

# ReportLab API Reference

# Introduction

This is the API reference for the ReportLab library. All public classes, functions and methods are documented here.

Most of the reference text is built automatically from the documentation strings in each class, method and function. That's why it uses preformatted text and doesn't look very pretty.

Please note the following points:

- (1) Items with one leading underscore are considered private to the modules they are defined in; they are not documented here and we make no commitment to their maintenance.
- (2) Items ending in a digit (usually zero) are experimental; they are released to allow widespread testing, but are guaranteed to be broken in future (if only by dropping the zero). By all means play with these and give feedback, but do not use them in production scripts.

# Package Architecture

The reportlab package is broken into a number of subpackages. These are as follows:

**reportlab.pdfgen** - this is the programming interface to the PDF file format. The Canvas (and its co-workers, TextObject and PathObject) provide everything you need to create PDF output working at a low level - individual shapes and lines of text. Internally, it constructs blocks of *page marking operators* which match your drawing commands, and hand them over to the pdfbase package for drawing.

**reportlab.pdfbase** - this is not part of the public interface. It contains code to handle the 'outer structure' of PDF files, and utilities to handle text metrics and compressed streams.

**reportlab.platypus** - PLATYPUS stands for "Page Layout and Typography Using Scripts". It provides a higher level of abstraction dealing with paragraphs, frames on the page, and document templates. This is used for multi- page documents such as this reference.

**reportlab.lib** - this contains code of interest to application developers which cuts across both of our libraries, such as standard colors, units, and page sizes. It will also contain more drawable and flowable objects in future.

There is also a demos directory containing various demonstrations, and a docs directory. These can be accessed with package notation but should not be thought of as packages.

Each package is documented in turn.

# reportlab.pdfgen subpackage

# reportlab.pdfgen.canvas module

### Class Canvas:

This class is the programmer's interface to the PDF file format. Methods are (or will be) provided here to do just about everything PDF can do.

The underlying model to the canvas concept is that of a graphics state machine that at any given point in time has a current font, fill color (for figure interiors), stroke color (for figure borders), line width and geometric transform, among many other characteristics.

Canvas methods generally either draw something (like canvas.line) using the current state of the canvas or change some component of the canvas state (like canvas.setFont). The current state can be saved and restored using the saveState/restoreState methods.

Objects are "painted" in the order they are drawn so if, for example two rectangles overlap the last draw will appear "on top". PDF form objects (supported here) are used to draw complex drawings only once, for possible repeated use.

There are other features of canvas which are not visible when printed, such as outlines and bookmarks which are used for navigating a document in a viewer.

Here is a very silly example usage which generates a Hello World pdf document.

#### Example::

```
from reportlab.pdfgen import canvas
c = canvas.Canvas("hello.pdf")
from reportlab.lib.units import inch
\mbox{\#} move the origin up and to the left
c.translate(inch,inch)
# define a large font
c.setFont("Helvetica",
# choose some colors
c.setStrokeColorRGB(0.2,0.5,0.3)
c.setFillColorRGB(1,0,1)
# draw a rectangle
c.rect(inch,inch,6*inch,9*inch, fill=1)
# make text go straight up
c.rotate(90)
# change color
c.setFillColorRGB(0,0,0.77)
# say hello (note after rotate the y coord needs to be negative!)
c.drawString(3*inch, -3*inch, "Hello World")
c.showPage()
c.save()
```

### def absolutePosition(self, x, y):

return the absolute position of x,y in user space w.r.t. default user space

### def addFont(self, fontObj):

add a new font for subsequent use.

## def addLiteral(self, s, escaped=1):

introduce the literal text of PDF operations s into the current stream. Only use this if you are an expert in the PDF file format.

### def addOutlineEntry(self, title, key, level=0, closed=None):

Adds a new entry to the outline at given level. If LEVEL not specified, entry goes at the top level. If level specified, it must be no more than 1 greater than the outline level in the last call.

The key must be the (unique) name of a bookmark. the title is the (non-unique) name to be displayed for the entry.

If closed is set then the entry should show no subsections by default when displayed.

```
Example::
       c.addOutlineEntry("first section", "section1")
       c.addOutlineEntry("introduction", "s1s1", 1, closed=1)
c.addOutlineEntry("body", "s1s2", 1)
       c.addOutlineEntry("detail1", "sls2s1", 2)
c.addOutlineEntry("detail2", "sls2s2", 2)
       c.addOutlineEntry("detail2", SISSI", 1)
c.addOutlineEntry("conclusion", "sls3", 1)
c.addOutlineEntry("further reading", "sls3s1", 2)
c.addOutlineEntry("second section", "section1")
       c.addOutlineEntry("second section", "section c.addOutlineEntry("introduction", "s2s1", 1)
       c.addOutlineEntry("body", "s2s2", 1, closed=1)
       c.addOutlineEntry("detail1", "s2s2s1", 2)
c.addOutlineEntry("detail2", "s2s2s1", 2)
c.addOutlineEntry("detail2", "s2s2s2", 2)
c.addOutlineEntry("conclusion", "s2s3", 1)
       c.addOutlineEntry("further reading", "s2s3s1", 2)
    generated outline looks like::
         - first section
          - introduction
          - body
            |- detail1
             - detail2
          - conclusion
            |- further reading
         - second section
         |- introduction
          + body
          - conclusion
            |- further reading
    Note that the second "body" is closed.
    Note that you can jump from level 5 to level 3 but not
    from 3 to 5: instead you need to provide all intervening
    levels going down (4 in this case). Note that titles can
    collide but keys cannot.
def addPageLabel(self, pageNum, style=None, start=None, prefix=None):
    add a PDFPageLabel for pageNum
def addPostScriptCommand(self, command, position=1):
    Embed literal Postscript in the document.
             With position=0, it goes at very beginning of page stream;
             with position=1, at current point; and
             with position=2, at very end of page stream. What that does
             to the resulting Postscript depends on Adobe's header :-)
             Use with extreme caution, but sometimes needed for printer tray commands.
             Acrobat 4.0 will export Postscript to a printer or file containing
             the given commands. Adobe Reader 6.0 no longer does as this feature is
             deprecated. 5.0, I don't know about (please let us know!). This was funded by Bob Marshall of Vector.co.uk and tested on a Lexmark 750.
             See test_pdfbase_postscript.py for 2 test cases - one will work on
             any Postscript device, the other uses a 'setpapertray' command which
             will error in Distiller but work on printers supporting it.
def arc(self, x1,y1, x2,y2, startAng=0, extent=90):
    Draw a partial ellipse inscribed within the rectangle x1,y1,x2,y2,
    starting at startAng degrees and covering extent degrees.
                                                                           Angles
    start with 0 to the right (+x) and increase counter-clockwise.
    These should have x1<x2 and y1<y2.
def beginForm(self, name, lowerx=0, lowery=0, upperx=None, uppery=None):
    declare the current graphics stream to be a named form.
    A graphics stream can either be a page or a form, not both.
    Some operations (like bookmarking) are permitted for pages
    but not forms. The form will not automatically be shown in the
    document but must be explicitly referenced using doForm in pages
    that require the form.
def beginPath(self):
    Returns a fresh path object. Paths are used to draw
```

complex figures. The object returned follows the protocol

```
for a pathobject.PDFPathObject instance
def beginText(self, x=0, y=0):
   Returns a fresh text object. Text objects are used to add large amounts of text. See textobject.PDFTextObject
def bezier(self, x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, x4, y4):
   Bezier curve with the four given control points
def bookmarkHorizontal(self, key, relativeX, relativeY, **kw):
   w.r.t. the current transformation, bookmark this horizontal.
def bookmarkHorizontalAbsolute(self, key, top, left=0, fit='XYZ', **kw):
   Bind a bookmark (destination) to the current page at a horizontal position.
   Note that the yhorizontal of the book mark is with respect to the default
   user space (where the origin is at the lower left corner of the page)
   and completely ignores any transform (translation, scale, skew, rotation,
   etcetera) in effect for the current graphics state. The programmer is
   responsible for making sure the bookmark matches an appropriate item on
   the page.
def bookmarkPage(self, key,
                   fit="Fit".
                  left=None,
                   top=None,
                  bottom=None,
                  right=None,
                   zoom=None
                   ):
   This creates a bookmark to the current page which can
   be referred to with the given key elsewhere.
   PDF offers very fine grained control over how Acrobat
   reader is zoomed when people link to this. The default
   is to keep the user's current zoom settings. the last
   arguments may or may not be needed depending on the
   choice of 'fitType'.
   Fit types and the other arguments they use are:
   - XYZ left top zoom - fine grained control. null
     or zero for any of the parameters means 'leave as is', so "0,0,0" will keep the reader's settings.
     NB. Adobe Reader appears to prefer "null" to 0's.
   - Fit - entire page fits in window
   - FitH top - top coord at top of window, width scaled
     to fit.
   - FitV left - left coord at left of window, height
     scaled to fit
   - FitR left bottom right top - scale window to fit
     the specified rectangle
   (question: do we support /FitB, FitBH and /FitBV
   which are hangovers from version 1.1 / Acrobat 3.0?)
def circle(self, x_cen, y_cen, r, stroke=1, fill=0):
   draw a cirle centered at (x_cen,y_cen) with radius r (special case of ellipse)
def clipPath(self, aPath, stroke=1, fill=0):
   clip as well as drawing
def delViewerPreference(self,pref):
   you'll get an error here if none have been set
def doForm(self, name):
   use a form XObi in current operation stream.
            The form should either have been defined previously using
            beginForm ... endForm, or may be defined later. If it is not
            defined at save time, an exception will be raised. The form
```

will be drawn within the context of the current graphics

#### def drawAlignedString(self, x, y, text, pivotChar="."):

Draws a string aligned on the first '.' (or other pivot character).

The centre position of the pivot character will be used as x. So, you could draw a straight line down through all the decimals in a column of numbers, and anything without a decimal should be optically aligned with those that have.

There is one special rule to help with accounting formatting. Here's how normal numbers should be aligned on the 'dot'. Look at the LAST two::

```
12,345,67
987.15
42
-1,234.56
(456.78)
(456)
27 inches
13cm
```

Since the last three do not contain a dot, a crude dot-finding rule would place them wrong. So we test for the special case where no pivot is found, digits are present, but the last character is not a digit. We then work back from the end of the string This case is a tad slower but hopefully rare.

#### def drawCentredString(self, x, y, text,mode=None):

Draws a string centred on the x coordinate.

We're British, dammit, and proud of our spelling!

#### 

Draws the image (ImageReader object or filename) as specified.

"image" may be an image filename or an ImageReader object.

x and y define the lower left corner of the image you wish to draw (or of its bounding box, if using preserveAspectRation below).

If width and height are not given, the width and height of the image in pixels is used at a scale of 1 point to 1 pixel.

If width and height are given, the image will be stretched to fill the given rectangle bounded by (x, y, x+width, y-height).

If you supply negative widths and/or heights, it inverts them and adjusts  $\boldsymbol{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}$  accordingly.

The method returns the width and height of the underlying image, since this is often useful for layout algorithms and saves you work if you have not specified them yourself.

The mask parameter supports transparent backgrounds. It takes 6 numbers and defines the range of RGB values which will be masked out or treated as transparent. For example with [0,2,40,42,136,139], it will mask out any pixels with a Red value from 0-2, Green from 40-42 and Blue from 136-139 (on a scale of 0-255).

New post version 2.0: drawImage can center an image in a box you provide, while preserving its aspect ratio. For example, you might have a fixed square box in your design, and a collection of photos which might be landscape or portrait that you want to appear within the box. If preserveAspectRatio is true, your image will appear within the box specified.

If preserveAspectRatio is True, the anchor property can be used to specify how images should fit into the given box. It should be set to one of the following values, taken from the points of the compass (plus 'c' for 'centre'):

nw n ne

w c e sw s se

The default value is 'c' for 'centre'. Thus, if you want your bitmaps to always be centred and appear at the top of the given box, set anchor='n'. There are good examples of this in the output of test\_pdfgen\_general.py

Unlike drawInlineImage, this creates 'external images' which are only stored once in the PDF file but can be drawn many times. If you give it the same filename twice, even at different locations and sizes, it will reuse the first occurrence, resulting in a saving in file size and generation time. If you use ImageReader objects, it tests whether the image content has changed before deciding whether to reuse it.

In general you should use drawImage in preference to drawInlineImage unless you have read the PDF Spec and understand the tradeoffs.

### 

See drawImage, which should normally be used instead...

drawInlineImage behaves like drawImage, but stores the image content within the graphics stream for the page. This means that the mask parameter for transparency is not available. It also means that there is no saving in file size or time if the same image is reused.

In theory it allows images to be displayed slightly faster; however, we doubt if the difference is noticeable to any human user these days. Only use this if you have studied the PDF specification and know the implications.

# def drawPath(self, aPath, stroke=1, fill=0):

Draw the path object in the mode indicated

### def drawRightString(self, x, y, text, mode=None):

Draws a string right-aligned with the  $\boldsymbol{x}$  coordinate

### def drawString(self, x, y, text, mode=None):

Draws a string in the current text styles.

# def drawText(self, aTextObject):

Draws a text object

### def ellipse(self, x1, y1, x2, y2, stroke=1, fill=0):

Draw an ellipse defined by an enclosing rectangle.

Note that (x1,y1) and (x2,y2) are the corner points of the enclosing rectangle.

# def endForm(self):

emit the current collection of graphics operations as a Form as declared previously in beginForm.

# def freeTextAnnotation(self, contents, DA, Rect=None, addtopage=1, name=None, relative=0, \*\*kw):

DA is the default appearance string???

# def getAvailableFonts(self):

Returns the list of PostScript font names available.

Standard set now, but may grow in future with font embedding.

### def getCurrentPageContent(self):

Return uncompressed contents of current page buffer.

This is useful in creating test cases and assertions of what got drawn, without necessarily saving pages to  $\operatorname{disk}$ 

### def getPageNumber(self):

get the page number for the current page being generated.

# def getViewerPreference(self,pref):

```
you'll get an error here if none have been set
def getpdfdata(self):
   Returns the PDF data that would normally be written to a file.
   If there is current data a ShowPage is executed automatically.
   After this operation the canvas must not be used further.
def grid(self, xlist, ylist):
   Lays out a grid in current line style. Supply list of
   x an y positions.
def hasForm(self, name):
   Query whether form XObj really exists yet.
def init_graphics_state(self):
    (no documentation string)
def inkAnnotation(self, contents, InkList=None, Rect=None, addtopage=1, name=None, relative=0, **kw):
    (no documentation string)
def line(self, x1,v1, x2,v2):
   draw a line segment from (x1,y1) to (x2,y2) (with color, thickness and
   other attributes determined by the current graphics state).
def linearGradient(self, x0, y0, x1, y1, colors, positions=None, extend=True):
    (no documentation string)
def lines(self, linelist):
   Like line(), permits many lines to be drawn in one call.
   for example for the figure::
     crosshairs = [(20,0,20,10), (20,30,20,40), (0,20,10,20), (30,20,40,20)]
     canvas.lines(crosshairs)
def linkAbsolute(self, contents, destinationname, Rect=None, addtopage=1, name=None,
        thickness=0, color=None, dashArray=None, **kw):
   rectangular link annotation positioned wrt the default user space.
   The identified rectangle on the page becomes a "hot link" which
   when clicked will send the viewer to the page and position identified
   by the destination.
   Rect identifies (lowerx, lowery, upperx, uppery) for lower left and upperright points of the rectangle. Translations and other transforms
   are IGNORED (the rectangular position is given with respect
   to the default user space.
   destinationname should be the name of a bookmark (which may be defined later
   but must be defined before the document is generated).
   You may want to use the keyword argument Border='[0 0 0]' to
   suppress the visible rectangle around the during viewing link.
def linkRect(self, contents, destinationname, Rect=None, addtopage=1, name=None, relative=1,
        thickness=0, color=None, dashArray=None, **kw):
   rectangular link annotation w.r.t the current user transform.
   if the transform is skewed/rotated the absolute rectangle will use the max/min x/y
def linkURL(self, url, rect, relative=0, thickness=0, color=None, dashArray=None, kind="URI", **kw):
   Create a rectangular URL 'hotspot' in the given rectangle.
            if relative=1, this is in the current coord system, otherwise
           in absolute page space.
           The remaining options affect the border appearance; the border is
           drawn by Acrobat, not us. Set thickness to zero to hide it.
           Any border drawn this way is NOT part of the page stream and
           will not show when printed to a Postscript printer or distilled;
           it is safest to draw your own.
def pageHasData(self):
   Info function - app can call it after showPage to see if it needs a save
```

```
def pop_state_stack(self):
   (no documentation string)
def push_state_stack(self):
   (no documentation string)
def radialGradient(self, x, y, radius, colors, positions=None, extend=True):
   (no documentation string)
def rect(self, x, y, width, height, stroke=1, fill=0):
   draws a rectangle with lower left corner at (x,y) and width and height as given.
def resetTransforms(self):
   I want to draw something (eg, string underlines) w.r.t. the default user space.
   Reset the matrix! This should be used usually as follows::
      canv.saveState()
      canv.resetTransforms()
      #...draw some stuff in default space coords...
      canv.restoreState() # go back!
def restoreState(self):
   restore the graphics state to the matching saved state (see saveState).
def rotate(self, theta):
   Canvas.rotate(theta)
           Rotate the canvas by the angle theta (in degrees).
def roundRect(self, x, y, width, height, radius, stroke=1, fill=0):
   Draws a rectangle with rounded corners. The corners are
   approximately quadrants of a circle, with the given radius.
def save(self):
   Saves and close the PDF document in the file.
   If there is current data a ShowPage is executed automatically.
   After this operation the canvas must not be used further.
def saveState(self):
   Save the current graphics state to be restored later by restoreState.
           For example:
               canvas.setFont("Helvetica", 20)
               canvas.saveState()
               canvas.setFont("Courier", 9)
               canvas.restoreState()
                # if the save/restore pairs match then font is Helvetica 20 again.
def scale(self, x, y):
   Scale the horizontal dimension by x and the vertical by y
   (with respect to the current graphics state).
   For example canvas.scale(2.0, 0.5) will make everything short and fat.
def setAuthor(self, author):
   identify the author for invisible embedding inside the PDF document.
   the author annotation will appear in the the text of the file but will
   not automatically be seen when the document is viewed, but is visible
   in document properties etc etc.
def setCreator(self, creator):
   write a creator into the PDF file that won't automatically display
   in the document itself. This should be used to name the original app
   which is passing data into ReportLab, if you wish to name it.
def setDash(self, array=[], phase=0):
   Two notations. pass two numbers, or an array and phase
def setDateFormatter(self, dateFormatter):
   accepts a func(yyyy,mm,dd,hh,m,s) used to create embedded formatted date
```

```
def setEncrypt(self, encrypt):
   Set the encryption used for the pdf generated by this canvas.
   If encrypt is a string object, it is used as the user password for the pdf.
   If encrypt is an instance of reportlab.lib.pdfencrypt.StandardEncryption, this object is
   used to encrypt the pdf. This allows more finegrained control over the encryption settings.
def setFont(self, psfontname, size, leading = None):
   Sets the font. If leading not specified, defaults to 1.2 \times
   font size. Raises a readable exception if an illegal font
   is supplied. Font names are case-sensitive! Keeps track
   of font name and size for metrics.
def setFontSize(self, size=None, leading=None):
   Sets font size or leading without knowing the font face
def setKeywords(self, keywords):
   write a list of keywords into the PDF file which shows in document properties.
   Either submit a single string or a list/tuple
def setLineCap(self, mode):
   0=butt,1=round,2=square
def setLineJoin(self, mode):
   0=mitre, 1=round, 2=bevel
def setLineWidth(self, width):
   (no documentation string)
def setMiterLimit(self, limit):
   (no documentation string)
def setPageCallBack(self, func):
   func(pageNum) will be called on each page end.
          This is mainly a hook for progress monitoring.
           Call setPageCallback(None) to clear a callback.
def setPageCompression(self, pageCompression=1):
   Possible values None, 1 or 0
   If None the value from rl_config will be used.
   If on, the page data will be compressed, leading to much
   smaller files, but takes a little longer to create the files.
   This applies to all subsequent pages, or until setPageCompression()
   is next called.
def setPageDuration(self, duration=None);
   Allows hands-off animation of presentations :-)
           If this is set to a number, in full screen mode, Acrobat Reader
           will advance to the next page after this many seconds. The
           duration of the transition itself (fade/flicker etc.) is controlled
           by the 'duration' argument to setPageTransition; this controls
           the time spent looking at the page. This is effective for all
           subsequent pages.
def setPageRotation(self, rot):
   Instruct display device that this page is to be rotated
def setPageSize(self, size):
   accepts a 2-tuple in points for paper size for this
   and subsequent pages
def setPageTransition(self, effectname=None, duration=1,
                    direction=0,dimension='H',motion='I'):
   PDF allows page transition effects for use when giving
   presentations. There are six possible effects. You can
   just guive the effect name, or supply more advanced options
   to refine the way it works. There are three types of extra
   argument permitted, and here are the allowed values::
       direction_arg = [0,90,180,270]
       dimension_arg = ['H', 'V']
```

```
motion_arg = ['I','0'] (start at inside or outside)
   This table says which ones take which arguments::
       PageTransitionEffects = {
            'Split': [direction_arg, motion_arg],
            'Blinds': [dimension_arg],
            'Box': [motion_arg],
           'Wipe' : [direction_arg],
            'Dissolve' : [],
           'Glitter':[direction_arg]
           }
   Have fun!
def setSubject(self, subject):
   write a subject into the PDF file that won't automatically display
   in the document itself.
def setTitle(self, title):
   write a title into the PDF file that won't automatically display
   in the document itself.
def setViewerPreference(self,pref,value):
   set one of the allowed embtries in the documents viewer preferences
def shade(self, shading):
   (no documentation string)
def showOutline(self):
   Specify that Acrobat Reader should start with the outline tree visible.
   showFullScreen() and showOutline() conflict; the one called last
   wins.
def showPage(self):
   Close the current page and possibly start on a new page.
def skew(self, alpha, beta):
   (no documentation string)
def stringWidth(self, text, fontName=None, fontSize=None):
   gets width of a string in the given font and size
def textAnnotation(self, contents, Rect=None, addtopage=1, name=None, relative=0, **kw):
   Experimental, but works.
def transform(self, a,b,c,d,e,f):
   adjoin a mathematical transform to the current graphics state matrix.
   Not recommended for beginners.
def translate(self, dx, dy):
   move the origin from the current (0,0) point to the (dx,dy) point
   (with respect to the current graphics state).
def wedge(self, x1,y1, x2,y2, startAng, extent, stroke=1, fill=0):
   Like arc, but connects to the centre of the ellipse.
   Most useful for pie charts and PacMan!
```

# reportlab.pdfgen.pathobject module

The method Canvas.beginPath allows users to construct a PDFPathObject, which is defined in reportlab/pdfgen/pathobject.py.

```
Class PDFPathObject:
```

```
Represents a graphic path. There are certain 'modes' to PDF drawing, and making a separate object to expose Path operations ensures they are completed with no run-time overhead. Ask the Canvas for a PDFPath with getNewPathObject(); moveto/lineto/curveto wherever you want; add whole shapes; and then add it back into the canvas with one of the relevant operators.

Path objects are probably not long, so we pack onto one line the code argument allows a canvas to get the operatiosn appended directly so avoiding the final getCode

def arc(self, xl,y1, x2,y2, startAng=0, extent=90):
```

Contributed to piddlePDF by Robert Kern, 28/7/99. Draw a partial ellipse inscribed within the rectangle x1,y1,x2,y2, starting at startAng degrees and covering extent degrees. Angles start with 0 to the right (+x) and increase counter-clockwise. These should have x1<x2 and y1<y2.

The algorithm is an elliptical generalization of the formulae in Jim Fitzsimmon's TeX tutorial <URL: http://www.tinaja.com/bezarcl.pdf>.

```
def arcTo(self, x1,y1, x2,y2, startAng=0, extent=90):
```

Like arc, but draws a line from the current point to the start if the start is not the current point.

```
def circle(self, x_cen, y_cen, r):
    adds a circle to the path
def close(self):
```

draws a line back to where it started def curveTo(self, x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3):

(no documentation string)

def ellipse(self, x, y, width, height):

adds an ellipse to the path

def getCode(self):

pack onto one line; used internally

def lineTo(self, x, y):

(no documentation string)

def moveTo(self, x, y):

(no documentation string)

def rect(self, x, y, width, height):

Adds a rectangle to the path

def roundRect(self, x, y, width, height, radius):

Draws a rectangle with rounded corners. The corners are approximately quadrants of a circle, with the given radius.

# reportlab.pdfgen.textobject module

The method Canvas.beginText allows users to construct a PDFTextObject, which is defined in reportlab/pdfgen/textobject.py.

```
Class PDFTextObject:
```

PDF logically separates text and graphics drawing; text operations need to be bracketed between BT (Begin text) and ET operators. This class ensures text operations are properly encapusalted. Ask the canvas for a text object with beginText( $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ). Do not construct one directly. Do not use multiple text objects in parallel; PDF is not multi-threaded!

It keeps track of x and y coordinates relative to its origin.

#### def getCode(self):

pack onto one line; used internally

#### def getCursor(self):

Returns current text position relative to the last origin.

#### def getStartOfLine(self):

Returns a tuple giving the text position of the start of the current line.

### def getX(self):

Returns current x position relative to the last origin.

#### def getY(self):

Returns current y position relative to the last origin.

#### def moveCursor(self, dx, dy):

Starts a new line at an offset dx,dy from the start of the current line. This does not move the cursor relative to the current position, and it changes the current offset of every future line drawn (i.e. if you next do a textLine() call, it will move the cursor to a position one line lower than the position specificied in this call.

# def setCharSpace(self, charSpace):

Adjusts inter-character spacing

### def setFont(self, psfontname, size, leading = None):

Sets the font. If leading not specified, defaults to  $1.2\ x$  font size. Raises a readable exception if an illegal font is supplied. Font names are case-sensitive! Keeps track of font anme and size for metrics.

# def setHorizScale(self, horizScale):

Stretches text out horizontally

### def setLeading(self, leading):

How far to move down at the end of a line.

### def setRise(self, rise):

Move text baseline up or down to allow superscrip/subscripts

### def setTextOrigin(self, x, y):

(no documentation string)

# def setTextRenderMode(self, mode):

Set the text rendering mode.

- 0 = Fill text
- 1 = Stroke text
- 2 = Fill then stroke
- 3 = Invisible
- 4 = Fill text and add to clipping path
- 5 = Stroke text and add to clipping path
- 6 = Fill then stroke and add to clipping path

### 7 = Add to clipping path

after we start clipping we mustn't change the mode back until after the ET

# def setTextTransform(self, a, b, c, d, e, f):

Like setTextOrigin, but does rotation, scaling etc.

### def setWordSpace(self, wordSpace):

Adjust inter-word spacing. This can be used to flush-justify text - you get the width of the words, and add some space between them.

#### def setXPos(self, dx):

Starts a new line dx away from the start of the current line - NOT from the current point! So if you call it in mid-sentence, watch out.

# def textLine(self, text=''):

prints string at current point, text cursor moves down. Can work with no argument to simply move the cursor down.

### def textLines(self, stuff, trim=1):

prints multi-line or newlined strings, moving down. One comon use is to quote a multi-line block in your Python code; since this may be indented, by default it trims whitespace off each line and from the beginning; set trim=0 to preserve whitespace.

#### def textOut(self, text):

prints string at current point, text cursor moves across.

# reportlab.pdfgen.pdfgeom module

This module includes any mathematical methods needed for PIDDLE. It should have no dependencies beyond the Python library. So far, just Robert Kern's bezierArc.

#### def bezierArc(x1,y1, x2,y2, startAng=0, extent=90):

bezierArc(x1,y1, x2,y2, startAng=0, extent=90) --> List of Bezier
curve control points.

(x1, y1) and (x2, y2) are the corners of the enclosing rectangle. The coordinate system has coordinates that increase to the right and down. Angles, measured in degress, start with 0 to the right (the positive X axis) and increase counter-clockwise. The arc extends from startAng to startAng+extent. I.e. startAng=0 and extent=180 yields an openside-down semi-circle.

The resulting coordinates are of the form (x1,y1, x2,y2, x3,y3, x4,y4) such that the curve goes from (x1, y1) to (x4, y4) with (x2, y2) and (x3, y3) as their respective Bezier control points.

# reportlab.pdfgen.pdfimages module

Image functionality sliced out of canvas.py for generalization

#### Class PDFImage:

Wrapper around different "image sources". You can make images from a PIL Image object, a filename (in which case it uses PIL), an image we previously cached (optimisation, hardly used these days) or a JPEG (which PDF supports natively).

```
def PIL_imagedata(self):
   (no documentation string)
```

# def cache\_imagedata(self):

(no documentation string)

### def drawInlineImage(self, canvas, preserveAspectRatio=False,anchor='sw'):

Draw an Image into the specified rectangle. If width and height are omitted, they are calculated from the image size. Also allow file names as well as images. This allows a caching mechanism

### def format(self, document):

Allow it to be used within pdfdoc framework. This only defines how it is stored, not how it is drawn later.

# def getImageData(self,preserveAspectRatio=False):

Gets data, height, width - whatever type of image

# def jpg imagedata(self):

(no documentation string)

# def non\_jpg\_imagedata(self,image):

(no documentation string)

# reportlab.pdfgen.pycanvas module

A contributed Canvas class which can also output Python source code to "replay" operations later pycanvas.Canvas class works exactly like canvas.Canvas, but you can call str() on pycanvas.Canvas instances. Doing so will return the Python source code equivalent to your own program, which would, when run, produce the same PDF document as your original program. Generated Python source code defines a doIt() function which accepts a filename or file-like object as its first parameter, and an optional boolean parameter named "regenerate". The doIt() function will generate a PDF document and save it in the file you specified in this argument. If the regenerate parameter is set then it will also return an automatically generated equivalent Python source code as a string of text, which you can run again to produce the very same PDF document and the Python source code, which you can run again... ad nauseam ! If the regenerate parameter is unset or not used at all (it then defaults to being unset) then None is returned and the doIt() function is much much faster, it is also much faster than the original non-serialized program. the tests/test\_pdfgen\_pycanvas.py program is the test suite for pycanvas, you can do the following to run it: First set verbose=1 in

reportlab/rl\_config.py then from the command interpreter : \$ cd tests \$ python test\_pdfgen\_pycanvas.py >n1.py this will produce both n1.py and test\_pdfgen\_pycanvas.pdf then : \$ python n1.py n1.pdf >n2.py \$ python n2.py n2.pdf >n3.py \$ ... n1.py, n2.py, n3.py and so on will be identical files. they eventually may end being a bit different because of rounding problems, mostly in the comments, but this doesn't matter since the values really are the same (e.g. 0 instead of 0.0, or .53instead of 0.53)  $\rm n1.pdf$ ,  $\rm n2.pdf$ ,  $\rm n3.pdf$  and so on will be PDF files similar to test\_pdfgen\_pycanvas.pdf. Alternatively you can import n1.py (or n3.py, or n16384.py if you prefer) in your own program, and then call its doIt function : import n1 pythonsource = nl.doIt("myfile.pdf", regenerate=1) Or if you don't need the python source code and want a faster result : import nl nl.doIt("myfile.pdf") When the generated source code is run directly as an independant program, then the equivalent python source code is printed to stdout, e.g. : python n1.py will print the python source code equivalent to n1.py Why would you want to use such a beast ? - To linearize (serialize?) a program : optimizing some complex parts for example. - To debug : reading the generated Python source code may help you or the ReportLab team to diagnose problems. The generated code is now clearly commented and shows nesting levels, page numbers, and so on. You can use the generated script when asking for support : we can see the results you obtain without needing your datas or complete application. - To create standalone scripts : say your program uses a high level environment to generate its output (databases, RML, etc...), using this class would give you an equivalent program but with complete independance from the high level environment (e.g. if you don't have Oracle). - To contribute some nice looking PDF documents to the ReportLab website without having to send a complete application you don't want to distribute. -... Insert your own ideas here ... - For fun because you can do it !

#### def buildargs(\*args, \*\*kwargs) :

Constructs a printable list of arguments suitable for use in source function calls.

#### Class Canvas:

Our fake Canvas class, which will intercept each and every method or attribute access.

#### Class PDFAction:

Base class to fake method calls or attributes on PDF objects (Canvas, PDFPathObject, PDFTextObject).

#### Class PDFObject:

Base class for PDF objects like PDFPathObject and PDFTextObject.

# reportlab.platypus subpackage

The platypus package defines our high-level page layout API. The division into modules is far from final and has been based more on balancing the module lengths than on any particular programming interface. The \_\_init\_\_ module imports the key classes into the top level of the package.

# **Overall Structure**

Abstractly Platypus currently can be thought of has having four levels: documents, pages, frames and flowables (things which can fit into frames in some way). In practice there is a fifth level, the canvas, so that if you want you can do anything that pdfgen's canvas allows.

# **Document Templates**

# **BaseDocTemplate**

The basic document template class; it provides for initialisation and rendering of documents. A whole bunch of methods handle\_xxx handle document rendering events. These event routines all contain some significant semantics so while these may be overridden that may require some detailed knowledge. Some other methods are completely virtual and are designed to be overridden.

# **BaseDocTemplate**

#### Class BaseDocTemplate:

First attempt at defining a document template class.

The basic idea is simple.

- The document has a list of data associated with it this data should derive from flowables. We'll have special classes like PageBreak, FrameBreak to do things like forcing a page end etc.
- 2) The document has one or more page templates.
- 3) Each page template has one or more frames.
- 4) The document class provides base methods for handling the story events and some reasonable methods for getting the story flowables into the frames.
- 5) The document instances can override the base handler routines.

Most of the methods for this class are not called directly by the user, but in some advanced usages they may need to be overridden via subclassing.

EXCEPTION: doctemplate.build( $\dots$ ) must be called for most reasonable uses since it builds a document using the page template.

Each document template builds exactly one document into a file specified by the filename argument on initialization.

Possible keyword arguments for the initialization:

- pageTemplates: A list of templates. Must be nonempty. Names assigned to the templates are used for referring to them so no two used templates should have the same name. For example you might want one template for a title page, one for a section first page, one for a first page of a chapter and two more for the interior of a chapter on odd and even pages. If this argument is omitted then at least one pageTemplate should be provided using the addPageTemplates method before the document is built.
- pageSize: a 2-tuple or a size constant from reportlab/lib/pagesizes.pu.
   Used by the SimpleDocTemplate subclass which does NOT accept a list of pageTemplates but makes one for you; ignored when using pageTemplates.
- show Boundary: if set draw a box around the frame boundaries.
- leftMargin:
- rightMargin:

```
- topMargin:
- bottomMargin: Margin sizes in points (default 1 inch). These margins may be
 overridden by the pageTemplates. They are primarily of interest for the
 SimpleDocumentTemplate subclass.
- allowSplitting: If set flowables (eg, paragraphs) may be split across frames or pages
 (default: 1)
- title: Internal title for document (does not automatically display on any page)
- author: Internal author for document (does not automatically display on any page)
def addPageTemplates(self,pageTemplates):
   add one or a sequence of pageTemplates
def afterFlowable(self, flowable):
   called after a flowable has been rendered
def afterInit(self):
   This is called after initialisation of the base class.
def afterPage(self):
   This is called after page processing, and
   immediately after the afterDrawPage method
   of the current page template.
def beforeDocument(self):
   This is called before any processing is
   done on the document.
def beforePage(self):
   This is called at the beginning of page
   processing, and immediately before the
   beforeDrawPage method of the current page
   template.
def build(self, flowables, filename=None, canvasmaker=canvas.Canvas):
   Build the document from a list of flowables.
   If the filename argument is provided then that filename is used
   rather than the one provided upon initialization.
   If the canvasmaker argument is provided then it will be used
   instead of the default. For example a slideshow might use
   an alternate canvas which places 6 slides on a page (by
   doing translations, scalings and redefining the page break
   operations).
def clean_hanging(self):
   handle internal postponed actions
def docAssign(self,var,expr,lifetime):
   (no documentation string)
def docEval(self,expr):
   (no documentation string)
def docExec(self,stmt,lifetime):
   (no documentation string)
def filterFlowables(self,flowables):
   called to filter flowables at the start of the main handle_flowable method.
   Upon return if flowables[0] has been set to None it is discarded and the main
   method returns.
def handle_breakBefore(self, flowables):
   preprocessing step to allow pageBreakBefore and frameBreakBefore attributes
def handle currentFrame(self,fx,resume=0):
   change to the frame with name or index fx
def handle_documentBegin(self):
   implement actions at beginning of document
def handle flowable(self.flowables):
```

try to handle one flowable from the front of list flowables.

```
def handle_frameBegin(self,resume=0):
   What to do at the beginning of a frame
def handle_frameEnd(self,resume=0):
   Handles the semantics of the end of a frame. This includes the selection of
   the next frame or if this is the last frame then invoke pageEnd.
def handle_keepWithNext(self, flowables):
   implements keepWithNext
def handle_nextFrame(self,fx,resume=0):
   On endFrame change to the frame with name or index fx
def handle_nextPageTemplate(self,pt):
   On endPage change to the page template with name or index pt
def handle_pageBegin(self):
   Perform actions required at beginning of page.
   shouldn't normally be called directly
def handle_pageBreak(self,slow=None):
   some might choose not to end all the frames
def handle_pageEnd(self):
   show the current page
   check the next page template
   hang a page begin
def multiBuild(self, story,
               maxPasses = 10,
               **buildKwds
   Makes multiple passes until all indexing flowables
   are happy.
   Returns number of passes
def notify(self, kind, stuff):
   Forward to any listeners
def pageRef(self, label):
   hook to register a page number
def setPageCallBack(self, func):
   Simple progress monitor - func(pageNo) called on each new page
def setProgressCallBack(self, func):
   Cleverer progress monitor - func(typ, value) called regularly
```

A simple document processor can be made using derived class, **SimpleDocTemplate**.

# **SimpleDocTemplate**

# Class SimpleDocTemplate:

A special case document template that will handle many simple documents. See documentation for BaseDocTemplate. No pageTemplates are required for this special case. A page templates are inferred from the margin information and the onFirstPage, onLaterPages arguments to the build method.

A document which has all pages with the same look except for the first page may can be built using this special approach.

# def build(self,flowables,onFirstPage=\_doNothing, onLaterPages=\_doNothing, canvasmaker=canvas.Canvas):

build the document using the flowables. Annotate the first page using the onFirstPage function and later pages using the onLaterPages function. The onXXX pages should follow the signature

```
def myOnFirstPage(canvas, document):
    # do annotations and modify the document
```

The functions can do things like draw logos, page numbers, footers, etcetera. They can use external variables to vary the look (for example providing page numbering or section names).

#### def handle\_pageBegin(self):

override base method to add a change of page template after the firstpage.

# **Flowables**

# Class Paragraph:

```
Paragraph(text, style, bulletText=None, caseSensitive=1)
text a string of stuff to go into the paragraph.
style is a style definition as in reportlab.lib.styles.
bulletText is an optional bullet defintion.
caseSensitive set this to 0 if you want the markup tags and their attributes to be case-insensitive.
This class is a flowable that can format a block of text
into a paragraph with a given style.
The paragraph Text can contain XML-like markup including the tags:
<i> ... </i> - italics
<u> ... </u> - underline
<strike> ... </strike> - strike through
<super> ... </super> - superscript
<sub> ... </sub> - subscript
<font name=fontfamily/fontname color=colorname size=float>
<span name=fontfamily/fontname color=colorname backcolor=colorname size=float style=stylename>
<onDraw name=callable label="a label"/>
<index [name="callablecanvasattribute"] label="a label"/>
<link>link text</link>
attributes of links
size/fontSize=num
name/face/fontName=name
fg/textColor/color=color
backcolor/backColor/bgcolor=color
dest/destination/target/href/link=target
<a>anchor text</a>
attributes of anchors
fontSize=num
fontName=name
fg/textColor/color=color
backcolor/backColor/bgcolor=color
href=href
<a name="anchorpoint"/>
<unichar name="unicode character name"/>
<unichar value="unicode code point"/>
<img src="path" width="lin" height="lin" valign="bottom"/>
        width="w%" --> fontSize*w/100
                                         idea from Roberto Alsina
        height="h%" --> linewidth*h/100 <ralsina@netmanagers.com.ar>
The whole may be surrounded by <para> </para> tags
The <b> and <i> tags will work for the built-in fonts (Helvetica
/Times / Courier). For other fonts you need to register a family
of 4 fonts using reportlab.pdfbase.pdfmetrics.registerFont; then
use the addMapping function to tell the library that these 4 fonts
form a family e.g.
from reportlab.lib.fonts import addMapping
addMapping('Vera', 0, 0, 'Vera') #normal addMapping('Vera', 0, 1, 'Vera-Italic') addMapping('Vera', 1, 0, 'Vera-Bold') #bdaddMapping('Vera', 1, 1, 'Vera-BoldItalic')
                                             #italic
                                           #bold
                                                 #italic and bold
It will also be able to handle any MathML specified Greek characters.
def beginText(self, x, y):
    (no documentation string)
def breakLines(self, width):
    Returns a broken line structure. There are two cases
    A) For the simple case of a single formatting input fragment the output is
        A fragment specifier with
            - kind = 0
            - fontName, fontSize, leading, textColor
            - lines= A list of lines
                     Each line has two items.
                     1. unused width in points
                     2. word list
```

```
B) When there is more than one input formatting fragment the output is
           A fragment specifier with
              - kind = 1
              - lines= A list of fragments each having fields

    extraspace (needed for justified)

                            - fontSize
                            - words=word list
                               each word is itself a fragment with
                                various settings
       This structure can be used to easily draw paragraphs with the various alignments.
       You can supply either a single width or a list of widths; the latter will have its
       last item repeated until necessary. A 2-element list is useful when there is a
       different first line indent; a longer list could be created to facilitate custom wraps
       around irregular objects.
    def breakLinesCJK(self, maxWidths):
       Initially, the dumbest possible wrapping algorithm.
       Cannot handle font variations.
    def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def drawPara(self,debug=0):
       Draws a paragraph according to the given style.
       Returns the final y position at the bottom. Not safe for
       paragraphs without spaces e.g. Japanese; wrapping
       algorithm will go infinite.
    def getPlainText(self,identify=None):
       Convenience function for templates which want access
       to the raw text, without XML tags.
    def minWidth(self):
       Attempt to determine a minimum sensible width
   def split(self,availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
Class Flowable:
   Abstract base class for things to be drawn. Key concepts:
   1. It knows its size
   2. It draws in its own coordinate system (this requires the
      base API to provide a translate() function.
    def drawOn(self, canvas, x, y, _sW=0):
       Tell it to draw itself on the canvas. Do not override
   def getKeepWithNext(self):
       returns boolean determining whether the next flowable should stay with this one
    def getSpaceAfter(self):
       returns how much space should follow this item if another item follows on the same page.
   def getSpaceBefore(self):
       returns how much space should precede this item if another item precedess on the same page.
    def identity(self, maxLen=None):
       This method should attempt to return a string that can be used to identify
       a particular flowable uniquely. The result can then be used for debugging
       and or error printouts
    def isIndexing(self):
       Hook for IndexingFlowables - things which have cross references
    def minWidth(self):
       This should return the minimum required width
```

```
def split(self, availWidth, availheight):
       This will be called by more sophisticated frames when
       wrap fails. Stupid flowables should return []. Clever flowables
       should split themselves and return a list of flowables.
       If they decide that nothing useful can be fitted in the
       available space (e.g. if you have a table and not enough
       space for the first row), also return []
    def splitOn(self, canv, aW, aH):
       intended for use by packers allows setting the canvas on
       during the actual split
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       This will be called by the enclosing frame before objects
       are asked their size, drawn or whatever. It returns the
       size actually used.
    def wrapOn(self, canv, aW, aH):
       intended for use by packers allows setting the canvas on
       during the actual wrap
Class XBox:
   Example flowable - a box with an x through it and a caption.
   This has a known size, so does not need to respond to wrap().
       (no documentation string)
Class Preformatted:
   This is like the HTML <PRE> tag.
   It attempts to display text exactly as you typed it in a fixed width "typewriter" font.
   By default the line breaks are exactly where you put them, and it will not be wrapped.
   You can optionally define a maximum line length and the code will be wrapped; and
   extra characters to be inserted at the beginning of each wrapped line (e.g. '> ').
    def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def minWidth(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def split(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
   def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
Class Image:
   an image (digital picture). Formats supported by PIL/Java 1.4 (the Python/Java Imaging Library
   are supported. At the present time images as flowables are always centered horozontally
   in the frame. We allow for two kinds of lazyness to allow for many images in a document
   which could lead to file handle starvation.
   lazy=1 don't open image until required.
   lazy=2 open image when required then shut it.
    def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def identity(self,maxLen=None):
       (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
Class NullDraw:
    (no documentation string)
    def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
Class Spacer:
```

```
A spacer just takes up space and doesn't draw anything - it guarantees
    a gap between objects.
Class UseUpSpace:
    (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
        (no documentation string)
Class PageBreak:
    Move on to the next page in the document.
    This works by consuming all remaining space in the frame!
Class SlowPageBreak:
    (no documentation string)
Class CondPageBreak:
    use up a frame if not enough vertical space effectively CondFrameBreak
    def identity(self,maxLen=None):
        (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
        (no documentation string)
Class KeepTogether:
    (no documentation string)
    def identity(self, maxLen=None):
        (no documentation string)
    def split(self, aW, aH):
        (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, aW, aH):
        (no documentation string)
Class Macro:
    This is not actually drawn (i.e. it has zero height)
   but is executed when it would fit in the frame. Allows direct access to the canvas through the object 'canvas'
    def draw(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
        (no documentation string)
Class CallerMacro:
    like Macro, but with callable command(s)
    drawCallable(self)
    wrapCallable(self,aW,aH)
    def draw(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, aW, aH):
        (no documentation string)
Class ParagraphAndImage:
    combine a Paragraph and an Image
    def draw(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def getSpaceAfter(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def getSpaceBefore(self):
        (no documentation string)
```

```
def split(self,availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
   def wrap(self,availWidth,availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
Class KeepInFrame:
    (no documentation string)
   def drawOn(self, canv, x, y, _sW=0):
       (no documentation string)
    def identity(self, maxLen=None):
       (no documentation string)
   def wrap(self,availWidth,availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
Class ImageAndFlowables:
   combine a list of flowables and an Image
    def deepcopy(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def drawOn(self, canv, x, y, _sW=0):
       (no documentation string)
    def getSpaceAfter(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def getSpaceBefore(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def split(self,availWidth, availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
   def wrap(self,availWidth,availHeight):
       (no documentation string)
Class AnchorFlowable:
   create a bookmark in the pdf
    def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self,aW,aH):
       (no documentation string)
Class FrameSplitter:
   When encountered this flowable should either switch directly to nextTemplate
   if remaining space in the current frame is less than gap+required or it should
   temporarily modify the current template to have the frames from nextTemplate
   that are listed in nextFrames and switch to the first of those frames.
    def wrap(self,aW,aH):
       (no documentation string)
Class TableOfContents:
   This creates a formatted table of contents.
       It presumes a correct block of data is passed in.
       The data block contains a list of (level, text, pageNumber)
       triplets. You can supply a paragraph style for each level
       (starting at zero).
       Set dotsMinLevel to determine from which level on a line of
       dots should be drawn between the text and the page number.
       If dotsMinLevel is set to a negative value, no dotted lines are drawn.
    def addEntries(self, listOfEntries):
       Bulk creation of entries in the table of contents.
```

```
If you knew the titles but not the page numbers, you could
               supply them to get sensible output on the first run.
    def addEntry(self, level, text, pageNum, key=None):
       Adds one entry to the table of contents.
               This allows incremental buildup by a doctemplate.
               Requires that enough styles are defined.
    def beforeBuild(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def clearEntries(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def drawOn(self, canvas, x, y, _sW=0):
       Don't do this at home! The standard calls for implementing
       draw(); we are hooking this in order to delegate ALL the drawing
       work to the embedded table object.
    def getLevelStyle(self, n):
       Returns the style for level n, generating and caching styles on demand if not present.
    def isIndexing(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def isSatisfied(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def notify(self, kind, stuff):
       The notification hook called to register all kinds of events.
               Here we are interested in 'TOCEntry' events only.
   def split(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       At this stage we do not care about splitting the entries,
       we will just return a list of platypus tables. Presumably the
       calling app has a pointer to the original TableOfContents object;
       Platypus just sees tables.
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       All table properties should be known by now.
Class SimpleIndex:
   Creates multi level indexes.
   The styling can be cutomized and alphabetic headers turned on and off.
    def addEntry(self, text, pageNum, key=None):
       Allows incremental buildup
    def beforeBuild(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def clearEntries(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def drawOn(self, canvas, x, y, _sW=0):
       Don't do this at home! The standard calls for implementing
       draw(); we are hooking this in order to delegate ALL the drawing
       work to the embedded table object.
    def getCanvasMaker(self, canvasmaker=canvas.Canvas):
       (no documentation string)
   def getFormatFunc(self,format):
       (no documentation string)
    def getLevelStyle(self, n):
```

```
Returns the style for level n, generating and caching styles on demand if not present.
    def isIndexing(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def isSatisfied(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def notify(self, kind, stuff):
       The notification hook called to register all kinds of events.
                Here we are interested in 'IndexEntry' events only.
    def setup(self, style=None, dot=None, tableStyle=None, headers=True, name=None, format='123', offset=0):
       This method makes it possible to change styling and other parameters on an existing object.
       style is the paragraph style to use for index entries.
       dot can either be None or a string. If it's None, entries are immediatly followed by their
           corresponding page numbers. If it's a string, page numbers are aligned on the right side
           of the document and the gap filled with a repeating sequence of the string.
       tableStyle is the style used by the table which the index uses to draw itself. Use this to
       change properties like spacing between elements.
headers is a boolean. If it is True, alphabetic headers are displayed in the Index when the first
       letter changes. If False, we just output some extra space before the next item
       name makes it possible to use several indexes in one document. If you want this use this
           parameter to give each index a unique name. You can then index a term by refering to the
           name of the index which it should appear in:
                <index item="term" name="myindex" />
       format can be 'I', 'i', '123', 'ABC', 'abc'
    def split(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       At this stage we do not care about splitting the entries,
       we will just return a list of platypus tables. Presumably the
       calling app has a pointer to the original TableOfContents object;
       Platypus just sees tables.
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
       All table properties should be known by now.
Class XPreformatted:
    (no documentation string)
    def breakLines(self, width):
       Returns a broken line structure. There are two cases
       A) For the simple case of a single formatting input fragment the output is
           A fragment specifier with
                - kind = 0
               - fontName, fontSize, leading, textColor
                - lines= A list of lines
                   Each line has two items:
                   1. unused width in points
                    2. a list of words
       B) When there is more than one input formatting fragment the out put is
           A fragment specifier with
               - kind = 1
                - lines = A list of fragments each having fields:
                    - extraspace (needed for justified)
                    - fontSize
                    - words=word list
                    - each word is itself a fragment with
                    - various settings
       This structure can be used to easily draw paragraphs with the various alignments.
       You can supply either a single width or a list of widths; the latter will have its
       last item repeated until necessary. A 2-element list is useful when there is a
       different first line indent; a longer list could be created to facilitate custom wraps
       around irregular objects.
```

# def breakLinesCJK(self, width):

pointer to breakLines

# Class PythonPreformatted:

Used for syntax-colored Python code, otherwise like XPreformatted.

# def escapeHtml(self, text):

(no documentation string)

# def fontify(self, code):

Return a fontified version of some Python code.

# reportlab.lib subpackage

This package contains a number of modules which either add utility to pdfgen and platypus, or which are of general use in graphics applications.

# reportlab.lib.colors module

```
Defines standard colour-handling classes and colour names. We define standard classes
    to hold colours in two models: RGB and CMYK. These can be constructed from several
    popular formats. We also include - pre-built colour objects for the HTML standard
    colours - pre-built colours used in ReportLab's branding - various conversion and
    construction functions These tests are here because doctest cannot find them otherwise.
    >>> toColor('rgb(128,0,0)')==toColor('rgb(50%,0%,0%)') True >>>
    toColor('rgb(50%,0%,0%)')!=Color(0.5,0,0,1) True >>>
    toColor('hsl(0,100%,50%)')==toColor('rgb(255,0,0)') True >>>
    toColor('hsl(-120,100%,50%)')==toColor('rgb(0,0,255)') True >>>
    toColor('hsl(120,100%,50%)')==toColor('rgb(0,255,0)') True >>> toColor('rgba(
   255,0,0,0.5)')==Color(1,0,0,0.5) True >>> toColor('cmyk(1,0,0,0))')==CMYKColor(1,0,0,0) True >>> toColor('pcmyk( 100 , 0 , 0 , 0 )')==PCMYKColor(100,0,0,0) True >>>
    toColor('cmyka(1,0,0,0,0.5)') = CMYKColor(1,0,0,0,alpha=0.5) True >>>
    toColor('pcmyka(100,0,0,0,0.5)')==PCMYKColor(100,0,0,0,alpha=0.5) True >>>
    toColor('pcmyka(100,0,0,0)') Traceback (most recent call last): .... ValueError: css
    color 'pcmyka(100,0,0,0)' has wrong number of components
def Blacker(c,f):
    given a color combine with black as c*f+b*(1-f) 0<=f<=1
def HexColor(val, htmlOnly=False, hasAlpha=False):
    This function converts a hex string, or an actual integer number,
   into the corresponding color. E.g., in "#AABBCC" or OxAABBCC, AA is the red, BB is the green, and CC is the blue (00-FF).
    An alpha value can also be given in the form #AABBCCDD or 0xAABBCCDD where
    DD is the alpha value if hasAlpha is True.
    For completeness I assume that #aabbcc or 0xaabbcc are hex numbers
    otherwise a pure integer is converted as decimal rgb. If htmlOnly is true,
    only the #aabbcc form is allowed.
    >>> HexColor('#ffffff')
    Color(1,1,1,1)
    >>> HexColor('#FFFFFF')
    Color(1,1,1,1)
    >>> HexColor('0xffffff')
    Color(1,1,1,1)
    >>> HexColor('16777215')
    Color(1,1,1,1)
    An '0x' or '#' prefix is required for hex (as opposed to decimal):
    >>> HexColor('ffffff')
    Traceback (most recent call last):
    ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'ffffff'
    >>> HexColor('#FFFFFF', htmlOnly=True)
    Color(1,1,1,1)
    >>> HexColor('0xffffff', htmlOnly=True)
    Traceback (most recent call last):
    ValueError: not a hex string
    >>> HexColor('16777215', htmlOnly=True)
    Traceback (most recent call last):
    ValueError: not a hex string
def Whiter(c,f):
    given a color combine with white as c*f w*(1-f) 0 <= f <= 1
def cmyk2rgb(cmyk,density=1):
    Convert from a CMYK color tuple to an RGB color tuple
def cmykDistance(col1, col2):
    Returns a number between 0 and root(4) stating how similar
    two colours are - distance in r,g,b, space. Only used to find
    names for things.
```

```
def color2bw(colorRGB):
   Transform an RGB color to a black and white equivalent.
def colorDistance(col1, col2):
   Returns a number between 0 and root(3) stating how similar
   two colours are - distance in r,g,b, space. Only used to find
   names for things.
def describe(aColor,mode=0):
   finds nearest colour match to aColor.
   mode=0 print a string desription
   mode=1 return a string description
   mode=2 return (distance, colorName)
def fade(aSpotColor, percentages):
   Waters down spot colors and returns a list of new ones
       e.g fade(myColor, [100,80,60,40,20]) returns a list of five colors
def getAllNamedColors():
    (no documentation string)
def hsl2rgb(h, s, 1):
    (no documentation string)
def hue2rgb(m1, m2, h):
    (no documentation string)
def linearlyInterpolatedColor(c0, c1, x0, x1, x):
   Linearly interpolates colors. Can handle RGB, CMYK and PCMYK
   colors - give ValueError if colours aren't the same.
   Doesn't currently handle 'Spot Color Interpolation'.
def obj_R_G_B(c):
   attempt to convert an object to (red, green, blue)
def rgb2cmyk(r,g,b):
   one way to get cmyk from rgb
def setColors(**kw):
    (no documentation string)
def toColorOrNone(arg,default=None):
   as above but allows None as a legal value
Class CMYKColor:
   This represents colors using the CMYK (cyan, magenta, yellow, black)
   model commonly used in professional printing. This is implemented
   as a derived class so that renderers which only know about RGB "see it"
   as an RGB color through its 'red', 'green' and 'blue' attributes, according
   to an approximate function.
   The RGB approximation is worked out when the object in constructed, so
   the color attributes should not be changed afterwards.
   Extra attributes may be attached to the class to support specific ink models,
   and renderers may look for these.
   def cmyk(self):
       Returns a tuple of four color components - syntactic sugar
   def cmyka(self):
       Returns a tuple of five color components - syntactic sugar
    def fader(self, n, reverse=False):
       return n colors based on density fade
       *NB* note this dosen't reach density zero
Class CMYKColorSep:
   special case color for making separating pdfs
```

```
Class Color:
   This class is used to represent color. Components red, green, blue
   are in the range 0 (dark) to 1 (full intensity).
   def bitmap_rgb(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def bitmap_rgba(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def clone(self,**kwds):
       copy then change values in kwds
   def hexval(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def hexvala(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def int rgb(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def int_rgba(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def rgb(self):
       Returns a three-tuple of components
    def rgba(self):
       Returns a four-tuple of components
Class PCMYKColor:
   100 based CMYKColor with density and a spotName; just like Rimas uses
Class PCMYKColorSep:
   special case color for making separating pdfs
reportlab.lib.corp module
   Generate ReportLab logo in a variety of sizes and formats. This module includes some
   reusable routines for ReportLab's 'Corporate Image' - the logo, standard page backdrops
   and so on - you are advised to do the same for your own company!
def test():
   This function produces a pdf with examples.
Class RL_BusinessCard:
   Widget that creates a single business card.
   Uses RL_CorpLogo for the logo.
   For a black border around your card, set self.border to 1.
   To change the details on the card, over-ride the following properties:
   self.name, self.position, self.telephone, self.mobile, self.fax, self.email, self.web
   The office locations are set in self.rh_blurb_top ("London office" etc), and
   self.rh_blurb_bottom ("New York office" etc).
   def demo(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def draw(self):
       (no documentation string)
Class RL_CorpLogo:
   Dinu's fat letter logo as hacked into decent paths by Robin
    def demo(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def draw(self):
```

```
(no documentation string)
Class RL_CorpLogoReversed:
    (no documentation string)
Class RL_CorpLogoThin:
   The ReportLab Logo.
        New version created by John Precedo on 7-8 August 2001.
        Based on bitmapped imaged from E-Id.
        Improved by Robin Becker.
    def demo(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def draw(self):
        (no documentation string)
Class ReportLabLogo:
   vector reportlab logo centered in a 250x by 150y rectangle
    def draw(self, canvas):
        (no documentation string)
reportlab.lib.enums module
   Container for constants. Hardly used!
reportlab.lib.fonts module
   Utilities to associate bold and italic versions of fonts into families Bold, italic and
   plain fonts are usually implemented in separate disk files; but non-trivial apps want
   this to do the right thing. We therefore need to keep 'mappings' between the font
    family name and the right group of up to 4 implementation fonts to use. Most
    font-handling code lives in pdfbase, and this probably should too.
def addMapping(face, bold, italic, psname):
   allow a custom font to be put in the mapping
def ps2tt(psfn):
   ps fontname to family name, bold, italic
def tt2ps(fn,b,i):
    family name + bold & italic to ps font name
reportlab.lib.pagesizes module
   This module defines a few common page sizes in points (1/72 \text{ inch}). To be expanded to
    include things like label sizes, envelope windows etc.
def landscape(pagesize):
   Use this to get page orientation right
def portrait(pagesize):
   Use this to get page orientation right
reportlab.lib.sequencer module
   A Sequencer class counts things. It aids numbering and formatting lists.
def getSequencer():
    (no documentation string)
def setSequencer(seq):
    (no documentation string)
def test():
    (no documentation string)
```

#### Class Sequencer:

```
Something to make it easy to number paragraphs, sections, images and anything else. The features include registering
new string formats for sequences, and 'chains' whereby
some counters are reset when their parents.
It keeps track of a number of
'counters', which are created on request:
Usage::
    >>> seq = layout.Sequencer()
    >>> seq.next('Bullets')
    >>> seq.next('Bullets')
    >>> seq.next('Bullets')
    >>> seq.reset('Bullets')
    >>> seq.next('Bullets')
    >>> seq.next('Figures')
    >>>
def chain(self, parent, child):
    (no documentation string)
def dump(self):
    Write current state to stdout for diagnostics
def format(self, template):
    The crowning jewels - formats multi-level lists.
def next(self, counter=None):
    Retrieves the numeric value for the given counter, then
    increments it by one. New counters start at one.
def nextf(self, counter=None):
    Retrieves the numeric value for the given counter, then
    increments it by one. New counters start at one.
def registerFormat(self, format, func):
    Registers a new formatting function. The funtion
    must take a number as argument and return a string;
    fmt is a short menmonic string used to access it.
def reset(self, counter=None, base=0):
    (no documentation string)
def setDefaultCounter(self, default=None):
    Changes the key used for the default
def setFormat(self, counter, format):
    Specifies that the given counter should use
    the given format henceforth.
def thisf(self, counter=None):
    (no documentation string)
```

# reportlab.lib.abag module

of dict.

Class ABag:

'Attribute Bag' - a trivial BAG class for holding attributes.

This predates modern Python. Doing this again, we'd use a subclass

Data structure to hold a collection of attributes, used by styles.

```
You may initialize with keyword arguments.

a = ABag(k0=v0,....,kx=vx,....) ==> getattr(a,'kx')==vx
```

c = a.clone(ak0=av0,....) copy with optional additional attributes.

lower left corner) which

and c for centre,

```
def clone(self,**attr):
    (no documentation string)
```

# reportlab.lib.attrmap module

```
Framework for objects whose assignments are checked. Used by graphics. We developed
          reportlab/graphics prior to Python 2 and metaclasses. For the graphics, we wanted to be
         able to declare the attributes of a class, check them on assignment, and convert from
         string arguments. Examples of attrmap-based objects can be found in
         reportlab/graphics/shapes. It lets us defined structures like the one below, which are
          seen more modern form in Django models and other frameworks. We'll probably replace
         this one day soon, hopefully with no impact on client code. class Rect(SolidShape): """Rectangle, possibly with rounded corners.""" _attrMap = AttrMap(BASE=SolidShape, x =
         AttrMapValue(isNumber), \ y = AttrMapValue(isNumber), \ width = AttrMapV
         height = AttrMapValue(isNumber), rx = AttrMapValue(isNumber), ry =
         AttrMapValue(isNumber), )
def addProxyAttribute(src,name,validate=None,desc=None,initial=None,dst=None):
         Add a proxy attribute 'name' to src with targets dst
def hook__setattr__(obj):
          (no documentation string)
def validateSetattr(obj,name,value):
         validate setattr(obj,name,value)
Class AttrMap:
          (no documentation string)
          def clone(self,UNWANTED=[],**kw):
                    (no documentation string)
          def remove(self,unwanted):
                   (no documentation string)
          def update(self,kw):
                    (no documentation string)
Class AttrMapValue:
         Simple multi-value holder for attribute maps
Class CallableValue:
          a class to allow callable initial values
```

# reportlab.lib.boxstuff module

```
Utility functions to position and resize boxes within boxes
```

# def aspectRatioFix(preserve,anchor,x,y,width,height,imWidth,imHeight):

This function helps position an image within a box.

- if the width is None, it assumes imWidth

It first normalizes for two cases:

```
- ditto for height
- if width or height is negative, it adjusts x or y and makes them positive
Given
(a) the enclosing box (defined by x,y,width,height where x,y is the
(b) the image size (imWidth, imHeight), and
(c) the 'anchor point' as a point of the compass - n,s,e,w,ne,se etc
this should return the position at which the image should be drawn,
as well as a scale factor indicating what scaling has happened.

It returns the parameters which would be used to draw the image
without any adjustments:
    x,y, width, height, scale
used in canvas.drawImage and drawInlineImage
```

# reportlab.lib.codecharts module

Routines to print code page (character set) drawings. Predates unicode. To be sure we can accurately represent characters in various encodings and fonts, we need some routines to display all those characters. These are defined herein. The idea is to include flowable, drawable and graphic objects for single and multi-byte fonts.

### def hBoxText(msg, canvas, x, y, fontName):

Helper for stringwidth tests on Asian fonts.

Registers font if needed. Then draws the string, and a box around it derived from the stringWidth function

#### def test():

(no documentation string)

#### Class Big5CodeChart:

Formats one 'row' of the 94x160 space used in Big 5

These deliberately resemble the code charts in Ken Lunde's "Understanding CJKV Information Processing", to enable manual checking.

### def draw(self):

(no documentation string)

#### def makeRow(self, row):

Works out the character values for this Big5 row. Rows start at 0xA1

#### Class CodeChartBase:

Basic bits of drawing furniture used by single and multi-byte versions: ability to put letters into boxes.

#### def calcLayout(self):

Work out x and y positions for drawing

### def drawChars(self, charList):

# def drawLabels(self, topLeft = ''):

Writes little labels in the top row and first column

# def formatByte(self, byt):

(no documentation string)

# Class CodeWidget:

Block showing all the characters

# def draw(self):

(no documentation string)

# Class KutenRowCodeChart:

Formats one 'row' of the 94x94 space used in many Asian encodings.aliases

These deliberately resemble the code charts in Ken Lunde's "Understanding CJKV Information Processing", to enable manual checking. Due to the large numbers of characters, we don't try to make one graphic with 10,000 characters, but rather output a sequence of these.

### def draw(self):

(no documentation string)

# def makeRow(self, row):

Works out the character values for this kuten row

### Class SingleByteEncodingChart:

(no documentation string)

## def draw(self):

(no documentation string)

## reportlab.lib.extformat module

```
Apparently not used anywhere, purpose unknown!

def dictformat(_format, L={}, G={}):
    (no documentation string)

def magicformat(format):
    Evaluate and substitute the appropriate parts of the string.
```

## reportlab.lib.fontfinder module

This provides some general-purpose tools for finding fonts. The FontFinder object can search for font files. It aims to build a catalogue of fonts which our framework can work with. It may be useful if you are building GUIs or design-time interfaces and want to present users with a choice of fonts. There are 3 steps to using it 1. create FontFinder and set options and directories 2. search 3. query >>> import fontfinder >>> ff = fontfinder.FontFinder() >>> ff.addDirectories([dir1, dir2, dir3]) >>> ff.search() >>> ff.getFamilyNames() #or whichever queries you want... Because the disk search takes some time to find and parse hundreds of fonts, it can use a cache to store a file with all fonts found. The cache file name For each font found, it creates a structure with the short font name - the long font name - the principal file (.pfb for type 1 fonts), and the metrics file if appropriate - the time modified (unix time stamp) - a type code ('ttf') - the family name - bold and italic attributes One common use is to display families in a dialog for end users; then select regular, bold and italic variants of the font. To get the initial list, use getFamilyNames; these will be in alpha order. >>> ff.getFamilyNames() ['Bitstream Vera Sans', 'Century Schoolbook L', 'Dingbats', 'LettErrorRobot', 'MS Gothic', 'MS Mincho', 'Nimbus Mono L', 'Nimbus Roman No9 L', 'Nimbus Sans L', 'Vera', 'Standard Symbols L', 'URW Bookman L', 'URW Chancery L', Gothic L', 'URW Palladio L'] One can then obtain a specific font as follows >>> f = ff.getFont('Bitstream Vera Sans', bold=False, italic=True) >>> f.fullName 'Bitstream Vera Sans' >>> f.fileName 'C:\code\reportlab\fonts\Vera.ttf' >>> It can also produce an XML report of fonts found by family, for the benefit of non-Python applications. Future plans might include using this to auto-register fonts; and making it update itself

```
smartly on repeated instantiation.
def test():
    (no documentation string)
Class FontDescriptor:
   This is a short descriptive record about a font.
       typeCode should be a file extension e.g. ['ttf','ttc','otf','pfb','pfa']
    def getTag(self):
       Return an XML tag representation
Class FontFinder:
    (no documentation string)
    def addDirectories(self, dirNames):
       (no documentation string)
   def addDirectory(self, dirName):
       (no documentation string)
    def getFamilyNames(self):
       Returns a list of the distinct font families found
    def getFamilyXmlReport(self):
       Reports on all families found as XML.
   def getFont(self, familyName, bold=False, italic=False):
       Try to find a font matching the spec
    def getFontsInFamily(self, familyName):
       Return list of all font objects with this family name
    def getFontsWithAttributes(self, **kwds):
```

```
This is a general lightweight search.
    def load(self, fileName):
       (no documentation string)
   def save(self, fileName):
       (no documentation string)
    def search(self):
       (no documentation string)
reportlab.lib.formatters module
   These help format numbers and dates in a user friendly way. Used by the graphics
   framework.
Class DecimalFormatter:
   lets you specify how to build a decimal.
       A future NumberFormatter class will take Microsoft-style patterns
       instead - "$#,##0.00" is WAY easier than this.
    def format(self, num):
       (no documentation string)
Class Formatter:
   Base formatter - simply applies python format strings
   def format(self, obj):
       (no documentation string)
reportlab.lib.geomutils module
   Utility functions for geometrical operations.
def normalizeTRBL(p):
   Useful for interpreting short descriptions of paddings, borders, margin, etc.
   Expects a single value or a tuple of length 2 to 4.
   Returns a tuple representing (clockwise) the value(s) applied to the 4 sides of a rectangle:
   If a single value is given, that value is applied to all four sides.
   If two or three values are given, the missing values are taken from the opposite side(s).
   If four values are given they are returned unchanged.
   >>> normalizeTRBL(1)
   (1, 1, 1, 1)
   >>> normalizeTRBL((1, 1.2))
   (1, 1.2, 1, 1.2)
   >>> normalizeTRBL((1, 1.2, 0))
   (1, 1.2, 0, 1.2)
   >>> normalizeTRBL((1, 1.2, 0, 8))
   (1, 1.2, 0, 8)
reportlab.lib.logger module
   Logging and warning framework, predating Python's logging package
Class Logger:
   An extended file type thing initially equivalent to sys.stderr
   You can add/remove file type things; it has a write method
   def add(self,fp):
       add the file/string fp to the destinations
   def remove(self,fp):
       remove the file/string fp from the destinations
    def write(self.text):
       write text to all the destinations
Class WarnOnce:
```

```
(no documentation string)
def once(self, warning):
    (no documentation string)
```

```
reportlab.lib.normalDate module
   Jeff Bauer's lightweight date class, extended by us. Predates Python's datetime module.
def FND(d):
   convert to ND if required
def bigBang():
   return lower boundary as a NormalDate
def bigCrunch():
   return upper boundary as a NormalDate
def dayOfWeek(y, m, d):
   return integer representing day of week, Mon=0, Tue=1, etc.
def firstDayOfYear(year):
   number of days to the first of the year, relative to Jan 1, 1900
def getStdDayNames():
   (no documentation string)
def getStdMonthNames():
    (no documentation string)
def getStdShortDayNames():
    (no documentation string)
def getStdShortMonthNames():
    (no documentation string)
def isLeapYear(year):
   determine if specified year is leap year, returns Python boolean
Class BusinessDate:
   Specialised NormalDate
   def add(self, days):
       add days to date; use negative integers to subtract
    def asNormalDate(self):
       (no documentation string)
   def daysBetweenDates(self, normalDate):
       (no documentation string)
   def normalize(self, i):
       (no documentation string)
   def scalar(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def setNormalDate(self, normalDate):
       (no documentation string)
Class ND:
   NormalDate is a specialized class to handle dates without
   all the excess baggage (time zones, daylight savings, leap
   seconds, etc.) of other date structures.
                                             The minimalist
   strategy greatly simplifies its implementation and use.
   Internally, NormalDate is stored as an integer with values
   in a discontinuous range of -99990101 to 99991231. The
   integer value is used principally for storage and to simplify
```

the user interface. Internal calculations are performed by

```
a scalar based on Jan 1, 1900.
Valid NormalDate ranges include (-9999,1,1) B.C.E. through
(9999,12,31) C.E./A.D.
1.0
   No changes, except the version number. After 3 years of use by
   various parties I think we can consider it stable.
   Added Prof. Stephen Walton's suggestion for a range method
     - module author resisted the temptation to use lambda <0.5 wink>
   Added Dan Winkler's suggestions for __add__, __sub__ methods
0.6
   Modifications suggested by Kevin Digweed to fix:
     - dayOfWeek, dayOfWeekAbbrev, clone methods
     - Permit NormalDate to be a better behaved superclass
    Minor tweaking
     - Added methods __cmp__, __hash_
     - Added Epoch variable, scoped to the module
     - Added setDay, setMonth, setYear methods
   Minor touch-ups
0.2
     - Fixed bug for certain B.C.E leap years
     - Added Jim Fulton's suggestions for short alias class name =ND
       and __getstate__, __setstate__ methods
Special thanks: Roedy Green
def add(self, days):
   add days to date; use negative integers to subtract
def clone(self):
   return a cloned instance of this normalDate
def dav(self):
   return the day as integer 1-31
def dayOfWeek(self):
   return integer representing day of week, Mon=0, Tue=1, etc.
def dayOfWeekAbbrev(self):
   return day of week abbreviation for current date: Mon, Tue, etc.
def dayOfWeekName(self):
   return day of week name for current date: Monday, Tuesday, etc.
def dayOfYear(self):
   day of year
def daysBetweenDates(self, normalDate):
   return value may be negative, since calculation is
   self.scalar() - arg
def endOfMonth(self):
   returns (cloned) last day of month
def equals(self, target):
    (no documentation string)
def firstDayOfMonth(self):
   returns (cloned) first day of month
```

```
def formatMS(self,fmt):
       format like MS date using the notation
               --> 2 digit year
        {YY}
        YYYY} --> 4 digit year
        {M}
                --> month as digit
        { MM }
               --> 2 digit month
        MMM }
                --> abbreviated month name
        MMMM }
               --> monthname
        MMMMM) --> first character of monthname
               --> day of month as digit
--> 2 digit day of month
        {D}
        {DD}
        { מממ }
               --> abrreviated weekday name
        {DDDD} --> weekday name
    def formatUS(self):
       return date as string in common US format: MM/DD/YY
    def formatUSCentury(self):
       return date as string in 4-digit year US format: MM/DD/YYYY
    def isLeapYear(self):
       determine if specified year is leap year, returning true (1) or
       false(0)
    def lastDayOfMonth(self):
       returns last day of the month as integer 28-31
    def localeFormat(self):
       override this method to use your preferred locale format
    def month(self):
       returns month as integer 1-12
    def monthAbbrev(self):
       returns month as a 3-character abbreviation, i.e. Jan, Feb, etc.
    def monthName(self):
       returns month name, i.e. January, February, etc.
    def normalize(self, scalar):
       convert scalar to normalDate
    def range(self, days):
       Return a range of normalDates as a list. Parameter
       may be an int or normalDate.
    def scalar(self):
       days since baseline date: Jan 1, 1900
    def setDay(self, day):
       set the day of the month
    def setMonth(self, month):
       set the month [1-12]
    def setNormalDate(self, normalDate):
       accepts date as scalar string/integer (yyyymmdd) or tuple
       (year, month, day, ...)
    def setYear(self, year):
       (no documentation string)
    def toTuple(self):
       return date as (year, month, day) tuple
    def year(self):
       return year in yyyy format, negative values indicate B.C.
Class NormalDate:
   NormalDate is a specialized class to handle dates without
```

```
all the excess baggage (time zones, daylight savings, leap
seconds, etc.) of other date structures. The minimalist
strategy greatly simplifies its implementation and use.
Internally, NormalDate is stored as an integer with values in a discontinuous range of -99990101 to 99991231. The
integer value is used principally for storage and to simplify
the user interface. Internal calculations are performed by
a scalar based on Jan 1, 1900.
Valid NormalDate ranges include (-9999,1,1) B.C.E. through
(9999,12,31) C.E./A.D.
1.0
    No changes, except the version number. After 3 years of use by
    various parties I think we can consider it stable.
    Added Prof. Stephen Walton's suggestion for a range method
     - module author resisted the temptation to use lambda <0.5 wink>
    Added Dan Winkler's suggestions for __add__, __sub__ methods
0.6
    Modifications suggested by Kevin Digweed to fix:

    dayOfWeek, dayOfWeekAbbrev, clone methods

     - Permit NormalDate to be a better behaved superclass
    Minor tweaking
0.4
     Added methods __cmp__, __hash__Added Epoch variable, scoped to the module
     - Added setDay, setMonth, setYear methods
    Minor touch-ups
0.2
     - Fixed bug for certain B.C.E leap years
     - Added Jim Fulton's suggestions for short alias class name =ND
       and __getstate__, __setstate__ methods
Special thanks: Roedy Green
def add(self, days):
    add days to date; use negative integers to subtract
def clone(self):
    return a cloned instance of this normalDate
def day(self):
    return the day as integer 1-31
def dayOfWeek(self):
    return integer representing day of week, Mon=0, Tue=1, etc.
def dayOfWeekAbbrev(self):
    return day of week abbreviation for current date: Mon, Tue, etc.
def dayOfWeekName(self):
    return day of week name for current date: Monday, Tuesday, etc.
def dayOfYear(self):
    day of year
def daysBetweenDates(self, normalDate):
    return value may be negative, since calculation is
    self.scalar() - arg
def endOfMonth(self):
```

```
returns (cloned) last day of month
def equals(self, target):
    (no documentation string)
def firstDayOfMonth(self):
   returns (cloned) first day of month
def formatMS(self,fmt):
   format like MS date using the notation
    YY}
           --> 2 digit year
    YYYY} --> 4 digit year
    {M}
           --> month as digit
    MM}
           --> 2 digit month
    MMM }
           --> abbreviated month name
    MMMM }
           --> monthname
    \{\mathtt{MMMMM}\} --> first character of monthname
    {D}
           --> day of month as digit
    {DD}
           --> 2 digit day of month
    DDD }
           --> abrreviated weekday name
    {DDDD}
           --> weekday name
def formatUS(self):
   return date as string in common US format: MM/DD/YY
def formatUSCentury(self):
   return date as string in 4-digit year US format: MM/DD/YYYY
def isLeapYear(self):
   determine if specified year is leap year, returning true (1) or
   false (0)
def lastDayOfMonth(self):
   returns last day of the month as integer 28-31
def localeFormat(self):
   override this method to use your preferred locale format
def month(self):
   returns month as integer 1-12
def monthAbbrev(self):
   returns month as a 3-character abbreviation, i.e. Jan, Feb, etc.
def monthName(self):
   returns month name, i.e. January, February, etc.
def normalize(self, scalar):
   convert scalar to normalDate
def range(self, days):
   Return a range of normalDates as a list. Parameter
   may be an int or normalDate.
def scalar(self):
   days since baseline date: Jan 1, 1900
def setDay(self, day):
   set the day of the month
def setMonth(self, month):
   set the month [1-12]
def setNormalDate(self, normalDate):
   accepts date as scalar string/integer (yyyymmdd) or tuple
   (year, month, day, ...)
def setYear(self, year):
    (no documentation string)
def toTuple(self):
```

```
return date as (year, month, day) tuple
   def year(self):
       return year in yyyy format, negative values indicate B.C.
reportlab.lib.pdfencrypt module
def checkU(encryptionkey, U):
    (no documentation string)
def computeO(userPassword, ownerPassword, revision):
    (no documentation string)
def computeU(encryptionkey, encodestring=PadString,revision=2,documentId=None):
    (no documentation string)
def encodePDF(key, objectNumber, generationNumber, string, revision=2):
   Encodes a string or stream
def encryptCanvas(canvas,
                  userPassword, ownerPassword=None,
                  canPrint=1, canModify=1, canCopy=1, canAnnotate=1,
                  strength=40):
   Applies encryption to the document being generated
def encryptDocTemplate(dt,
                  userPassword, ownerPassword=None,
                  canPrint=1, canModify=1, canCopy=1, canAnnotate=1,
                       strength=40):
   For use in Platypus. Call before build().
def encryptPdfInMemory(inputPDF,
                  userPassword, ownerPassword=None,
                  canPrint=1, canModify=1, canCopy=1, canAnnotate=1,
                       strength=40):
   accepts a PDF file 'as a byte array in memory'; return encrypted one.
       This is a high level convenience and does not touch the hard disk in any way.
       If you are encrypting the same file over and over again, it's better to use
       pageCatcher and cache the results.
def encryptPdfOnDisk(inputFileName, outputFileName,
                  userPassword, ownerPassword=None,
                  canPrint=1, canModify=1, canCopy=1, canAnnotate=1,
                     strength=40):
   Creates encrypted file OUTPUTFILENAME. Returns size in bytes.
def encryptionkey(password, OwnerKey, Permissions, FileId1, revision=2):
    (no documentation string)
def hexText(text):
   a legitimate way to show strings in PDF
def hexchar(x):
   (no documentation string)
def main():
   (no documentation string)
def scriptInterp():
   (no documentation string)
def test():
   (no documentation string)
def unHexText(hexText):
   (no documentation string)
   def xorKey(num,key):
   xor's each bytes of the key with the number, which is <256
```

```
Class EncryptionFlowable:
   Drop this in your Platypus story and it will set up the encryption options.
        If you do it multiple times, the last one before saving will win.
    def draw(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def wrap(self, availWidth, availHeight):
        (no documentation string)
Class StandardEncryption:
    (no documentation string)
    def encode(self, t):
       encode a string, stream, text
    def info(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def permissionBits(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def prepare(self, document, overrideID=None):
        (no documentation string)
    def register(self, objnum, version):
        (no documentation string)
    def setAllPermissions(self, value):
        (no documentation string)
Class StandardEncryptionDictionary:
    (no documentation string)
    def format(self, document):
        (no documentation string)
```

## reportlab.lib.PyFontify module

Module to analyze Python source code; for syntax coloring tools. Interface:: tags = fontify(pytext, searchfrom, searchto) - The 'pytext' argument is a string containing Python source code. - The (optional) arguments 'searchfrom' and 'searchto' may contain a slice in pytext. - The returned value is a list of tuples, formatted like this:: [('keyword', 0, 6, None), ('keyword', 11, 17, None), ('comment', 23, 53, None), etc.] - The tuple contents are always like this:: (tag, startindex, endindex, sublist) - tag is one of 'keyword', 'string', 'comment' or 'identifier' - sublist is not used, hence always None.

```
def fontify(pytext, searchfrom = 0, searchto = None):
    (no documentation string)
def replace(src, sep, rep):
    (no documentation string)
def test(path):
    (no documentation string)
```

### reportlab.lib.randomtext module

Like Lorem Ipsum, but more fun and extensible. This module exposes a function randomText() which generates paragraphs. These can be used when testing out document templates and stylesheets. A number of 'themes' are provided - please contribute more! We need some real Greek text too. There are currently six themes provided: STARTUP (words suitable for a business plan - or not as the case may be), COMPUTERS (names of programming languages and operating systems etc), BLAH (variations on the word 'blah'), BUZZWORD (buzzword bingo), STARTREK (Star Trek), PRINTING (print-related terms) PYTHON (snippets and quotes from Monty Python) CHOMSKY (random lingusitic nonsense) EXAMPLE USAGE: from reportlab.lib import randomtext print randomtext.randomText(randomtext.PYTHON, 10) This prints a random number of random

```
sentences (up to a limit of ten) using the theme 'PYTHON'.

def chomsky(times = 1):
    (no documentation string)

def format_wisdom(text,line_length=72):
    (no documentation string)

def randomText(theme=STARTUP, sentences=5):
    (no documentation string)
```

## reportlab.lib.rltempfile module

Helper for the test suite - determines where to write output. When our test suite runs as source, a script "test\_foo.py" will typically create "test\_foo.pdf" alongside it. But if you are testing a package of compiled code inside a zip archive, this won't work. This determines where to write test suite output, creating a subdirectory of /tmp/ or whatever if needed.

## reportlab.lib.rparsexml module

(no documentation string)

Very simple and fast XML parser, used for intra-paragraph text. Devised by Aaron Watters in the bad old days before Python had fast parsers available. Constructs the lightest possible in-memory representation; parses most files we have seen in pure python very quickly. The output structure is the same as the one produced by pyRXP, our validating C-based parser, which was written later. It will use pyRXP if available. This is used to parse intra-paragraph markup. Example parse: text in xml ( "this", {"type": "xml"}, [ "text ", ("b", None, ["in"], None), " xml" ] None ) { 0: "this" "type": "xml" 1: ["text ", {0: "b", 1:["in"]}, " xml"] } Ie, xml tag translates to a tuple: (name, dictofattributes, contentlist, miscellaneousinfo) where miscellaneousinfo can be anything, (but defaults to None) (with the intention of adding, eg, line number information) special cases: name of "" means "top level, no containing tag". Top level parse always looks like this:: ("", list, None, None) contained text of None means In order to support stuff like:: AT THE MOMENT & ETCETERA ARE IGNORED. THEY MUST BE PROCESSED IN A POST-PROCESSING STEP. PROLOGUES ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD. OTHER STUFF IS PROBABLY MISSING.

```
def parseFile(filename):
    (no documentation string)
    def parsexml(xmlText, oneOutermostTag=0,eoCB=None,entityReplacer=None,parseOpts={}):
    (no documentation string)
def parsexmlSimple(xmltext, oneOutermostTag=0,eoCB=None,entityReplacer=unEscapeContentList):
   official interface: discard unused cursor info
def pprettyprint(parsedxml):
   pretty printer mainly for testing
def skip_prologue(text, cursor):
   skip any prologue found after cursor, return index of rest of text
def test():
    (no documentation string)
def testparse(s):
    (no documentation string)
def unEscapeContentList(contentList):
    (no documentation string)
    def warnCB(s):
```

## reportlab.lib.set\_ops module

```
From before Python had a Set class...

def intersect(seq1, seq2):
    (no documentation string)

def union(seq1, seq2):
    (no documentation string)

def unique(seq):
    (no documentation string)
```

## reportlab.lib.styles module

Classes for ParagraphStyle and similar things. A style is a collection of attributes, but with some extra features to allow 'inheritance' from a parent, and to ensure nobody makes changes after construction. ParagraphStyle shows all the attributes available for formatting paragraphs. getSampleStyleSheet() returns a stylesheet you can use for initial development, with a few basic heading and text styles.

```
def getSampleStyleSheet():
   Returns a stylesheet object
def testStyles():
    (no documentation string)
Class LineStyle:
    (no documentation string)
    def prepareCanvas(self, canvas):
       You can ask a LineStyle to set up the canvas for drawing
       the lines.
Class ListStvle:
    (no documentation string)
Class ParagraphStyle:
    (no documentation string)
Class PropertySet:
    (no documentation string)
    def clone(self, name, parent=None, **kwds):
        (no documentation string)
    def listAttrs(self, indent=''):
        (no documentation string)
    def refresh(self):
       re-fetches attributes from the parent on demand;
       use if you have been hacking the styles. This is
       used by __init__
```

### reportlab.lib.testutils module

Provides support for the test suite. The test suite as a whole, and individual tests, need to share certain support functions. We have to put these in here so they can always be imported, and so that individual tests need to import nothing more than "reportlab.whatever..."

```
def getCVSEntries(folder, files=1, folders=0):
```

Returns a list of filenames as listed in the CVS/Entries file.

```
'folder' is the folder that should contain the CVS subfolder. If there is no such subfolder an empty list is returned. 'files' is a boolean; 1 and 0 means to return files or not. 'folders' is a boolean; 1 and 0 means to return folders or not.
```

### def isWritable(D):

```
(no documentation string)
```

#### def makeSuiteForClasses(\*classes):

Return a test suite with tests loaded from provided classes.

#### def outputfile(fn):

This works out where to write test output. If running code in a locked down file system, this will be a temp directory; otherwise, the output of 'test\_foo.py' will normally be a file called 'test\_foo.pdf', next door.

#### def printLocation(depth=1):

(no documentation string)

#### def setOutDir(name):

Is it a writable file system distro being invoked within test directory? If so, can write test output here. If not, it had better go in a temp directory. Only do this once per process

#### Class CVSGlobDirectoryWalker:

An directory tree iterator that checks for CVS data.

### def filterFiles(self, folder, files):

Filters files not listed in CVS subfolder.

This will look in the CVS subfolder of 'folder' for a file named 'Entries' and filter all elements from the 'files' list that are not listed in 'Entries'.

#### Class ExtConfigParser:

A slightly extended version to return lists of strings.

#### def getstringlist(self, section, option):

Coerce option to a list of strings or return unchanged if that fails.

### Class GlobDirectoryWalker:

A forward iterator that traverses files in a directory tree.

### def filterFiles(self, folder, files):

Filter hook, overwrite in subclasses as needed.

### Class RestrictedGlobDirectoryWalker:

An restricted directory tree iterator.

```
def filterFiles(self, folder, files):
```

Filters all items from files matching patterns to ignore.

### reportlab.lib.textsplit module

Helpers for text wrapping, hyphenation, Asian text splitting and kinsoku shori. How to split a 'big word' depends on the language and the writing system. This module works on a Unicode string. It ought to grow by allowing ore algoriths to be plugged in based on possible knowledge of the language and desirable 'niceness' of the algorithm.

### def cjkwrap(text, width, encoding="utf8"):

(no documentation string)

### def dumbSplit(word, widths, maxWidths):

This function attempts to fit as many characters as possible into the available space, cutting "like a knife" between characters. This would do for Chinese. It returns a list of (text, extraSpace) items where text is a Unicode string, and extraSpace is the points of unused space available on the line. This is a structure which is fairly easy to display, and supports 'backtracking' approaches after the fact.

Test cases assume each character is ten points wide...

```
>>> dumbSplit(u'Hello', [10]*5, 60)
[[10, u'Hello']]
>>> dumbSplit(u'Hello', [10]*5, 50)
```

```
[[0, u'Hello']]
   >>> dumbSplit(u'Hello', [10]*5, 40)
   [[0, u'Hell'], [30, u'o']]
def getCharWidths(word, fontName, fontSize):
   Returns a list of glyph widths. Should be easy to optimize in _rl_accel
       >>> getCharWidths('Hello', 'Courier', 10)
       [6.0, 6.0, 6.0, 6.0, 6.0]
       >>> from reportlab.pdfbase.cidfonts import UnicodeCIDFont
       >>> from reportlab.pdfbase.pdfmetrics import registerFont
       >>> registerFont(UnicodeCIDFont('HeiseiMin-W3'))
       >>> getCharWidths(u'\u6771\u4EAC', 'HeiseiMin-W3', 10)
                                                               #most kanji are 100 ems
       [10.0, 10.0]
def is_multi_byte(ch):
   Is this an Asian character?
def kinsokuShoriSplit(word, widths, availWidth):
   Split according to Japanese rules according to CJKV (Lunde).
       Essentially look for "nice splits" so that we don't end a line
       with an open bracket, or start one with a full stop, or stuff like
       that. There is no attempt to try to split compound words into
       constituent kanji. It currently uses wrap-down: packs as much
       on a line as possible, then backtracks if needed
       This returns a number of words each of which should just about fit
       on a line. If you give it a whole paragraph at once, it will
       do all the splits.
       It's possible we might slightly step over the width limit
       if we do hanging punctuation marks in future (e.g. dangle a Japanese
       full stop in the right margin rather than using a whole character
def wordSplit(word, maxWidths, fontName, fontSize, encoding='utf8'):
   Attempts to break a word which lacks spaces into two parts, the first of which
   fits in the remaining space. It is allowed to add hyphens or whatever it wishes.
   This is intended as a wrapper for some language- and user-choice-specific splitting
   algorithms. It should only be called after line breaking on spaces, which covers western
   languages and is highly optimised already. It works on the 'last unsplit word'.
   Presumably with further study one could write a Unicode splitting algorithm for text
   fragments whick was much faster.
   Courier characters should be 6 points wide.
   >>> wordSplit('HelloWorld', 30, 'Courier', 10)
   [[0.0, 'Hello'], [0.0, 'World']]
   >>> wordSplit('HelloWorld', 31,
                                   'Courier', 10)
   [[1.0, 'Hello'], [1.0, 'World']]
reportlab.lib.units module
   Defines inch, cm, mm etc as multiples of a point You can now in user-friendly units by
   doing:: from reportlab.lib.units import inch r = Rect(0, 0, 3 * inch, 6 * inch)
def toLength(s):
   convert a string to a length
reportlab.lib.utils module
   Gazillions of miscellaneous internal utility functions
def annotateException(msg,enc='utf8'):
   add msg to the args of an existing exception
def commajoin(1):
   Inverse of commasplit, except that whitespace around items is not conserved.
   Adds more whitespace than needed for simplicity and performance.
```

>>> commasplit(commajoin(['a', 'b', 'c']))

```
['a', 'b', 'c']
   >>> commasplit((commajoin(['a,', ' b ', 'c']))
   ['a,', 'b', 'c']
   >>> commasplit((commajoin(['a ', ',b', 'c']))
   ['a', ',b', 'c']
def commasplit(s):
   Splits the string s at every unescaped comma and returns the result as a list.
   To escape a comma, double it. Individual items are stripped.
   To avoid the ambiguity of 3 successive commas to denote a comma at the beginning
   or end of an item, add a space between the item seperator and the escaped comma.
   >>> commasplit('a,b,c')
   ['a', 'b', 'c']
   >>> commasplit('a,, , b , c
   ['a,', 'b', 'c']
   >>> commasplit('a, ,,b, c')
   ['a', ',b', 'c']
def escapeOnce(data):
   Ensure XML output is escaped just once, irrespective of input
       >>> escapeOnce('A & B')
        'A & B'
       >>> escapeOnce('C & D')
       'C & D'
       >>> escapeOnce('E & F')
       'E & F'
def escapeTextOnce(text):
   Escapes once only
def findInPaths(fn,paths,isfile=True,fail=False):
   search for relative files in likely places
def find_locals(func,depth=0):
   apply func to the locals at each stack frame till func returns a non false value
def flatten(L):
   recursively flatten the list or tuple L
def getArgvDict(**kw):
   Builds a dictionary from its keyword arguments with overrides from sys.argv.
   Attempts to be smart about conversions, but the value can be an instance
   of ArgDictValue to allow specifying a conversion function.
def getHyphenater(hDict=None):
    (no documentation string)
def getImageData(imageFileName):
   Get width, height and RGB pixels from image file. Wraps Java/PIL
def getStringIO(buf=None):
   unified StringIO instance interface
def import_zlib():
    (no documentation string)
def isCompactDistro():
   return truth if not a file system distribution
def isFileSystemDistro():
   return truth if a file system distribution
def isSeqType(v, st=(tuple,list)):
    (no documentation string)
def isSourceDistro():
   return truth if a source file system distribution
def makeFileName(s):
   force filename strings to unicode so python can handle encoding stuff
```

```
def markfilename(filename,creatorcode=None,filetype=None):
    (no documentation string)
def open_and_read(name,mode='b'):
    (no documentation string)
def open_and_readlines(name,mode='t'):
    (no documentation string)
def open_for_read(name,mode='b', urlopen=urllib2.urlopen):
   attempt to open a file or URL for reading
def open_for_read_by_name(name,mode='b'):
    (no documentation string)
def prev_this_next(items):
   Loop over a collection with look-ahead and look-back.
   From Thomas Guest
   http://wordaligned.org/articles/zippy-triples-served-with-python
   Seriously useful looping tool (Google "zippy triples")
   lets you loop a collection and see the previous and next items,
   which get set to None at the ends.
   To be used in layout algorithms where one wants a peek at the
   next item coming down the pipe.
def recursiveGetAttr(obj, name):
   Can call down into e.g. object1.object2[4].attr
def recursiveImport(modulename, baseDir=None, noCWD=0, debug=0):
   Dynamically imports possible packagized module, or raises ImportError
def recursiveSetAttr(obj, name, value):
   Can call down into e.g. object1.object2[4].attr = value
def rl_get_module(name,dir):
   (no documentation string)
def rl_getmtime(pn,os_path_isfile=os.path.isfile,os_path_normpath=os.path.normpath,os_path_getmtime=os.path.
   (no documentation string)
   def rl_glob(pattern,glob=glob.glob):
    (no documentation string)
def rl_isdir(pn,os_path_isdir=os.path.isdir,os_path_normpath=os.path.normpath):
    (no documentation string)
def rl_isfile(fn,os_path_isfile=os.path.isfile):
    (no documentation string)
def rl_listdir(pn,os_path_isdir=os.path.isdir,os_path_normpath=os.path.normpath,os_listdir=os.listdir):
    (no documentation string)
def simpleSplit(text,fontName,fontSize,maxWidth):
    (no documentation string)
Class ArgvDictValue:
   A type to allow clients of getArgvDict to specify a conversion function
Class DebugMemo:
   Intended as a simple report back encapsulator
       Typical usages:
       1. To record error data::
           dbg = DebugMemo(fn='dbgmemo.dbg',myVar=value)
           dbg.add(anotherPayload='aaaa',andagain='bbb')
           dbg.dump()
```

```
2. To show the recorded info::
            dbg = DebugMemo(fn='dbgmemo.dbg',mode='r')
            dbg.load()
            dbg.show()
        3. To re-use recorded information::
            dbg = DebugMemo(fn='dbgmemo.dbg',mode='r')
                dbg.load()
            myTestFunc(dbg.payload('myVar'),dbg.payload('andagain'))
        In addition to the payload variables the dump records many useful bits
        of information which are also printed in the show() method.
    def add(self,**kw):
        (no documentation string)
    def dump(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def dumps(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def load(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def loads(self,s):
        (no documentation string)
    def payload(self,name):
        (no documentation string)
    def show(self):
        (no documentation string)
Class FmtSelfDict:
   mixin to provide the _fmt method
reportlab.lib.validators module
   Standard verifying functions used by attrmap.
Class Auto:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self.x):
       (no documentation string)
Class AutoOr:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self,x):
        (no documentation string)
Class DerivedValue:
   This is used for magic values which work themselves out.
   An example would be an "inherit" property, so that one can have
      drawing.chart.categoryAxis.labels.fontName = inherit
   and pick up the value from the top of the drawing.
   Validators will permit this provided that a value can be pulled in which satisfies it. And the renderer will have special
   knowledge of these so they can evaluate themselves.
    def getValue(self, renderer, attr):
       Override this. The renderers will pass the renderer,
       and the attribute name. Algorithms can then backtrack up
       through all the stuff the renderer provides, including
       a correct stack of parent nodes.
```

```
Class EitherOr:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self, x):
        (no documentation string)
Class Inherit:
    (no documentation string)
    def getValue(self, renderer, attr):
        (no documentation string)
Class NoneOr:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self, x):
       (no documentation string)
Class OneOf:
   Make validator functions for list of choices.
       Usage:
        f = reportlab.lib.validators.OneOf('happy','sad')
        f = reportlab.lib.validators.OneOf(('happy','sad'))
        f('sad'),f('happy'), f('grumpy')
        (1,1,0)
    def test(self, x):
        (no documentation string)
Class SequenceOf:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self, x):
       (no documentation string)
Class Validator:
   base validator class
    def normalize(self,x):
       (no documentation string)
    def normalizeTest(self,x):
       (no documentation string)
Class isInstanceOf:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self.x):
       (no documentation string)
Class isNumberInRange:
    (no documentation string)
    def test(self, x):
        (no documentation string)
Class matchesPattern:
   Matches value, or its string representation, against regex
    def test(self,x):
        (no documentation string)
reportlab.lib.xmllib module
   From before xmllib was in the Python standard library. Probably ought to be removed
def test(args = None):
```

```
(no documentation string)
Class FastXMLParser:
    (no documentation string)
    def close(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def feed(self, data): # overridden by reset
       (no documentation string)
    def finish_endtag(self, tag):
        (no documentation string)
    def finish_starttag(self, tag, attrs):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_cdata(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_charref(self, name):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_comment(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_data(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_endtag(self, tag, method):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_entityref(self, name):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_proc(self, name, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_special(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_starttag(self, tag, method, attrs):
       (no documentation string)
    def reset(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def setliteral(self, *args):
       (no documentation string)
    def setnomoretags(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def syntax_error(self, lineno, message):
       (no documentation string)
    def translate_references(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown_charref(self, ref): pass
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown_endtag(self, tag): pass
       (no documentation string)
    def unknown_entityref(self, ref): pass
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown_starttag(self, tag, attrs): pass
```

```
(no documentation string)
Class SlowXMLParser:
    (no documentation string)
    def close(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def feed(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def finish_endtag(self, tag):
        (no documentation string)
    def finish_starttag(self, tag, attrs):
        (no documentation string)
    def goahead(self, end):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_cdata(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_charref(self, name):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_comment(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_data(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_endtag(self, tag, method):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_entityref(self, name):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_proc(self, name, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_special(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_starttag(self, tag, method, attrs):
        (no documentation string)
    def parse_cdata(self, i):
        (no documentation string)
    def parse_comment(self, i):
       (no documentation string)
    def parse_endtag(self, i):
        (no documentation string)
    def parse_proc(self, i, res):
       (no documentation string)
    def parse_starttag(self, i):
       (no documentation string)
    def reset(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def setliteral(self, *args):
        (no documentation string)
    def setnomoretags(self):
```

```
(no documentation string)
    def syntax_error(self, lineno, message):
        (no documentation string)
    def translate_references(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown_charref(self, ref): pass
       (no documentation string)
    def unknown_endtag(self, tag): pass
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown entityref(self, ref): pass
       (no documentation string)
    def unknown_starttag(self, tag, attrs): pass
        (no documentation string)
Class TestXMLParser:
    (no documentation string)
    def close(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def flush(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_cdata(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_comment(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_data(self, data):
        (no documentation string)
    def handle_proc(self, name, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def handle_special(self, data):
       (no documentation string)
    def syntax_error(self, lineno, message):
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown_charref(self, ref):
        (no documentation string)
    def unknown_endtag(self, tag):
       (no documentation string)
    def unknown_entityref(self, ref):
       (no documentation string)
    def unknown_starttag(self, tag, attrs):
       (no documentation string)
Class XMLParser:
    (no documentation string)
    def close(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def feed(self, data): # overridden by reset
        (no documentation string)
    def finish_endtag(self, tag):
```

```
(no documentation string)
def finish_starttag(self, tag, attrs):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_cdata(self, data):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_charref(self, name):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_comment(self, data):
    (no documentation string)
def handle data(self, data):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_endtag(self, tag, method):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_entityref(self, name):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_proc(self, name, data):
    (no documentation string)
def handle special(self, data):
    (no documentation string)
def handle_starttag(self, tag, method, attrs):
   (no documentation string)
def reset(self):
    (no documentation string)
def setliteral(self, *args):
    (no documentation string)
def setnomoretags(self):
    (no documentation string)
def syntax_error(self, lineno, message):
    (no documentation string)
def translate_references(self, data):
    (no documentation string)
def unknown_charref(self, ref): pass
    (no documentation string)
def unknown_endtag(self, tag): pass
    (no documentation string)
def unknown entityref(self, ref): pass
    (no documentation string)
def unknown_starttag(self, tag, attrs): pass
    (no documentation string)
```

### reportlab.lib.yaml module

.hl Welcome to YAML! YAML is "Yet Another Markup Language" - a markup language which is easier to type in than XML, yet gives us a reasonable selection of formats. The general rule is that if a line begins with a '.', it requires special processing. Otherwise lines are concatenated to paragraphs, and blank lines separate paragraphs. If the line ".foo bar bletch" is encountered, it immediately ends and writes out any current paragraph. It then looks for a parser method called 'foo'; if found, it is called with arguments (bar, bletch). If this is not found, it assumes that 'foo' is a paragraph style, and the text for the first line of the paragraph is 'bar bletch'. It would be up to the formatter to decide whether on not 'foo' was a valid paragraph. Special commands

```
understood at present are: dot image filename - adds the image to the document dot
   beginPre Code - begins a Preformatted object in style 'Code' dot endPre - ends a
   preformatted object.
def parseFile(filename):
    (no documentation string)
def parseText(textBlock):
    (no documentation string)
Class BaseParser:
    "Simplest possible parser with only the most basic options.
        This defines the line-handling abilities and basic mechanism.
        The class YAMLParser includes capabilities for a fairly rich
        story.
    def beginPre(self, stylename):
        (no documentation string)
    def endPara(self):
       (no documentation string)
    def endPre(self):
        (no documentation string)
    def image(self, filename):
        (no documentation string)
    def parseFile(self, filename):
       (no documentation string)
    def parseText(self, textBlock):
       Parses the a possible multi-line text block
    def readLine(self, line):
       (no documentation string)
    def reset(self):
        (no documentation string)
Class Parser:
   This adds a basic set of "story" components compatible with HTML & PDF.
        Images, spaces
    def custom(self, moduleName, funcName):
       Goes and gets the Python object and adds it to the story
    def nextPageTemplate(self, templateName):
        (no documentation string)
    def pageBreak(self):
       Inserts a frame break
    def vSpace(self, points):
       Inserts a vertical spacer
```

# **Appendix A - CVS Revision History**

\$Log: reference.yml,v \$
Revision 1.1 2001/10/05 12:33:33 rgbecker
Moved from original project docs, history lost

Revision 1.13 2001/08/30 10:32:38 dinu\_gherman Added missing flowables.

Revision 1.12 2001/07/11 09:21:27 rgbecker Typo fix from Jerome Alet

Revision 1.11 2000/07/10 23:56:09 andy\_robinson Paragraphs chapter pretty much complete. Fancy cover.

Revision 1.10 2000/07/03 15:39:51 rgbecker Documentation fixes

Revision 1.9 2000/06/28 14:52:43 rgbecker Documentation changes

Revision 1.8 2000/06/19 23:52:31 andy\_robinson rltemplate now simple, based on UserDocTemplate

Revision 1.7 2000/06/17 07:46:45 andy\_robinson Small text changes

Revision 1.6 2000/06/14 21:22:52 andy\_robinson Added docs for library

Revision 1.5 2000/06/12 11:26:34 andy\_robinson Numbered list added

Revision 1.4 2000/06/12 11:13:09 andy\_robinson Added sequencer tags to paragraph parser

Revision 1.3 2000/06/09 01:44:24 aaron\_watters added automatic generation for pathobject and textobject modules.

Revision 1.2 2000/06/07 13:39:22 andy\_robinson Added some text to the first page of reference, and a build batch file

Revision 1.1.1.1 2000/06/05 16:39:04 andy\_robinson initial import