Installation of the CTAN M-Tx Distribution

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1 Introduction

We assume that you have already installed MusiXTeX and PMX. Before trying to install M-Tx from CTAN, check whether your TeX distribution provides packages for M-Tx; this will be easier than doing it yourself. But if your TeX distribution doesn't have M-Tx (or doesn't have the most recent version), this distribution of M-Tx is very easy to install, though you may need to read the material on installation of (La)TeX files in the TeX FAQ[1], particularly the pages on which tree to use[2] and installing files[3].

2 Installing `m-tx.tds.zip`

In this distribution of M-Tx, many of the files to be installed (including macros and documentation are in `http://mirror.ctan.org/install/m-tx.tds.zip`. The file `mt-x.tds.zip` is a zipped TEXMF hierarchy; simply download it and unzip in the root folder/directory of whichever TEXMF tree you decide is most appropriate, likely a "local" or "personal" one. This should work with any TDS[4] compliant TeX distribution, including MikTeX, TeXlive and teTeX, but you must use an unzipping program that converts text files to the text-file format of your platform, such as `unzip -a ...` on Linux.

After unzipping the archive, update the filename database as necessary, for example, by executing `texhash ~/texmf` or clicking the button labelled "Refresh FNDB" in the MikTeX settings program.

Documentation for M-Tx is installed under `doc/generic/m-tx` in the TEXMF tree.

3 Installing `prepmx`

The next step in the installation is to install the one essential file that can't be installed in a TEXMF tree: the `prepmx` preprocessor.

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[1] `http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html`

[2] `http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=what-TDS`

[3] `http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=inst-wlcf`

[4] `http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=tds`

3.1 Pre-Compiled Executables

On Windows systems, one can install `prepmx.exe` in the `Windows32` or `Windows64` sub-directory; these are pre-compiled executables and should be copied to any folder on the PATH of executables. This might entail creating a suitable folder and adding that folder to the PATH as follows: right click on the "My Computer" desktop icon, left click on

<div align="center">Properties→Advanced→Environment Variables</div>

in the "System Variables" section, scroll down to "path", select it, click edit, and append the full path name you have selected for the new folder. Also install the batch script `m-tx.bat` in a folder on the PATH.

On the MAC OS-X platform, one can install the `prepmx` binary that is in the `OSX` sub-directory. Ensure that the file has the execute permission set:

```
chmod +x prepmx
```

3.2 Compilation from Source

On any platform with basic GNU tools (`tar`, `gunzip`, `make`) and `gcc` or `fpc`, you should be able to build the `prepmx` executable as follows:

1. Unpack the `mtx-0.63.tar.gz` archive:

   ```
   tar zxvf mtx-0.63.tar.gz
   ```

   and move to the resulting `mtx-0.63` directory.

2. Configure:

   ```
   ./configure --prefix=$HOME
   ```

   or just

   ```
   ./configure
   ```

   if you have super-user privileges.

3. Build:

   ```
   make
   ```

   If this fails, you might want to install `fpc` (the Free Pascal Compiler[5]) and try

   ```
   make -f Makefile.orig
   ```

4. Install:

   ```
   make install
   ```

   This step should be executed as root if you need super-user privileges.

You should now have an executable `prepmx` in your PATH.

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[5]http://www.freepascal.org/

4 Usage

To process an M-Tx source file, use the `musixtex` script which is included in the `musixtex` package. If applied to a file with `.mtx` extension, it will by default execute `prepmx` followed by `pmxab`, followed by `etex`, `musixflx`, and `etex` again, followed by conversion to PDF using `dvips` and `ps2pdf`. There are many options to vary the default behaviour.

5 Discussion

Other pre-processor packages, additional documentation, additional add-on packages, and many examples of M-Tx and MusiXTeX typesetting may be found at the Werner Icking Music Archive[6]. Support for users of MusiXTeX and related software may be obtained via the MusiXTeX mail list[7]. M-Tx may be freely copied, duplicated and used in conformance to the MIT License (see included file `LICENSE`).

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[6]`http://icking-music-archive.org`
[7]`http://tug.org/mailman/listinfo/tex-music`