

NAME

`luatex`, `dviluatex`, `luahbtex`, `luajittex`, `texlua`, `texluac` – An extended version of TeX using Lua as an embedded scripting language

SYNOPSIS

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luatex [--lua=FILE] [OPTION]... [TEXNAME[.tex]] [COMMANDS]
luatex [--lua=FILE] [OPTION]... \FIRST-LINE
luatex [--lua=FILE] [OPTION]... &FMT [ARGS]
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DESCRIPTION

Run the `luatex` typesetter on *TEXNAME*, usually creating *TEXNAME.pdf*. Any remaining *COMMANDS* are processed as `luatex` input, after *TEXNAME* is read.

Alternatively, if the first non-option argument begins with a backslash, interpret all non-option arguments as a line of `luatex` input.

Alternatively, if the first non-option argument begins with a `&`, the next word is taken as the *FMT* to read, overriding all else. Any remaining arguments are processed as above.

If no arguments or options are specified, prompt for input.

If called as `texlua` it acts as a Lua interpreter. If called as `texluac` it acts as a Lua bytecode compiler.

`Luatex` began as an extended version of `pdfTeX` with Unicode and OpenType font support, embedded `Lua` scripting language, the `e-TEx` and `Omega` extensions, as well as an integrated MetaPost engine, that can create *PDF* files as well as *DVI* files. For more information about `luatex`, see <http://www.luatex.org>; and you can read the `Luatex` manual using the `texdoc` utility (`texdoc luatex`).

All `Luatex` text input and output is considered to be Unicode text, although various filters make it possible to support any encoding.

In *DVI* mode, `Luatex` can be used as a complete replacement for the `TEx` engine.

In *PDF* mode, `Luatex` can natively handle the *PDF*, *JPG*, *JBIG2*, and *PNG* graphics formats. `Luatex` cannot include PostScript or Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) graphics files; first convert them to PDF using `epstopdf` (1).

The `luajittex` variant includes the Lua just-in-time compiler.

The `luahbtex` variant can use the HarfBuzz engine for glyph shaping, instead of `Luatex`'s built-in shaper.

OPTIONS

When the `Luatex` executable starts, it looks for the `--lua` command-line option. If there is no `--lua` option, the command line is interpreted in a similar fashion as in traditional `pdfTeX` and Aleph. But if the option is present, `Luatex` will enter an alternative mode of command-line parsing in comparison to the standard `web2c` programs. The presence of `--lua` makes most of

other options unreliable, because the lua initialization file can disable kpathsea and/or hook functions into various callbacks.

--lua=FILE

The lua initialization file.

The following two options alter the executable behaviour:

--luaonly

Start Lua_{T\textrm{E}X} as a Lua interpreter. In this mode, it will set Lua's *arg[0]* to the found script name, pushing preceding options in negative values and the rest of the command line in the positive values, just like the Lua interpreter. Lua_{T\textrm{E}X} will exit immediately after executing the specified Lua script.

--luaconly

Start Lua_{T\textrm{E}X} as a Lua byte compiler. In this mode, Lua_{T\textrm{E}X} is exactly like **luac** from the standalone Lua distribution, except that it does not have the **-l** switch, and that it accepts (but ignores) the **--luaconly** switch.

Then the regular web2c options:

--debug-format

Debug format loading.

--draftmode

Sets \pdfdraftmode so luat\textrm{E}x doesn't write a PDF and doesn't read any included images, thus speeding up execution.

--enable-write18

Synonym for **--shell-escape**.

--disable-write18

Synonym for **--no-shell-escape**.

--shell-escape

Enable the \write18{*command*} construct, and Lua functions **os.execute()**, **os.exec()**, **os.spawn()**, and **io.popen()**. The *command* can be any shell command. This construct is normally disallowed for security reasons.

--no-shell-escape

Disable the \write18{*command*} construct and the other Lua functions, even if it is enabled in the *texmf.cnf* file.

--shell-restricted

Enable restricted version of **\write18**, **os.execute()**, **os.exec()**, **os.spawn()**, and **io.popen()**, only commands listed in *texmf.cnf* file are allowed.

--file-line-error

Print error messages in the form *file:line:error* which is similar to the way many compilers format them.

--no-file-line-error

Disable printing error messages in the *file:line:error* style.

--fmt=FORMAT

Use *FORMAT* as the name of the format to be used, instead of the name by which luat\textrm{E}x was called or a %& line.

--help Print help message and exit.

--ini Start in *INI* mode, which is used to dump formats. The *INI* mode can be used for typesetting, but no format is preloaded, and basic initializations like setting catcodes may be required.

--interaction=MODE

Sets the interaction mode. The *MODE* can be either *batchmode*, *nonstopmode*, *scrollmode*, and *errorstopmode*. The meaning of these modes is the same as that of the corresponding \commands.

--jobname=NAME

Use *NAME* for the job name, instead of deriving it from the name of the input file.

--kpathsea-debug=BITMASK

Sets path searching debugging flags according to the *BITMASK*. See the *Kpathsea* manual for details.

--mktex=FMT

Enable mktex*FMT* generation, where *FMT* must be either *tex* or *tfm*.

--nosocket

Disable the luasocket (network) library.

--output-comment=STRING

In *DVI* mode, use *STRING* for the *DVI* file comment instead of the date. This option is ignored in *PDF* mode.

--output-directory=DIRECTORY

Write output files in *DIRECTORY* instead of the current directory. Look up input files in *DIRECTORY* first, then along the normal search path.

--output-format=FORMAT

Set the output format mode, where *FORMAT* must be either *pdf* or *dvi*. This also influences the set of graphics formats understood by luATEX.

--progname=NAME

Pretend to be program *NAME* (only for kpathsea).

--recorder

Enable the filename recorder. This leaves a trace of the files opened for input and output in a file with extension *.fls*.

--safer

Disable some Lua commands that can easily be abused by a malicious document.

--synctex=NUMBER

Enable/disable SyncTeX extension.

--version

Print version information and exit.

--credits

Print credits and version details.

The following options are ignored:

--8bit, --etex, --parse-first-line, --no-parse-first-line

These are always on.

--default-translate-file=TCXNAME, --translate-file=TCXNAME

These are always off.

SEE ALSO

pdftex(1), etex(1), aleph(1), lua(1).

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\TeX was designed by Donald E. Knuth, who implemented it using his WEB system for Pascal programs. It was ported to Unix at Stanford by Howard Trickey, and at Cornell by Pavel Curtis. The version now offered with the Unix \TeX distribution is that generated by the WEB to C system (**web2c**), originally written by Tomas Rokicki and Tim Morgan.

The Lua \TeX home page is <http://luatex.org>.