# The pdfcolparallel package

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#### Abstract

This packages fixes bugs in parallel and improves color support by using several color stacks that are provided by pdfTEX since version 1.40.

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# 1 Usage

\usepackage{pdfcolparallel}

The package pdfcolparallel loads package parallel [1] and redefines some macros to fix bugs.

If color stacks are available then package parallel is further patched to support them.

<sup>\*</sup>Please report any issues at https://github.com/ho-tex/oberdiek/issues

### 1.1 Option rulebetweencolor

Package pdfcolparallel also fixes the color for the rule between columns. Default color is \normalcolor. But this can be changed by using option rulebetweencolor for \setkeys{parallel} (see package keyval). The option takes a color specification as value. If the value is empty, then the default (\normalcolor) is used. Examples:

#### 1.2 Future

If there will be a new version of package parallel that adds support for color stacks, then this package may become obsolete.

# 2 Implementation

#### 2.1 Identification

```
1 (*package)
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{pdfcolparallel}%
4 [2019/12/29 v1.5 Color stacks support for parallel (HO)]%
```

### 2.2 Load and fix package parallel

Package parallel is loaded. Before options of package pdfcolparallel are passed to package parallel.

```
5 \DeclareOption*{%
6  \PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{parallel}%
7 }
8 \ProcessOptions\relax
9 \RequirePackage{parallel}[2003/04/13]
10 \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]
```

#### \pcp@ColorPatch

```
11 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
12 \expandafter\ifx\csname currentgrouplevel\endcsname\relax
    \def\pcp@ColorPatch{}%
14 \else
    \def\pcp@ColorPatch{%
15
16
      \@ifundefined{set@color}{%
17
         \gdef\pcp@ColorPatch{}%
18
      }{%
         \gdef\pcp@ColorPatch{%
19
           \gdef\pcp@ColorResets{}%
20
           \bgroup
21
           \aftergroup\pcp@ColorResets
22
23
           \aftergroup\egroup
           \let\pcp@OrgSetColor\set@color
24
25
           \let\set@color\pcp@SetColor
26
           \edef\pcp@GroupLevel{\the\currentgrouplevel}%
        }%
27
      }%
28
      \pcp@ColorPatch
29
    }%
30
```

```
\pcp@SetColor
                     31
                         \def\pcp@SetColor{%
                           \ifnum\pcp@GroupLevel=\currentgrouplevel
                     32
                              \let\pcp@OrgAfterGroup\aftergroup
                     33
                     34
                              \def\aftergroup{%
                     35
                                \g@addto@macro\pcp@ColorResets
                     36
                              \pcp@OrgSetColor
                     37
                              \let\aftergroup\pcp@OrgAfterGroup
                     38
                     39
                              \pcp@OrgSetColor
                     40
                            \fi
                     41
                     42
                         }%
                     43 \fi
\pcp@CmdCheckRedef
                     44 \def\pcp@CmdCheckRedef#1{%
                         \begingroup
                     45
                           \def\pcp@cmd{#1}%
                     46
                     47
                           \afterassignment\pcp@CmdDo
                     48
                           \long\def\reserved@a
                     49 }
                     50 \def\pcp@CmdDo{%
                     51
                           \expandafter\ifx\pcp@cmd\reserved@a
                     52
                           \else
                              \edef\x*{\expandafter\string\pcp@cmd}%
                     53
                              \@PackageWarningNoLine{pdfcolparallel}{%
                     54
                                Command \x* has changed.\MessageBreak
                     55
                                Supported versions of package 'parallel':\MessageBreak
                     56
                                \space\space 2003/04/13\MessageBreak
                     57
                                The redefinition of \x* may\MessageBreak
                     58
                               not behave correctly depending on the changes%
                     59
                             }%
                     60
                     61
                           \fi
                     62
                         \expandafter\endgroup
                     63
                         \expandafter\def\pcp@cmd
                     64 }
                     65 \def\pcp@SwitchStack#1#2{}
                     66 \def\pcp@SetCurrent#1{}
    \ParallelLText
                     67 \pcp@CmdCheckRedef\ParallelLText{%
                         \everypar{}%
                     69
                         \@restorepar
                         \begingroup
                     70
                           \hbadness=3000 %
                     71
                           \let\footnote=\ParallelLFootnote
                     72
                           \ParallelWhichBox=0 %
                     73
                           \global\setbox\ParallelLBox=\vbox\bgroup
                     74
                              \hsize=\ParallelLWidth
                     75
                              \aftergroup\ParallelAfterText
                     76
                     77
                     78
                                \afterassignment\ParallelCheckOpenBrace
                     79
                                \left| \right| x=%
                     80 }{%
                         \everypar{}%
                     81
                         \@restorepar
                     82
                         \@nobreakfalse
                     83
                         \begingroup
                     84
                            \hbadness=3000 %
                     85
                            \let\footnote=\ParallelLFootnote
```

```
\ParallelWhichBox=0 %
                       87
                              \global\setbox\ParallelLBox=\vbox\bgroup
                       88
                                \hsize=\ParallelLWidth
                       89
                                \linewidth=\ParallelLWidth
                       90
                       91
                                \pcp@SwitchStack{Left}\ParallelLBox
                       92
                                \aftergroup\ParallelAfterText
                       93
                                \pcp@ColorPatch
                       94
                                \begingroup
                                  \afterassignment\ParallelCheckOpenBrace
                       95
                                  \left| x=\right|
                       96
                       97 }
      \ParallelRText
                       98 \pcp@CmdCheckRedef\ParallelRText{%
                            \everypar{}%
                      100
                            \@restorepar
                      101
                            \begingroup
                              \hbadness=3000 %
                      102
                              \ifnum\ParallelFNMode=\@ne
                      103
                                \let\footnote=\ParallelRFootnote
                      104
                      105
                                \let\footnote=\ParallelLFootnote
                      106
                      107
                              \ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
                      108
                              \global\setbox\ParallelRBox=\vbox\bgroup
                      109
                                \hsize=\ParallelRWidth
                      110
                      111
                                \aftergroup\ParallelAfterText
                      112
                                \begingroup
                                  \afterassignment\ParallelCheckOpenBrace
                      113
                                  \left| x=\right|
                      114
                      115 }{%
                      116
                            \everypar{}%
                      117
                            \@restorepar
                      118
                            \@nobreakfalse
                      119
                            \begingroup
                              \hbadness=3000 %
                      120
                      121
                              \ifnum\ParallelFNMode=\@ne
                      122
                                \let\footnote=\ParallelRFootnote
                      123
                              \else
                                \let\footnote=\ParallelLFootnote
                      124
                              \fi
                      125
                              \ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
                      126
                              \global\setbox\ParallelRBox=\vbox\bgroup
                      127
                      128
                                \hsize=\ParallelRWidth
                      129
                                \linewidth=\ParallelRWidth
                      130
                                \pcp@SwitchStack{Right}\ParallelRBox
                      131
                                \aftergroup\ParallelAfterText
                      132
                                \pcp@ColorPatch
                      133
                                \begingroup
                      134
                                  \afterassignment\ParallelCheckOpenBrace
                                  \left| x=\right|
                      135
                      136 }
\ParallelParTwoPages
                      137 \pcp@CmdCheckRedef\ParallelParTwoPages{%
                      138
                            \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
                      139
                              \par
                      140
                              \begingroup
                      141
                                \global\ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
                      142
                                \newpage
                                \vbadness=10000 %
                      143
                                \vfuzz=3ex %
                      144
                                \splittopskip=\z@skip
                      145
```

```
146
          \loop%
            \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne%
147
              \ifnum\ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
148
                 \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
149
150
                   \mathbb{\mbox} %
151
                   \newpage
152
                 \else
153
                   \global\ParallelWhichBox=\z@
                 \fi
154
              \else
155
                 \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
156
                   \mbox{} %
157
158
                   \newpage
                 \else
159
                   \global\ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
160
                 \fi
161
              \fi
162
              \ifnum\ParallelWhichBox=\z@
163
                 \ifodd\thepage
164
165
                   \mathbb{\mbox} %
                   \newpage
166
                 \fi
167
                 \hbox to\textwidth{%
168
                   \vbox{\vsplit\ParallelLBox to.98\textheight}%
169
                }%
170
171
              \else
                 \ifodd\thepage\relax
172
173
                 \else
                   \mathbb{\mbox} %
174
175
                   \newpage
                 \fi
176
177
                 \hbox to\textwidth{%
                   \vbox{\vsplit\ParallelRBox to.98\textheight}%
178
                }%
179
              \fi
180
              \vspace*{\fill}%
181
182
              \newpage
            \fi
183
            \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
184
              \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
185
                 \global\ParallelBoolVar=\z@
186
              \fi
187
            \fi
188
189
          \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
190
          \repeat
191
          \par
192
        \endgroup
193
     \fi
194 }{%
```

- Additional fixes:
  - Unnecessary white space removed.
  - \ifodd\thepage changed to \ifodd\value{page}.

```
\ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
195
196
       \par
197
       \begingroup
          \global\ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
198
          \newpage
199
         \vbadness=10000 %
200
         \vfuzz=3ex %
201
         \splittopskip=\z@skip
202
```

```
203
          \loop%
            \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne%
204
              \ifnum\ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
205
206
                 \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
207
                   \mbox{}\%
208
                   \newpage
209
                 \else
                   \verb|\global\ParallelWhichBox=\z0| \\
210
                \fi
211
              \else
212
                 \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
213
                  \null
214
215
                   \newpage
216
                 \else
217
                   \global\ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
                \fi
218
              \fi
219
              \ifnum\ParallelWhichBox=\z@
220
                 \ifodd\value{page}%
221
222
                   \null
                   \newpage
223
                 \fi
224
                 \hbox to\textwidth{%
225
                   \pcp@SetCurrent{Left}%
226
227
                   \setbox\z@=\vsplit\ParallelLBox to.98\textheight
228
                   \vbox to.98\textheight{%
229
                     \@texttop
230
                     \unvbox\z0
231
                     \@textbottom
                  }%
232
                }%
233
234
              \else
                 \ifodd\value{page}%
235
                 \else
236
237
                   \mbox{}\%
238
                  \newpage
239
                \fi
                 \hbox to\textwidth{%
240
                  \pcp@SetCurrent{Right}%
241
                   \setbox\z@=\vsplit\ParallelRBox to.98\textheight
242
                   \vbox to.98\textheight{%
243
                     \@texttop
244
                     \unvbox\z@
245
246
                     \@textbottom
247
                  }%
                }%
248
249
              \fi
250
              \vspace*{\fill}%
251
              \newpage
            \fi
252
            \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
253
              \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
254
                 \global\ParallelBoolVar=\z@
255
              \fi
256
            \fi
257
258
          \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
259
          \repeat
260
          \par
261
        \endgroup
        \pcp@SetCurrent{}%
262
     \fi
263
264 }
```

#### 2.3Color stack support

```
265 \RequirePackage{pdfcol}[2007/12/12]
                     266 \ifpdfcolAvailable
                     267 \else
                          \PackageInfo{pdfcolparallel}{%
                     268
                             Loading aborted, because color stacks are not available%
                     269
                     270
                     271
                           \expandafter\endinput
                     272 \fi
                     273 \pdfcolInitStack{pcp@Left}
                     274 \pdfcolInitStack{pcp@Right}
            \pcp@Box
                     275 \newbox\pcp@Box
   \pcp@SwitchStack
                     276 \def\pcp@SwitchStack#1#2{%
                          \pdfcolSwitchStack{pcp@#1}%
                     277
                     278
                           \global\setbox\pcp@Box=\vbox to Opt{%
                             \pdfcolSetCurrentColor
                     279
                          }%
                     280
                           \aftergroup\pcp@FixBox
                     281
                          \aftergroup#2%
                     282
                     283 }
        \pcp@FixBox
                     284 \def\pcp@FixBox#1{%
                          \verb|\global\setbox#1=\vbox{{|}}|
                     285
                             \unvbox\pcp@Box
                     286
                     287
                             \unvbox#1%
                     288
                     289 }
    \pcp@SetCurrent
                     290 \def\pcp@SetCurrent#1{%
                          \ifx\\#1\\%
                     291
                             \pdfcolSetCurrent{}%
                     292
                     293
                          \else
                             \pdfcolSetCurrent{pcp@#1}%
                     294
                     295
                          \fi
                     296 }
                            Redefinitions
                     2.4
\ParallelParOnePage
                     297 \pcp@CmdCheckRedef\ParallelParOnePage{%
                          \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
                     298
```

```
299
       \par
       \begingroup
300
301
          \leftmargin=\z@
302
          \rightmargin=\z0
303
          \parskip=\z@skip
304
          \parindent=\z@
          \vbadness=10000 %
305
306
          \vfuzz=3ex %
          \splittopskip=\z@skip
307
          \loop
308
            \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
309
              \noindent
310
              \hbox to\textwidth{%
311
312
                \hskip\ParallelLeftMargin
```

```
\hbox to\ParallelTextWidth{%
313
                  \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
314
                     \hskip\ParallelLWidth
315
                  \else
316
317
                    \ParallelWhichBox=\z@
318
                    \vbox{%
319
                       \setbox\ParallelBoxVar
320
                           =\vsplit\ParallelLBox to\dp\strutbox
                       \unvbox\ParallelBoxVar
321
                    }%
322
                  \fi
323
                  \strut
324
                  \ifnum\ParallelBoolMid=\@ne
325
326
                    \hskip\ParallelMainMidSkip
327
                    \vrule
328
                  \else
329
                    \hss
                  \fi
330
                  \hss
331
332
                  \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
                     \hskip\ParallelRWidth
333
                  \else
334
                     \ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
335
                    \vbox{%
336
337
                       \setbox\ParallelBoxVar
338
                           =\vsplit\ParallelRBox to\dp\strutbox
339
                       \unvbox\ParallelBoxVar
                    }%
340
341
                  \fi
                }%
342
              }%
343
              \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
344
345
                \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
                  \global\ParallelBoolVar=\z@
346
347
                \fi
348
              \fi%
349
            \fi%
          \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
350
351
            \penalty\interlinepenalty
352
          \repeat
          \par
353
354
        \endgroup
     \fi
355
356 }{%
357
     \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
358
       \par
359
       \begingroup
360
          \leftmargin=\z@
361
          \rightmargin=\z@
362
          \parskip=\z@skip
          \parindent=\z@
363
          \vbadness=10000 %
364
          \vfuzz=3ex %
365
366
          \splittopskip=\z@skip
367
          \loop
368
            \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
369
              \noindent
370
              \hbox to\textwidth{%
                \hskip\ParallelLeftMargin
371
                \hbox to\ParallelTextWidth{%
372
                  \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
373
                    \hskip\ParallelLWidth
374
```

```
\else
                                                                                  375
                                                                                                                                         \pcp@SetCurrent{Left}%
                                                                                  376
                                                                                                                                         \ParallelWhichBox=\z@
                                                                                  377
                                                                                                                                         \vbox{%
                                                                                  378
                                                                                  379
                                                                                                                                               \setbox\ParallelBoxVar
                                                                                  380
                                                                                                                                                          =\vsplit\ParallelLBox to\dp\strutbox
                                                                                  381
                                                                                                                                               \unvbox\ParallelBoxVar
                                                                                                                                         }%
                                                                                  382
                                                                                                                                    \fi
                                                                                  383
                                                                                                                                    \strut
                                                                                  384
                                                                                                                                    \ifnum\ParallelBoolMid=\@ne
                                                                                  385
                                                                                                                                         \hskip\ParallelMainMidSkip
                                                                                  386
                                                                                  387
                                                                                                                                         \begingroup
                                                                                                                                               \pcp@RuleBetweenColor
                                                                                  388
                                                                                                                                               \vrule
                                                                                  389
                                                                                  390
                                                                                                                                         \endgroup
                                                                                  391
                                                                                                                                    \else
                                                                                  392
                                                                                                                                         \hss
                                                                                                                                    \fi
                                                                                  393
                                                                                  394
                                                                                                                                    \hss
                                                                                                                                    \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
                                                                                  395
                                                                                                                                         \hskip\ParallelRWidth
                                                                                  396
                                                                                  397
                                                                                                                                         \pcp@SetCurrent{Right}%
                                                                                  398
                                                                                                                                         \ParallelWhichBox=\@ne
                                                                                  399
                                                                                  400
                                                                                                                                         \vbox{%
                                                                                                                                               \setbox\ParallelBoxVar
                                                                                  401
                                                                                                                                                          =\vsplit\ParallelRBox to\dp\strutbox
                                                                                  402
                                                                                  403
                                                                                                                                               \unvbox\ParallelBoxVar
                                                                                                                                         ጉ%
                                                                                  404
                                                                                                                                   \fi
                                                                                  405
                                                                                                                             }%
                                                                                  406
                                                                                                                        }%
                                                                                  407
                                                                                                                        \ifvoid\ParallelLBox
                                                                                  408
                                                                                                                              \ifvoid\ParallelRBox
                                                                                  409
                                                                                  410
                                                                                                                                   \global\ParallelBoolVar=\z@
                                                                                  411
                                                                                                                              \fi
                                                                                                                        \fi%
                                                                                  412
                                                                                                                  \fi%
                                                                                  413
                                                                                                             \ifnum\ParallelBoolVar=\@ne
                                                                                  414
                                                                                                                  \penalty\interlinepenalty
                                                                                  415
                                                                                  416
                                                                                                             \repeat
                                                                                                             \par
                                                                                  417
                                                                                  418
                                                                                                       \endgroup
                                                                                  419
                                                                                                       \pcp@SetCurrent{}%
                                                                                  420
                                                                                                 \fi
                                                                                  421 }
\pcp@RuleBetweenColorDefault
                                                                                  422 \def\pcp@RuleBetweenColorDefault{%
                                                                                  423 \normalcolor
                                                                                  424 }
                    \pcp@RuleBetweenColor
                                                                                  425 \let\pcp@RuleBetweenColor\pcp@RuleBetweenColorDefault
                                                                                  426 \RequirePackage{keyval}
                                                                                  427 \end{fine} \end{fine} {\tt frulebetweencolor} \end{fine} \footnote{\cite{color:energy}} \end{fine} \footnote{\cite{color:energy}} \footnote{\cite{color
                                                                                  428
                                                                                                 \edef\pcp@temp{#1}%
                                                                                  429
                                                                                                 \ifx\pcp@temp\@empty
                                                                                                       \let\pcp@RuleBetweenColor\pcp@RuleBetweenColorDefault
                                                                                  430
                                                                                                 \else
                                                                                  431
                                                                                                       \ensuremath{\texttt{def}\pcp@temp{%}}
                                                                                  432
```

```
\noexpand\@ifnextchar[{%
433
            \def\noexpand\pcp@RuleBetweenColor{%
434
              \noexpand\color\pcp@temp
435
436
            \noexpand\pcp@GobbleNil
437
438
          }{%
            \verb|\def| noexpand| pcp@RuleBetweenColor{||}|
439
440
              \noexpand\color{\pcp@temp}%
441
            \noexpand\pcp@GobbleNil
442
443
          \pcp@temp\noexpand\@nil
444
445
        \pcp@temp
446
447
     \fi
448 }
```

#### \pcp@GobbleNil

```
449 \long\def\pcp@GobbleNil#1\@nil{} 450 \ \langle /package \rangle
```

### 3 Installation

### 3.1 Download

**Package.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcolparallel.dtx The source file.

CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcolparallel.pdf Documentation.

**Bundle.** All the packages of the bundle 'oberdiek' are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

CTAN: install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip

TDS refers to the standard "A Directory Structure for TEX Files" (CTAN:pkg/tds). Directories with texmf in their name are usually organized this way.

### 3.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the oberdiek.tds.zip in the TDS tree (also known as texmf tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

### 3.3 Package installation

**Unpacking.** The .dtx file is a self-extracting docstrip archive. The files are extracted by running the .dtx through plain TeX:

```
tex pdfcolparallel.dtx
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>CTAN:pkg/pdfcolparallel

**TDS.** Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as texmf tree):

```
pdfcolparallel.sty \rightarrow tex/latex/oberdiek/pdfcolparallel.sty pdfcolparallel.pdf \rightarrow doc/latex/oberdiek/pdfcolparallel.pdf pdfcolparallel.dtx \rightarrow source/latex/oberdiek/pdfcolparallel.dtx
```

If you have a docstrip.cfg that configures and enables docstrip's TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of docstrip.

#### 3.4 Refresh file name databases

If your T<sub>E</sub>X distribution (T<sub>E</sub>X Live, MiKT<sub>E</sub>X, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, T<sub>E</sub>X Live users run texhash or mktexlsr.

#### 3.5 Some details for the interested

Unpacking with LATEX. The .dtx chooses its action depending on the format:

plain TEX: Run docstrip and extract the files.

LATEX: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using LATEX for docstrip (really, docstrip does not need LATEX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{pdfcolparallel.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the .dtx or the .drv to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file ltxdoc.cfg. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfIATEX:

```
pdflatex pdfcolparallel.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfcolparallel.idx
pdflatex pdfcolparallel.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfcolparallel.idx
pdflatex pdfcolparallel.dtx
```

### 4 References

- [1] Matthias Eckermann: *The parallel-package*; 2003/04/13; CTAN:pkg/parallel.
- [2] Heiko Oberdiek: The pdfcol package; 2007/09/09; CTAN:pkg/pdfcol.

# 5 History

[2007/09/09 v1.0]

• First version.

# [2007/12/12 v1.1]

- Adds patch for setting \linewidth to fix bug in package parallel.
- Package parallel is also fixed if color stacks are not available.
- Bug fix, switched stacks now initialized with current color.
- Fix for package parallel: \raggedbottom is respected.

# [2008/08/11 v1.2]

- Code is not changed.
- URLs updated.

# [2010/01/11 v1.3]

• Option 'rulebetweencolor' added.

## [2016/05/16 v1.4]

• Documentation updates.

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