

# PDFTOOLBOX

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PDFTOOLBOX offers a variety of tools for creating documents in plain TeX. These include packages for structuring documents, coloring documents, etc. PDFTOOLBOX is a collection of packages intended to be used with plain TeX. It is intended to be self-contained and does not promise compatibility with other packages.

PDFTOOLBOX is still experimental and may be subject to breaking changes. If you have an important document relying on it, the author advises keeping

PDFTOOLBOX is known to not interact with the color, xcolor, tikz and all related packages. This may or may not be changed in the future.

This documentation is split into sections corresponding to the different collections in PDFTOOLBOX. These are:

- (1) Data manipulation: counters, dictionaries, etc.
- (2) Document structure: layouts, table of contents, indices, etc.
- (3) Graphics: colors, diagrams, colored boxes, etc.

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# I pdfToolbox in brief

# 1 pdfData

The pdfData section of the **PDFTOOLBOX** toolbox is meant for creating instances of and manipulating datatypes.

## 1.1 Arrays

In the pdfData/arrays file, **PDFTOOLBOX** defines various macros for creating and manipulating arrays. **PDFTOOLBOX** defines two types of arrays, which are different in the macros used for them and the way they are stored internally.

- (Normal) arrays: these arrays are stored in the traditional way: an array [1; 2; 3] is stored in a macro whose meaning is equivalent to `\X{1}\X{2}\X{3}`. Manipulation of the array is done by defining `\X`, and then executing the array macro.
- Macro arrays: these arrays are stored in a collection of macros: each element is stored in its own indexed macro. So an array [1; 2; 3] will be stored in three macros, whose values are 1, 2, 3 respectively.

All arrays are zero-indexed.

### 1.1.1 Normal Arrays

`\createarray {<name>}`: creates an (normal) array whose name is *name*.

`\ensurearray {<name>}`: ensures that an array by the name of *name* exists.

`\localizearray {<name>}`: localizes (see localization) the array named by *name*.

`\appendarray {<name>}{<value>}`: appends *value* to the end of the array array named by *name*. *value* is inserted according to `\currdef`.

`\prependarray {<name>}{<value>}`: prepends *value* to the end of the array array named by *name*. *value* is inserted according to `\currdef`.

`\appendarraymany {<name>}{<value1>}{<value2>}\dots{<valueN>}`: appends *value1* through *valueN* to the end of the array array named by *name*. Each *value* is inserted according to `\currdef`.

`\arraylen {<name>}`: expands to the length of the array specified by *name*.

`\getarraylen {<name>}{<macro>}`: inserts the length of the array specified by *name* into the macro *macro*.

`\arraymap {<name>}{<macro>}`: if the array specified by *name* is equivalent to `[x0;\dots;xN]` then doing `\arraymap{<name>}\X` will execute `\X{x1}{0}\dots\X{xN}{N}`.

`\indexarray {<name>}{<i>}{<macro>}`: Puts the *i*th element in the array specified by *name* into the macro *macro*.

`\removearray {<name>}{<i>}{<macro>}`: Removes the *i*th element in the array specified by *name* and places it into the macro *macro*.

`\removeitemarray {<name>}{<value>}`: Removes all instances of *value* from the array specified by *name* (comparison is done using `\ifx` on macros containing *value* and the current index).

`\printarray {<name>}`: Prints the array specified by *name*.

`\copyarray {<src>}{<dest>}`: Copies the array *src* into *dest*.

`\concatenatearrays {<arr1>}{<arr2>}{<dest>}`: Concatenates the arrays *arr1* and *arr2* and places the result into a new array *dest*.

`\initarray {<name>}{<x1>}\dots{<xN>}`: Creates a new array by the name of *name* equivalent to `[x1;\dots;xN]`.

`\findarray {<name>}{<value>}`: Checks if the value *value* exists in the array *name* (checking is done via `\ifx`). If the value exists, the value `\True` is placed into `\@return@value`, otherwise it is equal to `\False`.

`\uniqueappendarray {<name>}{<value>}`: Appends *value* to the array *name* only if it does not already exist in *name* (`\@return@value` is set accordingly).

`\convertarray {<src>}{<dest>}`: Converts a normal array *src* to a macro array *dest*.

`\mergesort {<src>}{<dest>}`: Sorts the array *src* and places the result in *dest*.

### 1.1.2 Macro Arrays

`\createmarray {<name>}`: Creates a macro array by the name of *name*.

`\localizemarray {<name>}`: Localizes (see localization) the macro array specified by *name*.

`\appendmarray {<name>}{<value>}`: Appends *value* to the macro array specified by *name*.

`\printmarray {<name>}`: Prints the macro array specified by *name*.

`\convertmarray {<src>}{<dest>}`: Converts the macro array *src* into a normal array *dest*.

`\copymarray {<src>}{<dest>}`: Copies the macro array *src* into *dest*.

`\initmarray {<name>}{<x1>},\dots,<xN>}`: Creates a macro array *name* whose value is equivalent to  $[x_1, \dots, x_N]$ .

`\findmarray {<name>}{<value>}{<macro>}`: Searches for *value* in the macro array *name*. If found, sets `\@return@value` to `\True` and *macro* to the index where *value* was found. Otherwise `\@return@value` is set to `\False`.

## 1.2 Stacks

In the `pdfData/stacks.tex` file, **PDFTOOLBOX** offers macros for creating and manipulating stack data-structures. **PDFTOOLBOX** offers two types of stacks, which differ in how they store their data. They are generally used for different purposes:

- Normal stacks: these are normal stacks which store just the values given.
- Macro stacks: these stacks are meant to store only macros: they store both the definition and name of the macro.

### 1.2.1 Normal Stacks

`\createstack {<name>}`: Creates a normal stack by the name of *name*.

`\stackpush {<name>}{<value>}`: Pushes the value *value* onto the stack specified by *name*.

`\stackdecrement {<name>}`: Pops from the top of the stack specified by *name* (deleting the value).

`\stackpop {<name>}{<macro>}`: Pops from the top of the stack specified by *name* into *macro*.

`\stacktop {<name>}{<macro>}`: Places the top of the stack specified by *name* into the macro *macro* without popping.

### 1.2.2 Macro Stacks

Macro stacks store macros, as opposed to values. When pushing a macro `\X` onto the stack, not only is the meaning of `\X` stored, but so is its name.

`\createmacrostack {<name>}`: Creates a macro stack by the name of *name*.

`\macrostackpush {<name>}{<macro>}`: Pushes the macro *macro* onto the macro stack specified by *name*.

`\macrostackdecrement {<name>}`: Pops from the top of the macro stack specified by *name* (deleting the value).

`\macrostackset {<name>}`: If the top of the macro stack specified by *name* has name `\X` and value *value*, sets `\X` to *value*.

`\macrostackpop {<name>}`: Pops from the top of the macro stack specified by *name* (same as `\macrostackset`, but also pops the value off of the stack).

`\macrostackpeek {<name>}{<macro1>}{<macro2>}`: If the top of the macro stack specified by *name* is `(\X, value)`, then `\X` is placed into *macro1*, and *value* into *macro2*.

## 1.3 Localization

Using macro stacks, **PDFTOOLBOX** allows for *localization*. This gives the user the ability to create block scopes (as opposed to just plain-ol'  $\TeX$  groups). The usage is simple and as follows:

- (1) The user enters a scope using `\beginscope`.
- (2) The user *localizes* a macro `\X` by doing `\localize\X`.
- (3) The user exits the scope using `\endscope`. Once the scope is exited, the previous definition of localized macros is restored.

So for example,

```

1  \def\X{0}
2  \beginscope
3    \localize\X
4    \def\X{1}
5    \X
6    \beginscope
7      \def\X{2}
8      \X
9    \endscope
10   \X
11 \endscope
12 \X

```

Will output 1 2 2 0. As opposed to

```

1  \def\X{0}
2  \bgroup
3    \def\X{1}
4    \X
5    \bgroup
6      \def\X{2}
7      \X
8    \egroup
9    \X
10 \egroup
11 \X

```

Which will output 1 2 1 0.

## 1.4 Counters

In the `pdfData/counters.tex`, **PDFTOOLBOX** implements counters. Counters are simple wrappers over plain- $\TeX$  counters. They hold integer values, are mutable, and can be made dependent on one another so that when one is altered another is set to zero.

`\createcounter {⟨name⟩}[⟨c1⟩,...,⟨cN⟩]`: Creates a counter by the name *name* dependent on counters *c1*,...,*cN*.

`\adddependentcounter {⟨secondary⟩}{⟨primary⟩}`: Makes the *secondary* counter dependent on the *primary* one; whenever *primary* is (non-independently; see e.g. `\setcounter`) altered, *secondary* is set to zero.

`\zerodependents {⟨primary⟩}`: Sets to zero all counters dependent on *primary*.

`\setcounter {⟨counter⟩}{⟨amount⟩}`: Sets *counter* to *amount* (zeroing all counters dependent on *counter*).

`\advancecounter {⟨counter⟩}{⟨amount⟩}`: Advances *counter* by *amount* (zeroing all counters dependent on *counter*).

`\setcounter {⟨counter⟩}{⟨amount⟩}`: Sets *counter* to *amount* (without zeroing all counters dependent on *counter*).

`\advancecounter {<counter>}{<amount>}`: Advances *counter* by *amount* (without zeroing all counters dependent on *counter*).

`\counter {<name>}`: Returns the T<sub>E</sub>X counter corresponding to the PDFTOOLBOX counter *name*. Useful for example when printing the value of a counter: simply do `\the\counter{<name>}`.

## 1.5 Dictionaries

In the pdfData/dictionaries.tex file, PDFTOOLBOX implements dictionaries (also colloquially known as “hashmaps” or “maps”). These are simple maps between keys and values.

`\createdict {<name>}`: Creates a dictionary by the name *name*.

`\adddict {<name>}{<key>}{<value>}`: Adds the (*key* : *value*) key-value pair to the dictionary specified by *name*.

`\indexdict {<name>}{<key>}`: Expands to the value of *key* in the dictionary *name*.

`\keyindict {<name>}{<key>}`: Sets `\@return@value` according to if *key* is found in the dictionary *name*.

## 1.6 Key-Value Parameters

In pdfData/key-value.tex, PDFTOOLBOX implements the ability to pass key-value parameters to macros.

`\mapkeys {<options>}{<input>}`: Maps the key-value pairs given in *input* according to *options*. *options* is itself a set of key-value pairs, where the value of each key is an array which may contain:

- **name** (required): the name of the macro to give the value of the key;
- **required**: added if the key is required;
- **definition**: what definition macro to use for defining the value (e.g. `\def`, `\edef`);
- **mapping**: how to map the input to the value: the input is defined relative to **definition** into a macro wrapped with **mapping**;
- **default**: the default value of the key.

Or the value may be empty (no array), which means it is *valueless* and acts as a boolean flag.

So for example, you may have a macro defined like so:

```

1  \def\puthi#1{Hello (#1)}
2
3  \def\getinput#1{%
4    \mapkeys{
5      first={
6        name=fst,
7        required,
8        definition=\edef,
9        mapping=\puthi%
10     },
11     second={
12       name=snd,
13       default=S. Lurp%
14     }%
15   }{#1}%
16 }
17
18 \getinput{first=pdf toolbox}
19 (\fst) (\snd)
```

This will output (Hello (pdf toolbox)) (S. Lurp).

`\keyexists {<key>}{<macro>\lastkeys}`: This is an internal command, added to this documentation only due to its usefulness. Given a key name *key*, this macro checks if it exists in the map corresponding to the last call to `\mapkeys` (the macro itself is more versatile, but we restrict it to this case). If the key does not exist, then *macro* is set to `\_nul`. This is useful with valueless keys.

`\mapkeys` is a bit finicky when it comes to spaces and commas, but the rule is simple: place a comment at the end of each list. That means that within each key's array, you must place a comment at the end (otherwise an extraneous space is added to the value), and after the last key's array you must place a comment.

## 2 pdfDstruct

The pdfDstruct section of the **PDFTOOLBOX** toolbox is for managing the structure of your documents.

### 2.1 Layout

In pdfDstruct/layout.tex, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides a macro `\setlayout` for setting up the layout of the document. The use is

```
\setlayout {[page width=<wd>],} [page height=<ht>], [horizontal margin=<mwd>],
                                         [vertical margin=<vwd>]}
```

### 2.2 Hyperlinks

In pdfDstruct/hyperlinks.tex, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides macros for creating and managing hyperlinks.

`\anchor` [*<type>*]{*<name>*}: Creates an anchor (a reference, if you will) to the current point in the document.

`\gotoanchor` [*<type>*]{*<name>*}{*<material>*}: Creates a clickable field containing *material* which, when clicked, will go to the anchor labeled with the type *type* and name *name*.

`\url` {*<url>*}{*<material>*}: Creates a clickable field containing *material* which, when clicked, will redirect to the url *url*.

`\createbordertype` {*<type>*}{*<color>*}{*<wd>*}: Sets the border type of anchor type *type* to be of color *color* and width *wd*. Urls have border type `url`. If a type doesn't have a specified border type, the `default` one is used.

### 2.3 Fonts

In pdfDstruct/fonts.tex, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides macros for accessing and controlling fonts.

`\addfont` {*<name>*}{*<sizes>*}: This will add a font by the name *name* so that it is accessible by **PDFTOOLBOX**. *sizes* is a key-value dictionary which specifies the font codes for different sizes of the font. For example, in pdfDstruct/fonts.tex is the usage:

```
1      \addfont{rm}{%
2          default=cmr10,
3          5pt=cmr5,
4          6pt=cmr6,
5          7pt=cmr7,
6          8pt=cmr8,
7          9pt=cmr9,
8          10pt=cmr10,
9          12pt=cmr12,
10         17pt=cmr17
11     }
```

So now **PDFTOOLBOX** has access to the computer modern roman font (`cmr`) at the sizes specified. The purpose of the default size is for when a size is not available. For example, requesting the `rm` font at size 13 will give you `cmr10` at 13pt. The default size is required.

**PDFTOOLBOX** provides the following fonts:

rm: cmr	it: cmti	bf: cmbx	sc: cmcsc	mi: cmmi	sy: cmsy	ex: cmex	sl: cmsl
ss: cmss	tt: cmtt	msam: msam	msbm: msbm	eufm: eufm	rsfs: rsfs		

`\applyfontcode` *<font code>*: Applies the font specified by *font code*. For example, `\applyfontcode cmr10` will set the font to `cmr10`.

`\setfontfamily` {*<font>*}{*<family>*}: Sets math font family *family* to the font *font* (which is specified by `\addfont`). For example, `\setfontfamily{rm}{0}` sets the alpha-numeric font family to `rm`.



`\setfont {<font>}`: Sets the current font to *font*. The current font is stored in the macro `\currfont`.

`\setscale {<scale>}`: Sets the current font scale to *scale*. The current font scale is stored in the macro `\currscale`.

`\setfontandscale {<font>}{<scale>}`: Sets the current font to *font* and scale to *scale*.

**PDFTOOLBOX** also provides the following font switches (which are simple wrappers around `\setfont` which also set `\fam`):

`\bf, \it, \bb, \sf, \sl, \frak, \scr`

`\mathfonttable {<family>}[<offset>]{<table>}`: The `\mathfonttable` macro's purpose is to define multiple mathematical characters for the same family. *table* consists of a sequence of macros followed by numbers (e.g. `\square0`) which correspond to the name of the macro and the math type (in this case 0: ordinary/`\mathord`). `\mathfonttable` will iterate over *table* and `\mathchardef` the macro to be equal to the character at the current position in family *family* of the type specified. If *offset* is specified, it will start iterating over the family starting from the offset.

More explicitly, if *family* is *X* and the *i*th index in the table is `\X N`, then the macro does essentially

`\mathchardef\X = XNi`

To skip over an index, simply write `\_`.

Using `\mathfonttable`, **PDFTOOLBOX** defines the following:

<code>\boxdot:</code> ☐	<code>\boxplus:</code> ☐	<code>\boxtimes:</code> ☐	<code>\square:</code> ☐
<code>\blacksquare:</code> ■	<code>\diamond:</code> ◇	<code>\blackdiamond:</code> ◆	<code>\rotateclockwise:</code> ⌚
<code>\rotatecounterclockwise:</code> ⌚	<code>\rightleftharpoons:</code> ⇌	<code>\leftrightharpoons:</code> ⇌	<code>\boxminus:</code> ☐
<code>\Vdash:</code> ⊨	<code>\Vvdash:</code> ≡	<code>\vDash:</code> ⊨	<code>\twoheadrightarrow:</code> →
<code>\twoheadleftarrow:</code> ←	<code>\leftleftarrows:</code> ⇐	<code>\rightrightarrows:</code> ⇒	<code>\upuparrows:</code> ↑↑
<code>\downdownarrows:</code> ↓↓	<code>\uprightharpoon:</code> ↗	<code>\downrightharpoon:</code> ↘	<code>\upleftharppon:</code> ↖
<code>\downleftharpoon:</code> ↙	<code>\rightarrowtail:</code> →	<code>\leftarrowtail:</code> ←	<code>\leftrightarrows:</code> ⇔
<code>\rightleftarrows:</code> ⇔	<code>\Lsh:</code> ↶	<code>\Rsh:</code> ↷	<code>\rightsquigarrow:</code> ↗
<code>\leftrightsquigarrow:</code> ⇔	<code>\looparrowleft:</code> ↺	<code>\looparrowright:</code> ↻	<code>\circeq:</code> ⅈ
<code>\succsim:</code> ⩾	<code>\gtrsim:</code> ⩾	<code>\gtrapprox:</code> ⩹	<code>\multimap:</code> ⋈
<code>\therefore:</code> ∴	<code>\because:</code> ∵	<code>\Doteq:</code> ⋮	<code>\triangleq:</code> ≐
<code>\prec sim:</code> ⩺	<code>\less sim:</code> ⩺	<code>\less approx:</code> ⩹	

## 2.4 Hooks

**PDFTOOLBOX** provides a tool, inspired by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, called *hooks* (source in `pdfDstruct/hooks.tex`). Hooks are simply snippets of code that can be inserted into macros and then altered later. An example is given at the end of this section.

`\createhook {<name>}`: Creates a hook by the name of *name*.

`\appendtohook {<name>}{<code>}`: Appends *code* to the hook specified by *name*.

`\prependtohook {<name>}{<code>}`: Prepends *code* to the hook specified by *name*.

`\callhook {<name>}`: Calls the hook specified by *name*.

**PDFTOOLBOX** provides a builtin hook called `end` which is executed by `\bye`. Throughout the document, you can add macros to an array called `document data`, then all these definitions are written to the file `\jobname.data` by the `end` hook.

Specifically, you can use the `\docdata` macro to add a macro to the document's data, e.g. if you have a macro `\name` which has the author's name (say, S. Lurp), you can do `\docdata\name`, and this will write the line `\gdef\name{S. Lurp}` to the data file. Then at the beginning of the document next compilation, you can load all definitions in the data file.

## 2.5 Indices

In `pdfDstruct/index.tex`, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides macros for creating an index. The index is organized into *categories* and *items* within each category, and an associated *value*. A category may be something like “manifolds” and an item within this category may be “topological” which has a value corresponding to the page number where topological manifolds are defined.

`\indexize {<options>}`: Adds an item to the index, specified by options, which has fields:

- (1) `category` (required): the category of the item;
- (2) `item`: the item of the item;
- (3) `value` (required): the value of the item;
- (4) `expand value` (valueless): added if `value` should be expanded (e.g. if `value` is a macro corresponding to the page number, it needs to be expanded);
- (5) `add hyperlink` (valueless): whether or not the item's values should be hyperlinked.

`\seealso {⟨options⟩}`: Adds a “see also” item to the index: one which redirects to another index item. *options* is a map which has fields:

- (1) `category` (required): the category of the item;
- (2) `item`: the item of the item;
- (3) `dest` (required): the destination of the “see also” (e.g. if the item is “wedge product”, you may want to also see “exterior product”, and so the destination may be “exterior product”);
- (4) `hyperlink`: an anchor to link to;
- (5) `index link` (valueless): a flag of whether or not the anchor is within the index.

To link to an item within the index, suppose of category `C` and item `I`, set `hyperlink` to `C:I` (or just `C:` if `I` is empty), and set `index link`.

`\index`: Prints the index.

`\addtoindex {⟨category⟩}[⟨item⟩]`: Adds an item to the index of category *category* and item *item*. Its value is `\@defaultindexval` (by default `\the\pageno`), and `expand value` and `add hyperlink` are set.

## 2.6 Lists

In `pdfDstruct/lists.tex`, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides macros for creating lists of text.

There are two types of lists: unenumerated and enumerated. Unenumerated lists start with `\blist` and end with `\elist`. Each item begins with `\item`. The symbol used for each bullet point is determined by the nested depth of the list. For a depth of *N*, the symbol used is stored in the macro `\liststyleN`.

Similarly enumerated lists start with `\benum` and end with `\elist`. Each item begins with `\item`, and the style for the enumeration is determined by the depth of the list. For a depth of *N*, the *n*th element is styled with `\enumstyleN{n}`.

To add text in between items (not as part of the list), you can use `\mtext`.

## 2.7 Table of Contents

In `pdfDstruct/tableofcontents.tex`, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides macros for creating and displaying tables of content.

`\addtoccontent {⟨marker⟩}{⟨title⟩}{⟨value⟩}{⟨depth⟩}{⟨anchor⟩}`: Adds content to the table of contents whose marker is *marker* (e.g. 1.1; this is printed to the left of the title), title is *title* (e.g. chapter name), value is *value* (e.g. page number), depth is *depth*, and is linked to the anchor *anchor*. The depth *depth* determines the style used in the table (see `\settocdepthformat`).

`\tableofcontents`: Prints the table of contents.

`\settocdepthformat {⟨depth⟩}{⟨options⟩}`: Sets the format of the table of contents at the depth *depth*. *options* is a map with the following fields:

- `marker`: the style for the marker (default is `\setfont{rm}`; the marker is passed as a parameter to `marker`);
- `marker buffer`: the buffer between the title and marker (default is `.25cm`);
- `title`: the style for the title (default is `\setfont{rm}`; the title is passed as a parameter to `title`);

- **value**: the style for the value (default is `\setfont{rm}`; the value is passed as a parameter to `value`);
- **leader**: the leader to add between the title and value (default is nothing);
- **indent**: the amount to indent the line (default is 0pt);
- **buffer**: the amount of buffer to add around the line (default is 0pt).

**PDFTOOLBOX** provides four types of sectioning: parts, sections, subsections, and subsubsections. Each has a counter in its name (e.g. `section`), and a macro with the current section name (e.g. `\currsection`).

`\section (*){\<title>}`: Adds a section to the document. If the asterisk is added, the section is a “pseudosection”: the section counter is not incremented and not displayed, and the section is not added to the table of contents. Otherwise the section counter is incremented and displayed, and the section is added to the table of contents.

`\subsection (*){\<title>}`: Adds a subsection to the document. If the asterisk is added, the subsection is a “pseudosubsection”: the subsection counter is not incremented and not displayed, and the subsection is not added to the table of contents. Otherwise the subsection counter is incremented and displayed, and the subsection is added to the table of contents.

`\subsubsection (*){\<title>}`: Adds a subsubsection to the document. If the asterisk is added, the subsubsection is a “pseudosubsubsection”: the subsubsection counter is not incremented and not displayed, and the subsubsection is not added to the table of contents. Otherwise the subsubsection counter is incremented and displayed, but the subsubsection is still not added to the table of contents.

## 3 pdfGraphics

The pdfGraphics section of the **PDFTOOLBOX** toolbox is for pdf-specific graphics macros. You can use it to create colorful documents with illustrations, etc.

### 3.1 Colors

In pdfGraphics/colors.tex, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides macros for coloring text and areas of your document.

`\color <color space>{\<code>}`

`\color {\<name>}` : Switches the color of the document. In its first form, *color space* corresponds to either `rgb` or `cmyk`, and *code* is either an `rgb` or `cmyk` code. In its second form, if *name* is a predefined color name (see `\definecolor`), the color is switched to it.

`\localcolor <color space>{\<code>}{\<text>}`

`\localcolor {\<name>}{\<text>}` : Switches the color of *text*, according to the options provided (see `\color`).

`\definecolor {\<name>}{\<color space>}{\<code>}`: Defines a color of name *name* whose space is *color space* (either `rgb` or `cmyk`) of code *code* (either an `rgb` or `cmyk` code).

`\letcolor {\<new name>}{\<name>}`: Defines a color of name *new name* to be equal to the existing color of name *name*.


`\definecolormacro {\<name>}{\<color space>}{\<code>}`: Calls `\definecolor`, and also defines a macro of name *name* which is equivalent to `\localcolor <color space>{\<code>}{\#1}`.

The following colors are defined:

red blue green yellow orange purple white black darkgreen grey

`\highlightbox <color space>{\<code>}{\<material>} \highlightbox {\<name>}{\<material>}`: Colors the background of the material *material* according to the color provided. For example `\highlightbox {red}{pdfToolbox}` will yield pdfToolbox.






`\coloredbox <color space>{\<code>}{\<material>} \coloredbox {\<name>}{\<material>}`: Like `\highlightbox` but adds a buffer of space around *material* in accordance with `\bufferwidth` and `\bufferheight`. For example `\coloredbox {red}{pdfToolbox}` will yield pdfToolbox.

`\framecoloredbox <color space>{<code>}{<material>}` `\framecoloredbox {<name>}{<material>}`: Like `\coloredbox` but adds a frame around *material* of width `\framewidth`. For example `\framecoloredbox {red}{pdfToolbox}` will yield .

`\framebox {<material>}`: Adds a frame around *material* with a buffer of `\bufferwidth` and `\bufferheight` of width `\framewidth`.

`\curvedcolorbox {<stroke color>}{<bg color>}{<material>}{<curve control>}`: Creates a curved color framed box around *material* with frame color *stroke color* and background color *bg color* (which may be names or of the form `<color space>{<code>}`). The curve's stroke width is determined by `\curvewidth`, and the buffer around the material is determined by `\curvebuffer`. *control* is a sequence of 4 symbols (either . or X) which determine whether a corner is curved or not. A . corresponds to a curve and a X corresponds to a right corner. A shadow of color `\boxshadowcolor` is added to the box, at an x and y offset of `\shadowxoff` and `\shadowyoff` respectively.

So for example:

`\curvedcolorbox {blue}{red}{\color {white}pdfToolbox}{....}` :   
`\curvedcolorbox {blue}{red}{\color {white}pdfToolbox}{X...}` :   
`\curvedcolorbox {blue}{red}{\color {white}pdfToolbox}{.X..}` :   
`\curvedcolorbox {blue}{red}{\color {white}pdfToolbox}{..X.}` :   
`\curvedcolorbox {blue}{red}{\color {white}pdfToolbox}{...X}` : 

`\fakebold {<material>}`: Bolds the material *material* (essentially just thickening the stroke width according to `\fakeboldwidth`).

`\flip {<material>}`: *zqifl material* about its vertical axis.

## 3.2 Pretty Textboxes

In `pdfGraphics/colorboxes.tex`, **PDF****TOOL****BOX** provides macros for pretty printing textboxes. These are simply colored textboxes which can split across pages. There are two kinds of pretty textboxes: `ppboxes` and `linedppboxes`.

`\bppbox {<bg color>}{<stroke color>}{<fg color>}[<curve control>] ... \eppbox`: This creates a `ppbox`, which is just a wrapper around `\curvedcolorbox`.

`\blinedppbox {<bg color>}{<stroke color>}{<fg color>} ... \elinedppbox`: This creates a colored textbox with a rule down the left side. For example:

This is a `linedppbox` with a red background, black stroke, and white text.

The width of the rule is determined by `\pprulewd`, the vertical buffer within the box (around the text) is determined by `\pprulevbuf`, and the horizontal buffer on the left is `\pprulehbuf`.

## 3.3 Illustrating

In `pdfGraphics/pdfdraw.tex`, **PDF****TOOL****BOX** provides macros for creating illustrations.

This feature scares me. Its implementation is a mess and I am scared to change it; but I will need to at some point.

`\bdrawing ... \edrawing`: Begin a drawing environment. The drawing environment is a plane as large as the drawings within it. (0,0) corresponds to the bottom left corner.

`\addnode {<text>}{<x>}{<y>}{<name>}`: Creates a node by the name of *name* with text *text* at coordinate (*x*, *y*). You can access the following values (called node-relative coordinates): `<name>.left`, `<name>.top`, `<name>.right`, `<name>.bottom`, `<name>.xcenter`, `<name>.ycenter`.

`\drawpath {<start x>}{<start y>}{<end x>}{<end y>}{<x off>}{<y off>}{<start cap>}{<end cap>}{<color>}`: Draws a line from (*start x*, *start y*) to (*end x*, *end y*). This is offset by *off x* on the *x*-axis and *off y* on the *y*-axis (these are dimensions). *start cap* is the linecap used at the starting point, and *end cap* is the linecap used at the end point (see `\definelinecap`). The line is drawn in the color *color*.

The coordinates may be numeric values or node-relative coordinates (see `\addnode`).

`\drawbezier {<start x>}{<start y>}{<end x>}{<end y>}{<off>}{<curvature>}{<start cap>}{<end cap>}{<color>}`: Draws a curve from  $(start\ x, start\ y)$  to  $(end\ x, end\ y)$  with curvature *curvature*. This is offset by *off*, which must be a pair of the form `{<x off>}{<y off>}` corresponding to the *x*-axis offset and *y*-axis offset respectively (dimensions). *start cap* is the linecap used at the starting point, and *end cap* is the linecap used at the end point (see `\definelinecap`). The line is drawn in the color *color*.

The coordinates may be numeric values or node-relative coordinates (see `\addnode`).

`\definelinecap {<name>}{<code>}{<width>}`: Defines a linecap by the name of *name*. *code* is the code which draws the linecap (see Internals of pdfDraw), and *width* is the width of the linecap.

The provided linecaps are:

`>: → <: ← | -: ⊢ -|: ⊣ >>: » <<: « o: o`

There is also an empty linecap `-`.

Outside of drawing environments, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides a macro to make diagrams, `\drawdiagram`. Its usage is `\drawdiagram {<table>}{<arrows>}`. *table* is a normal  $\text{\TeX}$  alignment table (similar format as `\halign`, without the preamble). *arrows* is a collection of `\diagramarrow` macro calls.

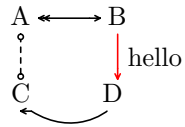
`\diagramarrow {<options>}`: Draws an arrow in a `\drawdiagram` diagram. *options* contains the following keys:

- **from** (required): the cell from which to start the arrow. Cells start indexing at `{1,1}` for the top left cell where the first number is the row and the second the column;
- **to** (required): the cell to end the arrow;
- **left cap** (default `-`): the start linecap;
- **right cap** (default `>`): the end linecap;
- **color** (default `black`): the color to draw the arrow in;
- **x off** (default `0pt`): the *x*-axis offset;
- **y off** (default `0pt`): the *y*-axis offset;
- **text**: the text to add on the arrow;
- **x distance** (default `0pt`): the amount to move the text on the *x*-axis;
- **y distance** (default `0pt`): the amount to move the text on the *y*-axis;
- **slide** (default `.5`): where to place the text relative to the arrow;
- **curve**: the amount to curve the arrow;
- **dashed** (valueless): add to make the arrow line dashed;
- **dotted** (valueless): add to make the arrow line dotted;
- **origin orient**: the placement of the start of the arrow relative to the origin (a pair like `{left,bottom}`);
- **dest orient**: the placement of the end of the arrow relative to the destination (a pair like `{left,bottom}`).

So for example,

```
1 \drawdiagram{
2   A&B\cr
3   C&D
4 }{
5   \diagramarrow{from={1,1}, to={1,2}, left cap=<<}
6   \diagramarrow{from={1,2}, to={2,2}, color=rgb{1 0 0}, text={hello}, x distance=.5cm}
7   \diagramarrow{from={2,2}, to={2,1}, curve=10pt, origin orient={xcenter,bottom}, dest orient={xcenter,bottom}}
8   \diagramarrow{from={2,1}, to={1,1}, dashed, left cap=o, right cap=o}
9 }
```

Will yield



Between each row of the diagram, space of width `\diagrowbuf` is added. Between each column, `\diagcolbuf`. The height of each row is at least `\diagrowheight` and the width of each column is at least `\diagcolwidth`.

## II pdfToolbox internals

# 1 Utilities

In `pdfToolbox-utils.tex`, **PDFTOOLBOX** provides various useful utilities for a variety of (relatively) simple tasks.

## 1.1 Simple Macros

`\_checkloaded <{name}>`: Place this at the beginning of a package or a file in a package to ensure you don't include the same file multiple times. It will check if *name* has already been loaded: if it has been, it stops input; otherwise it remembers that *name* has been loaded and continues inputting it.

A few useful short macros:

- `\_xp`: shorthand for `\expandafter`;
- `\_nul`: defined to be `\_nul`; useful as a marker (used, for example, to mark the end of something);
- `\_id`: defined as `\def\_id#1{#1}`;
- `\_gobble`: gobbles the next parameter;
- `\_gobbletilnul`: gobbles until it sees `\_nul` (definition is `\def\_gobbletilnul#1\_nul{}`);
- `\_mstrip`: given a control sequence, returns its name without the escape character;
- `\True`: defined to be `\True`; used when returning a value;
- `\False`: defined to be `\False`; used when returning a value;
- `\glet`: `\global\let`;
- `\_xplet`: takes two inputs A and B, suppose they expand to X and Y respectively. Then `\_xplet{A}{B}` is equivalent to `\let XY`;
- `\_afterfi`: within an `\if... \fi` construct, placing code inside `\_afterfi` will execute it (if the condition matches) after the `\fi`;
- `\say`: prints the input on the terminal (on its own line).

`\_ifnextchar <char>{<first>}{<second>} \@ifnextchar <char>{<first>}{<second>}`: Inspired by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. Looks at the following character, if it is equal to *char*, executes *first* and otherwise executes *second*. The following character is left in the input stream.

`\_ifstar {<first>}{<second>} \@ifstar {<first>}{<second>}`: Inspired by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. Looks at the following character, if it is an asterisk, executes *first* and otherwise executes *second*. The asterisk is removed from the stream.

`\_nopt <{dim expression}>`: Expands to the computation of *dim expression* (a dimension expression) without the trailing `pt`.

`\_noptfloor <{dim expression}>`: Expands to the whole part of the computation of *dim expression* (a dimension expression) without the trailing `pt`.

`\literal <macro definition>`: Equivalent to `\def\X<macro definition>\X`.

`\_getline <macro>`: Reads until a linebreak and then passes that to *macro* as its parameter.

`\reverse <macro>{<list>}`: Reverses *list* and puts the result in *macro*.

## 1.2 Setters

**PDFTOOLBOX** has a concept of *setters*: these are the macros used for defining things. There are four three: `\currlet`, `\currdef`, `\curredef`, `\currset`. These generally alternate between `\let`, `\def`, `\edef`, `\empty` and `\glet`, `\gdef`, `\xdef`, `\global`. You can change the definitions via `\localsetters` and `\globalsetters`. So for example, if you'd like to use an array and make the changes global, you'd first execute `\globalsetters`.



### 1.3 Repeating Macros

`\commap`  $\langle macro \rangle \{ \langle list \rangle \}$ : If *list* is a comma-separated list of the form  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  and *macro* is  $\backslash X$ , this will execute  $\backslash X\{x_1\} \dots \backslash X\{x_N\}$ .

`\map`  $\langle macro \rangle \{ \langle list \rangle \}$ : If *list* is a list of the form  $x_1 \backslash dots \ x_N$  where each  $x_i$  is a group or a single token, and *macro* is  $\backslash X$ , this will execute  $\backslash X\{x_1\} \dots \backslash X\{x_N\}$ .

`\_repeat`  $\{ \langle times \rangle \} \{ \langle code \rangle \}$ : Executes *code* *times* times.

`\_prepeat`  $\{ \langle times \rangle \} \langle macro \rangle$ : If *times* is  $N$  and *macro*  $\backslash X$ , executes  $\backslash X\{1\} \dots \backslash X\{N\}$ .

`\_varrepeat`  $\{ \langle start \rangle \} \{ \langle stop \rangle \} \{ \langle step \rangle \} \langle comparison \rangle \langle macro \rangle$ : If *macro* is  $\backslash X$ , *start* is  $i$ , step is  $d$ , and stop is  $f$ : executes  $\backslash X\{i\} \backslash X\{i+d\} \backslash X\{i+2d\} \dots \backslash X\{i+Nd\}$  until the condition  $(i+Nd \text{ } comparison \text{ } f)$  is satisfied.