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# Chapter 1

# Introduction

This document is created with lualatex or that like with output format pdf. The package tex4ht is not loaded.

LATEX is a beautiful way to create printable documents, in our days preferably as portable document format (pdf)-files, with a particular strength in typesetting formulae like

$$\pi = \sqrt{12} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{-k}}{2k+1}.$$
 (1.1)

Here, portability of the format pdf is a vital feature. In the past, normally device independent; traditional output format of tex processors, today widely replaced by PDF (dvi) (device independent) described in [Rei17] has been used and still creation of external formats like HyperText Markup Language (html) open document text (odt) and current document format for MS Word (docx) are based on an intermediate dvi-file. It is much more lightweight than pdf specified in [ISOa], in [ISOb] and in [ISO12].

This piece of software implements both an ant-task and a maven-plugin generating documentation of various formats from LaTeX-files in a uniform way. Chapter 2 shows how to install both the maven-plugin and the ant-task and Chapter 3 describes the usage. Note that the maven-plugin is both easier to install and more versatile to be used.

From the LaTeX-files, the latex main files must be extracted, only these must be compiled. It is very usual to endow LaTeX-files with figures. On the other hand, there are many graphic formats which cannot be included directly in a LaTeX-file but must be preprocessed. If there is some format needed but not yet provided, please write an email to the author.

Graphic files must be preprocessed before processing latex main files, as described in Chapter 4. Then follows the proper processing of latex main files

including creation of index and glossaries as described in Chapter 5. Besides pdf, these formats include the web-formats html and extensible hypertext markup language (xhtml), open offices format odt, Microsoft's word formats like docx and finally plain text.

Uniformity of ant-task and a maven-plugin means in particular, that the settings which may be passed to the task and those allowed for the plugin are in a one-to-one relation. They are both described in Chapter 6. It is a design goal, that the auxiliary programs used by this software are fully configurable via parameters, that aspects not completely specified can be handled flexibly, there are parameters supporting information development and that for the parameters are default values which allow doing without explicit parametrization in most of the cases.Both, the ant-task and the maven-plugin rely on the same code base which form the package org.m2latex.core. The code specific for the ant-task is in org.m2latex.antTask and that specific for the maven-plugin is in org.m2latex.mojo.

The creation process supports an index, a glossary and a bibliography. In addition, code written in python and other languages can be included and executed during creation of the document. Again, further functionality can be added by demand.

The present manual is created by the maven-plugin or the ant-task described here. There should be no difference in the result. This manual is designed in a way that it covers the most important features but also to demand the most important features. That way, creating this manual is a top level test for the underlying software. The maven-plugin is somehow superior because it better supports the design process for the LATEX sources.

If something goes wrong in the build process, or there is an indication of some deficiency in the result of the build process, processing must be aborted if going on does not make sense and there must be some error or warning logging as described in Chapter 7.

The author found some gaps, i.e. desirable features which are not yet implemented. To prioritize further work, all these gaps are collected in Chapter 8 Accordingly, the most important bugs are collected in Chapter 9. The user is encouraged to contribute with feature requests and bug reports and to vote for realization of features and on fixing bugs. Software quality is ensured mainly through tests which are described in Chapter 10.

# Chapter 2

# Installation

Both the ant-task and the maven-plugin just direct parameters from ant and from maven, respectively, to the programs that do the proper work. Thus, installation of the ant-task and of the maven-plugin requires that all needed programs are installed. These prerequisites are collected in Section 2.1.

# 2.1 Prerequisites

The ant-task is tested with

Apache Ant(TM) version 1.10.12 compiled on December 14 1969}

(of course the year is not correct, but this is the version string displayed by that release) and the maven-plugin with

Apache Maven 3.8.5

Both, ant and maven are written in java and require a java installation. The java version used for tests is 11.0.13, vendor: Oracle Corporation but java 8 seems sufficient.

So, a java installation is the base for running either the ant-task or the mavenplugin. Also, this plugin is written in java. To use the maven-plugin, of course maven must be installed and to use the ant-task, ant must be installed.

The ant-task just passes parameters in the build file to the core and accordingly the maven-plugin passes parameters in the pom to the core of this software. The core just invokes various programs to do the actual work.

Besides plain building of documentation, this software also supports development of documents. LaTeX and related programs are based on text files mainly and so a good editor is required for development.

The author recommends and uses vs code, e.g. 1.68.1 in conjunction with package LATEX workshop and LTeX.

An alternative is good old

GNU Emacs 24.3.1 (x86\ 64-suse-linux-gnu, GTK+ Version 3.16.7)

together with several packages to support various file formats. To list the available packages type M-x list-packages. For comfortable development with LATEX, the auctex package, version 11.88 is recommended. The version is displayed from within Emacs by typing C-h v AUCTeX-version RET. For an overview on auctex see [TAK+14].

FIXME: gnuplot-mode expects file extension gp. Should be made configurable. To edit metapost, the mode built-in mode Metamode is used.

Built-in mode Docview to view pdf, ps and dvi.

latexmk

Builtin modes bib-mode and bibtex

Built in reftex-modes

Useful: ac-math, auto-complete-auctex

Depending on what kinds of graphic formats are used, the following programs are required:

- To convert the native file format for xfig (fig)-files into pdf-files, by default fig2dev is used. It makes sense to have xfig installed to create and edit fig-files, but this is not mandatory.
- To convert gnuplot files into pdf-files, there is no alternative, to have installed gnuplot. It serves as an interpreter and also as a converter. Strictly speaking, only the latter functionality is required here.
- To convert metapost: input format for the graphic program mpost (mp)-files into encapsulated postscript (eps)-files, the interpreter mpost or equivalent is required. This comes with a standard tex-installation. With the standard configuration, the resulting eps-file can be viewed with ghostscript and for developing it is recommended to have ghostscript installed.
- To include Scalable Vector Graphics (svg)-files into LaTeX, inkscape must be installed. It also serves to create and to edit svg-files.

Currently, for including pdf-files in both cases, the driver dvipdfmx must be installed. Strictly speaking, this is required only for html-creation and related Note that if no pictures created by fig2dev, gnuplot, mpost or by inkscape are used, of course, neither fig2dev nor gnuplot, mpost, inkscape nor dvipdfmx is

needed. To include graphics, the graphics bundle described in [Car16] is required except for syg-files which requires the syg-package described in [Ilt12].

As the set of required software depends on the graphic formats which shall be imported, it depends also on the set of output-formats to be supported:

• To create pdf-files from LaTeX-files we use lualatex or some other kind of LaTeX creating pdf-files like xelatex or pdflatex.

LATEX uses several auxiliary programs. Above all bibtex, to create the bibliography and makeindex and splitindex for the index and makeglossaries for the glossary. The latter two also require the latex packages makeidx, optionally showidx, both described in [BLC+14], the package splitidx documented in [Koh16] and glossaries specified in [Tal16]. Note that makeglossaries either invokes makeindex or xindy, depending on the parametrization of glossaries. Both, makeglossaries and xindy are written in Perl, which shall also be installed if a glossary is required.

To include program code in Python, octave and other language, pythontex is needed; to eliminate that code creating an equivalent tex-file, one has to combine it with depythontex. Both are written in Python3 which shall be installed also as a dependency. To use them, one also needs to install the package pytontex.

The package rerunfilecheck is in any standard LaTeX-installation. It is almost mandatory because this software presupposes that package is present to ensure that the table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, the index and the glossary are up to date.

It is standard to endow a pdf-file with hyperlinks. To support this, the package hyperref is required.

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- To create html-files, or to be more precise any kind of Standard generalized markup language (sgml) and extensible markup language (xml), from LaTeX-files, htlatex or alternatively htxelatex is used. Currently the author is not aware of any alternative to the two. This includes also creating open office documents like odt-files. Thus open office documents are created in two steps, the first is to create pdf-files with the according tools, the second one is done by htlatex or that like.
- To create rtf-files, currently latex2rtf is used. Note that this does not require pdflatex. As a drawback, not all LaTeX-packages are supported.
- MS word documents are created from open office documents via the command odt2doc and thus require three steps and so the according tool chain.

- Finally, there is a way, to create plain text files from the pdf-files via pdftotext. The way from L<sup>Δ</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to text via pdf makes sense because that text is well formatted math mode symbols like π. and because table of contents, index, glossary and that like are included. So, for that task, besides pdftotext the whole toolchain to create pdf-files is required.
- An application which does not create a target, i.e. a file in the target directory is **chktex** which just checks the latex main files and associated files.

So to run this software, the aforementioned programs or at least the subset used, must be installed. To obtain reproducible results, the versions must fit. This version is checked with the executables with versions given by an according properties file version.properties.

There are also several LaTeX-packages needed or at least recommended. The recommended ones are

- geometry described in [Ume10] to control page layout.
- microtype described in [Sch16] improve readability and make the document look nicer. It also helps to avoid bad boxes.
- hyperref described in [RO22] to insert hypertext marks, which I do not want to miss in larger documents.
- srcltx described in [SU06] which allows to jump from the DVI file to the tex source and back.
- showframe if geometry is not used with option showframe. There seems to be no package documentation for package showframe.
- booktabs described in [Fea16]
- fix-cm described in [SMCR15] and anyfontsize described in [Sza07] to allow arbitrary font sizes, eliminating certain warnings.

### Almost required are

- rerunfilecheck described in [Obe16b] which writes additional rerun warnings to the log file if some auxiliary files have changed. This software relies on these warnings to control rerun latex and other applications.
- ifthen described in [Car14] which provides the ifthenelse-command which is needed to create both pdf and html and also to create rtf.
- iftex described in [Tea22] which has two functions:

- It provides the \ifpdf-command to detect pdf-mode. This is required to distinguish creation of pdf and text from html, odt, doc and others, based on dvi.
- Also, it is able to detect a specific latex engine via commands like \iffluatex or \iffpdftex but also \ifftutex being true for lualatex and xelatex but not for pdflatex. This is used if a document shall work for more than one engine like this manual and is in particular used to create reproducible pdf files which is engine specific. Finally, there is a way to force an exception if the wrong engine is used, e.g. by specifying \RequireLuaTeX.
- The graphics packages described in [Car16], in particular graphicx, xcolor and transparent, the latter two described in [Ker16] and in [Obe16c], respectively. Sometimes also bmpsize described in [Obe16a] if pixel graphics is used.
- import described in [Ars09] e.g. to import nested graphic files from arbitrary directories.
- inputenc described in [JM15] to select an input encoding fontenc to select a font encoding. Font selection is described in [Tea00] in general, with Section 5 on font encoding and Section 5.1 on the fontenc package. This package is almost indispensable if you do not write English, e.g. to access German umlauts. Note that [MFL16] describes font encoding in more detail.
- makeidx and showidx described in [BLC+14] or something comparable for creating indices.
- glossaries described in [Tal16] with tutorial [Tal21] or something comparable for creating glossaries.
- tocbibind described in [WP10] to include bibliography and index (what about glossaries?) into the table of contents.
- nag described in [Sch11] which performs certain checks unveiling deficiencies not filtered by the compiler nor by another check tool.
- babel described in [BB16] for language support. This is not used by this manual, because it is in English.

Useful packages with which this software is tested:

• The ams-packages \*\*\*\* amsmath

Listing 2.1: The source repository for this plugin

- longtable described in [Car98] for long tables, i.e. tables exceeding a page
- listings described in [HMH15] for listings.
- fancyvrb described in [Zan10] provides useful environments to mark verbatim text.

### 2.2 Setting pom.xml and build.xml

If this software is used as a maven plugin, it need not explicitly be installed, maven itself does this by need based on the entries of the pom.

Unfortunately, this plugin did not yet make it into maven central. Thus one has to add the providers repository to the pom as shown in Listing 2.1.

Then it can be used from command line, e.g. to create pdfs as mvn latex:pdf or for cleanup mvn latex:clr with with default configuration just adding the coordinates in the builts-plugin section of the pom as shown in Listing 2.2.

To make the plugin available within a build, one has to add executions, e.g. as shown in Listing 2.3: Typically, this plugin is used in the site lifecycle phase to process latex sources, but it must also be used to clean up the source directory in phase clean, because during document development that directory may be polluted. Finally, it is recommended to add a check of the converter versions right in the phase validate. Note that typically one will use goal cfg to create documentation because this allows to configure the output formats, but it may be also perfectly appropriate to stick to a single format as pdf. Cleanup is recommended to make the individual runs of this plugin independent. Finally, it is recommended to check the validity of the installed converters. Note the special configuration for that task which seems appropriate to skip info output on the console and have warnings if something goes wrong.

Listing 2.2: The coordinates of this plugin

Note the section configuration in Listing 2.3 which is empty and can be skipped in a default configuration creating pdf- and hmtl-documentation. However, pom.xml gives an example pom using this latex plugin with full configuration with default values and executions. In addition, Chapter 6 describes each setting individually.

To check whether the installation of the plugin succeeded, in the directory of the pom command

```
mvn latex:vrs
```

which shall return meta info, above all the version of the plugin, and a list all converters needed together with the actual versions and the expected versions as displayed in Listing 3.3. Note that not all converters need to be installed, only the needed ones. For details see Section 3.3.

As you can see, the taskdef's refer to java classes. Unlike maven which loads jars with the classes inside automatically from

```
https://www.simuline.eu/RepositoryMaven
```

the jar for the tasks, latex-maven-plugin-2.0-antTask.jar, must be down-loaded manually from

https://www.simuline.eu/RepositoryMaven/eu/simuline/m2latex/latex-maven-plugin/2.0

```
<plugin>
 <groupId>eu.simuline.m2latex/groupId>
 <artifactId>latex-maven-plugin</artifactId>
 <version>2.0</version>
 <configuration>
 </configuration>
 <executions>
   <execution>
     <id>process-latex-sources</id>
     <!-- grp, dvi, pdf, html, rtf, odt, docx, txt, chk --->
     <goals><goals</goals>
   </execution>
   <execution>
     <id>clear-latex-sources</id>
     <goals><goals</goals>
   </execution>
   <execution>
     <id>validate-converters</id>
     <goal><goal></goal></goals>
     <configuration>
       <versionsWarnOnly>true/versionsWarnOnly>
      </configuration>
   </execution>
 </executions>
Listing 2.3: The executions of this plugin
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Moreover, and expects to find the jar files in an according folder. In my installation it is /usr/share/ant/lib/; as can be seen in the ant documentation, in general it is in folder lib in ant's installation directory.

However, build.xml gives an example build file using this latex ant task with full configuration with default values and executions. From that, one has to copy the following into the build.xml file in the current project:

- The properties ant Jar Dir and created Jar,
- The path element with the id latex.classpath
- The taskdefs latexCfg and latex:Clr
- The targets latex:cfg and latex:clr

As for the maven plugin, for the ant task, add configuration, where a deviation from the default requires to do so. The configuration is the same and is described in detail in Chapter 6.

### 2.3 Installation from source

The first step to install from source, is to clone from the repository by

git clone https://github.com/Reissner/maven-latex-plugin

of course assuming that git has been installed. Then change into the root repository where pom.xml for maven and also built.xml for ant are located.

To install the maven-plugin, ensure that maven is installed. One is tempted just to type

mvn clean install

but this does not work since the plugin needs itself to be installed to perform even clean. To solve that problem just comment out all its executions in the local pom.xml by enclosing them in <!--...->. In fact this is a minor bug, since, to be strict, only the executions for verification and clearing must be deactivated. For processing, it would be sufficient to add <phase>site</phase> to execution process-latex-sources.

Since the author develops with maven, including the development of the ant task, the maven built, creates the file latex-maven-plugin-2.0-antTask.jar defining the ant task. To this end, also mvn clean package is sufficient. After that, installation proceeds like described in Section 2.2 copying that jar file ant's lib-folder where ant can find it.

With root access and after having checked the proper paths, the build file build.xml can be used to perform copy task by ant install, to insert an according link by ant link to remove it again with ant uninstall. The build file build.xml works only if latex-maven-plugin-2.0-antTask.jar is placed where ant can find it or if the parts are deactivated below the line

<!-- deactivate the following unless the ant task is installed already -->

I feel building with maven and linking the jar created is a very good way to develop the ant task, because after changes the new ant task is available immediately

For typical changes in the sources, it is possible to recompile and package the ant task by ant jar also cleanup is possible with ant clean. Finally, the ant task can be tested with ant latex:cfg and ant latex:clr.

In the long run, it should be possible to build the ant task from sources with ant alone.

# Chapter 3

# Usage of Plugin and Task

This software offers both, a maven plugin and an according ant task, but the emphasis is on the maven plugin. Thus, all sections of this chapter are either general or apply to the maven plugin. Only Section 3.5 specifically refer to the ant task. Usage presupposes installation as described in Chapter 2 including settings in pom.xml as described in Section 2.2.

This plugin may be used both if the LaTeX-sources are finished to create the output described by them and also to support development of the LaTeX sources. Accordingly, this chapter has Section 3.1 devoted to the form of the sources, including directory structure, LaTeX-files and others, mainly graphic files included and a Section 3.2 on exporting into various formats.

There is a very special usage, called development of documents, which means while the document is under construction. The features and goals tied to this phase are collected in Section 3.3.

In contrast, Section 3.4 is on usage of the maven plugin within the lifecycles. This can be used during development of documents but is more appropriate for small changes or when development finished at a stage.

# 3.1 The source files

The LaTeX-files and also files included via \input are in the tex-source directory, which is by default ./src/site/tex, where "." is the base directory of this maven-project. The LaTeX-files to be compiled top level, typically not inputted anywhere via \input, are called \( \mathbb{D}TeX\) main files. As an example, in the tex-source directory of this software, manualLMP.tex is a LaTeX main file, whereas the file header.tex is not although also a LaTeX-file. LaTeX main files are detected automatically.

The included files may be again LaTeX-files, but also bibliography files, listings included by package listings, verbatim text included with verbatim and maybe

soon even code files to be executed via the package pythontex. The great bulk of input files however, are graphic files in various formats. As regards the way their files are included in LaTeX-files, there are the following kinds of graphic formats, all included in the tex-source directory.

- 1. The first can be included into LaTeX-files directly via \input. These formats are essentially LaTeX and are defined in an according package. Examples are eepic described in [Kwo88] and above all tikz described in [Tan15].
- 2. the second one via the command \includegraphics defined by the package graphicx which is described in [Car16]. Chapter 2 therein mentions the supported drivers, among these are also dvipdfm and dvipdfmx. It is not the package but the driver which decides on the support of graphic formats. The dvipdfm user manual, [Wic99] lists the allowed formats metapost-output (i.e. metapost's postscript like output including text (mps)), postscript, pdf. Graphics format developed by the Joint Photographic Experts Group (jpg) and Portable Network Graphics (png).
- 3. the third one must be transformed into a graphics format of one of the former two kinds using an external tool for transformation. Here, of course, only a limited support is possible, because there is a broad variety of formats. We have chosen
  - the fig-format described in [Rei16] because of its simplicity,
  - the gnuplot format, described in [WK20], because it allows computation
    of function plots,
  - scalable vector graphics svg format specified in [Da11] as it is important for construction and the counterpart of pixel oriented formats. As the specification is hard to digest, we refer to the tutorial [DHH02].
  - likewise, metapost (mp-format), described in [Hob14] because it is native to LaTeX and quite versatile.
- 4. the fourth kind of graphics formats has to be transformed into one of the kinds one or two but unlike in type three, this is not done explicitly by an external tool but by a latex-package during the LaTeX-run. Note that, although not required to be explicitly transformed, those graphics files induce additional files by running LaTeX. Essentially, each of the abovementioned type of format can be included that way but currently, this is done for the svg-format only included by the package svg (see [Ilt12]). The author personally refrains from using packages like that because of the lack of flexibility and further drawbacks.

5. Finally, there is a way to include graphics which is not really a graphic format: In the course of running code, e.g. by package pythontex in Python, as described in Section 5.5, it is also possible to create computed graphics. It may be advisable to separate code into special files to be included via \input, but it is not strictly required. In the long run it seems a good idea, to extend pythontex to read in code files, e.g. in python directly.

The LATEX-files and the graphic files belonging to a LATEX main file are assumed to be in one single folder. If one file is included by two different main files, a link shall be used.

Note that unlike former version, the current version of this software does not create a working directory by cloning the tex-source directory. Instead, it operates directly on the tex-source directory also creating intermediate files. The advantage of processing that way is, that this allows cooperation between this software and other toolchains which are better suited for developping latex files. Details are described in Section 3.3.

The downside is that a file residing in the tex-source directory risks being overwritten by this software, if it does not stick to the rules. The rules are simple: For each graphic file, being transformed, i.e. of types 3 or 4 above, additional files are created with the same name up to the suffix. Thus for these graphic files no file with the same name up to the ending is allowed. The same is true for the LATEX main files.

Besides the LaTeX-files and the graphics files there is a third kind of file supported Bibliographies in bib-files. This software treats them automatically.

# 3.2 Exporting in various formats

After having added the configuration of the plugin to the pom.xml, minimally the one given in Section 2.2, it can be used directly invoking maven through mvn latex:cfg. Here latex is the (short) name of the plugin and cfg is the goal It can also be interpreted as mvn <source>:<target>: The source files are in latex-format and the target-formats are read from the configuration in the pom (configuration is what cfg stands for).

By default, the target formats are pdf and html. The following Listing 3.1 shows a configuration with the full range of output formats including in addition the open office document format odt, the MS word-formats doc(x) and rtf and also plain text format txt in utf8 encoding. Note that the target docx converts by default into docx but may also be configured to produce the old fashioned outdated document format for MS Word (doc) format.

The resulting files in the given output formats are copied to the site directory, which is ./target/site in a default maven project.

Listing 3.1: Configuration with full range output formats

Sometimes it is more convenient to specify the output formats not via the pom but directly as a goal on the command line. In particular, one may write mvn latex:pdf to create documentation in pdf-format only. Likewise command mvn latex:dvi to get good old dvi files or even mvn latex:txt for plain text, just as examples. Note that the -X switch activates debugging which results in a more verbose output. Example: mvn -X latex:cfg.

CAUTION: The latex processor is **xelatex** can only be used to create **pdf** files; instead of the **dvi** format, it supports the **xdv** format, which cannot be created with this software.

For creating the graphic files in the tex-source directory, there is a goal graphics, invoked by mvn latex:grp. This goal does not create any output in the site directory. Instead, it populates the source directories with graphic files which can be directly included into the LateX-file and so it allows to run the LateX-compiler on the latex main files from within a development environment. Thus, the goal graphics is thus a vital feature for development of documents.

Finally, there is another target for clearing the tex-source directory recursively invoked by mvn latex:clr. For more details on the last three goals, see Section 3.3

In a standard maven project, the above minimal configuration should be sufficient. Only if the folder structure deviates from the standard or if the LATEX sources require special configuration, parameters have to be given explicitly, because they deviate from the default values. Chapter 6 summarizes all available parameters, giving the default value and a description.

For sake of uniformity, the name of the ant-task is latex:cfg and it can be invoked via ant latex:cfg. Unlike the maven-plugin, the ant-task does not allow to specify a target on the command line. The -d switch activates debugging which results in a more verbose output. Example: ant -d latex:cfg.

Whereas by default the target directory and in particular the target site directory with all output of this plugin is deleted in maven's clean life-cycle. As is described in more detail in Section 3.3, this software creates target documents and also intermediate files in the tex source directory, at least with cleanup disabled. To eliminate the created files from the source directory, just type mvn latex:clr. By default, the goal clr is also executed in maven's clear life-cycle.

There is an according ant-task latex:cfg which can be invoked via ant -d latex:cfg. FIXME: ant latex:clr has duplicate parameters. This can be fixed only by properties. Another problem is, to provide a complete subset of parameters which apply to latex:cfg and to latex:cfg, respectively.

If this ant-task is used in an ant project with folder structure conforming with a maven project and if the LaTeX sources do not require a special configuration, the above configuration is sufficient. Otherwise, parameters have to be given explicitly overwriting the default values.

### 3.3 Development of Documents

During development, it is comfortable, to have the log-file in the same directory as the LaTeX main file. Also, if pdf- and tex-files are synchronized, also the pdf-file should be in the same directory. Likewise, files in graphic formats which cannot be included into a LaTeX-file without conversion, that converted file shall be in the same directory as the original one. So, all files, manually created files and files arising from automatic conversions shall be in the same folder, at least during development. Also, typically, one wants to mix creation by this maven-plugin or ant-task with at least partial creation through external tools. For example, if writing LaTeX-files with Emacs, it is much more convenient, to compile the LaTeX main file via pdflatex from within Emacs or to create a pdf-file from a fig-file through xfig's export dialog, than using this maven-plugin or this ant-task. Also these tools work best, if all is in one folder.

On the other hand, conventionally, in a maven project, sources are held in folder src, whereas created files occur in the folder target. Likewise for ant. The compromise, this maven-plugin and this ant-task take, is, that at the end of a run at most the files present at the beginning of the run may be present in the source directory. So, this software builds in the following steps:

- Store a list of all files present at the beginning of a run.
- Process all graphics files of the formats requiring preprocessing.
- Determine the LATEX main files.

- Run the LaTeX converter, e.g. the one creating pdf-output or docx-output. This may include running auxiliary programs like bibtex or pythontex and also rerunning the LaTeX converter several times.
- Copy the result files (if any) into the target folder.
- Remove all files not present at the beginning of a run, by default.

To keep e.g. the resulting pdf, just create it via compilation through Emacs, even if not all graphic files to be included are present or just by a touch-command. Then in the next run of this plugin, this pdf will be re-created, that time complete with the graphics output. That way, synchronization between LaTeX- and pdf-files is possible. Likewise, to keep the log-file or the aux-file, just touch it. This technique is really valuable for debugging.

To keep all created files after a run of this maven-plugin, set the parameter cleanUp in the pom to false as illustrated in Listing 3.2. For the ant-task likewise

But how can one get rid of all these newly created files? That is what is the goal latex:clr is for: mvn latex:clr removes all created graphic files and for each latex main file, it removes all files with "similar" names including log files, index files and that like. Typically, this suffices, to remove all files created. If not, try to modify parameter \$patternCreatedFromLatexMain in the pom accordingly. If this does not help either, please inform the developer of this software. Of course, if further software is used which creates additional files, like Emacs creates a folder auto, these files cannot be removed by this maven-plugin or this ant-task. Note that latex:clr also removes exported files as listed in Section 3.2 from the target folder.

During development of a LaTeX-main file, it is often more convenient to compile from within an editor like Emacs. The problem is, that compilation fails if the graphic files are missing. This is what the goal *graphics* accessible via

### mvn latex:grp

is for: It creates all graphic files required to compile the LATEX-main files.

Still this does not create a bibliography, an index or a glossary. With *auctex*, an Emacs-package for editing LaTeX, bibliography and index are well supported. To create a glossary, auctex has to be modified a little.

That way also the log-files required are created: In case of this manual, the files manualLMP.xxx are created where xxx is

- log for LATEX,
- blg for BibTeX,
- glg for makeglossaries and

### • ilg for makeindex.

The last goal regularly used for development of documentation is *check*. It is invoked via

### mvn latex:chk

and runs chktex, described in [Thi16], on each latex main file after having created graphic files as for goal graphics. As a result, a log-file with suffix .clg is created but not copied to the target folder. If the log-file contains an entry, an according message is logged. Note that, with default configuration, chktex requires the LATEX-package booktabs described in [Fea16].

Finally, we have the goal latex:vrs to display meta information, above all version information:

### mvn latex:vrs

displays something like what is displayed in Listing 3.3. As one can see, there may be converters with inappropriate versions which is indicated by a warning WMI02 and there may be converters which are excluded according to the configuration convertersExcluded.

Note that in the given version and in the installation of the author, of course all converters are installed and are up-to-date to be able to check validity. The according messages are for illustration only.

Another aspect of document development is integration with other tools.

Document development starts with the editor. Above the emacs editor enhanced with auctex was mentioned. We recommend VS code in conjunction with several extensions. If VS code itself is already installed the script in Listing 3.4 installs and updates all extensions the author used to develop this manual. The core extension is latex workshop, the others are mainly used for editing graphic files.

A valuable standalone build tool is latexmk. It can even run in background. This manual can also be compiled with latexmk but only with adapted configuration file .latexmkrc; the one depicted in Listing 3.5.

This software and latexmk follow a different philosphy in finding dependencies: Whereas this software creates image files in advance before invoking a latex converter, latexmk first calls the latex converter in nonstopmode to avoid a stop because of a missing file. Then the file is created using the appropriate rule (hopefully unique) and the converter is run again, this time passing the inclusion of the first created files failing at the next one. This goes on that way until the last included file is created. Then the latex converter runs through without failure caused by missing files.

There are two problems with this: This yields a huge number of runs for the converter which is time consuming and there is at least one kind of inclusion which

does not work that way: inclusion with \lstinputlisting provided by listings. In fact, i have an email from J. Hoffmann, author of listings telling that there are more packages with the same problem. To be checked: fancyvrb and moreverb. Nevertheless, all other ways of inclusion used by this manual like the one with \import seem to work fine.

The current workaround is illustrated in Listing 3.6 modifying listings' output to make it digestable for latexmk.

Still some generalization in latexmk could spare this modification.

Another point is, that currently for each file latexmk creates with a separate rule, another run of the latex processor is required: The initial run is interrupted with the first missing file. Then that file is created by an appropriate rule and the latex processor is rerun failing with the next missing file. That way the process goes on until the last file is created with a rule. Of course this proceedure is quite time consuming, so an alternative is required.

Both, the install script instVScode4tex.sh for VS code extensions given in Listing 3.4 and the config file .latexmkrc depicted in Listing 3.5 are packaged in the JAR file representing this software. That way these resources can be made available via the maven dependency plugin by unpacking from the JAR. Listing 3.7 shows the according configuration in the pom. In addition, it is available on the web as .latexmkrc. Pasting the into vscode one can see the highlighting, and a preview, of course provided the extensions Section 3.3 and given by Listing 3.4 are installed.

Accordingly, Listing 3.8 shows a configuration for the pom that makes the clean plugin cleanup the unpacked files.

# 3.4 Goals in the maven lifecycle

The goal latex:cfg exporting in the formats configured is tied to the lifecycle phase site so is invoked when commanding

mvn site

or subsequent phase.

Also, the goal latex:clr cleaning created files both from source directory and from target directory is tied to phase clean so is invoked when commanding

mvn clean

Finally, the goal latex:vrs displaying versions of converters is tied to the phase validate. Thus it is thus invoked when commanding

mvn validate

| which is invoked not only in installation, but also by the site plugin. This ensures |
|--|
| that the converters are checked for correct version before being used. Note that     |
| by default, mvn latex:vrs displays complete version info, whereas mvn validate       |
| only displays warnings if appropriate.   |
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| 3.5 The ant-tasks  |

# This section is missing. What has to be described are the two tasks.

```
<!-- create html and pdf and other formats from latex -->
<plugin>
  < groupId > eu.simuline.m2latex </ groupId >
  <artifactId>latex-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <version>2.0</version>
  <configuration>
    <settings>
      <targets>pdf</targets>
      <cleanUp>false</cleanUp>
    </settings>
  </configuration>
</plugin>
                Listing 3.2: Configuration without cleanup
```

```
latex-maven-plugin:1.6-SNAPSHOT:vrs (default-cli) @ latex-maven-plugin ---
[INFO] Manifest properties:
[INFO] MANIFEST: (1.0)
[INFO] Implementation—Version: '1.6—SNAPSHOT
[INFO] PackageImplementation—Version: '1.6—SNAPSHOT
[INFO] pom properties:
[INFO] coordinate.groupId:
                       coordinate.version:

'eu.simuline.m2latex
'eu.simuline.m2latex
'latex—maven—plugin'

'l.6—SNAPSHOT
 INFO
[INFO] coordinate.version.
[INFO] git properties:
[INFO] build version: '1.6-SNAPSHOT'
[INFO] commit id desc: 'latex-maven-plugin-1.5-1-g17f5fad-dirty'
[INFO] buildTime: '2022-06-07T16:51:25+0200'
[INFO]
[INFO]
                                                                                                                                         'actual version'(not)in[expected version interval]
                                                                                                                                       'actual version'(not) in [expected version int' 1.40.24' in [1.40.21;1.40.24]' 1.15.0' in [1.12.0;1.15.0] 0.999994' in [0.999992;0.999994] 1.2.3.18 r1267' in [2.3.16 r1254;2.3.18 r1267] 1.9.0' in [0.9.0] 1.9.0' in [0.9.0] 1.9.0' in [0.9.0] 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 1.9.0 
                                                             pdflatex:
lualatex:
 [INFO]
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 INFO
                                                              xelatex:
[INFO]
[INFO]
                                                             latex2rtf:
odt2doc:
 [INFO]
                                                              pdftotext:
                                                              dvips:
dvipdfm:
 [INFO]
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                                                              dvipdfmx:
[INFO]
[INFO]
                                                              xdvipdfmx:
                                                              dvipdft:
                                                                                                                                         '9.54.0'in [9.52.0;9.54.0]
'1.7.6'in [1.7.6]
[INFO]
                                                              gs:
chktex:
                                                                                                                                       17.60 in[17.60]
(*0' in [0]
(*300' in [300]
(*3.8' in [3.8]
(*22.05.0' in [22.01.0;22.05.0]
(*12.41' in [12.39;12.41]
(*0.99d' in [0.99d]
[INFO]
[INFO]
                                                              diff-pdf-visually:
diff-pdf:
diff:
 [INFO]
 INFO
                                                              pdfinfo:
[INFO]
                                                              exiftool:
bibtex:
                                                                                                                                       '0.99d' in [0.99d]
'3.72'in [3.71;3.72]
'3.72in [3.71;3.72]
'2.16'in [2.15;2.16]
'0.1'in [0.1]
'4.49'in [4.45;4.49]
'0.18'in [0.17;0.18]
'0.18'in [0.17;0.18]
'4.77'in [4.70b;4.77]
'2.02'in [2.00;2.02]
'20211117'in [20200315;20211117]
'5.4 patchlevel 3'in [5.4 patchlevel 0;5.4 patchlevel 3]
'1.1.2'in [1.0.2;1.1.2]
'3.2.8b' in [3.2.7b;3.2.8b]
                                                             bibtexu:
bibtex8:
 INFO
 [INFO]
                                                             makeindex:
splitindex:
 INFO
 [INFO]
[INFO]
[INFO]
                                                             makeglossaries:
pythontex:
 INFO
                                                              depythontex:
 INFO
                                                              latexmk:
 INFO
                                                             mpost:
ebb:
 [INFO]
                                                             gnuplot:
inkscape:
 INFO
 [INFO]
 INFO
                       fig2dev: excluded tools:
                                                                                                                                         '3.2.8b' in [3.2.7b; 3.2.8b]
[INFO]
[INFO]
                       upmendex, xindy
```

Listing 3.3: Output of goal latex:vrs

```
\#!/bin/sh -
# Explanation
\# code --extensions-dir < dir >
# Set the root path ; # code — list-extensions
      Set the root path for extensions.
      List the installed extensions.
# code —show-versions
# Show versions of
      Show\ versions\ of\ installed\ extensions\,,\ when\ using\ --list-extension\,.
#
  code = -install - extension  (< extension - id >  | < extension - vsix - path > )
     Installs an extension.
\# \ code \ --uninstall-extension \ (< extension-id> \ | \ < extension-vsix-path>)
\# Uninstalls an extension.
\# code —enable-proposed-api (<extension-id>)
      Enables proposed API features for extensions.
      Can receive one or more extension IDs to enable individually.
echo "latex⊔and⊔friends"
# latex and friends
code —force —install-extension james-yu.latex-workshop code —force —install-extension mathematic.vscode-latex
# lua
# [lua]: Couldn't find message for key config.runtime. ...
#code —force —install-extension sumneko.lua
code —force —install-extension phr0s.bib
code —force —install-extension twday.bibmanager
# nothing found for tikz
\# metapost
code —force —install-extension fjebaker.vscode-metapost
\# gnuplot is separate below
# TBD: zotero
code —force —install-extension marioschwalbe.gnuplot
code —force —install-extension fizzybreezy.gnuplot
code —force —install-extension jock.svg
code —force —install-extension simonsiefke.svg-preview
# spellchecker
code —force —install-extension valentjn.vscode-ltex
# perl (e.g. to configure latexmk)
code —force —install-extension d9705996.perl-toolbox
                 Listing 3.4: Install script for extensions of VS code.
```

```
%\usepackage[clear,pdf,eps]{svg}
\usepackage{import}
\uberrel{usepackage} \
% synchronization between tex and pdf
%\usepackage[active]{srcltx}
\usepackage{longtable}
\usepackage{listings}
🎖 this is a workaround for including listings with latexmk..
7 This can be fixed
\% – as shown below
% - patch in package listings
% – patch in latexmk
% I would prefer the latter.
\usepackage{xpatch}
makeatletter
          Listing 3.5: The config file .latexmkrc to compile this manual.
\% \setminus usepackage / clear, pdf, eps / {svg}
\usepackage{import}
\usepackage{amsmath}
% synchronization between tex and pdf
\% \ usepackage[active]{srcltx}
\usepackage{longtable}
\usepackage{listings}
% this is a workaround for including listings with latexmk..
% This can be fixed
\% - as shown below
\%- patch in package listings
\% - patch in latexmk
% I would prefer the latter.
\usepackage{xpatch}
\makeatletter
       Listing 3.6: Patch of the listings package given by the header file.
```

```
<groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins/groupId>
 <\!\operatorname{artifactId}\!\!>\!\!\operatorname{maven-dependency-plugin}\!\!<\!\!/\operatorname{artifactId}\!\!>
 <version>3.3.0
 <executions>
   <execution>
     <?m2e execute onConfiguration,onIncremental?>
     < id > unpack - latex < /id >
      <goals>
       <goal>unpack
     </goals>
      <phase>initialize</phase>
   </execution>
 </execution>
 <configuration>
 <artifactItems>
   <artifactItem>
     <groupId>eu.simuline.m2latex</groupId>
      <artifactId>latex-maven-plugin</artifactId>
     <version>2.0
     <type>jar</type>
      <overWrite>true</overWrite>
     <outputDirectory>...
     <includes>**/.latexmkrc</includes>
     <fileMappers>
       <\! {\rm org.codehaus.plexus.components.io.file mappers.FlattenFile Mapper} \ / \!\! > 
      </fileMappers>
   </artifactItem>
   <artifactItem>
      <groupId>eu.simuline.m2latex/groupId>
     <artifactId>latex-maven-plugin</artifactId>
      <version>2.0</version>
     <type>jar</type>
      <overWrite>true</overWrite>
      <outputDirectory>...
     <includes>**/instVScode4tex.sh</includes>
      <fileMappers>
        <org.codehaus.plexus.components.io.filemappers.FlattenFileMapper />
      </fileMappers>
   </artifactItem>
 </artifactItems>
</configuration>
</plugin>
```

Listing 3.7: Part of a pom describing installing files

```
<!-- configuration for clean plugin -\!\!\!>
<plugin>
  <\! \mathtt{artifactId} \! > \! \mathtt{maven-clean-plugin} \! < \! / \, \mathtt{artifactId} \! > \!
  <\!\!\mathbf{version}\!\!>\!3.1.0\!<\!\!/\mathbf{version}\!\!>
  <configuration>
     <filesets>
       <fileset>
          <directory>...</directory>
          <includes>
             <include>instVScode4tex.sh</include>
          </includes>
       </ fileset>
       <fileset>
          <\! {\tt directory} \!>\! \ldots <\! /\! {\tt directory} \!>\!
          <includes>
            <include>.latexmkrc</include>
          </includes>
       </fileset>
     </filesets>
  </ri>
</plugin>
            Listing 3.8: Part of a pom describing cleaning installed files
```

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## Chapter 4

## Graphical Preprocessing

While LaTeX is really strong in text processing and also in formula processing, in itself it is weak in its graphical abilities. Graphics in some formats can be included directly, in some cases preprocessing is necessary to obtain includable graphics, but in most cases, according LaTeX-packages must be used:

- graphicx is the basic graphics package which provides the command \includegraphics which allows including graphics natively in the formats pdf, eps, jpg and png at least. For details see [Car16].
  - xcolor allows using colors in graphics. Even if the author does not use colors in graphics, several formats, like fig, Gnuplot file format (gp) and svg offer it and so the according converters transforming them into the native formats create color information which can be rendered only via xcolor. For details see [Ker16].
- transparent allows specifying transparency in graphics. Here the same applies as for color Even if you do not use the feature, some source formats do (in fact only svg) does and so the according converters create according information and so LaTeX must get along with it. For details see [Obe16c].
  - bmpsize is needed for bitmap formats like jpg and png only. Used to extract resolution and bounding box. FIXME: needed more information. For details see [Obe16a].
    - tikz The tikz code described in [Tan15] is just in LaTeX format. Thus, it can be included directly anddoes not require any preprocessing. Still what is needed is a good graphical editor like tikzedt with online manual [TW12].
  - import is strictly speaking no graphics package. According to its documentation [Ars09], it allows an imported file to find its own inputs (using "\input",

"\includegraphics" etc.) in that directory. This is vital for the graphic formats for which a TEX file is imported which itself imports a PDF/EPS file located in the same folder but not in the folder of the importing file. It is advisable to combine the import package with other graphic packages to include graphics in separate graphic files.

pythontex is strictly speaking no graphics package either but more general a way to include and run code within a LATEX document as described in [Poo21]. Note that not only Python but also other languages can be used. Most of them offer graphic capabilities and so graphics can be included also via pythontex Nevertheless, we do not treat this technique in this chapter, but separately in Section 5.5. This is because graphics is a side aspect of pythontex and also because strictly speaking there is no preprocessing. First a latex processor is run, and the package extracts the code into a separate file which is then further processed by an external tool. This is more like running \bibtex to extract a bibliography.

> If using the package pythontex a special processing interacting with the latex to PDF converter is required also, but it is not preprocessing.

We support figures created in the fig by the program xfig, figures created by the plotting utility gnuplot, the TEX specific graphic language MetaPost, figures in syg-format and finally figures in formats which can be included into a LATEX-file without preprocessing like png and jpg. Further functionality on LATEX figures can be easily added. If there is some need, please write an email to the author.

Table 4.1 gives an overview over the supported formats together with the graphic converters, the name of the parameter to configure which one is used and the default value. Of course this converter must be installed. It is advisable to have also an editor installed. Sometimes the editor is used also as converter. For human-readable formats like fig, it often makes sense, to use both the graphical editor and the textual one.

| Graphic format | conversion tool               | editor                |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| fig            | fig2devCommand, e.g. fig2dev  | xfig, emacs           |
| gnuplot (gp)   | gnuplotCommand, e.g. gnuplot  | emacs                 |
| MetaPost (mp)  | metapostCommand, e.g. mpost   | emacs                 |
| svg            | svg2devCommand, e.g. inkscape | inkscape              |
| jpg, png       | _                             | $\operatorname{gimp}$ |

Table 4.1: Overview over the supported graphic formats

Besides the converter external to LATEX, also several LATEX-packages are required to use graphics.

```
\% \setminus usepackage\{textalpha\}
\new boolean \{ texFhtLoaded \}
          Listing 4.1: From the header of the tex-source of this manual
\Preamble{xhtml}
\% | make at letter
Configure{graphics*}
  {pdf}
    \Needs{"convert}
                          \csname Gin@base\endcsname.pdf %
                          \csname Gin@base\endcsname.eps"}%
                                       {\csname Gin@base\endcsname.eps}%
    \Picture[picture not present]
    \special{t4ht+@File: \csname Gin@base\endcsname.eps}
begin {document}
EndPreamble
\input{myxhtml.cfg}
```

Listing 4.2: Configuration file myxhtml.cfg

This section describes the conversions of graphical source files into target files in detail.

But PDF also occurs as an intermediate format for pictures. For historical reasons, still eps is used. Section 4.1 shows that it suffices to stick to pictures in PDF format. Section 4.2 shows how fig2dev converts fig-files into LATEX-files containing text and including graphics in as PDF files. Likewise, Section 4.3 describes how gnuplot converts gnuplot-files into PDF files. An interesting alternative to gnuplot for computing pictures is MetaPost described in Section 4.4. A more elaborate alternative to fig-pictures are SVG pictures described in Section 4.5 Also several formats collected in Section 4.6 may be included as is.

#### 4.1Inclusion of PDF files

Modern LaTeX implementations directly create PDF files. Thus, it makes sense. to allow including graphics as PDF files in LATEX-files. This is done in PDF mode by the LATEX-packages xcolor and graphicx. In contrast, traditionally LATEX produced output in the dvi-format which is still used to create html-output, this is not supported by the default driver, Instead it shall be used the driver dvipdfmx To obtain a LATEX-file which works both for creating PDF and HTML, insert in the header of the LATEX main file given by Listing 4.1.

An alternative, which we do not use is replacing the pdf by an eps via configuration file myxhtml.cfg which is given by Listing 4.2. It applies when converting ATEX into html and that like with htlatex if invoking something like htlatex xxx.tex myxhtml,... where myxhtml is located in the same directory as the LATEX-file to be processed. The configuration file essentially contains a graphics configuration, which applies conversion to pdf-files included in the LATEX-file xxx.tex via \includegraphics.

### 4.2 Conversion of fig-files

A simple but still useful tool to draw figures is xfig which stores graphics in a native format described in [Rei16] with file extension .fig. The file extension .fig is also used by matlab to store plots but this is something different. Graphics in xfig format cannot be directly included in latex files but must be exported into a LATEX-readable format.

To export a file xxx.fig residing in directory yyy into several external formats, xfig uses fig2dev. A look in [Rei16], Section 3.4 shows that texts with set "special"-flag are interpreted as latex-code. For these texts the appropriate export language would be latex. On the other hand, latex is weak in graphics and pdf would be the ideal export format for all kinds of objects, except for texts with set "special"-flag. In pdf format, texts are interpreted literally, independent of the "special"-flag. Thus fig2dev offers a mixed solution: export xxx.fig in format pdftex which yields a pdf-file xxx.pdf containing all but text with set "special"-flag and complementary pdftex\_t which yields a tex-file xxx.ptx including the pdf-file and the texts with set "special"-flag. The exported files are in the same directory yyy as the original file xxx.fig.

For example, the fig-file F4\_01fig2dev.fig defining Figure 4.1, is transformed into a file F4\_01fig2dev.ptx in format pdftex\_t which starts as given by Listing 4.3.

The file xxx.ptx is "imported" into the tex-file of this manual by the command \import {yyy} {xxx.ptx}

and includes xxx.pdf automatically the file xxx.pdf via \includegraphics{xxx} (line 2). Note the following remarkable details:

• Observe that we can drop the suffix of the included file xxx.pdf which is expressed as "xxx" because LaTeX chooses the right suffix: If instead of xxx.pdf there is a file xxx.eps, the latter is chosen if no suffix is specified. As we will see below, omitting the suffix is crucial to make xxx.ptx work for both LaTeX-output formats: the pdf-format can include pdf-files, whereas the dvi-format which is required to create html- and odt-files can include eps-files.

```
begin{picture}(0,0)%
     includegraphics{F4_01fig2dev}%
    end{picture}%
                   Conversion of xxx.fig into xxx.ptx, xxx.pdf and xxx.eps
    setlength{\unitlength}{2072sp}%
    \begin{cases} \mathbf{begingroup} \\ \mathbf{ifx} \\ \mathbf{fx} \\ \mathbf{figFont} \\ \mathbf{fined} \\ \mathbf{fi
    \gdef\SetFigFont#1#2#3#4#5{%
\reset@font\fontsize{#1}{#2pt}%
             \fontfamily\{\pmu3\fontseries\{\pmu4\fontshape\{\pmu5\}\%\selectfont\}\%
fi\endgroup%
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                                ]{0,0,0}\setminus texttt{xxx.eps}}\%
```

Listing 4.3: The ptx-file for a fig-file

• If xxx.pdf is included in xxx.ptx with the full path name, we may use \input{xxx.ptx} instead of \import{yyy}{xxx.ptx}.

If in contrast, xxx.pdf is included in xxx.ptx with the short name only, xxx.pdf is assumed to be in the same directory as the file inputting xxx.ptx. So in general, i.e. if this is not yyy, we need import \import{yyy}{xxx.ptx}. If the directories coincide, in the import the string yyy may be empty. If the string yyy is not empty, it must end with the path delimiter, i.e. / for Unix like systems and \ for win-like systems.

As indicated in Section 4.1, the commands in xxx.ptx require the packages graphicx and xcolor. Also the \import command requires the import package.

To export xxx.fig into xxx.ptx and xxx.pdf this software invokes two commands:

```
fig2dev -L pdftex <fig2devGenOptions> <fig2devPdfEpsOptions> xxx.fig xxx.pdf
fig2dev -L pdftex_t <fig2devGenOptions> <fig2devPtxOptions> -p xxx xxx.fig xxx.ptx
```

Both commands specify the input file xxx.fig, both use the options given by the parameter fig2devGenOptions while each invocation allows to specify also specific options, fig2devPdfEpsOptions and fig2devPtxOptions, respectively, and both use the option -L to specify the output format ("language").

The parameters specific for pdftex are called fig2devPdfEps0ptions because the options available are the same as for output format pstex creating eps-files. An example for a common option would be -b width which shall specify the same boundary for both formats; otherwise they do not fit.

For the output format pdftex\_t, the option -p xxx says, that the string xxx must be included in xxx.ptx as \includegraphics{xxx}. Note that the option -p shall not be specified in fig2devPtxOptions, because it is automatically added

Equivalent to mixed export with formats pdftex and pdftex\_t which is appropriate for LaTeX-output format pdf, is the mixed export with the according formats pstex and pstex\_t appropriate for LaTeX-output format dvi. The difference is that pstex creates an eps-file instead of a pdf-file with the same content and pstex\_t creates a tex-file which looks like that created by pdftex\_t except including the eps-file instead of the pdf-file. If the suffix is not given, pstex\_t and pdftex\_t create identical files. Thus exporting xxx.fig via

```
fig2dev -L pstex <fig2devGenOptions> <fig2devPdfEpsOptions> xxx.fig xxx.eps fig2dev -L pdftex <fig2devGenOptions> <fig2devPdfEpsOptions> xxx.fig xxx.pdf fig2dev -L pdftex_t <fig2devGenOptions> <fig2devPtxOptions> -p xxx xxx.fig xxx.ptx
```

and "inputting" xxx.ptx works for both LATEX output formats.

Table 4.2 relates the language specified with the -L option with the suffix of the output file choosen canonically, the suffix we choose and the actual file format In contrast to fig2dev, we choose the actual file format, except if this is TEX. We opted for the quite unusual suffix .ptx instead of .tex to avoid that tex-files may be both, source files and created files, but this is not compulsory, since the same holds and is accepted for pdf-files.

| Output format (language) | xfig suffix | our suffix           | format               |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| pstex                    | pstex       | eps                  | eps                  |
| pstex_t                  | pstex_t     | ptx                  | tex                  |
| pdftex                   | pdf         | $\operatorname{pdf}$ | $\operatorname{pdf}$ |
| pdftex_t                 | pdf_t       | $\operatorname{pdf}$ | $\operatorname{pdf}$ |

Table 4.2: Language, suffixes and file format

Maybe xfig is intended to export from within the export dialog and not directly via a script like fig2dev. This may be the reason why the magnification must be set in the export dialog, but it is stored in the fig-file nevertheless.

Figure 4.1 shows the transformation of figures with fig2dev and the inclusion of the eps-file and of the pdf-file in the ptx-file. Note that the fig2dev-command is configurable via the parameter fig2devCommand, but there will be hardly any command with the same command line interface performing exactly the transformations given in Figure 4.1, except fig2dev itself.

At the same time, Figure 4.1 is an example for a LaTeX-file xxx.ptx created from a fig-file and embedded in this LaTeX-file with the \input-command. More than that, Figure 4.1 describes the way it has been created. Note that all text labels

are specified with set "special"-flag, and are thus included as LATEX-text, except the text postscript which is typeset with a postscript font to make the difference visible.

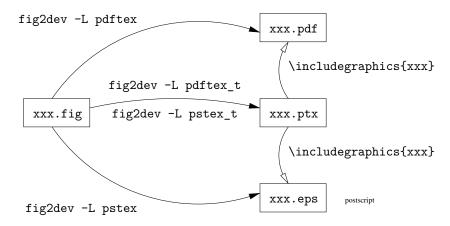


Figure 4.1: Conversion of a fig-file into pdf-, eps- and ptx-files with inclusions

### 4.3 Conversion of gnuplot-files

The term "gnuplot" refers to a file format and to a program gnuplot which can read this format, both described in [WK20].

Note that there seems no official file extension to identify gnuplot files. From the most common extensions .plt, .gpi and .gp we have chosen the one with the least collision and supported by Emacs, vscode and by my file browser: .gp.

The gnuplot format is a textual command language you can even program with and may thus be created with any editor but for sake of reproducibility it is recommended to use only files created by gnuplot. To ensure that a hand-written gnuplot file xxx.gp, e.g. with a single line like

```
plot [-10:10] sin(x), atan(x), cos(atan(x))
```

really works with the current gnuplot and to see how it is interpreted, it is recommended to convert it via

```
gnuplot -persist -e "load 'xxx.gp'; save 'xxx.gp'"
```

If you have a look inside the resulting file F4\_03someGnuplot.gp, you can see, that in a comment line the current version of gnuplot is documented and also all the settings implicitly used. The original line is the last but one. Pasting the into vscode one can see the highlighting, of course provided the extensions Section 3.3 and given by Listing 3.4 are installed.

Also if a gnuplot file is created with an old version of gnuplot, it is recommended to update version with the same command. Note that gnuplot does not offer full backward compatibility.

This software supports including figures stored in .gp-files created by gnuplot. To export a file xxx.gp into several external formats, it uses gnuplot itself. According to the manual [WK20], Part IV, gnuplot supports output formats through so called terminals. Among those are several ones intended for inclusion into LATEX-files, like Cairolatex, Eepic, Epslatex, Latex, Lua, Mf, Mp, Postscript, Ps(la)tex, Pstricks, Texdraw and Tpic. Note that also export into the fig-format via the terminal Fig is supported which in turn may be included in latex as described in Section 4.2. Also gnuplot pictures may be exported in MetaPost format which in turn may be included in latex as described in Section 4.4.

This software supports the export of a file xxx.gp only via the terminal Cairolatex which offers export to mixed pdf and LaTeX: graphics in pdf and text in LaTeX which yields the fonts typical for LaTeX. This is as described for fig-files in Section 4.2, except that text is generally converted in LaTeX-format, and not selectively those text marked with special flag.

Accordingly, the export yields two files xxx.ptx and xxx.pdf, both in the directory yyy in which xxx.gp resides. The file xxx.ptx must be imported via \import {yyy} {xxx.ptx}

It contains the texts and includes xxx.pdf via \includegraphics{xxx} without specifying a suffix.

Unlike for fig-files, xxx.ptx and xxx.pdf are created with a single command:

Accordingly, xxx.ptx and xxx.eps are created with a single command:

Note that this writes another but identical file xxx.ptx as no file endings are written and so xxx.ptx can include both, pdf and eps. When creating both performance is not optimal, but gnuplot offers no way to avoid this. If being strict, xxx.ptx is perfectly correct only for output eps, if comments and error messages are taken into account but as long as no error occurs, the result is perfectly ok also for pdf

As for inclusion of fig-files, packages graphicx and color are needed.

Figure 4.2 shows the transformation of the plots and the inclusion of graphic files. In addition, Figure 4.3 shows an example of a LaTeX-file created from a gnuplot file and embedded in this LaTeX-file.

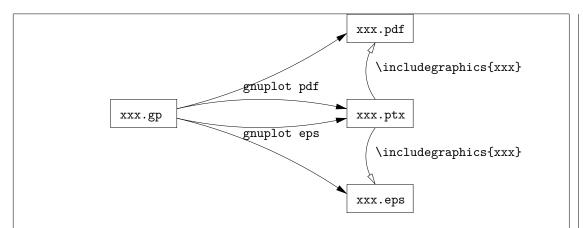


Figure 4.2: Conversion of a gnuplot-file into pdf-, eps- and ptx-files with inclusions

### 4.4 Inclusion of MetaPost files

A vector graphic format, very native to TeX is MetaPost, a derivative of Metafont originally used to describe shape of fonts. Although seemingly supported by TeX only, MetaPost is interesting in its own right, as it is a graphical programming language, Turing complete, much like postscript, and allows also declarative programming. The manual describing the language is [Hob14], seemingly complete, but it is not. Thus, one can be thankful for [HH13] which offers some introduction and for the really helpful tutorial [Hec05].

Files containing MetaPost have the ending .mp. Note that there are other graphic formats like monochrome pictures in TIFF-format which are identified with the same extension but the MetaPost format has nothing to do with this.

Since MetaPost is a programming language, MetaPost files are created with an editor. Since MetaPost is very versatile, it is impossible to give an impression by a single example. We decided to choose an example using a MetaPost library. MetaUML, described in [Ghe19] for some reasons apparent later. The example file is given in Listing 4.4 and also on the web as F4\_05someMetapost.mp. It is the source file of Figure 4.5. Pasting the into VS Code, one can see the highlighting, of course provided the extensions Section 3.3 and given by Listing 3.4 are installed.

Listing 4.4 illustrates some structure of MetaPost. As in  $T_EX$ , comments start with % and end with the line or with the file. The proper figures are enclosed between beginfig(n) and endfig, where n is the number of the figure, the so called charcode<sup>1</sup>, and the file ends with end. This software relies on specifying a single figure per file; the charcode is irrelevant.

Code outside figures is possible, but does not belong to a figure and is thus not displayed. In our example, besides end commands outside the figure are just

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This is a relict from Metafont, where each figure showed a character

```
\%prologues := 0; \% default
   \%prologues := 3;
   \% outputtemplate := \% \{jobname\}. \% \{charcode\} "; \% default
   \% outputtemplate := \%{jobname} \%{charcode}.mps"; \% for latex
   %outputformat:="eps";% default
   input metauml;
   beginfig(1);
     % states
     Begin.beginAll;
     \%End.\ endAll;
     % State Standby
     State.Stopped("STOPPED")();
     Stopped.w = begin All.e + (20, 0);
     State. Playing ("PLAYING")();
14
     \%Playing.w = Stopped.e + (60, 0);
     State.Paused("PAUSED")();
     Stopped.n = 0.5[Paused.n, Playing.n] + (0, 70);
     Playing.w = Paused.e + (120, 0);
19
     \%endAll.w = Standby.e + (20,0);
     Note.A("This is my aleph", btex $\aleph$ etex);
     A. e = begin All.w + (-20, 0);
24
     drawObjects (beginAll, Stopped, Playing, Paused, A);
     % feedback; links after draw: bad
     % links between states
29
     link(transition)(beginAll.e — Stopped.w);
     link(transition)(Stopped.e — Playing.n);
     item . play (iAssoc)("[play()]")
       (play.sw = 0.5[Stopped.e, Playing.n]);
     link(transition)(Playing.nw — Stopped.se);
     item.stopPlaying(iAssoc)("[stop()]")
34
        (stopPlaying.ne = 0.5[Playing.nw, Stopped.se]);
     link(transition)(Playing.w + (0, +10) - Paused.e + (0, +10));
     item.pause(iAssoc)("[pause()]")
        (pause.s = 0.5[Playing.w, Paused.e] + (0, 10));
39
     link(transition)(Paused.e + (0, -10) - Playing.w + (0, -10));
     item . playPaused(iAssoc)("[play()]")
       (playPaused.n = 0.5[Paused.e, Playing.w] + (0, -10));
     link(transition)(Paused.ne — Stopped.sw);
     item.stopPaused(iAssoc)("[stop()]")
44
       (stopPaused.nw = 0.5[Paused.ne, Stopped.sw]);
   endfig;
   \mathbf{end}
                     Listing 4.4: An example file in MetaPost
```

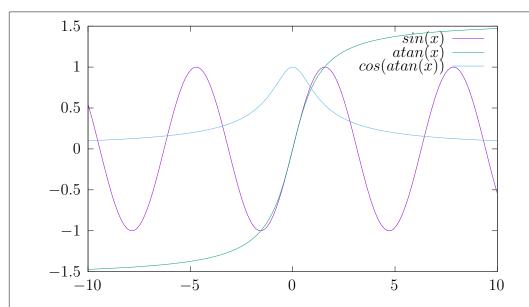


Figure 4.3: Converted sample gnuplot-file into ptx and pdf files

input xxx, where xxx names a so-called library defined by the file xxx.mp and a sequence of settings of internal variables of the MetaPost compiler controlling how the following figure is compiled. Most of them even in comments.

The compiler for MetaPost is given by the parameter metapostCommand which defaults to mpost, occasionally just mp.

Each internal variable which can be set in the MP file can also be set when invoking mpost using the option -s (variable)=(value) as described in [Hob14], Section B.2.1. There it is stated that the option is read just before the file is read which implies that the setting in the file overrides the command line setting.

The most basic setting is outputformat:="eps" which is the only setting appropriate for latex. So don't change<sup>2</sup>. Note the strange default setting for the names of the output files, outputtemplate, which reflects the charcode of the individual figures as file ending. For inclusion in latex, the file ending mps is required and so frequently outputtemplate is set to reflect the ending. It seems more appropriate to make the setting in the command line which yields the following invocation

mpost -s 'outputtemplate="%{jobname}%{charcode}.mps"' xxx.mp

As we agreed that a MetaPost file shall contain a single figure only, we also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Note that metapostCommand may also besides eps output svg and png, just by setting outputformat:="svg" or that like. Caution: case-sensitive, assuming silently eps if the format is not recognized. Whereas svg is a vector format as MetaPost ifself, png is a raster format

ignore the charcode which unifies MetaPost with other formats supported. This yields

```
mpost -s 'outputtemplate="%{jobname}.mps"' xxx.mp
```

The MetaPost file shall not overwrite the command line settings.

The setting of prologues controls where fonts come from and becomes relevant when using TeX for typesetting. Listing 4.4, line 21 includes a label via a note implicitly, and for the material between btex and etex uses TeX. The manual [Hob14], Section 8.1 is on typesetting labels and specifies the meaning of prologues. If we stick to including in LaTeX and creating PDF out of that only, the default setting 0 is appropriate always but since this software uses DVI as intermediate format, e.g. to create HTML, or because for debugging one wants to view the MPS files standalone in a viewer things are not so easy. For details see [Hob14], Section 14.2. Setting prologues:=1 is deprecated. The only save way to get the correct display is to include fonts in the MPS file, setting prologues:=3, but this makes the MPS file quite big. So a good compromise is to set prologues:=2 as a command line option resulting in

```
mpost -s prologues=2 -s 'outputtemplate="%{jobname}.mps"' xxx.mp
```

and overwriting by need as in Listing 4.4, line 2.

As mentioned above, input xxx includes a library making the program dependent on a file xxx.mp. As for latex processors, also mpost records dependencies recursively in an FLS file if invoked with option -recorder. Also like latex processors, an error shall not cause break or interaction so adding the option -interaction=nonstopmode. Thus, we arrive finally at the default invocation

```
mpost -interaction=nonstopmode -recorder \
   -s prologues=2 -s 'outputtemplate="%{jobname}.mps"' xxx.mp
```

Figure 4.4 illustrates how mpost converts an mp-file xxx.mp with the given settings into various result files:

• an mps-file or with setting

```
outputtemplate="\%{jobname}\%{charcode}.mps"
more mps-files xxx1.mps...xxxn.mps,
```

- a log-file xxx.log and a fls-file xxx.fls much like LATEX does
- and an metapost tex output: texts (mpx)-file xxx.mpx containing the LATEX text of the figure; this is not created if there is no such text.

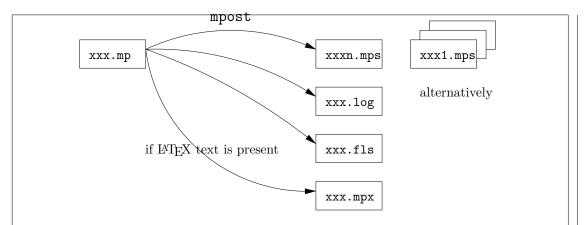


Figure 4.4: Conversion of a MetaPost-file into an mps-file

Figure 4.5 gives an example of a MetaPost file included in this LaTeX-file as ab mps-file created from the MetaPost file and embedded in this LaTeX-file with the \includegraphics-command. Normally, \includegraphics is invoked with the filename without extension, but for mps-files, the extension is needed. As for inclusion of fig-files, the package graphicx is needed.

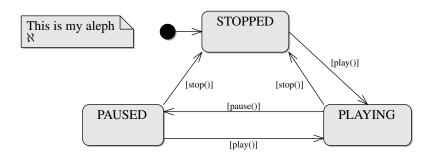


Figure 4.5: Converted sample MetaPost-file included as mps-file

One of the descendants of MetaPost is TikZ (see introductory text [Cré11]) and one of the deficiencies resolved is that it allows passing information from the main document to the proper figure.

With lualatex this can be reached for MetaPost also using package luamplib

```
\iffuatex
\usepackage{luamplib}
\newcommand*\inputmpcode[1]{\begin{mplibcode}input #1\end{mplibcode}}
\else
\fi
```

The package itself provides an environment mplibcode. Essentially, lualatex interprets all code enclosed in the mplibcode environment as MetaPost. The package is enhanced with the command \inputmpcode which allows also load

MetaPost from a file. The latter is preferred to direct inclusion with the mplibcode environment, e.g. for sake of proper code highlighting. Note that the package declaration is enclosed in an if construct, ensuring that the package is loaded only if lualatex or that like is run.

That this allows better integration within the enclosing latex document is illustrated by redefining the letter  $\aleph$  as  $\alpha$  which is really related.

Figure 4.6 documents, that the redefinition really influences rendering in the MetaPost file.

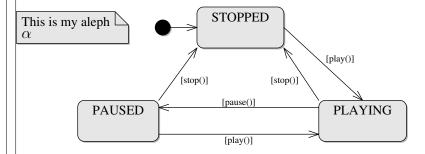


Figure 4.6: Sample MetaPost-file included via luamplib for lua(hb)tex

### 4.5 Inclusion of syg-files

Comparable with the xfig-format described in Section 4.2 but much more elaborate and widely used is the svg-format. There is a huge up-to-date official SVG 1.1 specification, [Da11] and a specification for SVG Tiny 1.2, [Aa08] which is itself quite short and more readable and gives also a good overview on "SVG Big". For a tutorial, see [DHH02]. As stated in [Aa08], Section 1.1, svg-files may contain vector graphics, raster images and text. It may also contain video and audio elements and may be interactive and dynamic, which goes beyond what can be included in LATEX-files.

Figure 4.8 shows a picture in svg-format. As pdf-files are included directly via the \includegraphics-command, using the LaTeX-packages xcolor and graphicx virtually, xxx.svg can be included directly via

 $\% \setminus includesvg / width = 0.5 \setminus textwidth / \{xxx\}\%$ 

using the LaTeX-packages svg described in [Ilt12]. Note that the suffix of the file name shall be omitted.

A closer look shows, that graphic preprocessing is done behind the scenes in the course of a LaTeX-run creating files xxx.pdf and xxx.pdf\_tex. As described for fig-files in Section 4.2 and for gnuplot-files in Section 4.3: The latter is a

LATEX-file containing text and including the former. To include xxx.pdf of course the LATEX-packages xcolor and graphicx are required. Moreover, it may happen that the LATEX-package transparent is required also, depending on the features used inxxx.svg.

As indicated in [Ilt12], Section 1, the svg-package delegates the transformation of xxx.svg xxx.pdf and xxx.pdf\_tex to inkscape. This is a graphical editor with export functions which can be invoked in batch-mode also. Of course using the svg-package has the advantage that no explicit preprocessing is required, the created files updated by need. It is worth thinking about whether it is worthwhile writing according packages fig and gnuplot.

On the other hand, this breaks the workflow this software normally applies to graphic files. In particular, the package creates latex main files which are not removed after the latex run if parametrized accordingly or if something goes wrong. Also, the svg-package does not provide the full flexibility of a standard solution. Since this software is still under construction and more than that, is in an experimental phase, we provide explicit preprocessing of svg-files using inkscape. Another problem with the svg-package is, that according to [Ilt12], Section 1, it does not work on Windows platforms.

Some research shows, that inkscape in the version current at time of this writing exports mixed PDF and latex: If invoked as

```
inkscape --export-filename=xxx.pdf --export-area-drawing --export-latex xxx.svg
```

inkscape creates a file xxx.pdf containing all graphics but text and another file xxx.pdf\_tex containing text and including xxx.pdf. The file xxx.pdf\_tex can be be integrated into the latex document as

```
\def\svgwidth {0.5\textwidth} \import {yyy}{xxx.pdf\_tex}%
```

Unlike fig2dev and gnuplot, specifying the files with their full path, has no effect, i.e. inclusion uses the file name only. Thus \import cannot be replaced by \input and so the LATEX-package import is required.

This is essentially the same technique as applied for fig-files and for gnuplot-files as described in Sections 4.2 and 4.3.

Analogously,

```
inkscape --export-filename=xxx.eps --export-area-drawing --export-latex xxx.svg
exports files xxx.eps_tex and xxx.eps.
```

In older versions of inkscape, there was a configuration allowing xxx.eps\_tex to include uniformly both xxx.pdf and xxx.eps. Thus xxx.pdf\_tex could be deleted and xxx.eps\_tex moved to xxx.ptx which in turn could be included into the main document.

As shown in Figure 4.7, for the current version of inkscape, this software filters xxx.eps\_tex into xxx.ptx "manually" so that both xxx.pdf and xxx.eps are included in xxx.ptx. Then it deletes the original files xxx.pdf\_tex and xxx.eps\_tex.

The author has filed a bug report to the inkscape-team, to avoid this workaround in future.

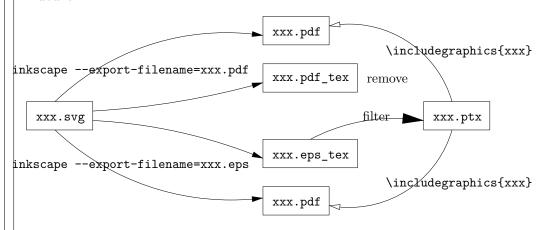


Figure 4.7: Conversion of an syg-file into pdf-, eps- and ptx-files with inclusions

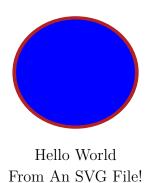


Figure 4.8: Some svg-picture with text FIXME: uniformity

In contrast to the FIG format, SVG pictures can be created by several programs. Among those is also inkscape which can be used like xfig as a grapical editor with export functionality. In contrast to FIG format, SVG is essentially human readable, in fact an XML derivative. The author calls it "essentially", referring to the fact, that the format is quite wordy as is illustrated by the source code F4\_07someSvg.svg for the above picture. Nevertheless, it can be an advantage to go into internals and manipulate with a text editor. Pasting the into vscode one can see the highlighting, and a preview, of course provided the extensions Section 3.3 and given by Listing 3.4 are installed.

#### 4.6 Pictures which are not transformed

Figure 4.9 shows some picture included as jpg. This is done as usual with the command \includegraphics provided by the package graphicx. According to the documentation [Car16], page 13, the bounding box must be provided somehow.

This may be done via the package bmpsize but alternatively also using the command ebb. There is some hint, that bmpsize does not work with xelatex. So maybe ebb is the better alternative. Note that both techniques are available in distribution T<sub>F</sub>X Live, but not in MiKTeX.

Research shows, that inclusion is seemlessly if PDF files are created. So the problem addressed is specific for creating DVI files. Also at time of this writing, it seems that also in DVI mode, no problems occur. Nevertheless, the author experienced errors on missing bounding box and to be save, provides a way to invoke ebb on the file xxx.jpg.

With parameter -m, this creates a file xxx.bb containing the bounding box for dvipdfm, and with parameter -x a file xxx.xbb containing an extended bounding box for dvipdfmx. The current implementation seems not to make any difference, whether the bounding boxes are created or not.

Sizes seem to differ in dvi ouput after conversion to pdf, depending on whether dvipdfm or dvipdfmx is used. Only the latter yields the same size as direct conversion to PDF creates.

Since bounding boxes seem superfluous, we control their creation with a parameter createBoundingBoxes whether to invoke ebb, which is false by default Nevertheless, if we invoke, then we do twice creating bounded boxes and extended bounding boxes.

FIXME: further research and further documentation is required.

Note that both for pdflatex and siblings creating pdf-output and for htlatex in conjunction with dvipdfmx (see Section 4.1) files in the format pdf, png, jpg are supported. This list may be incomplete.



Figure 4.9: Some jpg-picture, directly included

As an example, Figure 4.10 shows the same picture as png-file. FIXME: at the moment, htlatex does not work with pictures at all.



Figure 4.10: Some png-picture, directly included

Note that in dvi/xdv mode all usual latex converter can include bmp-pictures, whereas in pdf mode only xelatex can do that, maybe because it creates XDV internally in any case. In contrast, lualatex and pdflatex can not.

## Chapter 5

# Processing of LATEX main files

Given graphics in formats includable in TEX files, which may require preprocessing described in Chapter 4, this section describes the conversions of latex main files into target files in detail. The most important target file format is pdf. Conversion into this format is described in Section 5.1. Note that pdf also occurs as source format for included pictures and as intermediate files. Specific for LATEX is the dvi format, which is supported mainly for historical reasons.

Almost independent of the format created, Inclusion of bibliographies, indices and glossaries requires additional conversions done by several auxiliary programs Bibliographies are described in Section 5.2, indices in Section 5.3 and glossaries in Section 5.4. Only at the first sight different but behind the scenes quite analogous is inclusion of results of code evaluations, code in python and other languages described in Section 5.5. Here, an auxiliary program essentially invokes the language interpreter.

Sections 5.6 and 5.7 are special in that they describe rerunning auxiliary programs and the LaTeX-to-pdf converter, which may be necessary even if certain lists are present like table of contents list of figures or list of tables.

Section 5.8 is special in that it is not related with conversion but with checking reproducibility.

Besides the output formats traditional for LaTeX, pdf and dvi describing e.g. books, Section 5.9 describes creation of html, Section 5.10 the creation of odt and Section 5.11 creation of MS Word formats like docx. Finally, also pure text can be generated as described in Section 5.12.

## 5.1 Transforming LATEX files into PDF files

The next step is to create a PDF file from the TEX files. LaTeX distinguishes master TEX files from TEX files intended to be inputted from elsewhere. Not taking comments and that like into account, master TEX files roughly have the form

```
\RequirePackage[12tabu, orthodox]{nag} % optional \documentclass \{...\}
\begin \{document\}
...
\end{\document}
```

The core of conversion of a TEX file into a PDF file is running a Latex-to-pdf converter latex2pdf to a master TEX file xxx.tex. The Latex2pdf converter latex2pdf is configurable via the parameter latex2pdfCommand. Possible values are lualatex, xelatex and pdflatex, where the first is the default for which this software is also tested. It is also possible to pass parameters to the Latex-to-pdf converter. Besides conversion into pdf format, all converters offer conversion to the older dvi format via option --output-format as lualatex and pdflatex, or the alternative extended device independent; an extension of the traditional output format dvi of tex processors, today widely replaced by PDF (dvi) generalizing dvi as xelatex does with the option --no-pdf.

In fact, the converter latex2pdf does much more than converting TEX files to PDF files. Figure 5.1 shows for latex2pdf set e.g. to lualatex, that besides the PDF file also a LOG file and an AUX file is created. The LOG file contains logging information on the run of the conversion and the aux-file transports information from one run to the next, writing in one run and reading in the next run. Thus, conversion goes without it, but it is read if present. This is why it is depicted at input side in dashed lines.

Optionally, an FLS file is created containing paths to the files the converted LATEX file depends on and a file with ending synctex.gz with information for mapping locations at the created PDF file to the according input files. This is to support backward search, meaning click on a place in the PDF viewer opens an editor in the source file.

What is in fact in the aux-file depends on the package. Among other information, also citations and the location of the bibliography file with ending bib are present. This cannot be used directly in the next latex2pdf run to create the bibliography because the entries referenced in the document must be extracted from the bib-file and sorted. This is done by invoking bibtex between two latex2pdf runs. Based on the aux-file, bibtex creates a bbl-file containing the bibliography, which is read

in the next latex2pdf run. For details see Section 5.2.

Alternatively to bibtex a bibliography can be created with the package biblatex in conjunction with the auxiliary program biber. Running a LATEX-to-pdf converter with package biblatex loaded creates a bibliography content file (?): generated by tex processors if used with package biblatex (bcf)-file read by biber. This software does not support that option. Nevertheless, for sake of completeness we added this data path to Figure 5.1.

If an index is demanded, in addition latex2pdf creates a idx-file. As the citations, it cannot be used directly to create an index in the next latex2pdf run, because the index entries must be collected and sorted before. This is done by invoking makeindex between the two latex2pdf runs. Based on the idx-file, makeindex creates a index file containing sorted, unified and formatted index entries, output format of makeindex and xindy (ind)-file containing the index, which is read in the next latex2pdf run. For details see Section 5.3.

If more than one index is demanded, we suggest using splitindex instead of makeindex which creates one ind-file per index.

If a glossary is demanded, this can be read off the auxiliary file: input and output file for tex processors; read also e.g. by bibtex (aux)-file and a glossary file containing unsorted and multiple glossary entries; output format of tex processors with package makeglossaries (glo)-file containing the index entries is created and a file with style information. Depending on the configuration, this may be a (make-)index style file: output format of tex processors if used with package glossaries configured for makeindex (ist)-file or a index style file for xindy: output format of tex processors if used with package glossaries configured for xindy (xdy)-file. As for the index the idx-file, the glo-file cannot be used directly to create a glossary in the next latex2pdf run, because the glossary entries must be collected and sorted before. This is done by invoking makeglossaries between the two latex2pdf runs. Based on the glo-file, makeglossaries creates a glossary file containing sorted, unified and formatted glossary entries; output format of the makeglossaries tool read by tex processors (gls)-file containing the glossary, which is read in the next latex2pdf run. For details see Section 5.4.

The package pythontex allows including python code or related in the TEX the format, which may also be latex (tex)-file and to evaluate it. The first latex2pdf run creates a Code file consisting mainly of code snippets from the tex file; output format of tex processors with package pythontex (pytxcode)-file which contains essentially the code parts of the Latex2pdf. Invoking pythontex creates by default a folder pythontex-files-xxx with material where code is already evaluated. In the next latex2pdf run, this material is included in the document. The pythontex comes with a second command line utility, depythontex, eliminating all python code from the original tex-file. Optionally, latex2pdf also creates a File containing

information to replace code snippets in the tex file by the result of their evaluation; output format of tex processors with package pythontex if loaded with option depythontex (depytxc)-file with all information to replace python code in the original tex-file with evaluated material from pythontex-files-xxx. Replacement is done by depythontex which by default, sends the result to stdout, but there is an option to write into another LATEX-file. Converting this new LATEX-file yields the same result as converting the original one. Depythonization is a feature needed e.g. for papers when the publisher does not accept included code. For details see Section 5.5.

In addition, if a table of contents, a list of figures, a list of tables or a list of listings is required, also a toc-file, a lof-file, a lot-file and a lol-file is created, respectively, collecting the according information. Also, if hyper-references are built, an contains bookmarks: input and output format of tex processors if used with package hyperref, file ending seems naive (out)-file containing bookmarks is created. If such a file is present, it is read in and is used to create a table of contents, a list of figures, of tables and of listings or bookmarks in the second run of latex2pdf.

To summarize, if a table of contents, a list of figures, a list of tables, a list of listings or a bibliography, an index or a glossary is present, or if code must be replaced by their evaluation, a second LaTEX run is required to make that material appear in the pdf-output.

If a table of contents and at the same time a bibliography, an index or a glossary is present, even two further LaTeX runs are required: After the first one, the bibliography, the index or the glossary occurs in the PDF file but not yet in the table of contents. This happens after the second additional LaTeX run. As described in Sections 5.6 and 5.7, further runs of makeindex, resp, splitindex makeglossaries and of the LaTeX-processor latex2pdf may be necessary.

## 5.2 Bibliographies

In case the LaTeX-to-pdf converter writes bibliographic information, into its aux-file, a bibliography must be generated. For each occurrence of a \cite-command in the TEX file, latex2pdf writes an according entry \citation into the aux-file Moreover, a \bibliography-command in the TEX file writes a link to the bib-file containing the bibliography data into the aux-file as \bibdata. Optionally, a \bibliographystyle-command in the TEX file writes a link to the bibliography style file into the aux-file as \bibstyle.

To create a bibliography, a bibtexCommand must be run after the LaTeX run. The default command is the traditional bibtex, but there are more modern alternatives like bibtexu and bibtex8 supporting utf8 encoding and others.

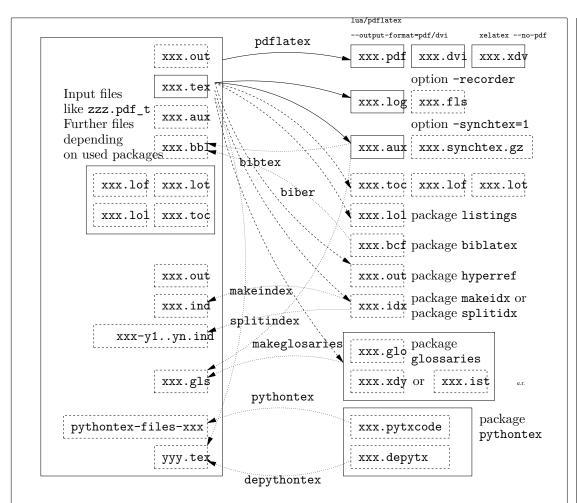


Figure 5.1: Conversion of a TEX file into a PDF, DVI, XDV file

Essentially, bibtex extracts the citations in the aux-file, unifies them, i.e. a citation is listed once even if it is used more than once, retrieves the according entries from the bib-file, sorts these, performs formatting and writes all into a bbl-file which can be included in the next run of latex2pdf.

Note that after a bibtex-run, two LaTeX runs are required: The first one just puts the bibliography found in the bbl-file into the PDF file and the labels of the citations into the aux-file as \bibcite-commands. The second run places the labels of the citations found in the aux-file at the citations given by \cite. The package tocbibind described in [WP10], then writes the headline of the bibliography into the table of contents. The package rerunfilecheck described in [Obe16b], ensures that latex2pdf is rerun if needed, provided loaded with option aux.

This software presupposes, that **bibtex** reads the aux-file and creates a bbl-file and also an blg-file with logging output as illustrated by Figure 5.2. From the

blg-file this software may determine whether bibtex emitted an error or warnings

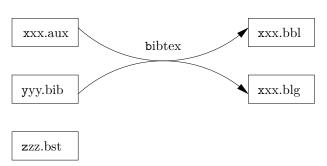


Figure 5.2: Conversion of an aux-file into a bbl-file using a bibliography

Vital information on bibtex can be found in [Pat88] and in [Mar09]. Also Chapter 10 in [Grä96] gives vital information on bibtex.

#### 5.3 Indices

In case the LaTeX-to-pdf converter writes index information, into its idx-file, at least one index must be generated. Since the idx-file contains nothing but index information, an index is created if and only if the idx-file is created. Essentially, the command \makeindex tells latex2pdf to open the idx-file for writing. Then for each occurrence of the \index-command or similar (details see below) in the TEX file, an entry is written sequentially to the idx-file as \indexentry comprising the keyword given by the \index-command and the page number where the \index-command occured. For example \index{ant-task} creates an entry

in xxx.idx.

Then the makeindex-command is applied to the idx-file which sorts keywords and for each keyword collects the according page numbers, sorts it and and writes the result into a ind-file. In the next run of latex2pdf, the \prindindex-command includes the index as a separate section; typically at the end of the PDF file. The most basic package to provide this command is makeidx described in [BLC+14]. In addition, makeidx provides the command \see which is for cross-reference within an index. The package tocbibind described in [WP10], then writes the headline of the index into the table of contents. The package rerunfilecheck described in [Obe16b], ensures that latex2pdf is rerun if needed, provided loaded with option aux.

The same document, [BLC<sup>+</sup>14] also describes the package **showidx** which prints index entries at the margin of the document. This is for debugging only.

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The main restriction of the package makeidx is, that only a single index can be created. The reason is that, latex2pdf creates a single idx-file and, as illustrated in Figure 5.3, makeindex creates a single ind-file from that, representing a single index.

To overcome this restriction, replace package makeidx and makeindex with package splitidx and splitindex both described in [Koh16].

The package splitidx is used in conjunction with the program splitindex. It must be possible to create a single index without using splitidx and splitindex \*\*\*\*

Package option split makes latex2pdf creating idx-files xxx-y.idx directly. Here y represents the identifier of an individual index. These idx-files can be transformed individually with makeindex into ind-files as illustrated in Figure 5.4. Since latex2pdf can keep open only up to 16 output streams, not all of which can be used to create a file xxx-y.idx, this approach allows a limited number of indices and is thus not recommended and not supported. Another reason is, that this approach undermines the package rerunfilecheck described in [Obe16b], and so it is not guaranteed that latex2pdf is rerun if needed. This explains why option split is not allowed.

Instead, without option split, latex2pdf creates a single idx-file. The program splitindex splits it up into several idx-files and applies makeindex to each of them separately as illustrated in Figure 5.5.

For usage of further packages supporting multiple indices which are not intended to be used with this software, see Chapter 8.

This software presupposes, that makeindex converts the idx-file into an ind-file containing the index and creating also an ilg-file with logging output as shown in Figure 5.3. From the ilg-file this software may determine whether makeindex emitted an error or warnings.

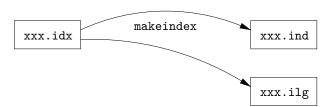


Figure 5.3: Conversion of an idx-file into an ind-file

It is possible to configure the makeindex-command and to pass arbitrary options CAUTION: For the usual makeindex-command, the options -o specifying an output file and -t (transcript) specifying the logging file are not allowed, because this breaks the expectation to find the sorted index in file xxx.ind and bypasses the detection of errors and warnings of this software, respectively. Also specifying a

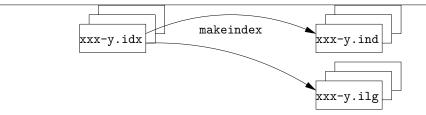


Figure 5.4: Not supported: Conversion of idx-files into ind-files



Figure 5.5: Conversion of an idx-file into ind-files

style file via option -s is not recommended because this is used to create a glossary and so breaks glossary creation as described in Section 5.4.

Information on the makeindex program can be found in [Mös98] and in [Lam87] Also, there is a site [LRZ] describing all available options for makeindex.

As indicated above, the program splitindex invokes makeindex. Its options are described in [Koh16], Section 3.10. Since the long option names are not understood in all environments, only the short options are recommended.

Since splitindex must satisfy the interface given by Figure 5.5, the option—help and its shortcut—h are not allowed. Likewise for option—version and its shortcut—V. The option—makeindex <makeindex», resp.—m <makeindex», is used with the makeindex command used for single indices. Thus, this may not be given explicitly but is specified implicitly. Also, the option—identify <regex», resp.—i <regex» must be set implicitly because it must be the same expression as used to \*\*\*\*\* Then splitindex.tlu is not allowed, because this has another expression.

Only allowable seems -V, the shortcut for --verbose.

Then comes the name of the index file to be processed without suffix.

The program splitindex invokes makeindex. The option option -- coming after the filename, indicates that all following options are passed to makeindex

#### 5.4 Glossaries

CAUTION: The method described here, has at least two severe bugs: The number of reruns of the LATEX-to-pdf converter and also of makeglossaries is not guaranteed

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as a consequence of a bug in rerunfilecheck and the fact, that it does not fit current versions of makeglossaries. In addition, entries of the glossaries not mentioned directly in the document but must be included because they are used in the explanation of entries to be included are not treated properly.

As a consequence, this document, or to be more precise its glossary, could not always be reproduced and so the author excluded the glossary until the problem is fixed.

In addition, it is a conceptual weakness that a glossary data base shall be centralized and shall thus not be included in a LaTeX document and not even be written in LaTeX. All weaknesses, bugs and conceptual shortcomings are overcome by the package glossaries-extra in conjunction with the auxiliary program bib2gls which will replace glossaries and makeglossaries. For the time being, use glossaries with caution.

Creating glossaries requires the package glossaries described in [Tal16]. Note that despite the headline of this section, and despite glossaries itself supports multiple glossaries, this software supports only a single glossary and also sorting and unifying is done either via makeindex as for indices or via xindy, whereas the option to do without external programs offered also by package glossaries is not supported by this software.

For generalizations see Chapter 8.

As for creating indices there is a LaTeX-command \makeindex, to create a glossary there is a LaTeX-command \makeglossaries, but the latter is not built-in as \makeindex but provided by the package glossaries. If xxx.tex is the LaTeX main file, \makeglossaries opens the glo-file xxx.glo containing glossary entries for writing. As the built-in command \index writes entries into the idx-file defining the index, the command \gls defined by the package glossaries writes an entry into the glo-file. Note that xxx.glo typically contains entries more than once and that the entries are not sorted.

To perform sorting, formatting and typically also unification, the package glossaries allows three mechanisms. This software supports two of them: via the shell command makeindex, which is also used for indices, and via the shell command xindy. Using makeindex is the default but can also be activated through \usepackage[makeindex]{glossaries}. Using xindy instead of makeindex is triggered through \usepackage[xindy]{glossaries}. Accordingly, for option makeindex the aux-file receives lines

```
\providecommand\@istfilename[1]{}\@istfilename{manualLMP.ist}
whereas for option xindy, there are lines
\providecommand\@istfilename[1]{}
```

```
\@istfilename{manualLMP.xdy}
...
\providecommand\@xdylanguage[2]{}
\@xdylanguage{main}{english}
\providecommand\@gls@codepage[2]{}
\@gls@codepage{main}{}
```

This software neither invokes makeindex nor xindy directly. Instead, it invokes the shell command makeglossaries invoked without file ending which determines from the aux-file whether to invoke makeindex nor xindy. Accordingly, it writes the style definition by creating an ist-file xxx.ist or an xdy-file xxx.xdy if makeindex or xindy is specified as package option, respectively.

Seemingly, makeglossaries relies on the aux-file to determine whether to invoke makeindex or xindy for sorting and unification. Then it invokes the according command and writes a LOG file with ending glg, redirecting the logging output of makeindex or xindy adding own output so that a glg-file may be written, even if e.g. makeindex is invoked and does not. In any case, if the glg-file is written makeglossaries writes text matching

```
(^** unable to execute: )
```

in the glg-file if an error occurs, no matter whether makeindex or xindy is invoked. Possibly, there are cases where an error causes no glg-file to be written. If no error occurs, a glg-file is written and if warnings are emitted, they either come from makeindex or from xindy. Thus warnings may be detected with the patterns defined by makeindex and by xindy.

The style list (which is the default) is set in the form

```
\usepackage[style=list]{glossaries}
```

where [Tal16], Section 15 lists predefined styles. So, the style determines the content of the style definition, whereas the options makeindex and xindy specify the form in which the style is encoded and thus the ending of the style file, which is either ist or xdy.

Sorting the glo-file, as said above, currently is only supported using the command makeglossaries. The allowed options are essentially those making sense for makeindex and those making sense for xindy. If the shell command makeglossaries invokes makeindex of course only the according options are passed supplemented by additional options -s, -t, -o, to specify the ist-file, the glg-file (the transcript-file) and the gls-file, respectively, which is the result of sorting, the output file, and contains the entries of the glo-file just sorted, formatted and unified. So for a tex main file xxx.tex the program makeglossaries invokes

```
makeindex -s "xxx.ist" -t "xxx.glg" -o "xxx.gls" "xxx.glo"
```

Accordingly, if the shell command makeglossaries invokes xindy of course only the according options are passed supplemented by additional options -M, -t, -o. This is illustrated in Figure 5.6.

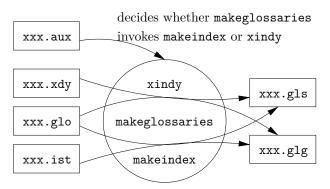


Figure 5.6: Conversion of a glo-file into a gls-file using makeglossaries

## 5.5 Including code via pythontex

The package pythontex, described in [Poo21] originally allowed including Python code into a latex document. Later on, further languages were added, most notably octave or Matlab, and the user can easily extended it to further languages as sketched in [Poo21]. Section 7. Of course, to that end, the interpreter for the desired language must be installed. The meaning of the term "including" used above ranges from mere listing to pure execution and comprises also inserting results of execution. A field of application is also creating figures.

Note that like the package splitindex, also pythonindex comes with an according auxiliary program, in this case, besides pythontex also depythontex Consequently, [Poo21] is not only on the package but also on the corresponding command line tools. Since [Poo21] is quite detailed, there is an introduction [Poo] and a gallery [Poo17]. For background on the intentions of package pythontex, consult [Poo15]. Information required to integrate pythontex into this software partially goes much beyond the official documentation and is collected in [Rei22]. It could also be interesting for the user for debugging.

Running the LaTeX-to-pdf converter on a file xxx.tex with package pythontex loaded yields a file xxx.pytxcode and if the package is loaded with option depythontex also a file xxx.depytx. If the file xxx.pytxcode is present, this software invokes the command line tool pythontex (same name as the according package) to xxx.pytxcode (without ending) which converts this into a variety of output files, which are, without further configuration, all in the folder pythontex-files-xxx as shown in Figure 5.7, which is described in more detail in [Rei22],

Section 3. Note that this software uses the wrapper pythontexW of pythontex described below, instead of pythontex itself. The figure reflects this.

Running the LaTeX-to-pdf converter again, includes all the output files \*.stdout in the PDF file or whatever output file created.

An important remark is that lualatex is the preferred converter, because files \*.stdout can impose heavy memory usage and currently lualatex is the only converter allocating memory dynamically.

As one can see, pythontex cooperates with lualatex in a way also bibtex or the other auxiliary programs do. Although pythontex, at time of this writing in version 0.18, is quite mature, it refrains from writing a log file and indicates errors and warnings just on standard output or error output. This is unlike all the other auxiliary programs in a line with pythontex. As a consequence, in particular warnings are difficult to detect and cannot be detected in a uniform way. Thus, the author wrote a little wrapper, called pythontexW

```
#! /bin/bash
# bash version >=3.0
pythontex $@ |& tee ${!#}.plg
```

and place it where it can be found, e.g. in the folder of pythontex. Note that this is specific for unix-like operating systems but can be easily adapted to windows. Accordingly, depythontex behaves in a non-standard way: Firstly, by default, it does not output a result file but outputs on standard output. This can be changed using the option --output or -o for short. Also, depythontex changes into interactive mode if the output file is already present. To avoid this, the option --overwrite is required. Overwriting without asking is the standard behavior of all other auxiliary programs. As pythontex also depythontex does not write a log file but just prints its errors and warnings. Thus, the author wrote a little wrapper, called depythontexW

```
#! /bin/bash
# bash version >=3.0
depythontex $@ |& tee ${!#}.dplg
```

and place it where it can be found, e.g. in the folder of depythontex.

The package pythontex and the according auxiliary programs are highly configurable, more than this software allows.

In particular, in the LATEX document, the commands \setpythontexoutputdir setting the output directory and \setpythontexworkingdir setting the working directory shall not be used, because this software assumes the default, that the working directory is the directory containing the LATEX main file xxx.tex and the output directory is in the working directory and its name is pythontex-files-xxx

Further, the package pythontex can be configured with package options when loading the package. Since this software is designed for reproducibility, most appropriate would be to specify runall=true meaning that even if no python code is modified the auxiliary program pythontex executes the python code in the document. Also, it is appropriate to specify rerun=always. Note that the defaults are runall=false and rerun=errors. This behavior makes sense to speed up creation of the document, but it differs from the behavior of all other auxiliary programs and causes the check for update of output files to fail. Moreover, reproducibility is not as easily shown.

The package documentation [Poo21] suggests, that this makes a difference between runall=true/false and rerun=always/errors if external sources are modified, but as is proved in [Rei22], Section 2.1, the package translates package option runall=true/false into key value pair rerun=always/errors and this is the only information pythontex obtains from the package, so there is no difference

Also, the auxiliary program pythontex itself can be configured via command line arguments. For the package options runall and rerun, there are according command line options --runall and --rerun with the same scope. Whereas the package merges options runall and rerun silently, the auxiliary program pythontex emits an error, if both are combined. Essentially one can forget about runall and stick to rerun.

Strange enough, according to [Poo21], Section 4.1, package options overwrite command line options. This software shall invoke pythontex with the option -rerun=always which is thus specified as the default. To force unconditional update, this is not sufficient. Instead, this software relies on an undocumented feature of auxiliary program pythontex which is likely not to change: If one of the expected output files is missing, it recreates all output files, independent of command line options and package options. Thus, this software deletes one output file if present, before executing pythontex.

When this software invokes pythontex the exit codes may not be changed via -error-exit-code, i.e. if specified then with value true. Neither the options -interactive, -h, --help or --version are allowed. Currently, this software does not check for options which are not allowed. Fortunately, the latter two command line options have no counterpart in the package configuration.

If we place some code, e.g. python code as inline code using \pyc

```
\usepackage [depythontex] { pythontex }
  \pyc|print(rf'Python inside latex says: "Hello World; 1+1={1+1}"')|
the code is really evaluated and the string result is included at proper place as
illustrated by the following text which is created by python:
```

Python inside latex says: "Hello World; 1+1=2"

Note that the typewriter font is not created by python, it is explicitly set to highlight the string created by python, but it is python which evaluates the little computation and which prints the string.

Since pythontex is written in python, including python code in the LATEX document uses the python interpreter already installed, as a prerequisite of pythontex. To use another language, the according interpreter must be installed in addition to python.

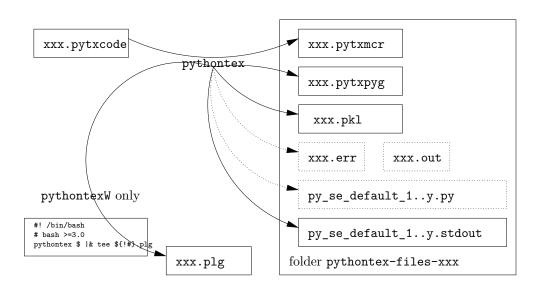


Figure 5.7: Conversion of a pytxcode-file using pythontex

Figure 5.8 shows the files converted by depythontex. As for depythontex, this software uses the wrapper depythontexW of depythontex instead of depythontex itself. This is reflected in the figure.

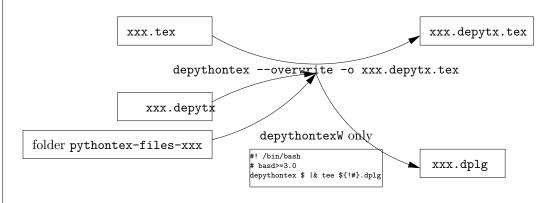


Figure 5.8: Conversion of a depytx-file using depythontex

### 5.6 Rerunning the index- and glossary processor

As described in Section 5.1, running a LATEX-to-pdf converter as latex2pdf may detect the presence of a bibliography, an index and/or of a glossary and writes raw files to describe them. After that, an intermediate step is required, sorting unifying and formatting the entries. This is always done by an external program.

In the next step the LaTeX processor must read in the unified entries again Whereas a LaTeX-run does not affect neither the bibliography nor python code, it may well invalidate the page numbers of the entries of the index or of the glossary. Thus, the sorted index and glossary must be rebuild before the next LaTeX run makes them visible in the PDF file.

To that end, we use the package rerunfilecheck.

```
\usepackage[index, glossary]{rerunfilecheck}

must be put before
\usepackage{makeidx}
\usepackage[toc, xindy]{glossaries}

%, xindy or even [xindy={language=english, codepage=utf8}]

% mainly for index and glossaries
\underset makeglossaries
in particular before \makeindex and \makeglossaries.
```

Note that the package hyperref already loads rerunfilecheck but with the wrong options. Thus the above declaration must come before

```
\usepackage[...]{hyperref}
```

to avoid error

Option clash for package rerunfilecheck

Package rerunfilecheck detects almost safely changes of the raw index file writing an according message into the LOG file. That way, it can be determined whether it is necessary to rerun makeindex and makeglossaries. After that, of course LATEX must be rerun at least once. Note that Section 5.7 describes when to rerun LATEX without prior running \*\*\*\*\*\*

### 5.7 Rerunning the LATEX processor

FIXME: a word on change in too, lof, lot and lol.

As indicated in the previous sections, latex2pdf must be rerun, if bibtex or makeindex splitindex or makeglossaries had been run to read in the bibliography created by bibtex or the index created by makeindex or the glossary created by makeglossaries. Likewise, if a toc-file, a lof-file, a lot-file or a lol-file had been created in the first latex2pdf run, another run is needed to read in these files to create a table of contents, a list of figures or a list of tables, respectively. Note that for all these cases, the LOG file does not allow to detect that latex2pdf has to be rerun, by matching a fixed pattern.

After the second run of latex2pdf, the table of contents, the list of figures, the list of tables and the list of listings are included and a section with the bibliography, the index and the glossary are inserted. It takes a third run of latex2pdf to include the bibliography the index and the glossary into the table of contents. Also it takes that third run to replace the citations with the proper labels given in the bibliography.

Inserting the table of contents, the list of figures, the list of tables and the list of listings may shift the subsequent text which may require another run of latex2pdf to get the page numbers right. As described in Section 5.6 intermediate runs of makeindex and makeglossaries may be required and these also require another run of latex2pdf also to get the page numbers right. The package rerunfilecheck allows to detect this need to rerun by pattern matching on the LOG file almost for sure: Still there is some chance that the lengths and the md5-sum of all relevant files remain the same, although there is a relevant change. In this case, this software fails to update triggering another latex2pdf run.

Note that there are several packages which require additional runs, such as the longtable-package, which may vary dimensions of tables. This software presupposes that all these reruns may be detected by matching a fixed pattern in the LOG file. Since packages are frequently changed and new packages are written, also the pattern cannot be fixed. Thus it is configurable.

Note that, if a package requires running other programs between two runs of latex2pdf, this would require a change in this software.

### 5.8 Checking reproducibility

There are use cases, where on the one hand side we want to deliver the sources but it is extremely important that the according artifacts are really reproducible One obvious case is integration test for this software by ensuring that the created artifacts is equivalent with with a confirmed version.

Currently, this is done for pdf files only. The problem with pdf files is, that besides visible contents it contains also meta-data (see [PDF08], Section 14.3), which depends on the run of the conversion. For example the timestamp of conversion

goes into and so do many more aspects.

There are two strategies to deal with the problem:

- make the build process reproducible. The advantage of this is that diffing is quite simple, fast and reproducible: it is byte by byte. This is easily done with a fixed installation but tends to break with update of tools. Also at time of this writing, the different latex engines cannot be treated uniformly.
- use diff tools implementing a weaker notion of equivalence, in a sense visibility equivalence of some degree.

We support both approaches. The first one imposes requirements on the tex source file. It excludes that one displays a creation date changing each run Listing 5.1 lower part illustrates that: We replaced the creation date by a "version date". A date can be only date of checkin of a version control system or that like. As an alternative, one could also refrain from using dates altogether. In the \date command one could display also other pieces of information identifying the document.

But the visible date is not all we have to avoid. Listing 5.1 shows how to eliminate metadata and to replace with adequate one. There is metadata which can be eliminated in a uniform way for all latex engines using the package hyperref which the author generally advises. Using hyperref with \hypersetup one can set metadata such as author, title, subject and keyword as described in [RO22], Section 5.8. On the other hand, one could eliminate CreationDate and ModDate. For newer versions of pdflatex this can be done alternatively with \pdfinfoomitdate1.

The metadata which can be eliminated only in a engine specific way are the PTEX keys including the banner, and the pdftrailerid. Note that the latter is *intentionally* a unique identifier for the individual document and so strictly speaking it is not advised to eliminate this but eliminating is necessary because it is incompatible with reproducibility. Note that xelatex seems not to write PTEX keys at all so only the pdftrailerid has to be eliminated or fixed.

Unfortunately, the commands required to make a pdf file reproducible is not uniform among the tex to pdf converters. In fact, it works best with lualatex and sufficiently for pdflatex but support seems incomplete with xelatex.

If a user renounces independence of the engine and sticks to pdflatex only, the package hyperref could be replaced by specific commands. Also, using the package iftex one can detect the used engine via the macros \ifLuaTeX, \ifXeTeX and \ifPDFTeX as illustrated in Listing 5.2 and adapt the code to the engine.

```
\ifLuaTeX%
% for lualatex
\pdfvariable minorversion=7% chktex 1
% omit CreationDate and ModDate keys.
```

```
% for pdflatex \quad \text{pdfsuppressptexinfo-1} \quad \text{pdfsuppressptexinfo-1} \quad \text{is the same as pdfsuppressptexinfo-15} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{PTEX. Fullbanner} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{> PTEX. FileName} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{> PTEX. FileName} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{> PTEX. FileName} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{> PTEX. FileName} \quad \text{2} \qua
   % 4 -> PTEX. PageNumber
% 8 -> PTEX. InfoDict (/Producer /Creator /CreationDate /ModDate /Trapped)
     \pdftrailerid{}
 % for lualatex:
% 1 -> PTEX. FullBanner
% 2 -> PTEX. FileName
% 4 -> PTEX. PageNumber
% 8 -> PTEX. Info Dict
% 16 -> Creator
% 32 -> CreationDate
% 64 -> ModDate
% 128 -> Producer
% 256 -> Trapped
% 512 -> ID
ydfyariable suppressopt.
     \pdfvariable suppressoptionalinfo \numexpr32+64+512\relax
     \special{pdf:trailerid [

<00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff>
                       <\!00112233445566778899 a a b b c c d deeff\!\!>
     % general
      \usepackage{hyperref}
     \hypersetup{
            pdfinfo={
                       Author
Title
                                                                                  ={Ernst Reissner},
={The dvi-format and the program dvitype},
                      | % alternative for pdftex only | % | pdfinfoomitdate1 | % | pdfsuppressptexinfo-1 | % | pdftrailerid{} | % | pdfinfo{ | % | /Author (Ernst Reissner) | % | /CreationDate (unknown) | % | /CreationDate (unknown) | % | /Subject (dvi and dvitype) | % | /Keywords (LaTeX; dvi; dvitype) | % | /Replacing pdfinfoomitdate1 in conjunction with % usepackage[nodocdata=true, nopdftrailerid=true] { pdfprivacy} % alternative 1 for pdftex only
     title{The dvi-format and the program dvitype}
       \author{Ernst Reissner (rei3ner@arcor.de)}
\date{\versionDate}
                                                                                                                             Listing 5.1: Specifying meta-data for PDF files
```

```
\pdfvariable suppressoptionalinfo 767% chktex 1
\% no adding to the trailer dictionary.
\pdfvariable trailerid {}\% chktex 1
\pdfvariable suppressoptionalinfo -1\% chktex 1
\else
\ifXeTeX%
% for xelatex
\special { pdf: minorversion 7 }
\% TBD: find a way to express pdfinfoomitdate: necessary?
\special { pdf: trailerid [] }
\else
\ifPDFTeX%
\pdfminorversion=7
                               % for pdflatex
\% omit CreationDate and ModDate keys .
\% \ not \ before \ pdfTeX \ 3.14159265-2.6-1.40.17
\pdfinfoomitdate=1
                                            % for pdflatex
\% no adding to the trailer dictionary.
\% \setminus p dftrailer=0
                                             % for pdflatex
\pdftrailerid{}
                                             % for pdflatex
\pdfsuppressptexinfo=-1
                                             % for pdflatex
\else
\% Here, the tex processor is unknown.
\setminus \mathbf{fi} \% p \, dft \, ex
\fine fi \% xetex
\backslash \mathbf{fi} \% luatex
```

Listing 5.2: Create reproducible pdf files for various engines

For convenience also pdfprivacy described in [Sio17] can be used.

Now that we have described how to ensure reproducible pdf artifacts, just by designing the tex source appropriately, we have to explain how to check that a newly created artifact coincides with a blueprint provided a priori. First of all, note that currently such a check is performed only if the result is in pdf format. Even then the check is performed only if configured so. Then the actual artifacts are compared to predefined artifacts using the configured diff-tool. If the actual artifacts do not coincide with predefined ones according to the chosen diff tool, a build exception is thrown as specified in Table 7.7. The configurations related with diff check are collected in Section 6.12.

### 5.9 Creating hypertext

To create html and xhtml from TEX files (more precise from LaTeX files), a tex4htCommand-command is used Together with its parameters, it is described in Section!6.9. This may be htlatex, the default based on latex and htxelatex based on xelatex.

Figure 5.9 shows the steps htlatex performs: From the input LaTeX file xxx.tex another LaTeX file yyy.tex is created which arises from xxx.tex by adding

```
\usepackage[...]{tex4ht}.
```

Then htlatex runs latex on yyy.tex which results in yyy.dvi. Note that this is in contrast to lualatex which would create some yyy.pdf unless otherwise specified.

Then comes the converter tex4ht into the game which creates several html-files among those also xxx.html. The other files, yyy.idv and yyy.lg, are further processed by t4ht creating the stylesheet xxx.css and graphic files.

Let us make this more precise. The output of latex is a standard dvi-file interleaved with special instructions for the post-processor tex4ht to use. Note that tex4ht is the name both of the post-processor and of the LaTeX-package. The special instructions come from implicit and explicit requests made in the source file through commands for TeX4ht.

The utility tex4ht translates the dvi-code into standard text, while obeying the requests it gets from the special instructions. The special instructions may request the creation of files, insertion of html code, filtering of pictures, and so forth. In the extreme case that the source code contains no commands of TeX4ht, tex4ht gets pure dvi-code and it outputs (almost) plain text with no hypertext elements in it.

The special (\special) instructions seeded in the dvi-code are not understood by dvi processors other than those of TeX4ht.

t4ht This is an interpreter for executing the requests made in the xxx.lg script xxx.idv This is a dvi-file extracted from xxx.dvi, and it contains the pictures needed in the html files.

xxx.lg This is a log file listing the pictures of xxx.idv, the png files that should be created, CSS information, and user directives introduced through the "\Needs{...}" command.



Figure 5.9: Conversion of a TEX file into an xml-file

```
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note: For section filenames that reflect on their titles
use the command line option `sec-filename
Note: for alternative charset, use the command line option `charset=...'
Note: to ignore CSS font decoration, use the `NoFonts' command line option
Note: for jpg bitmaps of pictures,
use the `jpg' command line option.
(Character bitmaps are controled only by `g'
records of tex4ht.env and `-g' switches of tex4ht.c)
Note: for gif bitmaps of pictures, use the `gif' command line option.
(Character bitmaps are controlled only by `g' records of tex4ht.env and `-g' switches of tex4ht.c)
Note: for content and toc in 2 frames, use the command line option `frames'
Note: for content, toc, and footnotes in 3 frames, use the command line option `frames-fn'
Note --- for file extension name xht, use the command line option `xht'
TeX4ht package options: xhtml,uni-html4,2,pic-tabular,html
Note: to ignore CSS code, use the command line option `-css
Note: for inline CSS code, use the command line option `css-in'
Note: for pop ups on mouse over, use the command line option `mouseover'
Note: for addressing images in a subdirectory, use the command line option `imgdir:.../'
Note --- for back links to toc, use the command line option `sections+'
Note --- for linear crosslinks of pages, use the command line option `next'
```

```
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/latex.4ht
Note --- for links into captions, instead of float heads, use the command line option `refcaption'
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note --- For mini tocs immediately aftter the header
use the command line option `minitoc<
Note --- for enumerated list elements with valued data, use the command line option `enumerate+'
Note --- for enumerated list elements li's with value attributes, use the c
ommand line option `enumerate-
Note --- for CSS2 code, use the command line option `css2'
Note --- for bitmap fbox'es, use the command line option `pic-fbox'
Note --- for bitmap framebox'es, use the command line option `pic-framebox'
Note --- for inline footnotes use command line option `fn-in'
Note --- for tracing of latex font commands,
use the command line option `fonts'
Note --- for width specifications of tabular p entries,
use the `p-width' command line option
or a configuration similar to
Configure{HColWidth}{\HCode{style="width:\HColWidth"}}
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4-math.4ht
version 2009-05-18-23:01
Note --- for pictorial eqnarray, use the command line option `pic-eqnarray'
Note --- for pictorial array, use the command line option `pic-array'
Note --- for pictorial $...$ environments,
use the command line option `pic-m' (not recommended!!)
Note --- for pictorial $...$ and $$...$$ environments with latex alt,
use the command line option `pic-m+' (not safe!!)
Note --- for pictorial array, use the command line option `pic-array'
/
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/unicode.4ht
 version 2010-12-18-17:40
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4-uni.4ht))
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note --- for tocs without * entries, use command line option `notoc*'
Note --- for tocs without * entries, use command line option `notoc*'
       -- to eliminate mini tables of contents,
use the command line option `nominitoc'
Note --- for frames-like object-based table of contents, use the command line option `obj-toc'
Note --- for files named derived from section titles,
use the command line option `sec-filename'
Note --- for i-columns index,
use the command line option `index=i' (e.g., index=2)
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note --- if included graphics are of degraded quality,
try the command line options `graphics-num' or `graphics-'.
The `num' should provide the density of pixels in the bitmaps (e.g., 110).
```

```
Note --- for key dimensions try the option `Gin-dim';
for key dimensions when bounding box is unavailable
try `Gin-dim+'; neither is recommended
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note --- for URL encoding within href use the command line option `url-enc'
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note --- for pictorial longtable,
use the command line option `pic-longtable'
(/usr/local/texlive/2014/texmf-dist/tex/generic/tex4ht/html4.4ht
Note --- to ensure proper alignments use fixed size fonts (see listings.dtx
   tex4ht yields
tex4ht.c (2012-07-25-19:36 kpathsea)
 -- error --- improper command line
tex4ht [-f<path-separator-ch>]in-file[.dvi]
               replacement to default file extension name .dvi
  [-.<ext>]
  [-c<tag name>]
                    choose named segment in env file
  [-e<env-file>]
  [-f<path-separator-ch>]
                              remove path from the file name
  [-F<ch-code>] replacement for missing font characters; 0--255; default 0
  [-g<bitmap-file-ext>]
  [-h(e|f|F|g|s|v|V)] trace: e-errors/warnings, f-htf, F-htf search
                         g-groups, s-specials, v-env, V-env search
  [-i<htf-font-dir>]
  [-l<bookkeeping-file>]
                    permission for system calls: *-always, filter
  [-P(*|<filter>)]
  [-S<image-script>]
  [-s<css-file-ext>]
                     default: -s4cs; multiple entries allowed
  [-t<tfm-font-dir>]
  [-u10]
                      base 10 for unicode characters
  [-utf8]
                      utf-8 encoding for unicode characters
  [-v<idv version>] replacement for the given dvi version
             ms-dos file names for automatically generated gifs
   t4ht yields
  _____
t4ht [-f<dir char>]filename ...
          ignore -d -m -M for bitmaps
  -c... choose named segment in env file
  -d... directory for output files (default: current)
  -e... location of tex4ht.env
  -i
         debugging info
          ignore errors in system calls
  -g
  -m... chmod ... of new output files (reused bitmaps excluded)
          don't convert pictures
                                               (default: convert)
  -р
                                                (default: reuse old ones)
          replace bitmaps of all glyphs
  -r
  -M... chmod ... of all output files
```

```
-Q quit, if tex4ht.c had problems
-S... permission for system calls: *-always, filter
-X... content for field %%3 in X scripts
-... content for field %%2 in . scripts

Example:
t4ht name -d/WWW/temp/ -etex4ht-32.env -m644
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### 5.10 Creating odt-files

### 5.11 Creating MS word files

The best way to convert LaTeX files into MS word files is via ODT files. Conversion from LaTeX to odt is already described in Section 5.10. The last step can be done by odt2doc which can create both doc-format and docx-format and many others which is illustrated in Figure 5.10.

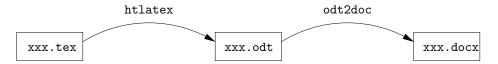


Figure 5.10: Conversion of a TEX file into a docx-file

### 5.12 Creating plain text files

Why should one create plain text from LaTeX files? Maybe this is the minimal format the receiver can work with. Another common application is word-count, in particular if writing a paper for a journal.

Plain text files can be created from LATEX files just by stripping off the texcommands. The disadvantage is, that references, bibliography, index, glossary, table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, ...and symbols get lost. Thus, the first step we take is complete creation of a PDF file except display of warnings like bad boxes as described in Section 5.1. This creates an appropriate pdf-file, with correct numbering and links, possibly with overfull boxes and that like. As a final step, we convert the pdf-file into a text file using, as a default pdftotext with ending txt. Figure 5.11 illustrates the translation process.

Note that pdftotext produces a text file with page numbers and signifies the end of a page (to see how, just have a look at the end of the file), so that one can identify page numbers as such. Thus references, index, glossary, table

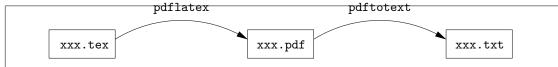


Figure 5.11: Conversion of a TEX file into a txt-file

of contents and that like referring to page numbers carry valuable information. Also symbols available in utf8 encoding are preserved. In contrast, heavily stacked formulae become unreadable, because pdftotext displays them line by line and drops fraction bars completely. Also, formulae with complex subformulae in a root operator become unreadable because the root operator becomes just a root symbol. Likewise for integrals and that like.

Aspects of figures kept are the captions of course but also the LaTeX-texts. This is displayed line-wise. What gets lost is the postscript/pdf-parts, i.e. the plain graphics.

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## Chapter 6

# Parameters resp. Settings

This section describes the parameters of both the ant-task and the maven-plugin. As this software mainly acts by invoking converters, most parameters refer to commands and options for invocations, but there are general aspects, treated in Section 6.1, but there are also parameters which cannot be associated to an individual converter. These are collected in Section 6.2. All the other sections refer to one or more converters.

The parameters are listed in Tables 6.1 through 6.10 with names, default values and short explanations. Note that neither of the parameters is mandatory, as there are always valid default values.

Each of the tables is described in a separate section. Table 6.1 shows parameter controlling the general conversion process described in detail in Section 6.2. These are directories with names xxxDirectory and further parameters not following a naming convention. The other tables show parameters after a certain naming scheme: Command names have the form xxxCommand and the parameter with the according options have the form xxxOptions. Here xxx represents a certain converter. This is one of

fig2dev The converter of fig-files into mixed latex- and PDF-files.

gnuplot The converter of gnuplot-files into mixed latex- and PDF-files.

metapost The converter of MetaPost-files into mixed latex- and PDF-files.

latex2pdf The converter of latex-files into PDF-files.

bibtex The creator of a bibliography from an aux-file.

makeindex The makeindex utility creating an index.

makeglossaries The makeglossaries utility creating a glossary.

pythontex The utility to invoke python and other languages from within LATEX and to replace the code by its results dynamically.

depythontex The utility to replace code finally after a run of pythontex.

tex4ht The converter of latex into HTML and also into ODT, depending on the parameters.

latex2rtf The converter of latex-files into RTF-files.

odt2doc The converter of ODT-files into doc(x)-files.

pdf2txt The converter of PDF-files into TXT-files.

chktex A code-checker converting in a sense a latex main file into a log-file containing errors, warnings and further messages.

It is a little more complicated with the parameters in Section 6.9.

There are some parameters of the form patternXxxYyy, referring to a pattern in the log-file of the converter Xxx indicating an event Yyy which is one of the following:

ReRun indicates that Xxx needs to be rerun.

Err indicates that Xxx had an error.

Warn indicates that Xxx had a warning.

Essentially, there are two kinds of parameters: Most are just passed to the converters invoked by this software. The parameters of this software are so that the choice of the converter, i.e. the name of the application can be configured, and also each converter can be almost freely configured.

Parameters not passed to an application, are either really crucial or are included to allow also development of latex files.

### 6.1 Generalities on Parameters

As pointed out in the introduction of this chapter, this software acts mainly by invoking various converters. The converters are grouped in so-called *categories* The converters of a category have the same (file-)interface, means read and write the same files and, mostly but not strictly necessarily, have the same options For each category there is an option xxxCommand, where xxx is the name of the

category in lowercase letters<sup>1</sup>. The value of the option is the command to invoke the converter of the category. Also, there is a default converter in each category and sometimes there is just a single converter possible. For example, lualatex is the default converter in the category latex.

This software knows about converters and registers the ones approved for this software. Among the advantages are, that it is ensured that the converter is really in that category and that this software checks whether a converter used is in the right category, and it checks whether it is installed in an approved version. On the other hand, there are cases, where the user needs to invoke a custom converter. In this case, the command name shall be given in the form

#### <categoryCommand>commandName:category</categoryCommand>

to make sure, that the user is really aware that the converter (s)he uses is in the correct category, i.e. has the required interface. Since neither of the registered converters has a: in its name, This form is identified by the occurrence of a colon Since the categories neither have colons in their names, separation of command name and category is by the last colon occurring. That way, command names may contain colons also.

For most categories of converters, in fact at the time of this writing with a single exception, one can specify command line options, specified in the form

#### <categoryOptions></categoryOptions>

In fact, only for diffPdfCommand there is no option at all, and for some converters with more complex options, the options are split over more than one setting, e.g. for converter category fig2dev converting fig-files, there are general settings given by fig2devGenOptions and settings specific for the output language: LATEX (fig2devPtxOptions) and eps (fig2devPdfEpsOptions. In any case, options are trimmed, i.e. leading and trailing white spaces are removed before being processed. There are cases, where the options as given are not directly passed to the converter but is further processed. In this case, the processing is documented.

#### 6.2 General Parameters

This section describes the parameters of Table 6.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In fact there are exceptions to this rule: E.g. for category LaTeX the command is called latex2pdf referring to the common output format pdf, although also dvi and xdv are possible

Parameter Default Explanation

#### versionsWarnOnly false

Indicates whether the VersionMojo displays warnings only or also creates pieces of info. Info refers to the version of this plugin and also on its git commit, but also on the versions of the converters found and lists the converters excluded, i.e. those not used and thus not tested on version.

Warnings are emitted e.g. if the version of a converter does not fit the expectations, the version of a converter could not be retrieved, e.g. because it is not installed or if the converter specified is unknown altogether. This defaults to false displaying also info.

The latter is appropriate for using in command line mvn latex:vrs, whereas in builds by default the pom overwrites this to have output only in case something goes wrong.

texSrcDirectory src/site/tex

The latex source directory as a string relative to \$baseDirectory, containing \$texSrcProcDirectory. This directory determines also the subdirectory of \$outputDirectory to lay down the generated artifacts. The default value is "src/site/tex" on Unix systems.

texSrcProcDirectory

The latex source processing directory as a string relative to **\$texSrcDirectory** containing all tex main documents and the graphic files to be processed and also to be cleaned. Whether this is done recursively in sub-folders is specified by **\$readTexSrcProcDirRec**. The default value is "."

readTexSrcProcDirRec true

Whether the tex source directory \$texSrcProcDirectory shall be read recursively for creation of graphic files, i.e. including the sub-directories recursively. This is set to false only during development of documentation.

outputDirectory

The generated artifacts will be copied to outputDirectory relative to \$targetSiteDirectory which is by default '\$targetDirectory/site' on Unix systems.

targets pdf, html

A comma separated list of targets to be stored in \$targetSet. Allowed values are pdf, dvi, html, txt, odt and docx. Note that if \$latex2pdfCommand is set to xelatex, the format dvi and what is based on it are not supported.

convertersExcluded empty

A comma separated list of excluded Converters given by their command. Excluded converters need not be installed, but their names must be known. They don't show up in the version check of target vrs and of course they are not allowed to be used.

patternLatexMainFile see Section 6.2.1

The pattern to be applied to the contents of tex-files which identifies a LATEX main file. Here we assume that the latex main file should contain the declaration "\documentclass" or the old-fashioned "\documentstyle" preceded by a few constructs. Strictly speaking, this is not necessary. For a more thorough discussion, and for an alternative approach, consult the manual.

The default value is chosen to match quite exactly the latex main files, no more no less. Since the pattern is chosen according to documentation collected from the internet, one can never be sure whether the pattern is perfect.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

mainFilesIncluded empty string

The list of names of latex main files without extension .tex separated by whitespace which shall be included for creating targets, except if this is empty in which cases all are included. It is assumed that the names of the latex main files do not contain whitespace. Note that leading and trailing whitespace are trimmed. Currently, names of latex main files should better have pairwise different names, even if in different directories. The empty string is the default, i.e. including all. See parameter mainFilesExcluded.

mainFilesExcluded empty string

The list of names of latex main files without extension .tex separated by whitespace which shall be excluded for creating targets. It is assumed that the names of the latex main files do not contain whitespace. Note that leading and trailing whitespace are trimmed. Currently, names of latex main files should better have pairwise different names, even if in different directories. Together with mainFilesExcluded, this is used for document development to build the PDF-files of a subset of documents and e.g. because for a site one needs all documents, but with the software only the manual is shipped. The empty string is the default, i.e. excluding no file. See parameter mainFilesIncluded. texPath empty string

Path to the TeX scripts or null. In the latter case, the scripts must be on the system path. Note that in the pom, <texPath/> and even <texPath> </texPath> represent the null-File. The default value is null.

cleanUp true

Clean up the working directory in the end? May be used for debugging when setting false.

patternCreatedFromLatexMain see Section 6.2.2

This pattern is applied to file names and matching shall accept all the files which were created from a latex main file 'xxx.tex'. It is neither applied to directories nor to 'xxx.tex' itself. It shall comprise neither graphic files to be processed nor files created from those graphic files.

This pattern is applied in the course of processing graphic files to decide which graphic files should be processed (those rejected by this pattern) and to log warnings if there is a risk, that graphic files to be processed are skipped or that processing a latex main file overwrites the result of graphic preprocessing. When clearing the tex source processing directory \$texSrcProcDirectory, i.e. all generated files should be removed, first those created from latex main files. As an approximation, those are removed which match this pattern.

The sequence 'T\$T' is replaced by the prefix 'xxx'. The sequence 'T\$T' must always be replaced: The symbol '\$' occurs as end-sign as ')\$' or as literal symbol as '\$'. Thus, 'T\$T' is no regular occurrence and must always be replaced with 'xxx'.

Spaces and newlines are removed from that pattern before matching.

This pattern may never be ensured to be complete, because any package may create files with names matching its own patterns and so any new package may break completeness. Nevertheless, the default value aims completeness while be tight enough not to match names of files not created.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

Table 6.1: General parameters

#### 6.2.1 The parameter patternLatexMainFile

The default pattern for identifying a LATEX main file is given by Listing 6.1.

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one can never be sure whether the pattern is perfect.
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Listing 6.1: The default pattern of the latex main file in a form as in a pom configuration

This means that the latex main file is the one containing \documentclass for modern classes and \documentstyle for old-fashioned ones. This may be preceded

only by

- the command \RequirePackage,
- the command \PassOptionsToPackage,
- by comment lines,
- by \input, and
- by space.

Note that  $\A$  represents the beginning of the stream.

Strictly speaking, also \((re)\)newcommands and other constructs are possible but not allowed here. Strictly speaking also \(\documentclass\) is not required, it could be hidden in some \(\input\)-file. If we stick to the wise convention to open and close the same environment in the same file and to have \(\documentclass\), \(\document\) and \(\end{\document}\) in the same file also, then a latex main file without \(\documentclass\) cannot contain very much material.

So we ask the user to have \documentclass declared in the latex main file. For users of Emacs with package auctex, there is a valuable alternative: Latex main files are marked with an end section as this file:

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%%% Local Variables:
%%% mode: latex
%%% TeX-command-extra-options: "-recorder -shell-escape"
%%% TeX-master: t
%%% End:
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The vital line in this context is **%%%** TeX-master: t. In contrast to this, a non-master file either has no end-section at all or has an end section declaring the according master file (if it is unique) explicitly as the following one from header.tex:

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according master file (if it is unique) explicitly as th

%%% Local Variables:

%%% mode: latex

%%% TeX-master: "manualLMP"

%%% End:

So a pattern for latex main files could also be

7%%% Local Variables: $

7%%% TeX-master: t$

7%%% End: 7
```

For users of visual code/latex workshop, there is another alternative: Absence of first line % !TEX root.

Also, if one wants to have a solution not relying on a tool-chain not even on LATEX tools, One could use a convention, e.g. marking main files with first line % MAIN FILE, which makes parsing quite fast.

#### 6.2.2 The parameter patternCreatedFromLatexMain

The files created from a latex main file depend strongly on the compiler options and on packages used in the latex main file and in the TEX-files inputted. The default value 'T\$T\.[^.]\*' is appropriate for most parameters and packages: most packages create files with names only which coincide with the name of the latex main file, except the suffix. This is all sufficient even for programs doing post-processing such as bibtex, makeindex, xindy and makeglossaries. The only exception is splitindex which requires in addition 'T\$T\-.+(idx|ind|ilg)'.

Package 'srcltx' requires in addition '^T\$T\.synctex\.gz' and finally package 'tex4ht' is for all the rest. The pattern is designed to match quite exactly the created files, not much more and at any case not less. In particular, it has to comprise the files matching pattern \$patternT4htOutputFiles. Nevertheless, since any new package may break the pattern, and not every package is well documented, this pattern cannot be guaranteed to be final.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

The default value for this pattern is currently:

### 6.3 Parameters for graphical preprocessing

This section describes the parameters for graphical preprocessing given in Table 6.2 TODO: do this.

Parameter Default Explanation

fig2devCommand fig2dev

The fig2dev command for conversion of fig-files into various formats. Currently, only PDF combined with ptx is supported.

fig2devGenOptions empty

The options for the command \$fig2devCommand common to both output languages. For the options specific for the two output languages 'pdftex' and 'pdftex\_t', see the explanation of the parameters \$fig2devPtxOptions and \$fig2devPdfEpsOptions, respectively.

fig2devPtxOptions empty

The options for the command \$fig2devCommand specific for the output language 'pdftex\_t'. Note that in addition to these options, the option '-L pdftex\_t' specifies the language, \$fig2devGenOptions specifies the options common for the two output languages 'pdftex' and 'pdftex\_t' and '-p xxx.pdf' specifies the PDF-file to be included.

fig2devPdfEpsOptions empty

The options for the command \$fig2devCommand specific for the output language 'pdftex'. Note that in addition to these option1s, the option '-L pdftex' specifies the language and \$fig2devGenOptions specifies the options common for the two output languages 'pdftex' and 'pdftex t'.

gnuplotCommand gnuplot

The command for conversion of gnuplot-files into various formats. Currently, only pdf (graphics) combined with pdf\_t (latex-texts) is supported.

gnuplotOptions empty

The options specific for \$gnuplotCommand's output terminal "cairolatex", used for mixed latex/pdf-creation. Note that the option 'pdf|eps' of the terminal 'cairolatex' is not available, because it is set internally.

metapostCommand mpost

The command for conversion of gnuplot-files into metapost's postscript.

metapostOptions see Section 6.3.1

The options for the command \$metapostCommand. Leading and trailing blanks are ignored. A sequence of at least one blank separate the proper options. patternErrMPost (^!)

The pattern is applied line by line to the log-file of \$metapostCommand and matching indicates an error emitted by the command \$metapostCommand.

The default value is chosen to match quite exactly the latex errors in the log file, no more no less. Since no official documentation was found,

The default pattern may be incomplete. In fact, it presupposes, that \$metapostOptions does not contain '-file-line-error-style'.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

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The pattern is applied line by line to the log-file of \$metapostCommand and matching indicates a warning emitted by the command \$metapostCommand.

This pattern may never be ensured to be complete, because any library may indicate a warning with its own pattern any new package may break completeness. Nevertheless, the default value aims completeness while be restrictive enough not to indicate a warning where none was emitted.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency. The default value is given below.

#### svg2devCommand

inkscape

The command for conversion of SVG-files into a mixed format.

svg2devOptions --export-area-drawing --export-latex

The options for the command \$svg2devCommand for exporting SVG-figures into latex compatible files. For more details see Section 6.3.2.

#### createBoundingBoxes false

Whether for pixel formats like JPG and PNG command \$ebbCommand is invoked to determine the bounding box. This is relevant, if at all, only in dvi-mode. Note that the package bmpsize is an alternative to invoking ebb, which seems not to work for xelatex. Moreover, all seems to work fine with neither of these techniques. The \$dvi2pdfCommand given by the default, dvipdfmx, seems the only which yields the picture sizes as in PDF mode which fit well. Note also that MiKTeX offers neither package bmpsize nor ebb. This alone requires to switch off invocation of ebb by default. So the default value is false.

#### ebbCommand ebb

The command to create bounding box information from JPG-files and from PNG-files. This is run twice: once with parameter '-m' to create '.bb'-files for driver 'dvipdfm' and once with parameter '-x' to create '.xbb'-files for driver 'dvipdfmx'.

ebbOptions -v

The options for the command \$ebbCommand except '-m' and '-x' which are added automatically.

Table 6.2: Parameters for graphics preprocessing

### 6.3.1 The parameter metapostOptions

The options of the (sole standalone) metapost compiler are given in the metapost manual [Hob14], Appendix B.2.1. The current default option line for this software is as follows:

-interaction=nonstopmode -recorder -s prologues=2 -s outputtemplate="%j.mps"

The details are as follows:

- -interaction=nonstopmode To avoid user interaction in case of an error This seems mandatory.
- -recorder Strictly speaking not necessary at the current stage, but for later versions of this software, to allows to track dependencies.
- -s prologues=2 In general the -s assigns an internal key a value. Here it is the kind of the prologue. The value 2 is a compromise between safe quality of output and length of artifact. As described in detail in [Hob14], Section 8.2, a value of 0 is sufficient for pdf output. Also, if no LATEX is used to typeset labels, the prologue value is irrelevant. The value 1 is deprecated, 2 yields a prologue only slightly longer than with 0, whereas the safest setting 3 yields a huge prologue. So the compromise is 2 and if 3 is needed in individual cases, this setting can be overwritten in the MP file.
- outputtemplate="%j.mps" determines the name of the output file. The default given here uses the jobname and the canonical ending. Unlike the default value of mpost, no number of the figure within the metapost file is given. This comes from the fact that we assume a single figure only and ignore the number of the figure.

#### 6.3.2 The parameter ${ t syg2dev0ptions}$

The following options are mandatory:

- export-area-drawing Export the drawing (not the page).
- -export-latex Export into PDF/PS/EPS format without text. Besides the PDF/PS/EPS files, a LATEX-file latexfile.tex is exported, putting the text on top of the PDF/PS/EPS file, i.e. including the according pure graphic file. Include the result in LaTeX as: \input{latexfile.tex}.

Note that the latter option is necessary, to create the expected files. It is also conceivable to export text as pdf/eps

The following options are prohibited, because they are automatically added by the software or interfers with:

- -export-filename=FILENAME Export document to a file with type given by the extension. This is used both to export into PDF and into EPS format. The extension is always given explicitly.
- -export-type=TYPE Overwrites the type given by --export-filename. If no extension is given, this is to determine the export type.

### 6.4 Parameters for the LATEX-to-pdf Conversion

This section describes the parameters of the LaTeX-to-pdf converter which are given in Table 6.3.

TODO: do this.

Parameter Default Explanation

latex2pdfCommand lualatex

The LaTeX command to create above all a PDF-file with. Further formats are dvi and xdv and also other formats based on these. Expected values are lualatex, xelatex and pdflatex.

Note that for xelatex dvi mode (creating xdv-files instead of dvi-files) is not supported, even not creating pdf or other formats via xdv. See also the according options \$latex2pdfOptions and \$pdfViaDvi. In particular, this maven plugin does not allow goal dvi and related for xelatex. Consequently, '\$targets' may not contain any of these goals.

latex2pdfOptions see Section 6.4.1

The options for the command \$latex2pdfCommand. Leading and trailing blanks are ignored. A sequence of at least one blank separate the proper options.

patternErrLatex (^! )

The pattern is applied line-wise to the log-file and matching indicating an error emitted by the command \$latex2pdfCommand.

The default value is chosen to match quite exactly the latex errors in the log file, no more no less. Since no official documentation was found, the default pattern may be incomplete. In fact, it presupposes, that \$latex2pdf0ptions does not contain "-file-line-error-style".

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

patternWarnLatex see Section 6.4.2

The pattern is applied line-wise to the log-file and matching indicates a warning emitted by the command \$latex2pdfCommand, disregarding warnings on bad boxes provided \$debugWarnings is set.

This pattern may never be ensured to be complete, because any package may indicate a warning with its own pattern any new package may break completeness. Nevertheless, the default value aims completeness while be restrictive enough not to indicate a warning where none was emitted.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

debugBadBoxes true

Whether debugging of overfull/underfull hboxes/vboxes is on: If so, a bad box occurs in the last LaTeX run, a warning is displayed. For details, set \$cleanUp to false, rerun LaTeX and have a look at the log-file.

debugWarnings true

Whether debugging of warnings is on: If so, a warning in the last LaTeX run is displayed. For details, set \$cleanUp to false, rerun LaTeX and have a look at the log-file.

pdfViaDvi false

Whether creation of PDF-files from LaTeX-files goes via dvi-files.

If \$pdfViaDvi is set and the latex processor needs repetitions, these are all done creating dvi and then pdf is created in a final step invoking the command \$dvi2pdfCommand. If \$pdfViaDvi is not set, latex is directly converted into pdf.

Currently, not only conversion of LaTeX-files is affected, but also conversion of graphic files into graphic formats which allow inclusion in the tex-file. If it goes via latex, then the formats are more based on (encapsulated) postscript; else on pdf.

In the dvi-file for jpg, png and svg only some space is visible and only in the final step performed by \$dvi2pdfCommand, the pictures are included using the bounding boxes given by the .bb or the .xbb-file. These are both created by \$ebbCommand.

Of course, the target dvi is not affected: This uses always the dvi-format. What is also affected are the tasks creating HTML, ODT or docs: Although these are based on htlatex which is always dvi-based, the preprocessing is done in dvi or in pdf. Also the task TXT is affected.

As indicated in \$latex2pdfCommand, the processor xelatex does not create dvi but xdv files. In a sense, the xdv format is an extension of dvi but as for he xdv format there is no viewer, no way htlatex or other applications (except the xelatex-internal xdvidpfmx) and also no according mime type, we refrained from subsumming this under "kind of dvi". Thus, with xelatex the flag \$pdfViaDvi may not be set.

dvi2pdfCommand dvipdfmx

The driver to convert dvi into PDF-files. Note that this must fit the options of the packages 'xcolor', 'graphicx' and, provided no autodetection, hyperref. Sensible values are 'dvipdfm', 'dvipdfmx' and 'dvipdft', which are all the same in my implementation and 'dvipdft' (which is roughly a wrapper around 'dvipdfm' with option -t using 'gs'). Note that 'dvipdf' is just a script around 'dvips' using 'gs', but does not provide proper options; so not allowed. dvi2pdf0ptions the empty string

The options for the command \$dvi2pdfCommand. The default value is '-V1.7' specifying the PDF version to be created. The default version for PDF format for \$dvi2pdfCommand is version 1.5. The reason for using version 1.7 is \$fig2dev which creates PDF figures in version 1.7 and forces \$latex2pdfCommand in DVI mode to include PDF version 1.7 and finally \$dvi2pdfCommand to use that also to avoid warnings.

Using \$latex2pdfCommand if used to create PDF directly, by default also PDF version 1.5 is created. For sake of uniformity, it is advisable to create PDF version 1.7 also. In future this will be done uniformly through \DocumentMetadata command.

patternReRunLatex see Section 6.4.3

The pattern is applied line-wise to the log file and matching triggers rerunning \$latex2pdfCommand if \$maxNumReRunsLatex is not yet reached to ensure termination.

This pattern may never be ensured to be complete, because any package may indicate the need to rerun \$latex2pdfCommand with its own pattern and so any new package may break completeness. Nevertheless, the default value aims completeness while be tight enough not to trigger a superfluous rerun.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

maxNumRerunsLatex 5

The maximal allowed number of reruns of the LaTeX process. This is to avoid endless repetitions. This shall be non-negative or -1 which signifies that there is no threshold.

Table 6.3: The LATEX-to-pdf-converter

### 6.4.1 The parameter latex2pdf0ptions

An overview over the options supported by the usual latex engines in distribution TEX Live is given in [Rei23], Section 2. In particular, there is a table with the options occurring in any latex converter and columns indicating for each option for which converters it is valid. Note that unlike the other engines, lualatex defines options starting with --, it works on according options starting with single dash also. To support all engines with the same parameters, the default options are among the ones common to all supported converters. Currently, default option line is as follows:

-interaction=nonstopmode -recorder -synctex=1 -shell-escape

The details are as follows:

-interaction=nonstopmode To avoid user interaction in case of an error This seems mandatory.

- -synctex=1 to create .synctex.gz files needed for interaction between editor and viewer.
- -recorder Strictly speaking not necessary at the current stage, but for later versions of this software, to allows tracking dependencies.
- -shell-escape allows the TEX engine to access the shell to execute. This is needed for some reason for driver dvipdfmx which seems to be the sole one supporting PDF-pictures in DVI-mode and PDF-pictures in PDF-mode.

An alternative would be -shell-restricted. CAUTION: In MiKTeX this is --enable-write18 instead.

Note that part of the default values is mandatory, in particular nonstopmode, but there are also options which are not allowed. In most of the cases, the problem is that the latex engine does not create an output or does not create it in the expected location or in the expected form. This may apply to the main artifact, i.e. PDF or DVI or XDV, but it may also apply to log files and other files.

The following list of prohibited options is illustrative but not complete:

- -draftmode switch on draft mode (generates no output PDF which causes an error)
- -output-directory=dir to specify the output directory
- -aux-directory=dir to specify the auxiliary output directory
- **-job-name=name** effectively changes the output file name
- -quiet makes the log quiet and so circumvents error and warning detection
- -fmt=FMTNAME use FMTNAME instead of program name or a %& line
- -luaonly run a lua file, then exit
- -output-format=FORMAT use FORMAT for job output; FORMAT is 'dvi' or 'pdf' pdf is the only allowed .... This is not supported by xelatex.
- -no-pdf generate XDV (extended DVI) output rather than PDF. This is specific for xelatex.
- -progname=STRING set program (and fmt) name to STRING only names also without -progname are possible
- -help display this help and exit

-version output version information and exit

Note that the default value of \$patternErrLatex excludes option -file-line-error-style and its synonym --file-line-error-style. Nevertheless, these options can be used if the pattern \$patternErrLatex is adapted.

Also option -halt-on-error is not strictly forbidden, but not recommended because it prevents operation as intended for this software.

Two options deserve particular notification, both specifying the output format

-no-pdf which is specific to xelatex, makes xelatex create XDV files which currently cannot be further processed by this software. As soon as this software supports XDV files, this option is set by this software, not by the user.

-output-format=FORMAT , which this software uses to set the output format, either to dvi or to pdf. Strictly speaking, this option is supported by all converters, except for xelatex. For xelatex, this software only supports pdf, which xelatex creates because -no-pdf is not given. The option -output-format=pdf does no harm, because it is ignored. As soon as this software supports XDV creation, it will no longer pass -output-format to xelatex.

In general, there are two forms of options, one starting with double dash, --, and the other form with single dash. In TeX Live, pdflatex and xelatex use single dash, whereas lualatex uses double dash according to the help text. But using the single dash always is ok, because lualatex understands single dash also.

In MiKTeX, all options of all converters are double dash. It must be clarified whether they understand single dash. If not one has to clarify whether in TeX Live all converters understand double dash. If so all must be changed into double dash

#### 6.4.2 The parameter patternWarnLatex

The patterns given below are just by (unwritten) convention. As a consequence, the pattern has a comprehensive default value covering all warnings known to the author, while not detecting a warning, where there is none. To that end, the pattern requires that the warning text starts with the line of the log file. Still the pattern has to be configurable to allow the user to overwrite the default value not being forced to wait for the developer to change it.

For the current default value, we distinguish

- LATEX-warnings emitted directly by LATEX starting with LaTeX Warning: ,
- LATEX-font-warnings related with fonts/font selection starting with LaTeX Font Warning: ,

- Package warnings emitted by a package. By convention, a package emitting a warning identifies itself by its name <name> emitting a warning starting with Package <name> Warning: ,
- Class warnings emitted by a package. By convention, a class emitting a
  warning identifies itself by its name <name> emitting a warning starting with
  Class <name> Warning: ,
- pdftex-warning
- Fontspec warnings. Please note the leading character "\*".
- Further warnings not identifying themselves as warnings as the word "warning" does not occur.

The resulting default pattern is

```
^(LaTeX Warning: |
LaTeX Font Warning: |
(Package|Class) .+ Warning: |
pdfTeX warning( \((\\d|\\w)+\))?: |
\* fontspec warning: |
Missing character: There is no .* in font .*!$|
A space is missing\. (No warning)\.)
```

### 6.4.3 The parameter patternReRunLatex

TODO: add

The pattern to

As a consequence, the pattern has a comprehensive default value covering all warnings known to the author, while not detecting a warning, where there is none. To that end, the pattern requires that the warning text starts with the line of the log file. Still the pattern has to be configurable to allow the user to overwrite the default value not being forced to wait for the developer to change it.

For the current default value, we distinguish

The resulting default pattern is

```
^(LaTeX Warning: Label\(s\) may have changed\. Rerun to get cross-references right\.$|
Package \w+ Warning: .*Rerun( .*|\.)$|
Package \w+ Warning: .*$^\(\w+\) .*Rerun .*$|
LaTeX Warning: Etaremune labels have changed\.$|
\(rerunfilecheck\)
Rerun to get outlines right$)
```

FIXME: There is a bug in this pattern. See Section 9.

## 6.5 Parameters for Creation of the Bibliography

This section describes the parameters or creation of the bibliography which are given in Table 6.4.

TODO: do this.

Parameter Default Explanation

bibtexCommand bibtex

The BibTeX command to create a bbl-file from an aux-file and a bib-file (using a bst-style file).

bibtexOptions empty

The options for the command \$bibtexCommand.

patternErrBibtex error message

The pattern is applied line-wise to the blg-file and matching indicates that \$bibtexCommand failed. The default value is chosen according to the 'bibtex' documentation.

patternWarnBibtex ^Warning--

The pattern is applied line-wise to the blg-file and matching indicates a warning **\$bibtexCommand** emitted. The default value is chosen according to the 'bibtex' documentation.

Table 6.4: The BibTeX-utility

### 6.6 Parameters for Creation of the Indices

This section describes the parameters or creation of the indices which are given in Table 6.5.

TODO: do this.

Parameter Default Explanation

makeIndexCommand makeindex

The MakeIndex command to create an ind-file from an idx-file logging on an ilg-file.

makeIndexOptions the empty string The options for the MakeIndex command.

patternErrMakeIndex (!! Input index error )

The pattern is applied line-wise to the ilg-file and matching indicates that \$makeIndexCommand failed. The default value is chosen according to the 'makeindex' documentation.

patternWarnMakeIndex (## Warning)

The pattern is applied line-wise to the ilg-file and matching indicates a warning <code>\$makeIndexCommand</code> emitted. The default value is chosen according to the 'makeindex' documentation.

patternReRunMakeIndex see Section 6.6.1

The pattern is applied line-wise to the log-file and matching triggers rerunning <code>%makeIndexCommand</code> followed by <code>%latex2pdfCommand</code>.

This pattern only matches a warning emitted by the package 'rerunfilecheck' e.g. used with option 'index'. The default value is chosen according to the package documentation.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the bug.

splitIndexCommand splitindex

The SplitIndex command to create ind-files from an idx-file logging on ilg-files. This command invokes \$makeIndexCommand.

splitIndexOptions -V

The options for \$splitIndexCommand. Here, one has to distinguish between the options processed by \$splitIndexCommand and those passed to \$makeIndexCommand. The second category cannot be specified here, it is already given by \$makeIndexOptions. In the first category is the option '-m' to specify the \$makeIndexCommand. This is used automatically and cannot be specified here. Since \$splitIndexCommand is used in conjunction with package 'splitidx', which hardcodes various parameters which are the default values for \$splitIndexCommand and because the option may not alter certain interfaces, the only option which may be given explicitly is '-V', the short cut for '--verbose'. Do not use '--verbose' either for sake of portability.

Table 6.5: The utilities MakeIndex and SplitIndex

### 6.6.1 The parameter patternReRunMakeIndex

As shown in [Obe16b], Section 2.3, Listing line 166, the pattern is

(^\(rerunfilecheck\) +Rerun LaTeX/makeindex to get index right\.\$)

### 6.7 Parameters for Creation of the Glossary

This section describes the parameters or creation of the glossary which are given in Table 6.6.

TODO: do this.

Parameter Default Explanation

#### makeGlossariesCommand makeglossaries

The MakeGlossaries command to create a gls-file from a glo-file (invoked without file ending) also taking ist-file or xdy-file into account logging on a glg-file.

makeGlossariesOptions the empty string

The options for the \$makeGlossariesCommand. These are the options for 'makeindex' (not for \$makeIndexCommand) and for 'xindy' (also hardcoded). The aux-file decides on whether program is executed and consequently which options are used.

The default value is the empty option string. Nevertheless, 'xindy' is invoked as 'xindy -L english -I xindy -M...'. With option '-L german', this is added. Options '-M<' for 'xindy' '-s' for 'makeindex' and '-t' and '-o' for both, 'xindy' and 'makeindex'.

patternErrMakeGlossaries (^\\*\\* unable to execute: )

The pattern is applied line-wise to the 'glg'-file and matching indicates that \$makeGlossariesCommand failed. The default value '( unable to execute: )' is chosen according to the makeindex documentation. If the default value is not appropriate, please modify and notify the developer of this plugin.

patternErrXindy (^ERROR: )

The pattern in the makeglossaries log file (glg)-file which indicates an error when running 'xindy' via \$makeGlossariesCommand. If the default value is not appropriate, please modify and notify the developer of this plugin.

patternWarnXindy (^WARNING: )

The pattern is applied line-wise to the 'glg'-file and matching indicates a warning when running 'xindy' via \$makeGlossariesCommand.

The default value '("WARNING: )' (note the space and the brackets) is chosen according to the 'xindy' documentation.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the deficiency.

patternReRunMakeGlossaries see Section 6.7.1

The pattern is applied line-wise to the log file and matching triggers rerunning <code>makeGlossariesCommand</code> followed by <code>\$latex2pdfCommand</code>.

This pattern only matches a warning emitted by the package 'rerunfilecheck' e.g. used with option 'glossary'. The default value is chosen according to the package documentation.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the bug.

Table 6.6: The MakeGlossaries-utility

### 6.7.1 The parameter patternReRunMakeGlossaries

As shown in [Obe16b], Section 2.3, Listing line 210, the pattern is

(^\(rerunfilecheck\) +Rerun LaTeX/makeindex to get index right\.\$)

This holds even if splitindex is used.

### 6.8 Parameters for including Code via pythontex

This section describes the parameters for invoking pythontex and parameters for invoking depythontex which are given in Table 6.7 and in Table 6.8, respectively.

Parameter Default Explanation

#### pythontexCommand pythontex

The PythonTeX command which creates a folder pythontex-files-xxx with various files inside from a pytxcode-file (invoked without file ending) and logging in a pythontex log file: home brewed since the original application does not write log files (plg)-file. The default value is pythontex but as long as this does not write a log file this software really needs, we have to configure it with pythontexW which is a simple wrapper of pythontex writing a log file. CAUTION: Since pythontexW is not registered with this software, one has to specify it with its category as pythontexW:pythontex.

pythontexOptions --rerun=always

The options for the command \$pythontexCommand.

For the possibilities see the manual of the pythontex package or the help dialog of pythontex. CAUTION: --rerun and --runall cannot be specified both in one invocation. In the context of this software, the option --interactive is not appropriate. CAUTION: For many options of the command line tool, there is an according package option and the latter overrides the former. CAUTION: This software overwrites settings --rerun and --runall anyway, and forces setting --rerun=always. The default value is --rerun=always.

patternErrPyTex see Section 6.8

The pattern in the plg-file indicating that running pythontex, resp. pythontexW via \$pythontexCommand failed. The pattern would fit into a single line but because of a bug in pythontex, it is a bit more complicated. If this is not appropriate, please modify and notify the developer of this plugin.

patternWarnPyTex see Section 6.8

The pattern in the plg-file indicating a warning when running pythontex, resp. pythontexW via \$mpythontexCommand. If this is not appropriate, please modify and notify the developer of this plugin.

Table 6.7: Injecting output of code via pythontex

Parameter Default Explanation

depythontexCommand depythontex

The Depythontex command invoked with no file ending to create a file xxx.depytx.tex filefrom a tex-file, a depytxc-file taking the output of pythontex into account and logging on a depythontex log file: home brewed since the original application does not write log files (dplg)-file. The default value is depythontex but as long as this does not write a log file this software really needs, we have to configure it with depythontexW which is a simple wrapper of depythontex writing a log file. CAUTION: Since depythontexW is not registered with this software, one has to specify it with its category as depythontexW:depythontex.

depythontexOptions the empty string

Table 6.8: Replacing code by its output via depythontex

The pattern patternErrPyTex is by default

\\*⊔PythonTeX⊔error|...

substituting the dots by

 $(PythonTeX:_{\sqcup\sqcup}.+_{\sqcup}-|_{\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup}-_{\sqcup}Current:_{\sqcup})_{\sqcup}[1-9][0-9]*_{\sqcup}error\backslash(s\backslash),_{\sqcup}[0-9]+_{\sqcup}warning\backslash(s\backslash)$ 

Accordingly, the pattern textttpatternWarnPyTex is by default

(PythonTeX:∪\_.+\_-|∪∪∪-\_Current:∪)∪[0-9]+\_error\\(s\),∪[1-9][0-9]\*\_warning\(s\)

### 6.9 Parameters for Conversion LaTeX to HTML

This section describes the parameters of the LaTeX-to-html converter which are given in Table 6.9.

| Parameter        | Default                           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Explanation      |                                   |
| tex4htCommand    | htlatex                           |
|                  |                                   |
| tex4htStyOptions | xhtml,uni-html4,2,svg,pic-tabular |
|                  |                                   |
| tex4htOptions    | ' -cunihtf -utf8'                 |

t4htOptions the empty string

The options for 't4ht' which converts idv-file and lg-file into css-files, tmp-file and, by need and if configured accordingly into png-files. The value '-p' prevents creation of png-pictures.

patternT4htOutputFiles see Section 6.9.1

The pattern is applied to file names and matching shall accept exactly the target files of goal 'html' for a given latex main file 'xxx.tex'. Matching triggers copying those files to \$outputDirectory.

The patterns for the other targets are hardcoded and take the form 'T\$T\.yyy\$', where 'yyy' may be an ending or an alternative of endings. This pattern is neither applied to directories nor to 'xxx.tex' itself.

For an explanation of the pattern 'T\$T' see \$patternCreatedFromLatexMain. Spaces and newlines are removed from that pattern before processing.

The pattern is designed to match quite exactly the files to be copied to \$targetSiteDirectory, for the goal 'html', not much more and at any case not less. Since \$tex2htCommand is not well documented, and still subject to development, this pattern cannot be guaranteed to be final.

If the current default value is not appropriate, please overwrite it in the configuration and notify the developer of this plugin of the bug.

Table 6.9: The LATEX-to-html-converter

### 6.9.1 The parameter patternT4htOutputFiles

The default value has the following components:

- '^T\$T\.x?html?\$' is the main output file.
- '^T\$Tli\d+\.x?html?\$' are lists: toc, lof, lot, indices, glossaries, NOT the bibliography.
- '^T\$T(ch|se|su|ap)\d+\.x?html?\$' are chapters, sections and subsections or below and appendices.

- '^T\$T\d+\.x?html?\$' are footnotes.
- '^T\$T\.css\$' are cascaded stylesheets.
- '^T\$T-\d+\.svg\$' and '^T\$T\d+x\.png\$' are svg/png-files representing figures.
- '(T\$T\d+x\.x?bb' are the bounding boxes (suffix .bb for dvipdfm and suffix .xbb for dvipdfmx).
- '^(cmsy)\d+(-c)?-\d+c?\.png $^{\prime}$  represents special symbols.

Note that the patterns for the html-files can be summarized as

```
^T$T((ch|se|su|ap|li)?\d+)?\.x?html?\$
```

This altogether constitutes the default value for this pattern:

```
^(T$T(((ch|se|su|ap|li)?\d+)?\.x?html?|
\.css|
\d+x\.x?bb|
\d+x\.png|
-\d+\.svg)|
(cmsy)\d+(-c)?-\d+c?\.png)$
```

The pattern is designed to match quite exactly the files to be copied to \$targetSiteDirectory, for the goal "html", not much more and at any case not less. since \$tex2htCommand is not well documented, and still subject to development, this pattern cannot be guaranteed to be final.

### 6.10 Parameters for further Conversions

This section describes the parameters of the converter from and to further formats which are given in Table 6.10.

These converters convert latex into RTF directly, they convert ODT into doclike documents and pdf into pure text. A special case is the code-checker in a sense converting latex into a log-file. For each of them, the name of the command can be specified and also the options. Since neither of them, except the code checker, write a log-file, there are no further parameters necessary.

| Parameter   | Default |  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| Explanation |         |  |

latex2rtfCommand latex2rtf

The latex2rtf command to create RTF from latex directly.

latex2rtfOptions the empty string

The options of the command \$latex2rtfCommand.

odt2docCommand odt2doc

The odt2doc command to create MS word-formats from otd-files.

odt2docOptions -fdocx

The options of the command \$odt2docCommand. Above all specification of output format via the option '-f'. Invocation is 'odt2doc -f<format> <file>.odt'. All output formats are shown by 'odt2doc --show' but the formats interesting in this context are the following: doc, doc6, doc95, docbook, docx, docx7, ooxml and rtf. Interesting also the verbosity options '-v', '-vv', '-vvv' the timeout '-T=secs' and '--preserve' to keep permissions and timestamp of the original document.

pdf2txtCommand pdftotext

The pdf2txt-command for converting PDF-files into plain text files.

pdf2txt0ptions the empty string

The options of the command \$pdf2txtCommand.

Table 6.10: The parameters of further converters

FIXME: Note that pdftotext -h prints a usage message. This is a way to obtain not the specified output. It shows that pdftotext -q does not print any messages or errors. This indicates that pdftotext normally does display error messages on the standard output. These may be led to a log file to indicate errors and warnings. Here, further research is required.

The option -htmlmeta seems not appropriate. The option resolution -r seems sensible only in conjunction with the crop area defined by -x and -y which does not make sense in our context. The same holds for specification of the first and the last page via -f and -1. What does make sense is specifying the encoding via -enc with possible values given by pdftotext -listenc. What makes sense most is UTF-8.

### 6.11 The code checker chktex

Among the applications used by this software, the codechecker plays a special role it is not really a converter, unless we interprete the log file as artifact. Like for the most converters also for the codechecker we can specify the command ant its

options.

Parameter Default Explanation

#### chkTexCommand chktex

The chktex-command for checking latex main files.

chkTexOptions -q -b

The options of the command \$chkTexCommand, except "-o output-file" specifying the output file which is added automatically. For further details see the options below.

Table 6.11: The parameters of the code checker

The options of chktex are described in detail in [Thi16], Section 6.1.2.

Here is a list of options useful in this context. The first group of these are muting options:

- '-w', '-e', '-m', Make the message number passed as parameter a warning/an error/a message and turns it on. Messages are not counted.
- '-n' Turns the warning/error number passed as a parameter off.
- '-L' Turns off suppression of messages on a per line basis.

The next group of interesting options are for output control:

'-q' Shuts up about copyright information.

'-o output-file' Specifies the output file. This is added automatically and shall thus not be specified by the user.

-b0/1' If you use the -o switch, and the named output-file exists, it will be renamed to 'filename.bak' for option -b1 and not for -b0.

'-f format' Specifies the format of the output via a format similar to "printf()'. For details consult the manual [Thi16], Section 6.1.2. The codes are listed below

'-vd' Verbosity level followed by a number 'd' specifying the format of the output according to the listing below. The verbosity number is resolved as a pattern as if given by the option '-f format'. Thus the option '-v' is ignored if the option '-f format' is specified.

The default value -q -b0 avoids verbose output and backing up the output log-file.

Code

```
%b String to print between fields (from -s option).
 %c Column position of error.
 %d Length of error (digit).
 %f Current file-name.
 %i Turn on inverse printing mode.
 \% I Turn off inverse printing mode.
 %k kind of error (warning, error, message).
 %l line number of error.
%m Warning message.
 %n Warning number.
 %u An underlining line (like the one which appears when using '-v1').
 %r Part of line in front of error ('S'-1).
 %s Part of line which contains error (string).
 %t Part of line after error ('S'+1).
   FIXME: to be inserted. From chktexrc:
OutFormat
# -v0; silent mode
%f%b%1%b%c%b%n%b%m!n
# -v1; normal mode
"%k %n in %f line %l: %m!n%r%s%t!n%u!n"
# -v2; fancy mode
"%k %n in %f line %l: %m!n%r%i%s%I%t!n!n"
# -v3; lacheck mode
"!"%f!", line %l: %m!n"
# -v4; verbose lacheck mode
"!"%f!", line %1: %m!n%r%s%t!n%u!n"
```

```
# -v5; no line number, ease auto-test
"%k %n in %f: %m!n%r%s%t!n%u!n"
# -v6; emacs compilation mode
"!"%f!", line %l.%c:(#%n) %m!n"
}
```

Note that "!" is to escape quotes and newline. More than these can be added to chktexrc.

This document is checked with options deviating from the default value:

```
-q -b0 -v1 -g0 -l ${basedir}/src/site/tex/chktexrc
```

The default is -q -b0, option -g0 means that the global chktexrc is not used and option

```
-l ${basedir}/src/site/tex/chktexrc
```

specifies a record file tailored to the needs of this project. In particular, the pattern for -v1 is slightly modified: It is

```
# -v1; normal mode
"%k %n in %f line %l: %m!n %r%s%t!n %u!n"
```

which adds a blank to all lines but the headlines. That way, the kind of issue (%k) is easily parsed. This could be used for emitting an error instead of a warning when processing goal *check*.

### 6.12 Parameters for Ensuring Reproducibility

For a general description of the reproducibility check see Section 5.8. Here we go into the details and identify the parameters controlling the check and specified in great detail in Table 6.12. As already mentioned in Section 5.8, currently, checks are performed for artifacts in pdf format only; more formally, if the target (which is in parameter target described in Table 6.1) is pdf.

But if so, the parameter chkDiff decides whether a check is performed at all. Note that checking is off by default. Then a diffing tool given by diffPdfCommand expects the blueprints in the directory diffDirectory. In contrast, the actual artifacts to be checked are in outputDirectory, whereas the sources are in texSrcDirectory.

The location of a source tex file relative to texSrcDirectory is the location of the artifact relative to outputDirectory. This path relative to diffDirectory

is the location of the blueprint. With the actual artifact in outputDirectory and the blueprint in diffDirectory the diff-tool determines whether the both are equivalent. If so, equivalence is logged as an info, else an exception described in Table reftab:TLP is thrown.

Note that the choiced of the diff tool diffPdfCommand determines teh notion of equivalence of the pdf artifacts, ranging from byte equivalence to some kind of visual equivalence.

| D ,         | D C 1   |
|-------------|---------|
| Parameter   | Default |
| Explanation |         |

#### diffDirectory

Diff directory relative to **\$baseDirectory** used for diffing actually created artifact against prescribed one in this directory. This is relevant only if **\$chkDiff** is set. The default value is ...

#### chkDiff false

Indicates whether after creating artifacts and copying them to the output directory \$outputDirectory the artifacts are checked by diffing them against preexisting artifacts in \$diffDirectory using the diff command given by \$diffPdfCommand. Note that currently, only pdf files are checkd. This is false by default and is set to true only in the context of tests.

#### diffPdfCommand diff

The diff-command for diffing PDF-files strictly or just visually to check that the created pdf files are equivalent with prescribed ones. CAUTION: There are two philsophies: Either the latex source files are created in a way that they reproduce strictly. Then a strict diff command like diff is appropriate. Else another diff command is required which checks for a kind of visual equality. The default value is a mere diff. Alternatives are diff-pdf and diff-pdf-visually both implementing a visual diff. Note that unlike for other tools, no options can be passed in this case explicitly.

Table 6.12: The parameters of the pdf differ

The options of chktex are described in detail in [Thi16], Section 6.1.2.

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# Exceptions and Logging

If during execution of this software something goes wrong, and it is possible to detect that, the user shall be notified.

Maven foresees a mechanism to abort the whole build, i.e. lifecycle phase or a single goal and accordingly ant allows to abort a task. In both cases, abortion is implemented by throwing an exception.

A maven plugin aborts a goal throwing a

org.apache.maven.plugin.MojoFailureException

and a

org.apache.maven.plugin.MojoExecutionException

to abort the life-cycle phase. Since this plugin is just for documentation, there is no need to abort site creation altogether, so only the former exception occurs.

An ant-task aborts an ant-build throwing a

org.apache.tools.ant.BuildException

without further distinction.

This software provides both a maven plugin and an ant task built on the same code base. Thus, the maven plugin throws a MojoFailureException if and only if the according ant-task throws an BuildException in the same situation.

Section 7.1 describes the philosophy of throwing an exception and defines in detail under what circumstances which exception is thrown.

Roughly speaking, an exception is thrown only if something is really wrong, e.g. a non-recoverable error or an indication that the build system is out of control or if this plugin/task is likely to destroy the work of another plugin/task.

If something went wrong, but no exception is thrown, the user must be notified by logging and the build process to go on, skipping a section of a task as small as

possible. Both, maven and ant provide a logging mechanism with the levels error, warning, info and debug. Section 7.2 describes the errors and warnings; the lot of infos and debugging output are not described here.

Verbosity is chosen by the following command line options:

- -e shows error messages,
- -X shows debug-messages,
- -q quiet hides the info-level and shows *only* errors.

There seems no way to get warnings only.

Each exception offers a message and also each warning has a warning message. The messages are endowed with a unique identifier of the form KCCDD, where K is the kind which is one of

- T Throwable, which results in a MojoFailureException for the maven-plugin and BuildException for the ant-task. This is described in detail in Section 7.1
- E logging as ERROR,
- W logging as WARNING
  - I logging as INFO which occurs frequently
- D logging as DEBUGGING output, which is lengthy

The shortcut CC describes the class where the exception is thrown or the warning is logged:

- EX CommandExectutorImpl: a class executing applications on a command line
- PP LatexPreProcessor: preprocessing of LatexPreProcessing of graphic files and detection of latex main files.
- LP LatexProcessor: processing of LaTeX-main files: conversion into various output formats.
- SS Settings: A container holding the values of all parameters. These are either default or read from the configuration in the pom for the maven plugin and in the build file for the ant task.
- MI MetaInfo: offering meta information as expected and actual versions of converters.

FU TexFileUtilsImpl: a class providing access to files.

Finally, DD is a two digit number enumerating the messages.

Identifier Message Explanation

WMI01 Version string from converter \$conv did not match expected form: \$conv: 'version'not?in\$interv

Indicates that the version string coming from the converter \$conv is not as expected. Programming error excluded, this means that the version does not fit, i.e. is not in \$interv.

WMI02 \$conv: '\$actVersion'not in\$interv

Indicates that the version of converter \$conv can be detected and is \$actVersion but does not fit the expectation which is \$expVersion.

Table 7.1: The logging for MetaInfo

### Identifier Message Explanation

WFU01

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build may be incomplete.
TBD
XFU02
          TBD
TBD
WFU03
          Cannot close '$file'.
TBD
EFU05
          Cannot delete file '$file'.
TBD
EFU06
          Cannot move file '$src' to '$dest'.
TBD
EFU07
           File '$srcFile' to be filtered cannot be read.
```

Cannot read directory '\$dir';

WORKAROUND for inkscape filtering eps\_tex-file into ptx file: The former

is not a readable regular file.

EFU08 Destination file '\$destFile' for filtering cannot be written.

WORKAROUND for inkscape filtering eps\_tex-file into ptx file: The latter is not a writable regular file.

EFU09 Cannot filter file '\$srcFile' into '\$destFile'.

WORKAROUND for inkscape filtering eps\_tex-file into ptx file: Either reading a line or writing a line failed.

Table 7.2: The logging for TexFileUtils

TBD: check whether workaround still necessary. TBD: complete list TBD: add missing lists

### 7.1 Exceptions

Exceptions are thrown only if no substantial part of this maven-goal or this ant-task may be completed as if the tex source directory does not exist or is no directory or if a failure occurs which indicates that the underlying system does not work properly, as if the tex source directory or a subdirectory is not readable or if execution of an external program fails. The latter does not mean that the program returns with an error code, but it means that execution from within java fails.

Identifier Message Explanation

TEX01 Error running \$command.

Compare with EEX01 in Table 7.9: Error execution means

- the file expected to be the working directory does not exist or is not a directory.
- method Runtime.exec(String, String[], File) fails throwing an IOException.
- an error inside systemOut parser occurs
- an error inside systemErr parser occurs
- Wrapping an InterruptedException on the process to be executed thrown by Proces.waitFor().

whereas for EEX01 just a failure code is returned.

Table 7.3: The BuildFailureExceptions of the class CommandExecutorImpl

Identifier Message Explanation

TSS01 The tex source directory '\$texSrcDirectoryFile' should be an existing directory, but is not.

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The tex source directory is given in the pom/build-file with default value ./src/site/tex. It contains or is \$texSrcProcDirectoryFile. Thus is must be a directory.

TSS02 The tex source processing directory '\$texSrcProcDirectoryFile' should be an existing directory, but is not.

The tex source processing directory is given in the pom/build-file relative to \$texSrcDirectoryFile with default value .. It contains all files to be processed. Thus is must be a directory.

TSS03 The output directory '\$outputDirectory'

should be a directory if it exists, but is not.

The output directory is given in the pom/build-file with default value ./target/site/.. The output directory is where the result of the goal/task are copied to. If it does not yet exist, it is created but if it exists and is a regular file, it cannot be created any more.

TSS04 The target set '\$targets'

should be a subset of the registered targets '...', but is not.

The target set is given in the pom/build-file with default value pdf, html. A single target can be given on the command line as e.g. via mvn latex:pdf and also in this case, the validity of the target is checked, so that e.g. mvn latex:invalid throws an exception, but the mechanism relies directly on mavens ability to check the targets of this plugin.

TSS05 The excluded converters '\$convertersExcluded'

should form a subset of the registered converters '...'.

From the possible "registered" converters the ones not used may be excluded to avoid that they cause errors when trying to check correctness of version in target vrs accessed via mvn latex:vrs. These converters may not even be installed.

TSS06 Tried to use converter '\$convStr'

although not among the registered converters '...' as expected.

Only registered converters may be used.

TSS07 Tried to use converter '\$convStr'

although among the excluded converters '...'.

Among the registered converters only those may be used, which are not excluded, i.e. listed in configuration in section convertersExcluded.

TSS08 Tried to use converter '\$convStr'

in configuration '...' instead of configuration '...'.

Each converter may occur in a specified configuration only. So e.g. lualatex is only allowed in configuration 'latex2pdfCommand'. If used in configuration 'makeIndexCommand' this causes this exception, because in that configuration, e.g makeindex is allowed.

TSS09 The diff directory '\$diffDirectoryFile'

should be a directory if it exists, but is not.

The \$diffDirectoryFile shall exist and be a directory. In it shall be stored the artifacts the actually created shall be compared with if chkDiff is set using the command diffPdfCommand. As the name suggests, currently only pdf-files are compared.

TSS10 Specified unregistered converter '\$convStrProper'

with invalid category '\$catStr'; should be '...'.

The converter convName is specified in the setting <catCommand> in the form convName:notCat with category notCat not coinciding with cat as required.

Table 7.4: The BuildFailureExceptions of the class Settings

#### Id. Message

#### Explanation

TMI01 Cannot get stream to file '\$fileName'.

Stream to file within jar. This may be the manifest file, pom.properties or git.properties.

TMI02 Cannot load properties from file '\$fileName'.

Provided the stream to the file is ok, could not load property. This may occur for pom.properties or git.properties.

TMI03 IOException reading manifest.

Provided the stream to the manifest file is ok, could not read completely.

Table 7.5: The BuildFailureExceptions of the class MetaInfo

#### Id. Message

#### Explanation

 ${\tt TFU01} \quad {\tt Cannot\ create\ destination\ directory\ '\$targetDir'.}$ 

This is mainly because of writing permissions.

TFU04 Cannot overwrite directory '\$destFile'.

Because this plugin shall not turn directories into regular files and vice versa.

This failure indicates that another plugin/task disturbs this one.

TFU06 Cannot copy file '\$srcFileName' to directory '\$targetDir'.

This is mainly because of writing permissions.

Table 7.6: The BuildFailureExceptions of the class TexFileUtilsImpl

### Id. Message Explanation

TLP01 Artifact '\$pdfFileAct' from '\$texFile' could not be reproduced. Processing \$texFile' yields \$pdfFileAct which is not "alike" the stored version. Currently, that kind of check can be performed for pdf files only. Also the diff check is executed only if parameter \$chkDiff described in Section 6.12 is set. Then the diff command \$diffPdfCommand is performed to determine whether the artifacts are equivalent in the sense given by the diff command. The concrete meaning of that equivalence may range from strict equivalence to some kind of visual equivalence.

TLP02 No file '\$pdfFileCmp' to compare with artifact from '\$texFile'. The PDF file '\$pdfFileCmp' expected for comparison with the PDF file created from '\$texFile' does not exist. It is expected only if a diff check is configured according to \$chkDiff described in Section 6.12. Currently, that kind of check can be performed for pdf files only.

Table 7.7: The BuildFailureExceptions of the class LatexProcessor

FIXME: to be added.

### 7.2 Logging of Warnings and Errors

The rules for logging warnings and errors is, that the user must be notified, if something went wrong, but the run is not aborted, by a warning or an error. It is not required that for each detail going wrong, there is a separate notification, but the user must be sure, that all is ok, if no warning and no error occurs.

To decide whether it is an error or a warning to be logged, one has to distinguish, whether the problem occurs when running an external application or within internal code. In the first case, the decision whether it is an error or a warning is left to that application:

- If the application returns an error code other than 0, it is an error.
- If the application is expected to write a log file, but none is found, it is an error. The applications used here, return a nontrivial error code if no log file is written.
- The applications used here, writing a log file distinguish between error and warning. If a log file is written both are logged in the log file and can be distinguished by the form of the entry via pattern matching. If no error occurs, the return code is 0, even if warnings occur.

- If an application writes at least one error into the log file, this software logs an error.
- If an application writes no error into the log file but at least one warning, principally this software logs a warning. There may be parameters to switch off warnings partially or all of them, but there must be also a configuration of parameter values that allow logging all warnings.

If an application does not create the expected output file, this software logs an error. This may be because of an internal error as described above, but also because of wrong parameters. So, e.g. lualatex -v xxx.tex does not create a pdf-file as expected.

#### Id. Message

#### Explanation

EEX01 Running \$command failed with return code \$returnCode.

Compare with TEX01 in Table 7.3: Error execution means that there is even no valid return code.

EEXO2 Running \$command failed: No target file '\$fileName' written.

#### FIXME

EEX03 Running \$command failed: Target file '\$fileName' is not updated. The command \$command is expected to write to the file '\$fileName' but this

file is not updated. This indicates an error executing \$command.

WEX04 Cannot read target file '\$fileName'; may be outdated.

#### FIXME

WEX05 Update control may emit false warnings.

#### FIXME

EAPO2 Running \$command failed: No log file '\$logFileName' written.

The command \$command is expected to write a log file '\$logFileName' but no such file exists. This indicates an error executing \$command.

EAP01 Running \$command failed. Errors logged in '\$logFileName'.

The command \$command logged at least one error in the file '\$logFileName', where more details can be found.

WAPO3 Running \$command emitted warnings logged in '\$logFileName'.

The command \$command logged at least one warning in the file '\$logFileName', where more details can be found. Note that if \$command is a latex processor, this warning comes only iff the parameter \$debugWarnings is set. Note also that notifications on bad boxes are not counted as warnings here.

WLP03 Running \$command created bad boxes logged in '\$logFileName'.

Here, \$command is a latex processor. It logged at least one bad box, overfull or underfull, horizontal or vertical in \$logFileName where more details can be found. Note that this warning comes only iff the parameter \$debugBadBoxes is set.

WLP06 Running \$command found issues logged in '\$logFileName'.

Here, \$command is a checker tool. Strictly speaking, unlike the other warnings here, this does not signify that running \$command went wrong but uncovered an issue (warning/error/message) logged in a file.

WLP05 Use package splitidx without option split in \$texFileName.

This indicates that an extended idx-file "xxx-yy.idx" has been found without xxx.idx or without according entry \indexentry[yy]{...}{...} in xxx.idx.

WLP07 Found both '\$dviFile' and '\$xdvFile'; convert the latter.

This indicates that for conversion to pdf there are a dvi file and a xdv file which may come from mixed application of **xelatex** and another converter. In this case, the **\$xdvFile** is converted.

Table 7.8: The errors and warnings on running a command

### Id. Message

### Explanation

WFU01 Cannot read directory '\$dir'; build may be incomplete.

FIXME

WPP02 Cannot read tex file '\$texFile'; may bear latex main file.

FIXME

WAPO4 Cannot read log file '\$logFileName'; may hide warnings/errors.

FIXME

WLP02 Cannot read log file '\$logFileName'; \$kind may require rerun.

FIXME

WLP04 Cannot read idx file '\$idxFileName'; skip creation of index.

FIXME

WFU03 Cannot close '\$closeable'.

FIXME

EFU05 Cannot delete file '\$delFile'.

EFU06 Cannot move file '\$fromFile' to '\$toFile'.

FIXME

Table 7.9: The errors and warnings on files/streams

### Id. Message

#### Explanation

WPP03 Skipped processing of files with suffixes \$skipped.

FIXME

WPP04 Skip processing  $\$  srcFile: interpreted as target of  $\$  FIXME

WPP05 Included latex files which are not latex main files:

\$includedNotMainFiles.

In parameter mainFilesIncluded only latex main files shall be mentioned. The above message shows files specified which are not recognized as latex main files. This is also affected by parameter patternLatexMainFile.

WPP06 Excluded latex files which are not latex main files:

\$excludedNotMainFiles.

In parameter mainFilesExcluded only latex main files shall be mentioned. The above message shows files specified which are not recognized as latex main files. This is also affected by parameter patternLatexMainFile.

WPP07 Included/Excluded latex main files not identified by their name: \$inclExcl.

This indicates that there are different latex main files with the same name (of course in different directories) and that \$inclExcl are those given in parameter mainFilesIncluded or mainFilesExcluded.

WLP01 LaTeX requires rerun but maximum number  $\max NumRerunsLatex reached. FIXME$ 

Table 7.10: Miscellaneous errors and warnings

FIXME: to be added.

## Gaps

Only figures created with xfig and stored as files pdf and ptx may be integrated into a LATEX document. This could be extended to a broader variety of export file formats. The problem is, that fig-files to not contain information on the export format. This has to be either given elsewhere in a config file or determined by pre-parsing the tex-files.

There is no support for pictures in Graphics Interchange Format, allows also animations (gif)-format but maybe a converter to png is all needed.

There is no proper make-mechanism taking dependencies into account. Thus all documents in all formats specified are remade, whether they changed or not.

Also, if more than one target is created from one LaTeX source, common steps are redone for each target. E.g. if pdf and html are created, pdf creation is done twice and if pdf, html, odt and docx are created, odt is done twice (once for odt second for docx) and pdf is done even trice: once for pdf itself, once for odt and once for docx.

Creating more than one index is supported only via package splitidx in conjunction with SplitIndex. There are the following packages also supporting multiple indices but not supported officially: index described in [Jon95], amsmidx described in [Bee07] and imakeidx described in [Gre16]. Note that the package multind is obsolete.

According to [Tal16], Section 1, there are three options to create a glossary, whereas this software supports option two only, which uses makeindex. Also, although the package glossaries itself supports multiple glossaries via the command

 $\newglossary[log-ext]{name}{in-ext}{out-ext}{title}[counter]$ 

described in [Tal16], Section 12, this software only supports creating a single glossary.

Reading [Tal16], Section 15.1, the glossarystyle index seems to allow creating indices through the glossaries package making any index-package obsolete.

For development given the LATEX main file xxx.tex, the files xxx.pdf, xxx.pdf, xxx.synctex.gz and xxx.log are vital. Thus it would be fine to have a goal which touches these files or to have a parameter to touch these prior to creation to avoid that these are cleaned up after the run. This is an alternative to setting parameter cleanup to false. On the other hand, goal grp creating graphics in conjunction with a development tool like auctex for emacs, allows to compile a latex main file in that tool and thus to access xxx.log and xxx.pdf.

There are lots of possible improvements to be done on the goal *check*.

The ant-task does not allow to create single formats, e.g. pdf selectively.

The ant-build is not completed: tests are not run and test runs are no prerequisite for installation.

This manual is not finished. To test the overall functionality of the maven-plugin and of the ant-task described here, this manual is created through plugin and task.

Support for djvu via pdf2djvu: pdf2djvu -o output\_file input\_file pdf2dsc (ps with document structuring convention)

pdf2svg is not so useful.

pdftohtml -c is also not bad,

consider also pdftocairo for creation of tiff and ps and many others.

## Bugs

Seemingly, indices and glossaries based on page numbers (there seems to be an alternative to this), may be out of date with the current algorithm: First lualatex (or some other converter) is run to create the raw index. Then a sorting program like makeindex is called which creates the sorted, collected and formatted index. Then one lualatex run is required to include this index into the created pdf-file. A second lualatex run is required to write the index to the table of contents, as typically required. The problem with this procedure is, that the subsequent runs of lualatex change the raw index which requires rerunning makeindex and after that again lualatex.

One way to solve that problem is to use the package imakeidx (improved makeidx) instead of the traditional package makeidx. This offers also multiple indices, which is another gap to be filled. Seemingly, imakeidx does not support glossaries and so for these, another solution is required, although the problem is the same.

Packages robustindex and robustglossaries offer another solution. The advantage would be to have handled both index and glossary. Also support of hyperrefs within indices and glossaries seem to be expanded. On the other hand, the two packages seem experimental and seem to play with package hyperref.

The current implementation is based on package rerunfilecheck which works for index but not for glossary.

Check whether glossaries option autorun makes sense. Seems to run the command makeglossaries after each latex run. But how to find out whether to rerun latex???

Pattern to identify latex main file: Documentation: shall not include the environment documentclass/documentstyle in an input. Also check RequiresPackage and check whether (re)newcommand is possible or makes sense.

Maybe there is a bug in the number of reruns: I think, makeglossaries is like bibtex needing two latex reruns and not like makeindex, which requires a single rerun.

Since this software heavily relies on rerunfilecheck, maybe a warning if not used is a good idea.

Figures are missing in html output Formulae are missing in html output. Index is s missing in html output. Glossary occurs in the toc but is not numbered.

Did not find a way to add a numbered entry for the glossary into the table of contents.

The pattern (!) detects an error only -no-file-line-error (which is the default) is set but does not work with option -file-line-error. This yields

./manualLMP.tex:2500: Undefined control sequence.

1.2500 \bla

instead of

- ! Undefined control sequence.
- 1.2500 \bla

I ask myself how to detect this error in file line error mode!

Pattern matching is line-wise. This is inappropriate for patternLatexMainFile but also for further patterns like multiline-warnings.

Also there seems to be a bug in java's regex package, which leads to non-termination: pattern (\s\*)\*xx seems not to terminate.

A problem is also that the ending ".svg" may occur as a source and as a target file of htlatex. Thus mvn latex:clr tries to delete the targets of the svg-files, although these are not sources but themselves targets.

A way to solve this problem is, to apply the delete pattern to graphic source files and the files created. CAUTION: for svg, the files created by the latex run shall be taken into account. A warning shall be issued for each matching.

Target html: references to figures are missing. jpg and png-pictures oddly represented. With option svg: problem. Leave away, then at least the formula occurs. But then, from the mixed pictures only the text occur, whereas the pdf is still missing. Maybe htlatex still relies on eps-format. Table is very wide. Umlauts and sz maybe also not properly represented.

Still for target html: currently all aspects making problems are deactivated: Figures, index and glossary. For the index have a look at the log-file. These aspects must be re-integrated as soon as possible.

For html: run package tex4ht with option info to obtain further options and their descriptions. Also add a proper description into this manual.

For files .directory ("." first), the separation of root and suffix does not work. Maybe the best to ignore files like that.

Target txt: seems as if index and glossary not up to date.

target pdf: Idea to run makeglossaries always prior to lualatex.

Maybe this is more a gap than a bug: support for dvi-creation should be provided separately.

For target dvi, neither png nor jpg-pictures are included. The other formats work with **\$pdfViaDvi** set. Note that the postscript-files must be in the same directory as the dvi, probably because it includes them only by link.

For the other case, \$pdfViaDvi unset, this requires some research.

Also for creation of the txt-format, \$pdfViaDvi must be set.

FIXME: on bibliography, index and glossary

The application chktex does not necessarily return an error code if something goes wrong, e.g. reading -l chktexrc. Thus only in debug mode one can recognize the misbehavior. This knocks out detection of build failures.

Also I would like to replace the global chktexrc by a local version, via '-g0 -l chktexrc.my'. The problem is, that the file is interpreted relative to the working directory.

The application chktex has an option -I to specify, whether input files shall be read. If not, creation of graphics is immaterial. I can also imagine, that one wants to configure, whether graphics shall be created or not.

It may make sense to define in chktexrc another verbosity level with format allowing to decide whether there is a warning/error/message. Now I modified the levels that all but the headlines start with blank. This makes it easy in -v1 and in -v2 to detect warning/error/message at the beginning of a line, without the risk of false error because a message is logged on a text starting with the word "error".

Maybe this is not a bug but an inconsistency between auctex and local config Running with the plugin, e.g. with pdflatex, we obtain

```
This is pdfTeX, Version 3.14159265-2.6-1.40.15 (TeX Live 2014) (preloaded format=pdflatex 2014.8.9) 30 JAN 2017 10:58 entering extended mode \write18 enabled.

Source specials enabled.

%&-line parsing enabled.

**test.tex
(./test.tex
```

whereas running from within Emacs with auctex we obtain

This is pdfTeX, Version 3.14159265-2.6-1.40.15 (TeX Live 2014) (preloaded format=pdflatex) restricted \write18 enabled. entering extended mode

and also the behavior is slightly different, e.g. on file

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\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
äö;
\end{document}
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The parameter patternReRunLatex treated in Section 6.4.3 needs more careful investigation. This is done a little bit in class org.m2latex.core.Settings.

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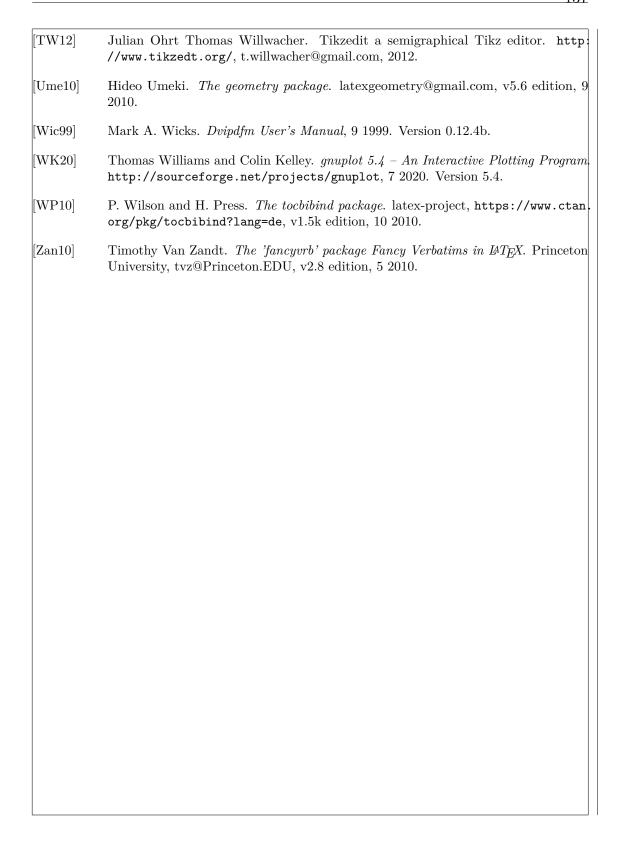
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