border=1, align="C", link="https://github.com/PyFPDF/fpdf2")
pdf.output("hyperlink.pdf")
```

#### 6.1.2 Hyperlink with FPDF.link

The FPDF.link is a low-level method that defines a rectangular clickable area.

There is an example showing how to place such rectangular link over some text:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=36)
line_height = 10
text = "Text link"
pdf.text(x=0, y=line_height, txt=text)
width = pdf.get_string_width(text)
pdf.link(x=0, y=0, w=width, h=line_height, link="https://github.com/PyFPDF/fpdf2")
pdf.output("hyperlink.pdf")
```

#### 6.1.3 Hyperlink with write\_html

An alternative method using fpdf.HTMLMixin:

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin

class PDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    pass

pdf = PDF()
pdf.set_font_size(16)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.wrte_html('<a href="https://github.com/PyFPDF/fpdf2">Link defined as HTML</a>')
pdf.output("hyperlink.pdf")
```

The hyperlinks defined this way will be rendered in blue with underline.

#### 6.1.4 Internal links

Using FPDF.cell:

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_font("helvetica", size=24)
pdf.add_page()
    # Displaying a full-width cell with centered text:
pdf.cell(w=pdf.epw, txt="Welcome on first page!", align="C")
pdf.add_page()
link = pdf.add_link()
pdf.set_link(link, page=1)
```

```
pdf.cell(txt="Internal link to first page", border=1, link=link)
pdf.output("internal_link.pdf")
```

Similarly, FPDF.link can be used instead of FPDF.cell, however write\_html does not allow to define internal links.

# 6.1.5 Alternative description

An optional textual description of the link can be provided, for accessibility purposes:

```
pdf.link(x=0,\ y=0,\ w=width,\ h=line\_height,\ link="https://github.com/PyFPDF/fpdf2",\\ alt\_text="GitHub\ page\ for\ fpdf2")
```

#### 6.2 Metadata

The PDF specification contain two types of metadata, the newer XMP (Extensible Metadata Platform, XML-based) and older DocumentInformation dictionary. The PDF 2.0 specification removes the DocumentInformation dictionary.

Currently, the following methods on fpdf.FPDF allow to set metadata information in the DocumentInformation dictionary:

- set\_title
- set\_lang
- set\_subject
- set\_author
- set\_keywords
- set\_producer
- set\_creator
- set\_creation\_date
- set\_xmp\_metadata, that requires you to craft the necessary XML string

For a more user-friendly API to set metadata, we recommend using <code>pikepdf</code> that will set both XMP & DocumentInformation metadata:

```
import sys
from datetime import datetime

import pikepdf
from fpdf import FPDF_VERSION

with pikepdf.open(sys.argv[1], allow_overwriting_input=True) as pdf:
    with pdf.open_metadata(set_pikepdf_as_editor=False) as meta:
        meta["dc:title"] = "Title"

        meta["dc:description"] = "Description"
        meta["dc:creator"] = ["Author1", "Author2"]
        meta["pdf:Keywords"] = "keyword1 keyword2 keyword3"
        meta["pdf:Producer"] = f"PyFPDF/fpdf{FPDF_VERSION}"
        meta["xmp:CreatorTool"] = __file__
        meta["xmp:MetadataDate"] = datetime.now(datetime.utcnow().astimezone().tzinfo).isoformat()
    pdf.save()
```

## 6.3 Annotations

The PDF format allows to add various annotations to a document.

#### 6.3.1 Text annotations

They are rendered this way by Sumatra PDF reader:



Method documentation: FPDF.text\_annotation

#### 6.3.2 Highlights

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
with pdf.highlight("Highlight comment"):
    pdf.text(50, 50, "Line 1")
    pdf.set_y(50)
    pdf.multi_cell(w=30, txt="Line 2")
pdf.cell(w=60, txt="Not highlighted", border=1)
pdf.output("highlighted.pdf")
```

Rendering by Sumatra PDF reader:



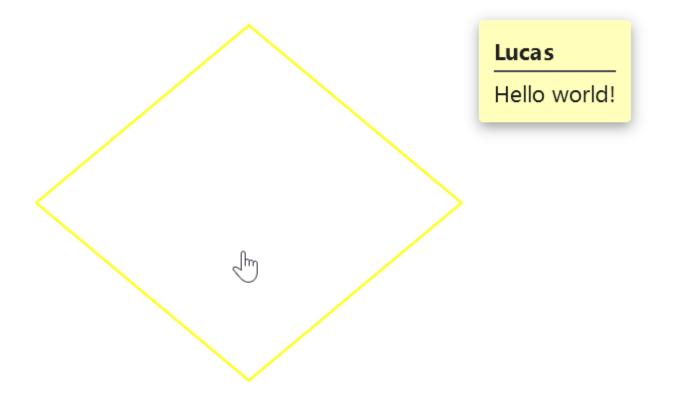
Method documentation: FPDF.highlight

The appearance of the "highlight effect" can be controlled through the type argument: it can be Highlight (default), Underline, Squiggly or StrikeOut.

#### 6.3.3 Ink annotations

Those annotations allow to draw paths around parts of a document to highlight them:

Rendering by Firefox internal PDF viewer:



Method documentation: FPDF.ink\_annotation

#### 6.3.4 Named actions

The four standard PDF named actions provide some basic navigation relative to the current page: NextPage, PrevPage, Prev

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from fpdf.actions import NamedAction

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.text(x=80, y=140, txt="First page")
pdf.add_page()
pdf.underline = True
for x, y, named_action in ((40, 80, "NextPage"), (120, 80, "PrevPage"), (40, 200, "FirstPage"), (120, 200, "LastPage")):
    pdf.text(x=x, y=y, txt=named_action)
    pdf.add_action(
        NamedAction(named_action),
        x=x,
        y=y - pdf.font_size,
        w=pdf.get_string_width(named_action),
        h=pdf.font_size,
    )

pdf.underline = False
pdf.add_page()
pdf.text(x=80, y=140, txt="Last page")
pdf.output("named_actions.pdf")
```

#### 6.3.5 Launch actions

Used to launch an application or open or print a document:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from fpdf.actions import LaunchAction

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
pdf.add_page()
x, y, text = 80, 140, "Launch action"
pdf.text(x=x, y=y, txt=text)
pdf.add_action(
    LaunchAction("another_file_in_same_directory.pdf"),
    x=x,
    y=y - pdf.font_size,
    w=pdf.get_string_width(text),
    h=pdf.font_size,
)
pdf.output("launch_action.pdf")
```

#### 6.4 Presentations

Presentation mode can usually be enabled with the CTRL + L shortcut.

As of june 2021, the features described below are onored by Adobe Acrobat reader, but ignored by Sumatra PDF reader.

#### 6.4.1 Page display duration

Pages can be associated with a "display duration" until when the viewer application automatically advances to the next page:

```
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = fpdf.FPDF()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=120)
pdf.add_page(duration=3)
pdf.cell(txt="Page 1")
pdf.page_duration = .5
pdf.add_page()
pdf.cell(txt="Page 2")
pdf.cell(txt="Page 2")
pdf.cell(txt="Page 3")
pdf.output("presentation.pdf")
```

It can also be configured globally through the page\_duration FPDF property.

#### 6.4.2 Transitions

Pages can be associated with visual transitions to use when moving from another page to the given page during a presentation:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from fpdf.transitions import *
pdf = fpdf.FPDF()
pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=120)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 0")
pdf.add_page(transition=SplitTransition("V", "0"))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 1")
pdf.add_page(transition=BlindsTransition("H"))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 2")
pdf.add_page(transition=BoxTransition("I"))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 3"
pdf.add_page(transition=WipeTransition(90))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 4"
pdf.add_page(transition=DissolveTransition())
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 5")
pdf.add page(transition=GlitterTransition(315))
{\tt pdf.add\_page(transition=FlyTransition("H"))}
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 7"
pdf.add_page(transition=PushTransition(270))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 8")
pdf.add_page(transition=CoverTransition(270))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 9")
pdf.add_page(transition=UncoverTransition(270))
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 10"
pdf.add_page(transition=FadeTransition())
pdf.text(x=40, y=150, txt="Page 11")
pdf.output("transitions.pdf")
```

It can also be configured globally through the page\_transition FPDF property.

#### 6.5 Document outline & table of contents

#### Quoting Wikipedia, a table of contents is:

a list, usually found on a page before the start of a written work, of its chapter or section titles or brief descriptions with their commencing page numbers.

Now quoting the 6th edition of the PDF format reference (v1.7 - 2006):

A PDF document may optionally display a **document outline** on the screen, allowing the user to navigate interactively from one part of the document to another. The outline consists of a tree-structured hierarchy of outline items (sometimes called bookmarks), which serve as a visual table of contents to display the document's structure to the user.

For example, there is how a document outline looks like in Sumatra PDF Reader:



# PDF Reference

# sixth edition

# Adobe® Portable Document Format

Version 1.7 November 2006

# **Adobe Systems Incorporated**

Since fpdf2.3.3, both features are supported through the use of the start\_section method, that adds an entry in the internal "outline" table used to render both features.

Note that by default, calling start\_section only records the current position in the PDF and renders nothing. However, you can configure **global title styles** by calling set\_section\_title\_styles, after which call to start\_section will render titles visually using the styles defined.

To provide a document outline to the PDF you generate, you just have to call the start\_section method for every hierarchical section you want to define.

If you also want to insert a table of contents somewhere, call insert\_toc\_placeholder wherever you want to put it. Note that a
page break will always be triggered after inserting the table of contents.

#### 6.5.1 With HTML

When using fpdf.HTMLMixin, a document outline is automatically built. You can insert a table of content with the special <toc> tag.

Custom styling of the table of contents can be achieved by overriding the <code>render\_toc</code> method in a subclass of <code>fpdf.html.HTML2FPDF</code>:

```
from fpdf import FPDF, HTMLMixin, HTML2FPDF

class CustomHTML2FPDF(HTML2FPDF):
```

```
def render_toc(self, pdf, outline):
    pdf.cell(txt='Table of contents:', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")
    for section in outline:
        pdf.cell(txt=f'* {section.name} (page {section.page_number})', new_x="LMARGIN", new_y="NEXT")

class PDF(FPDF, HTMLMixin):
    HTML2FPDF, CLASS = CustomHTML2FPDF

pdf = PDF()
    pdf.add_page()
    pdf.write_html("""<toc></toc>
    <h1>Level 1</h1>
    <h2>Level 2</h2>
    <h3>Level 3</h3>
    <h4>Level 4</h4>
    <h5>Level 4</h4>
    <h5>Level 5</h5>
    <h6>Level 6</h6>
    paragraph""")

pdf.output("html_toc.pdf")
```

# 6.5.2 Code samples

The regression tests are a good place to find code samples.

For example, the  ${\tt test\_simple\_outline}$  test function generates the PDF document  ${\tt test\_simple\_outline.pdf}$ .

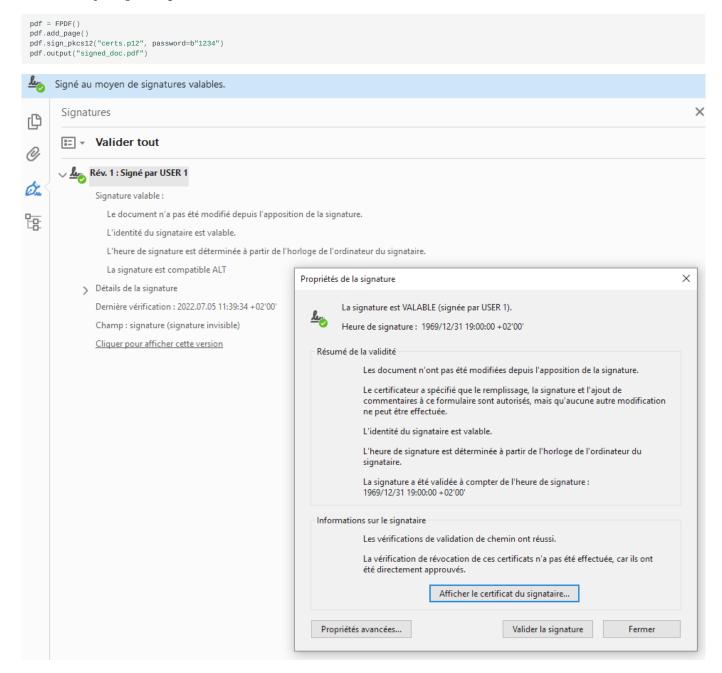
Similarly,  $test_html_toc.pdf$ .

# 6.6 Signing

A digital signature may be used to authenticate the identity of a user and the document's contents. It stores information about the signer and the state of the document when it was signed.

fpdf2 allows to sign documents using PKCS#12 certificates (RFC 7292).

The endesive package is required to do so.



The lower-level sign() method allows to add a signature based on arbitrary key & certificates, not necessarily from a PKCS#12 file.

endesive also provides basic code to check PDFs signatures. examples/pdf-verify.py or the <a href="https://check\_signature">check\_signature</a>() function used in fpdf2 unit tests can be good starting points for you, if you want to perform PDF signature control.

# 6.7 File attachments

#### 6.7.1 Embedded file streams

Embedded file streams [allow] the contents of referenced files to be embedded directly within the body of the PDF file. This makes the PDF file a self-contained unit that can be stored or transmitted as a single entity.

fpdf2 gives access to this feature through the method embed\_file():

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.embed_file(__file__, desc="Source Python code", compress=True)
pdf.output("embedded_file.pdf")
```

#### 6.7.2 Annotations

A file attachment annotation contains a reference to a file, which typically shall be embedded in the PDF file.

fpdf2 gives access to this feature through the method file\_attachment\_annotation():

```
pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.file_attachment_annotation(__file__, x=50, y=50)
pdf.output("file_attachment_annotation.pdf")
```

Resulting PDF: file attachment annotation.pdf

Browser PDF viewers do not usually display embedded files & file attachment annotations, so you may want to download this file and open it with your desktop PDF viewer in order to visualize the file attachments.



# 7. Mixing other libs

# 7.1 Existing PDFs

fpdf2 cannot parse existing PDF files.

However, other Python libraries can be combined with fpdf2 in order to add new content to existing PDF files.

This page provides several examples of doing so using pdfrw, a great zero-dependency pure Python library dedicated to reading & writing PDFs, with numerous examples and a very clean set of classes modelling the PDF internal syntax.

#### 7.1.1 Adding content onto an existing PDF page

```
import sys
from fpdf import FPDF
from pdfrw import PageMerge, PdfReader, PdfWriter

IN_FILEPATH = sys.argv[1]
OUT_FILEPATH = sys.argv[2]
ON_PAGE_INDEX = 1
UNDERNEATH = False # if True, new content will be placed underneath page (painted first)

def new_content():
    fpdf = FPDF()
    fpdf.add_page()
    fpdf.set_font("helvetica", size=36)
    fpdf.text(50, 50, "Hello!")
    reader = PdfReader(fdata=bytes(fpdf.output()))
    return reader.pages[0]

reader = PdfReader(IN_FILEPATH)
writer = PdfWriter()
writer.pagearray = reader.Root.Pages.Kids
PageMerge(writer.pagearray [ON_PAGE_INDEX]).add(new_content(), prepend=UNDERNEATH).render()
writer.write(OUT_FILEPATH)
```

#### 7.1.2 Adding a page to an existing PDF

```
import sys
from fpdf import FPDF
from pdfrw import PdfReader, PdfWriter

IN_FILEPATH = sys.argv[1]
OUT_FILEPATH = sys.argv[2]
NEW_PAGE_INDEX = 1 # set to None to append at the end

def new_page():
    fpdf = FPDF()
    fpdf.add_page()
    fpdf.set_font("helvetica", size=36)
    fpdf.text(50, 50, "Hello!")
    reader = PdfReader(fdata=bytes(fpdf.output()))
    return reader.pages[0]

writer = PdfWriter(trailer=PdfReader(IN_FILEPATH))
writer.addpage(new_page(), at_index=NEW_PAGE_INDEX)
writer.write(OUT_FILEPATH)
```

This example relies on pdfrw *Pull Request* #216. Until it is merged, you can install a forked version of pdfrw including the required patch:

```
pip install git+https://github.com/PyFPDF/pdfrw.git@addpage_at_index
```

# 7.2 Usage in web APIs

Note that FPDF instance objects are not designed to be reusable: content cannot be added once output() has been called.

Hence, even if the FPDF class should be thread-safe, we recommend that you either **create an instance for every request**, or if you want to use a global / shared object, to only store the bytes returned from output().

#### 7.2.1 Django

#### Django is:

a high-level Python web framework that encourages rapid development and clean, pragmatic design

There is how you can return a PDF document from a Django view:

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from fpdf import FPDF

def report(request):
    pdf = FPDF()
    pdf.add_page()
    pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
    pdf.cell(txt="hello world")
    return HttpResponse(bytes(pdf.output()), content_type="application/pdf")
```

#### 7.2.2 Flask

Flask is a micro web framework written in Python.

The following code can be placed in a app.py file and launched using flask run:

```
from flask import Flask, make_response
from fpdf import FPDF

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route("/")
def hello_world():
    pdf = FPDF()
    pdf.add_page()
    pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
    pdf.cell(txt="hello world")
    response = make_response(pdf.output())
    response.headers["Content-Type"] = "application/pdf"
    return response
```

#### 7.2.3 AWS lambda

The following code demonstrates some minimal AWS lambda handler function that returns a PDF file as binary output:

This AWS lambda function can then be linked to a HTTP endpoint using API Gateway, or simply exposed as a Lambda Function URL. More information on those pages:

- Tutorial: Creating a Lambda function with a function URL
- Return binary media from a Lambda

For reference, the test lambda function was initiated using the following AWS CLI commands:

#### eating & uploading a lambda layer

```
pyv=3.8
pip%[pyv] install fpdf2 -t python/lib/python%{pyv}/site-packages/
# We use a distinct layer for Pillow:
rm -r python/lib/python%{pyv}/site-packages/{PIL,Pillow}*
zip -r fpdf2-deps.zip python > /dev/null
aws lambda publish-layer-version --layer-name fpdf2-deps \
    --description "Dependencies for fpdf2 lambda" \
    --zip-file fileb://fpdf2-deps.zip --compatible-runtimes python%{pyv}
```

#### eating the lambda

```
AWS_ACCOUNT_ID=...

AWS_REGION=eu-west-3

zip -r fpdf2-test.zip lambda.py

aws lambda create-function --function-name fpdf2-test --runtime python${pyv} \

--zip-file fileb://fpdf2-test.zip --handler lambda.handler \

--role arn:aws:iam::${AWS_ACCOUNT_ID}:role/lambda-fpdf2-role \

-layers arn:aws:lambda:${AWS_REGION}:770693421928:layer:Klayers-python${pyv/./}-Pillow:15 \

arn:aws:lambda::${AWS_REGION}:${AWS_ACCOUNT_ID}:layer:fpdf2-deps:1

aws lambda create-function-url-config --function-name fpdf2-test --auth-type NONE
```

Those commands do not cover the creation of the lambda-fpdf2-role role, nor configuring the lambda access permissions, for example with a FunctionURLAllowPublicAccess resource-based policy.

#### 7.2.4 streamlit

## streamlit is:

a Python library that makes it easy to create and share custom web apps for data science

The following code demonstrates how to display a PDF and add a button allowing to download it:

```
from base64 import b64encode
from fpdf import FPDF
import streamlit as st
st.title("Demo of fpdf2 usage with streamlit")
@st.cache
def gen_pdf():
    pdf = FPDF()
    pdf.add_page()
    pdf.set_font("Helvetica", size=24)
pdf.cell(txt="hello world")
    return bytes(pdf.output())
# Embed PDF to display it:
base64_pdf = b64encode(gen_pdf()).decode("utf-8")
pdf_display = f'<embed src="data:application/pdf;base64,{base64_pdf}" width="700" height="400" type="application/pdf">'
st.markdown(pdf_display, unsafe_allow_html=True)
# Add a download button:
st.download_button(
   label="Download PDF",
    data=gen_pdf()
    file_name="file_name.pdf",
    mime="application/pdf"
```

#### 7.2.5 web2py

Usage of the original PyFPDF lib with web2py is described here: https://github.com/reingart/pyfpdf/blob/master/docs/Web2Py.md

# 7.3 Database storage

#### 7.3.1 SQLAlchemy

The following snippet demonstrates how to store PDFs built with fpdf2 in a database, an then retrieve them, using SQLAlchemy:

```
from fpdf import FPDF
from sqlalchemy import create_engine, Column, Integer, LargeBinary, String
from sqlalchemy.orm import declarative_base, sessionmaker

Base = declarative_base()

class User(Base):
    __tablename__ = 'users'
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = Column(String(5e))
    pdf = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = create_engine('sqlite:///:memory:', echo=True)
Base.metadata.create_all(engine)

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.add_page()
pdf.set_font("Melvetica", size=24)
pdf.cell(txt="My name is Bobby")
new_user = User(name="Bobby", pdf=pdf.output())

Session = sessionmaker(bind=engine)
session = Sessionmaker(bind=engine)
session = Session.add(new_user)

user = session.query(User).filter_by(name="Bobby").first()
with open("user.pdf", "wb") as pdf_file:
    pdf_file.write(user.pdf)
```

Note that storing large binary data in a database is usually not recommended... You might be better off dynamically generating your PDFs from structured data in your database.

# 7.4 borb



Joris Schellekens made another excellent pure-Python library dedicated to reading & write PDF: borb. He even wrote a very detailed e-book about it, available publicly there: borb-examples.

The maintainer of fpdf2 wrote an article comparing it with borb: borb vs fpdf2.

# 7.4.1 Creating a document with fpdf2 and transforming it into a borb.pdf.document.Document

```
from io import BytesIO
from borb.pdf.pdf import PDF
from fpdf import FPDF

pdf = FPDF()
pdf.set_title('Initiating a borb doc from a FPDF instance')
pdf.set_font('helvetica', size=12)
pdf.add_page()
pdf.cell(txt="Hello world!")

doc = PDF.loads(BytesIO(pdf.output()))
print(doc.get_document_info().get_title())
```

# 8. Development

## 8.1 Development

This page has summary information about developing the PyPDF library.

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#### 8.1.1 History

This project, fpdf2 is a *fork* of the PyFPDF project, which can be found on GitHub at reingart/pyfpdf but has been inactive since January of 2018.

About the original Pyfpdf lib:

This project started as a Python fork of the FPDF PHP library, ported to Python by Max Pat in 2006: http://www.fpdf.org/dl.php? id=94. Later, code for native reading TTF fonts was added. The project aim is to keep the library up to date, to fulfill the goals of its original roadmap and provide a general overhaul of the codebase to address technical debt keeping features from being added and bugs to be eradicated. Until 2015 the code was developed at Google Code: you can still access the old issues, and old wiki.

As of version 2.5.4, fpdf2 is fully backward compatible with PyFPDF, with the exception of one minor point: for the cell() method, the default value of h has changed. It used to be 0 and is now set to the current value of FPDF.font\_size.

#### 8.1.2 Usage

- PyPI download stats Downloads per release on Pepy
- packages using fpdf2 can be listed using GitHub Dependency graph: Dependents, Wheelodex or Watchman Pypi. Some are also listed on its libraries.io page.

#### 8.1.3 Repository structure

- .github/ GitHub Actions configuration
- docs/ documentation folder

- fpdf/ library sources
- scripts/ utilities to validate PDF files & publish the package on Pypi
- test/ non-regression tests
- tutorial/ tutorials (see also Tutorial)
- README.md Github and PyPI ReadMe
- CHANGELOG.md details of each release content
- LICENSE code license information
- CODEOWNERS define individuals or teams responsible for code in this repository
- CONTRIBUTORS.md the people who helped build this library
- setup.cfg, setup.py, MANIFEST.in packaging configuration to publish a package on Pypi
- mkdocs.yml configuration for MkDocs
- tox.ini configuration for Tox
- .banditrc.yml configuration for bandit
- pylintre configuration for Pylint

#### 8.1.4 Installing fpdf2 from a local git repository

```
pip install --editable $path/to/fpdf/repo
```

This will link the installed Python package to the repository location, basically meaning any changes to the code package will get reflected directly in your environment.

#### 8.1.5 Code auto-formatting

We use black as a code prettifier. This "uncomprimising Python code formatter" must be installed in your development environment in order to auto-format source code before any commit:

```
pip install black
black . # inside fpdf2 root directory
```

#### 8.1.6 Linting

We use pylint as a static code analyzer to detect potential issues in the code.

In case of special "false positive" cases, checks can be disabled locally with #pylint disable=XXX code comments, or globally through the .pylintrc file.

#### 8.1.7 Pre-commit hook

If you use a UNIX system, you can place the following shell code in <code>.git/hooks/pre-commit</code> in order to always invoke <code>black & pylint before every commit:</code>

It will abort the commit if pylint found issues or black detect non-properly formatted code. In the later case though, it will autoformat your code and you will just have to run git commit -a again.

#### 8.1.8 Testing

#### **Running tests**

To run tests, cd into fpdf2 repository, install the dependencies using pip install -r test/requirements.txt, and run pytest.

You can run a single test by executing: pytest -k function\_name.

Alternatively, you can use Tox. It is self-documented in the tox.ini file in the repository. To run tests for all versions of Python, simply run tox. If you do not want to run tests for all versions of python, run tox -e py39 (or your version of Python).

#### Why is a test failing?

If there are some failing tests after you made a code change, it is usually because **there are difference between an expected PDF generated and the actual one produced**.

Calling pytest -vv will display **the difference of PDF source code** between the expected & actual files, but that may be difficult to understand,

You can also have a look at the PDF files involved by navigating to the temporary test directory that is printed out during the test failure:

```
tmp_path = PosixPath('/tmp/pytest-of-runner/pytest-0/test_html_simple_table0')
```

This directory contains the **actual** & **expected** files, that you can vsualize to spot differences:

```
$ ls /tmp/pytest-of-runner/pytest-0/test_html_simple_table0
actual.pdf
actual_qpdf.pdf
expected_qpdf.pdf
```

#### assert\_pdf\_equal & writing new tests

When a unit test generates a PDF, it is recommended to use the <code>assert\_pdf\_equal</code> utility function in order to validate the output. It relies on the very handy <code>qpdf</code> CLI program to generate a PDF that is easy to compare: annotated, strictly formatted, with uncompressed internal streams. You will need to have its binary in your <code>\$PATH</code>, otherwise <code>assert\_pdf\_equal</code> will fall back to hash-based comparison.

All generated PDF files (including those processed by <code>qpdf</code>) will be stored in <code>/tmp/pytest-of-USERNAME/pytest-current/NAME\_OF\_TEST/</code>. By default, three last test runs will be saved and then automatically deleted, so you can check the output in case of a failed test.

In order to generate a "reference" PDF file, simply call assert\_pdf\_equal once with generate=True.

#### 8.1.9 GitHub pipeline

A GitHub Actions pipeline is executed on every commit on the master branch, and for every Pull Request.

It performs all validation steps detailed above: code checking with black, static code analysis with pylint, unit tests... *Pull Requests* submitted must pass all those checks in order to be approved. Ask maintainers through comments if some errors in the pipeline seem obscure to you.

#### Release checklist

- 1. complete  ${\tt CHANGELOG.md}$  and add the version & date of the new release
- 2. bump FPDF\_VERSION in fpdf/fpdf.py

- 3. git commit & git push
- 4. check that the GitHub Actions succeed, and that a new release appears on Pypi
- 5. perform a GitHub release, taking the description from the CHANGELOG.md. It will create a new git tag.
- 6. Announce the release on r/pythonnews

#### 8.1.10 Documentation

The standalone documentation is in the docs subfolder, written in Markdown. Building instructions are contained in the configuration file  $\mbox{mkdocs.yml}$  and also in .github/workflows/continuous-integration-workflow.yml.

Additional documentation is generated from inline comments, and is available in the project home page.

After being committed to the master branch, code documentation is automatically uploaded to GitHub Pages.

There is a useful one-page example Python module with docstrings illustrating how to document code: pdoc3 example pkg.

To preview the Markdown documentation, launch a local rendering server with:

mkdocs serve

To preview the API documentation, launch a local rendering server with:

pdoc --html -o public/ fpdf --http :

#### 8.1.11 PDF spec & new features

The PDF 1.7 spec is available on Adobe website: PDF32000\_2008.pdf.

It may be intimidating at first, but while technical, it is usually quite clear and understandable.

It is also a great place to look for new features for fpdf2: there are still many PDF features that this library does not support.

# 8.2 Logging

fpdf.FPDF generates useful DEBUG logs on generated sections sizes when calling the output() method., that can help to identify what part of a PDF takes most space (fonts, images, pages...).

Here is an example of setup code to display them:

Example output using the Tutorial first code snippet:

```
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] Final doc sections size summary:
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - header.size: 9.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - pages.size: 306.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - resources.fonts.size: 101.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - resources.images.size: 0.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - resources.dict.size: 104.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - info.size: 54.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - catalog.size: 103.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - xref.size: 169.0B
14:09:56 fpdf.py [DEBUG] - trailer.size: 60.0B
```

# 9. FAQ

See Project Home for an overall introduction.

- FAQ
- What is fpdf2?
- What is this library not?
- How does this library compare to ...?
- What does the code look like?
- Does this library have any framework integration?
- What is the development status of this library?
- What is the license of this library (fpdf2)?

# 9.1 What is fpdf2?

fpdf2 is a library with low-level primitives to easily generate PDF documents.

This is similar to ReportLab's graphics canvas, but with some methods to output "fluid" cells ("flowables" that can span multiple rows, pages, tables, columns, etc).

It has methods ("hooks") that can be implemented in a subclass: headers and footers.

Originally developed in PHP several years ago (as a free alternative to proprietary C libraries), it has been ported to many programming languages, including ASP, C++, Java, Pl/SQL, Ruby, Visual Basic, and of course, Python.

For more information see: http://www.fpdf.org/en/links.php

# 9.2 What is this library not?

This library is not a:

- $\bullet \ charts \ or \ widgets \ library. \ But \ you \ can \ import \ PNG \ or \ JPG \ images, \ use \ PIL \ or \ any \ other \ library, \ or \ draw \ the \ figures \ yourself.$
- $\bullet \ \hbox{\tt "flexible page layout engine" like Reportlab PLATYPUS. But it can do columns, chapters, etc.; see the \verb|Tutorial|.}$
- XML or object definition language like Geraldo Reports, Jasper Reports, or similar. But look at write\_html for simple HTML reports and Templates for fill-in-the-blank documents.
- PDF text extractor, converter, splitter or similar.

# 9.3 How does this library compare to ...?

The API is geared toward giving the user access to features of the Portable Document Format as they are described in the Adobe PDF Reference Manual, this bypasses needless complexities for simpler use cases.

It is small:

```
$ du -sh fpdf
1,6M fpdf

$ scc fpdf

Language Files Lines Blanks Comments Code Complexity
Python 21 16879 480 571 15828 462
```

It includes <code>cell()</code> and <code>multi\_cell()</code> primitives to draw fluid document like invoices, listings and reports, and includes basic support for HTML rendering.

Compared to other solutions, this library should be easier to use and adapt for most common documents (no need to use a page layout engine, style sheets, templates, or stories...), with full control over the generated PDF document (including advanced features and extensions).

Check also the list of features on the home page.

#### 9.4 What does the code look like?

Following is an example similar to the Reportlab one in the book of web2py. Note the simplified import and usage: (http://www.web2py.com/book/default/chapter/09?search=pdf#ReportLab-and-PDF)

#### With Reportlab:

```
from reportlab.platypus import *
from reportlab.lib.styles import getSampleStyleSheet
from reportlab.rl_config import defaultPageSize
from reportlab.lib.units import inch, mm
from reportlab.lib.enums import TA_LEFT, TA_RIGHT, TA_CENTER, TA_JUSTIFY
from reportlab.lib import colors
from uuid import uuid4
from cgi import escape
import os
def get_me_a_pdf():
    title = "This The Doc Title'
    heading = "First Paragraph"
text = 'bla ' * 10000
    styles = getSampleStyleSheet()
    tmpfilename = os.path.join(request.folder, 'private', str(uuid4()))
    doc = SimpleDocTemplate(tmpfilename)
    story.append(Paragraph(escape(title), styles["Title"]))
    story.append(Paragraph(escape(heading), styles["Heading2"]))
    \verb|story.append(Paragraph(escape(text), styles["Normal"]))|\\
    story.append(Spacer(1, 2 * inch))
    doc.build(story)
    data = open(tmpfilename, "rb").read()
    response.headers['Content-Type'] = 'application/pdf'
    return data
```

# 9.5 Does this library have any framework integration?

Yes, if you use web2py, you can make simple HTML reports that can be viewed in a browser, or downloaded as PDF.

Also, using web2py DAL, you can easily set up a templating engine for PDF documents.

Look at Web2Py for examples.

# 9.6 What is the development status of this library?

This library was improved over the years since the initial port from PHP. As of 2021, it is **stable** and actively maintained, with bug fixes and new features developed regularly.

In contrast, write\_html support is not complete, so it must be considered in beta state.

# 9.7 What is the license of this library (fpdf2)?

LGPL v3.0.

Original FPDF uses a permissive license: http://www.fpdf.org/en/FAQ.php#q1

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The original fpdf.py library was a revision of a port by Max Pat. The original source uses the same licence: http://www.fpdf.org/dl.php?id=94

```
# * Software: FPDF
# * Version: 1.53
# * Date: 2004-12-31
# * Author: Olivier PLATHEY
# * License: Freeware
# *
# * You may use and modify this software as you wish.
# * Ported to Python 2.4 by Max (maxpat78@yahoo.it) on 2006-05
```

To avoid ambiguity (and to be compatible with other free software, open source licenses), LGPL was chosen for the Google Code project (as freeware isn't listed).

Some FPDF ports had chosen similar licences (wxWindows Licence for C++ port, MIT licence for Java port, etc.): http://www.fpdf.org/en/links.php

Other FPDF derivatives also choose LGPL, such as sFPDF by Ian Back.