

TeX Live Typesetting Software

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The following notes document the steps to install [TeX Live](#) on OpenIndiana Hipster and how to update it using the tlmgr TeX Live package management tool.

To test a virtual machine running TeXLive on OpenIndiana, you can also run the texlive2021 example Vagrantfiles in the [vagrantfiles](#) repository :

```
# git clone https://github.com/openindiana/vagrantfiles
```

1 TeX Live tlmgr Management Tool

The TeX Live Management Tool has both a command line interface and a GUI. The GUI (tlmgr gui) uses Perl Tk and works on OpenIndiana. The following screenshot illustrates tlmgr and the Opendiana MATE desktop :

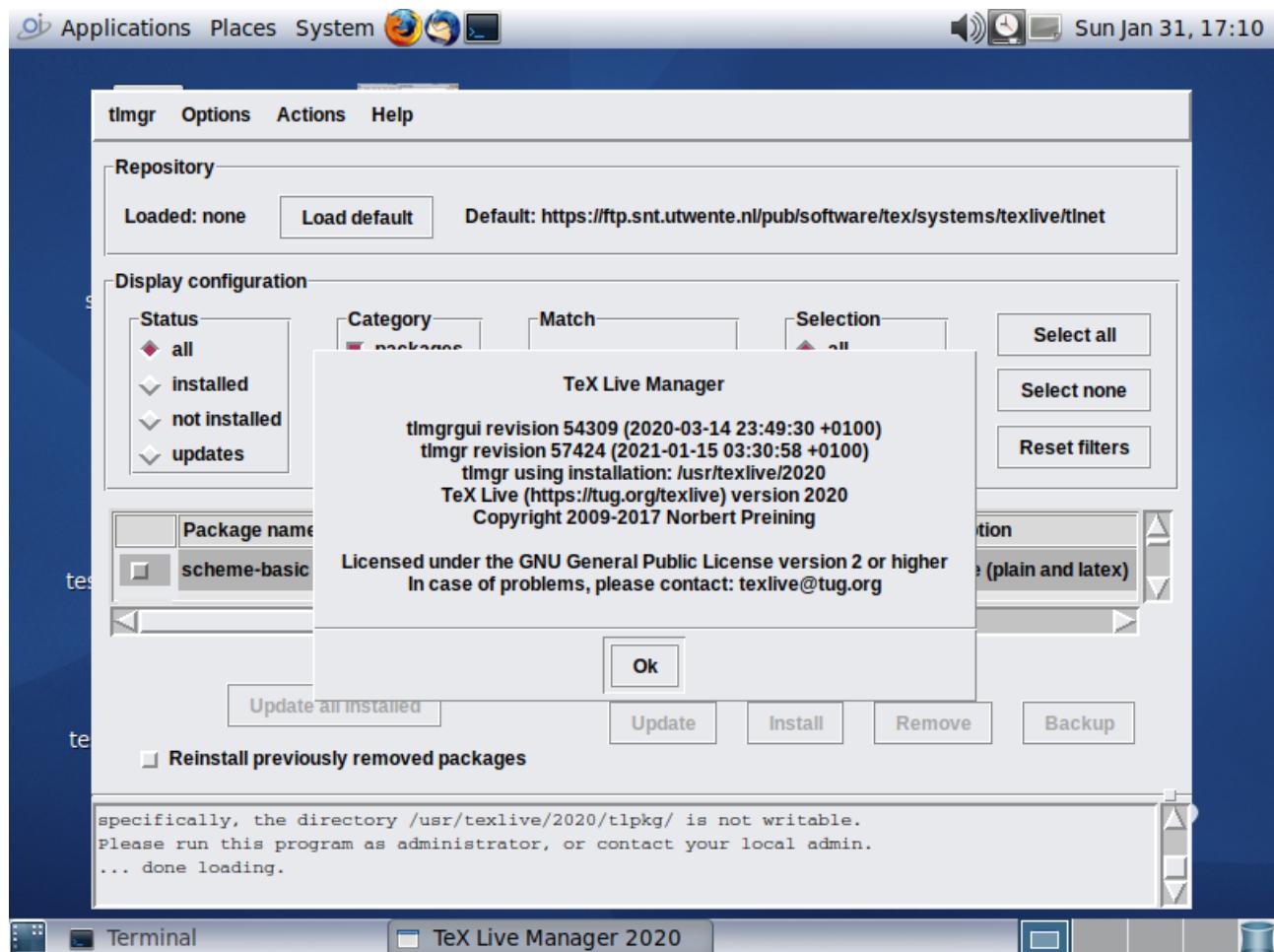


Figure 1: oi-tlmgr

2 TeX Live Cross Platform Installer

See the full TeX Live guide at <http://tug.org/texlive> for detailed information.

Download the TeX Live Cross Platform Installer from <http://mirror.ctan.org/systems/texlive/tlnet/install-tl-unx.tar.gz>.

There is a script in this package, called install-tl. The goal is to install TeX Live using the cross platform installer as follows :

```
# install-tl
```

Before doing so, create a special BE (Boot Environment) if you plan to install TeX Live as root (installing as non-root user is recommended by TeX Live).

```
# beadm create -a texlive
```

Alternatively create a snapshot of the BE to have a possibility to rollback.

The install-tl script installs a utility called tlmgr, the package management utility for TeX Live and, in principle, tlmgr is able to remove (uninstall) a TeX Live installation:

```
# tlmgr remove --all
If you answer yes here the whole TeX Live installation here,
under /usr/texlive/2020, will be removed!
Remove TeX Live (y/N): y
Ok, removing the whole installation:
```

A snapshot of the old BE or a special BE for TeX Live, allows one to rollback to the situation before install without having to use tlmgr to uninstall.

After rebooting into a new BE, run the perl installer script :

```
# install-tl --help
```

If you wish to use the TeX Live GUI, install the OpenIndiana Perl Tk package (the tk-perl IPS package is available on OpenIndiana release 2022 or higher) :

```
# pkg install -v tk-perl
```

Then run the TeX Live installer GUI as follows :

```
# install-tl --gui
```

The next section discusses the interactive mode of the install-tl script.

3 TeX Live Cross Platform Installer Main Menus

The cross platform installer version 57337 of install-tl incorrectly identifies OpenIndiana as Solaris on Intel :

```
./install-tl --version
install-tl (TeX Live Cross Platform Installer) revision 57337
TeX Live (https://tug.org/texlive) version 2020
```

The command to detect the platform is:

```
./install-tl --print-arch
i386-solaris
```

This is incorrect, but it may work in some cases. Because OpenIndiana and Solaris are different systems, it may be necessary to download a TeX Live Cross Platform Installer script from the tlnet-archive, and use it with a –repository option. For example, to install TeX Live 2023 :

```
# ./install-tl --repository https://texlive.info/tlnet-archive/2023/10/10/tlnet/
```

It is also possible to download custom binaries, and install and use TeX Live with binaries that are not part of the original distribution :

```
# ./install-tl --custom-bin=/tmp/foobin
```

See the instructions at <http://tug.org/texlive/custom-bin.html> for detailed information.

The main menus in interactive mode are :

```
./install-tl
Loading http://ctan.cs.uu.nl/systems/texlive/tlnet/tlpkg/texlive.tlpdb
Installing TeX Live 2020 from: http://ctan.cs.uu.nl/systems/texlive/tlnet (verified)
Platform: i386-solaris => 'Solaris on Intel x86'
Distribution: net (downloading)
Using URL: http://ctan.cs.uu.nl/systems/texlive/tlnet
Directory for temporary files: /tmp/eCcsGDKJWY
===== Tex Live installation procedure =====

===== Letters/digits in <angle brackets> indicate =====
===== menu items for actions or customizations =====

Detected platform: Solaris on Intel x86

<B> set binary platforms: 1 out of 16

<S> set installation scheme: scheme-full

<C> set installation collections:
40 collections out of 41, disk space required: 7130 MB

<D> set directories:
    TEXDIR (the main TeX directory):
    !! default location: /usr/local/texlive/2020

<O> options:
    [ ] use letter size instead of A4 by default
    [X] allow execution of restricted list of programs via \write18
    [X] create all format files
    [X] install macro/font doc tree
    [X] install macro/font source tree
    [ ] create symlinks to standard directories

<V> set up for portable installation

Actions:
<I> start installation to hard disk
<P> save installation profile to 'texlive.profile' and exit
<H> help
<Q> quit
```

Enter command:

To add the 64bit executables go into menu “B” :

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Available platforms:

- a [] Cygwin on Intel x86 (i386-cygwin)
- b [] Cygwin on x86_64 (x86_64-cygwin)
- c [] MacOSX current (10.13-) on x86_64 (x86_64-darwin)
- d [] MacOSX legacy (10.6-) on x86_64 (x86_64-darwinlegacy)
- e [] FreeBSD on x86_64 (amd64-freebsd)
- f [] FreeBSD on Intel x86 (i386-freebsd)
- g [] GNU/Linux on ARM64 (aarch64-linux)
- h [] GNU/Linux on ARMv6/RPi (armhf-linux)
- i [] GNU/Linux on Intel x86 (i386-linux)
- j [] GNU/Linux on x86_64 (x86_64-linux)
- k [] GNU/Linux on x86_64 with musl (x86_64-linuxmusl)
- l [] NetBSD on x86_64 (amd64-netbsd)
- m [] NetBSD on Intel x86 (i386-netbsd)
- o [X] Solaris on Intel x86 (i386-solaris)
- p [] Solaris on x86_64 (x86_64-solaris)
- s [] Windows (win32)

Select “p” to add Solaris on x86_64 for the TeX Live binaries for that architecture.

TeX Live works with “schemes”; the basic scheme (TeX and latex) requires about 270 MB of space :

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Select scheme:

- a [] full scheme (everything)
- b [] medium scheme (small + more packages and languages)
- c [] small scheme (basic + xetex, metapost, a few languages)
- d [X] basic scheme (plain and latex)
- e [] minimal scheme (plain only)
- f [] ConTeXt scheme
- g [] GUST TeX Live scheme
- h [] infrastructure-only scheme (no TeX at all)
- i [] teTeX scheme (more than medium, but nowhere near full)
- j [] custom selection of collections

Actions: (disk space required: 270 MB)

<R> return to main menu

<Q> quit

The default installation is going to /usr/local/texlive/2020, but in the Directories menu this can be changed :

Directories customization:

<1> TEXDIR: /usr/texlive/2020

```

main tree:      /usr/texlive/2020/texmf-dist

<2> TEXMFLOCAL:      /usr/texlive/texmf-local
<3> TEXMFSYSVAR:     /usr/texlive/2020/texmf-var
<4> TEXMFSYSCONFIG:  /usr/texlive/2020/texmf-config
<5> TEXMFVAR:        ~/.texlive2020/texmf-var
<6> TEXMFCONFIG:     ~/.texlive2020/texmf-config
<7> TEXMFHOME:       ~/texmf

```

The installer can also create symbolic links such as /usr/bin/tex to the /usr/texlive/2020 binaries, as can be set in the Options menu :

Options customization:

```

<P> use letter size instead of A4 by default: [ ]
<E> execution of restricted list of programs: [X]
<F> create all format files:                  [X]
<D> install font/macro doc tree:            [X]
<S> install font/macro source tree:          [X]
<L> create symlinks in standard directories: [X]
    binaries to: /usr/bin
    manpages to: /usr/share/man
    info to: /usr/share/info

```

4 TeX Live Package Manager Queries

After installation of TeX Live, it is possible to make queries on what is exactly installed :

```

# tlmgr info schemes
i scheme-basic: basic scheme (plain and latex)
  scheme-context: ConTeXt scheme
  scheme-full: full scheme (everything)
  scheme-gust: GUST TeX Live scheme
i scheme-infraonly: infrastructure-only scheme (no TeX at all)
  scheme-medium: medium scheme (small + more packages and languages)
i scheme-minimal: minimal scheme (plain only)
  scheme-small: small scheme (basic + xetex, metapost, a few languages)
  scheme-tetex: teTeX scheme (more than medium, but nowhere near full)

```

The above output shows that scheme-minimal, scheme-infraonly and scheme-basic were installed.

New updates can be retrieved from the repository. Unless a special repository was used during installation (with the –repository switch for install-tl), the output of the default package repository can be something like :

```

# tlmgr option repository
Default package repository (repository): http://ctan.cs.uu.nl/systems/texlive/tlnet

```

Information on specific packages can be obtained with tlmgr :

```

# tlmgr info babel
package:      babel
category:     Package
shortdesc:   Multilingual support for Plain TeX or LaTeX
longdesc:    This package manages culturally-determined typographical (and other)
             ↵ rules for a wide range of languages. A document may select a single language to
             ↵ be supported, or it may select several, in which case the document may switch
             ↵ from one language to another in a variety of ways. Babel uses contributed
             ↵ configuration files that provide the detail of what has to be done for each
             ↵ language. Included is also a set of ini files for about 200 languages. Many
             ↵ language styles work with pdfLaTeX, as well as with XeLaTeX and LuaLaTeX, out of
             ↵ the box. A few even work with plain formats.
installed:   Yes
revision:    57530
sizes:       src: 1469k, doc: 809k, run: 3729k
relocatable: No
cat-version: 3.53
cat-license: lppl1.3
cat-topics:  multilingual
cat-related: polyglossia
cat-contact-repository: https://github.com/latex3/babel
cat-contact-bugs: https://github.com/latex3/babel/issues
collection:  collection-latex

```

5 TeX Live Updating

Suppose that you have installed a version of TeX Live from a specific date :

```
# ./install-tl --repository https://texlive.info/tlnet-archive/2020/12/28/tlnet/
```

After installation, you have TeX Live from December 28, 2020.

It is possible then to change the repository and update to the latest version.

```
# tlmgr option repository https://texlive.info/tlnet-archive/2021/01/28/tlnet
tlmgr: setting default package repository to
       ↵ https://texlive.info/tlnet-archive/2021/01/28/tlnet
tlmgr: updating /usr/texlive/2020/tlpkg/texlive.tlpdb
```

To update the packages of TeX Live to the default repository :

```
# tlmgr update --all
```

The TeX Live package management tool has its own mechanism of making backups:

```
/usr/texlive/2020/tlpkg/backups
```

6 Removing TeX Live

In principle, tlmgr is able to remove (uninstall) a TeX Live installation:

```
# tlmgr remove --all
If you answer yes here the whole TeX Live installation here,
under /usr/texlive/2020, will be removed!
Remove TeX Live (y/N): y
Ok, removing the whole installation:
```

If you have made a BE (boot environment) from before the TeX Live installation you can also rollback to an older BE as an alternative to uninstalling the software with tlmgr.