The l3pdfdict module—tools for PDF dictionaries LATEX PDF management testphase bundle

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1 **I3pdfdict** documentation

Many PDF objects are or contain dictionaries—structures containing a number of (pdf-)name/value pairs. Examples are attributes of links, filespec dictionaries, xform dictionaries, the catalog, the info dictionary. The commands in this module offer an number of tools to handle such dictionaries. The module setups a name space for the dictionary names and offers some commands to output dictionaries.

The dictionaries work in many respects like property lists with a few PDF specific changes:

- The keys are always converted with \str_convert_pdfname:n to get a correct PDF name;
- a key with a empty value can not be added, it will be ignored;
- there is a dedicated function to output the property as space separated list with keys with slash: /key1 value1 /key2 value2.

Local and global dictionaries can be created.

1.1 User Commands

 $\displaystyle \begin{array}{ll} \begin{array}{ll} \begin{array}{ll} \begin{array}{ll} \begin{array}{ll} \begin{array}{ll} \end{array} & \left\{ \left\langle \textit{dictionary name} \right\rangle \end{array} \end{array} \end{array} \right\}$

Updated: 2020-12-03

This function create a new local or global dictionary. Which one depends on (dictionary name): If it begins with the standard g the dictionary is global, with 1 the dictionary is local, other starting chars will give an error. It is recommended to begin the name in the standard expl3 naming scheme with one or two underscores and a module name, so g_module_XXXX or g__module_XXXX.

\pdfdict_set_eq:nn

 $\label{local_dictionary_name_1} $$ \left(\mbox{local dictionary name}_1 \right) $$ \left(\mbox{dictionary name}_2 \right) $$$ $\displaystyle \frac{d}{d} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d}{d} - \frac{d}{d} - \frac{d}{d} \right) \left(\frac{d}{d} - \frac{d}{d} - \frac{d}{d} - \frac{d}{d} \right) \left(\frac{d}{d} - \frac{d$

New: 2020-06-16

This functions copy $\langle dictionary\ name_2 \rangle$ into $\langle local/global\ dictionary\ name_1 \rangle$ locally Updated: 2020-12-03 or globally. If the dictionary $\langle local/global\ dictionary\ name_1 \rangle$ doesn't exist yet, it will be created. If $\langle dictionary\ name_2 \rangle$ doesn't exist yet, an error will be raised.

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\pdfdict_put:nnn \pdfdict_gput:nnn

 $\pdfdict_put:nnn \ \{\langle local \ dictionary \rangle\} \ \{\langle name \rangle\} \ \{\langle value \rangle\}$ $\pdfdict_gput:nnn \{\langle global\ dictionary\rangle\} \{\langle name\rangle\} \{\langle value\rangle\}$

New: 2020-04-06

This function puts key $\langle name \rangle$ and value $\langle value \rangle$ locally or globally in the $\langle dictionary \rangle$ created with $\pdfdict_new:n. \{(name)\}\$ should be a PDF Name without the starting slash. It will be stored with \str_convert_pdfname:n, so will be automatically correctly escaped in case it contains slashes, spaces or other chars not allowed in a PDF name. $\langle value \rangle$ should be a valid PDF value for this name in the target dictionary. The value is neither converted nor escaped automatically. If the value is blank nothing is added to the dictionary.

When adding a value keep in mind that the expansion behaviour of the backends differ. Some backends expand a value always fully when writing to the PDF, with other backends commands could end as strings in the PDF. This makes controlling the expansion quite tricky. It is better to not rely on $\langle value \rangle$ to be expanded nor not expanded by the backend commands.

\pdfdict_item:ne *

 $\pdfdict_item:nn * \pdfdict_item:nn {\langle key \rangle} {\langle value \rangle}$

A simple command to output key-value as /key value. This is needed to output New: 2020-12-04 dictionaries in mapping commands. The command doesn't do any escaping, it expects that the name has been escaped when the value has been stored into the dictionary. If the value is blank nothing is output. The command is expandable if the content is it.

\pdfdict_use:n *

 $<page-header> \left(dictionary \right)$

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This outputs the property list of the dictionary as a list of /key value pairs. This can be used e.g. when writing a dictionary object with \pdf_object_write:nx

 $\pdfdict_show:n \pdfdict_show:n \{\langle dictionary \rangle\}$

Updated: 2020-12-03

This shows the content of $\langle dictionary \rangle$ in the log and on the terminal.

\pdfdict_if_exist_p:n * $\displaystyle \texttt{pdfdict_if_exist:n}_{\overline{TF}} \; \star \;$

Updated: 2020-12-03

This tests if the dictionary exists.

\pdfdict_if_empty_p:n * $\pdfdict_if_empty:nTF *$

 $ \left(dictionary \right)$

This tests if the dictionary is empty. The result is false if the dictionary doesn't Updated: 2020-12-03 exist.

New: 2020-07-06

Recovers the \(\sigma value \rangle \) stored by \pdfdict_put:nnn or \pdfdict_gput:nnn for $\langle name \rangle$ and places this in the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$. If $\langle name \rangle$ is not found then the (token list variable) is set to the special marker \q_no_value. (name) is first converted with \str_convert_pdfname:n. The \langle token list variable \rangle is set within the current TeX group.

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Removes $\langle name \rangle$ and its associated $\langle value \rangle$ from the $\{\langle dictionary \rangle\}$ The removal is local from local dictionaries and global from global dictionaries. If $\langle name \rangle$ is not found no change occurs, i.e there is no need to test for the existence of a name before trying to remove it. $\langle name \rangle$ is first converted with \str_convert_pdfname:n.

2 **I3pdfdict** implementation

```
1 (00=pdfdict)
 2 (*header)
 3 \ProvidesExplPackage{l3pdfdict}{2021-07-31}{0.95h}
     {Tools for PDF dictionaries (LaTeX PDF management testphase bundle)}
 5 (/header)
2.1
     messages
 6 (*package)
   \cs_new:Npn \__pdfdict_get_type:n #1
```

```
\str_case_e:nn { \str_head:n{#1} }
9
10
          {g}{global}
         {1}{local}
    }
14
  \msg_new:nnn { pdfdict } { show-dict }
    { %#1: name of the dictionary
      %#2: expanded content
18
      %#3: type
      The~#3~dictionary~'#1'~
      \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
20
21
        { is~empty \\>~ . }
        { contains~the~pairs~(without~outer~braces): #2 . }
22
23
24 \msg_new:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict }
    {
25
      The~dictionary~'#1'~is~unknown.
26
27
28
  \msg_new:nnn { pdfdict } { dict-already-defined }
30
      The \verb|^#2| dictionary| \verb|^#1| \verb|^is| already| defined.
  \msg_new:nnn { pdfdict } { empty-value }
32
                 { The~value~#1~for~#2~is~blank~and~will~be~ignored }
33
34
  \msg_new:nnn { pdfdict } { invalid-name }
35
                 { Name~'#1'~is~not~valid\\
36
37
                   Names~of~dictionaries~should~start~with~'g_'~or~'l_' }
```

2.2 Creating dictionaries

```
\g__pdfdict_names_seq
\g__pdfdict_gnames_seq
```

Two seq to store the used names for diagnostics.

```
39 \seq_new:N \g__pdfdict_lnames_seq
40 \seq_new:N \g__pdfdict_gnames_seq
```

 $(End\ definition\ for\ \g_pdfdict_names_seq\ and\ \g_pdfdict_gnames_seq.)$

__pdfdict_name:n __kernel_pdfdict_name:n __pdfdict_new:n \pdfdict_new:n This are the commands to create new dictionaries and to access their internal name. All internal names start with g_pdfdict_/ or l_pdfdict_/.

For the other modules we also need a kernel command to access the internal name to speed up the code and allow the use standard commands of the prop module to deal with the dictionaries. For example

```
\prop_clear:c { \__kernel_pdfdict_name:n { name }}
41 \cs_new:Npn \__pdfdict_name:n #1 % #1 dictionary name
43
       \str_head:n{#1}__pdfdict_/#1_prop
44
45 \cs_set_eq:NN \__kernel_pdfdict_name:n \__pdfdict_name:n
   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_new:n #1
47
48
       \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #1 }
49
50
           \msg_error:nnxx
51
             { pdfdict }
             { dict-already-defined }
             { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
55
             { \__pdfdict_get_type:n{#1} }
          }
56
57
            \str_case_e:nnF { \str_head:n{#1} }
58
              {
59
                 {g}
60
61
                     \prop_new:c { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }
62
                     \seq_gput_right:cn {g__pdfdict_gnames_seq} { #1 }
63
                }
                {1}
65
                 {
                     \prop_new:c { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }
67
                     \seq_gput_right:cn {g__pdfdict_lnames_seq} { #1 }
68
                }
69
              }
70
              {
71
                 \msg_error:nnx{pdfdict}{invalid-name}{\tl_to_str:n{#1}}
72
              }
          }
74
     }
75
77 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_new:n \__pdfdict_new:n
```

(End definition for $__pdfdict_name:n$ and others. This function is documented on page 1.)

```
\__pdfdict_set_eq:nn
       \pdfdict_set_eq:nn
                                                            78 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_set_eq:nn #1 #2
\__pdfdict_gset_eq:nn
                                                            79
     \pdfdict_gset_eq:nn
                                                                           \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #2 }
                                                            80
                                                            81
                                                                                      \__pdfdict_if_exist:nF { #1 }
                                                            82
                                                            83
                                                            84
                                                                                                \__pdfdict_new:n { #1 }
                                                                                     \prop_set_eq:cc { \__pdfdict_name:n {#1} }{ \__pdfdict_name:n {#2} }
                                                                                }
                                                            87
                                                                                {
                                                            88
                                                                                        \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
                                                            89
                                                            90
                                                                      }
                                                            91
                                                            92
                                                                 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_set_eq:nn \__pdfdict_set_eq:nn
                                                            93
                                                                 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_gset_eq:nn #1 #2
                                                                            \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #2 }
                                                            97
                                                            98
                                                                                      \__pdfdict_if_exist:nF { #1 }
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                                                                                                \__pdfdict_new:n { #1 }
                                                          101
                                                          102
                                                                                      \prop_gset_eq:cc { \__pdfdict_name:n {#1} }{ \__pdfdict_name:n {#2} }
                                                          103
                                                                                }
                                                          104
                                                          105
                                                                                        \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
                                                                                }
                                                                      }
                                                          108
                                                          110 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_gset_eq:nn \__pdfdict_gset_eq:nn
                                                          (End definition for \__pdfdict_set_eq:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 1.)
\__pdfdict_if_exist:n
                                                        Existence tests.
     \pdfdict_if_exist:n
                                                          111 %local
                                                          \mbox{\em 112 } \prg_new\_conditional:Npnn \em lem figure = figur
                                                          113
                                                                           \prop_if_exist:cTF
                                                          114
                                                                                { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }
                                                          115
                                                                                 { \prg_return_true:
                                                          116
                                                                                { \prg_return_false: }
                                                          117
                                                                      }
                                                          118
                                                          119 \prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn
                                                                      \pdfdict_if_exist:n \__pdfdict_if_exist:n { p , T , F , TF }
                                                          (End definition for \__pdfdict_if_exist:n and \pdfdict_if_exist:n. This function is documented on
                                                          page ??.)
\__pdfdict_if_empty:n
                                                        Tests for emptiness.
     \pdfdict_if_empty:n
                                                          121 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__pdfdict_if_empty:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
```

(End definition for \protect

_pdfdict_put:nnn
\pdfdict_put:nnn
__pdfdict_gput:nnn
\pdfdict_gput:nnn

These are the commands to store values into the dictionaries. The main difference to adding values to a normal property list is, that the keys are converted with \str_-convert_pdfname:n and that empty values are ignored.

```
131 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_put:nnn #1 #2 #3 %#1 (local) dict, #2 name, #3 value
132
     {
       \tl_if_blank:nTF { #3 }
         {
134
           \msg_warning:nnnn { pdfdict }{ empty-value }{ #2 } { #1 }
135
         }
136
           \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #1 }
138
139
                \exp_args:Nnx \prop_put:cnn
                  { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }{ \str_convert_pdfname:n { #2 } } { #3 }
             }
142
             {
143
                \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
144
             }
145
         }
146
     }
147
148
   \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_put:nnn \__pdfdict_put:nnn
149
   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \pdfdict_put:nnn {nnx,nno}
150
   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_gput:nnn #1 #2 #3 %#1 global dict, #2 name, #3 value
152
153
     {
       \tl_if_empty:nTF { #3 }
154
         {
155
           \msg_warning:nnnn { pdfdict }{ empty-value }{ #2 } { #1 }
156
         }
         {
158
            \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #1 }
159
160
                \exp_args:Nnx \prop_gput:cnn
                  { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }{ \str_convert_pdfname:n { #2 } } { #3 }
             }
163
164
                \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
165
             }
166
         }
167
     }
168
```

```
170 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_gput:nnn \__pdfdict_gput:nnn
                        171 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \pdfdict_gput:nnn {nnx,nno}
                        (End definition for \__pdfdict_put:nnn and others. These functions are documented on page 2.)
   \__pdfdict_get:nnN
                        Recover the values. The name must be first escaped to match the stored name.
     \pdfdict_get:nnN
                           \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_get:nnN #1 #2 #3 %dict,key,macro
                              {
                                \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #1 }
                         174
                         175
                                    \exp_args:Nnx \prop_get:cnN
                         176
                                      { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }
                         177
                                      { \str_convert_pdfname:n { #2 } } #3
                                    \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
                         181
                                  }
                         182
                              }
                         183
                         184
                         185 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_get:nnN \__pdfdict_get:nnN
                        (End definition for \__pdfdict_get:nnN and \pdfdict_get:nnN. This function is documented on page
                        This removes a name/value pair from a dictionary. The name has to be passed through
 \__pdfdict_remove:nn
   \pdfdict_remove:nn
                        the escaping.
\__pdfdict_gremove:nn
                            \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_remove:nn #1 #2 %dict,name
  \pdfdict_gremove:nn
                        187
                                \__pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #1 }
                         188
                         189
                                    \exp_args:Nnx \prop_remove:cn
                         190
                                      { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }{ \str_convert_pdfname:n { #2 } }
                         191
                         192
                                  {
                         193
                                     \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
                         194
                         195
                         196
                            \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_remove:nn \__pdfdict_remove:nn
                         198
                            \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_gremove:nn #1 #2 %dict,name
                         199
                         200
                                  _pdfdict_if_exist:nTF { #1 }
                         201
                         202
                                      \exp_args:Nnx \prop_gremove:cn
                                        { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } }{ \str_convert_pdfname:n { #2 } }
                         204
                                   }
                         206
                                     \msg_error:nnn { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #1 }
                                   }
                              }
                         209
                        211 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_gremove:nn \__pdfdict_gremove:nn
```

(End definition for __pdfdict_remove:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 3.)

```
global. If both exists both are shown.
  \pdfdict_show:n
                      212 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__pdfdict_show:Nn #1#2 %#1 message command, #2 dict
                             \prop_if_exist:cTF { \__pdfdict_name:n { #2 } }
                      214
                      215
                                {
                                   #1
                      216
                                      { pdfdict }
                                      { show-dict }
                      218
                                      { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
                      219
                                      { \prop_map_function:cN {\__pdfdict_name:n { #2 }} \msg_show_item:nn }
                      220
                                      { \__pdfdict_get_type:n{#2} }
                                      { }
                                }
                      224
                                 {
                                   #1 { pdfdict } { unknown-dict } { #2 } {}{}{}
                      225
                      226
                           }
                         \cs_new_protected:Npn \pdfdict_show:n #1
                      228
                      229
                              \__pdfdict_show:Nn \msg_show:nnxxxx {#1}
                      230
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\__pdfdict_item:nn
\__pdfdict_item:ne
                      232 \cs_new:Npn \__pdfdict_item:nn #1 #2 %#1 name, #2 value
 \pdfdict_item:nn
                      233
 \pdfdict_item:ne
                             \tl_if_blank:nF {#2} { /#1~#2~ }
                     234
                      236 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__pdfdict_item:nn {ne}
                      237 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_item:nn \__pdfdict_item:nn
                      238 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \pdfdict_item:nn {ne}
                      (End definition for \__pdfdict_item:nn and \pdfdict_item:nn. This function is documented on page
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  \__pdfdict_use:n
                     \_pdfdict_use:n outputs a prop as needed in a dictionary: as a list of \langle key \rangle \langle value \rangle
    \pdfdict_use:n
                     pairs.
                      239 \cs_new:Npn \__pdfdict_use:n #1 %#1 dict
                      240
                             \prop_map_function:cN { \__pdfdict_name:n { #1 } } \__pdfdict_item:ne
                      241
                      242
                      244 \cs_set_eq:NN \pdfdict_use:n \__pdfdict_use:n
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                      245 (/package)
```

This allows to show the content of dictionaries. It also displays if a dictionary is local or

_pdfdict_show:Nn

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