# penlightplus

# Additions to the Penlight Lua Libraries

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# Package Options and Set-Up

This package first loads the LaTeX penlight[import] package (https://ctan.org/pkg/penlight?lang=en). Documentation for the Lua package can be found here: https://lunarmodules.github.io/Penlight/index.html.

The pl option may be passed to this package to create an alias for penlight.

The following global Lua variables are defined:

\_\_SKIP\_TEX\_\_ If using the penlightplus package with texlua (good for troubleshooting), set this global before loading penlight

\_\_PL\_GLOBALS\_\_ If using this package with texlua and you want to set some functions as globals (described in next sections), set this variable to true before loading penlight \_\_PL\_NO\_HYPERREF\_\_ a flag used to change the behaviour of some functions, depending on if you don't use the hyperref package

\_\_PDFmetadata\_\_ a table used to store PDF meta-data for pdfx package.

#### globals option

Since this package uses the penlight import option, all stringx functions are injected into the string meta-table and you can use them like so: 'first name':upfirst(). But if the package option globals is used, many additional globals are set for easier scripting. pl.hasval, pl.COMP, pl.utils.kpairs, pl.utils.npairs become globals. pl.tablex is aliased as pl.tbx and tbx (which also includes all native Lua table functions), and pl.array2d is aliased as pl.a2d and a2d.

#### texlua usage

# penlight additions

Some functionality is added to penlight and Lua.

#### **General Additions**

```
pl.char(n) return letter corresponding to 1=a, 2=b, etc.
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### string additions

```
string.upfirst(s) uppercase first letter
string.delspace(s) delete all spaces
string.trimfl(s)remove first and last chars
string.splitstrip(s, sp, st) split by sp (default comma) followed by strip (default whites-
string.split2(s, sep1, sep2, st) split a string twice (creates a 2d array), first by sep1 (de-
        fault comma), then by sep2 (default =), with option to strip (default true)
string.appif(s, append, bool, alternate)
string.gfirst(s, t)return first matched patter from an array of patterns t
string.gextract(s) extract a pattern from a string (returns capture and new string with cap-
        ture removed)
string.totable(s) string a table of characters
string.tolist(s) string a table of characters
string.containsany(s,t) checks if any of the array of strings t are in s using string.find
string.containsanycase(s,t) case-insensitive version
string.delspace(s) clear spaces from string
string.subpar(s, c) replaces \\par with a character of your choice default is space
string.fmt(s, t, fmt) format a string like format operator, but with a few improvements.
        t can be an array (reference items like \$1 in the string), and fmt can be a table of
        formats (keys correspond to those in t), or a string that is processed by luakeys.
string.parsekv(s, opts) parse a string using a luakeys instance (penlight.luakeys). A
        ky-string or table can be used for opts.
string.hasnoalpha(s) string has no letters
string.hasnonum(s) string has no numbers
string.isvarlike(s) string is 'variable-like', starts with a letter or underscore and then is al-
        phanumeric or has underscores after
```

#### tablex additions

```
tablex.fmt(t, f) format a table with table or key-value string f
tablex.list2comma(t) Use oxford comma type listing, e.g. A, B, and C
tablex.strinds(t) convert integer indexes to string indices (1 -> '1')
tablex.filterstr(t,e,case) keep only values in table t that contain expression e, case insensitive by default.
tablex.mapslice(f,t,i1,i2) map a function to elements between i1 and i2
```

tablex.listcontains(t,v) checks if a value is in a array-style list tablex.kkeys(t) returns keys that are non-numeric (like kpairs)

#### List additions

List:inject(12, pos) injects a list (12) into a list at position. Set pos=0 to inject at end.

#### seq additions

A syntax to produce sequences or a 'train' of numbers is provided. This may be useful for including pages from a pdf, or selecting rows of a table with a concise syntax.

```
seq.train(trn, len) produces a pl.List according to the arguments
seq.itrain(trn, len) produces an iterator according to the arguments.
seq.tbltrain(tbl, trn) produces an iterator over a table
```

An example syntax for trn is 'i1, i2, r1:r2', etc. where i1 and i2 are individual indexes/elements, separated by , and r1:r2 is a range (inclusive of end-point) denoted with a :. The range format follows python's numpy indexing, and a 'stride' can be given by including a second colon like ::2 -> is 1,3,5,..., or 2::3 -> 2,5,8,....

Negative numbers can be used to index relative to the length of the table, eg, -1 -> len, but if length is not given, negative indexing cannot be used and a number after the first colon must be provided. A missing left-number on the colon assumes 1, and missing right number assumes len. A missing 'stride' (number after the optional second colon) assumes a value of 1.

Variable-like strings can be given in place of numbers, which are assumed to be keys for a table instead.

For tbltrain a \* can be passed to iterate over all keys.

The default colon and comma separators for ranges and elements can be set with seq.train\_range\_sep and seq.train\_element\_sep, respectively.

```
\begin{luacode*}
 2
       for i in
         pl.seq.itrain('1, :, 6, 0::2, -3 ',
 3
 4
                             5) do
            tex.print(i..',')
 5
 6
         end
                                                                         1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 0, 2, 4, 3, c=C; b=B;
 7
       local t = {'n1','n2',a='A',b='B',c='C'}
                                                                         a=A; c=C; 1=n1;
 8
         for k, v in
 9
         pl.seq.tbltrain(t, '*,c,1') do
            \texttt{tex.print}(\texttt{tostring}(\texttt{k}) \dots \texttt{'='} \dots \texttt{tostring}(\texttt{v}) \leftarrow
10
12
    \end{luacode*}
```

# A pl.tex. module is added

add\_bkt\_cnt(n), close\_bkt\_cnt(n), reset\_bkt\_cnt functions to keep track of adding curly
 brackets as strings. add will return n (default 1) {'s and increment a counter. close
 will return n }'s (default will close all brackets) and decrement.

NumBkts internal integer for tracking the number of brackets

opencmd(cs) prints \cs { and adds to the bracket counters.

openenv(env,opts) prints a \begin {env}[opts], and stores the enironment in a list so it can be later closed with closeenv{num}

xNoValue, xTrue, xFalse: xparse equivalents for commands

printing.
prt1(1),prtt(t) print a literal string, or table

wrt(x), wrtn(x) write to log

wrth(s1, s2) pretty-print something to console. S2 is a flag to help you find., alias is help\_wrt, also in pl.wrth

 ${\tt prt\_array2d(tt)}\ {\tt pretty}\ {\tt print}\ {\tt a}\ {\tt 2d}\ {\tt array}$ 

pkgwarn(pkg, msg1, msg2) throw a package warning

pkgerror(pkg, msg1, msg2, stop) throw a package error. If stop is true, immediately ceases compile.

defcmd(cs, val) like \gdef , but note that no special chars allowed in cs(eg. @)

defmacro(cs, val) like \gdef , allows special characters, but any tokens in val must be predefined (this uses token.set\_macro internally)

newcmd(cs, val) like \newcommand

renewcmd(cs, val) like \renewcommand

prvcmd(cs, val) like \providecommand

deccmd(cs, dft, overwrite) declare a command. If dft (default) is nil, cs is set to a package warning saying 'cs' was declared and used in document, but never set. If overwrite is true, it will overwrite an existing command (using defcmd), otherwise, it will throw error like newcmd.

get ref info(1) accesses the \r @label and returns a table

### Recording LaTeX input as a lua variable

penlight.tex.startrecording() start recording input buffer without printing to latex penlight.tex.stoprecording() stop recording input buffer

penlight.tex.readbuf() internal-use function that interprets the buffer. This will ignore an environment ending (eg. end{envir})

# penlightplus LaTeX Macros

### Macro helpers

 $MakeluastringCommands [def]{spec} will let \plluastring (A|B|C..) be \label{eq:luastring} (N|O|T|F) based on the letters that spec is set to (or def(ault) if nothing is provided) This is useful if you want to write a command with flexibility on argument expansion. The user can specify n, o, t, and f (case insensitve) if they want none, once, twice, or full expansion.$ 

```
Variants of luastring are added:
\luastringF {m} = \luastring {m}
\luastringT {m}, expand the first token of m twice
```

For example, we can control the expansion of args 2 and 3 with arg 1:

```
\NewDocumentCommand{\splittocomma}{ O{nn} m m }{%
   \MakeluastringCommands[nn]{#1}%
   \luadirect{penlight.tex.split2comma(\plluastringA{#2},\plluastringB{#3})}%
}
```

#### Lua boolean expressions

\ifluax {<Lua expr>}{<do if true>}[<do if false>] and \ifluaxv {<Lua expr>}{<do if true>}[<do if false>] for truthy (uses penlight.hasval). The argument is expanded.

```
1 \ifluax{3^3 == 27}{3*3*3 is 27}[WRONG]\\
2 \ifluax{abc123 == nil}{Var is nil}[WRONG]\\
3 \ifluax{not true}{tRuE}[fAlSe]\\
4 \ifluax{''}{TRUE}[FALSE]\\
5 \ifluaxv{''}{true}[false]\\
6 \def\XXX{8}
7 \ifluax{\XXX == 8}{Yes}[No]
3*3*3 is 27
Var is nil
fAlSe
TRUE
fAlSe
TRUE
false
Yes
```

#### **Case-switch for Conditionals**

\caseswitch {case}{kev-val choices} The starred version will throw an error if the case is not found. Use \_\_\_ as a placeholder for a case that isn't matched. The case is fully expanded and interpreted as a lua string.

# Create, modify, and use Lua tables from within LaTeX

This portion of the package has been moved to a another package called luatbls (https://ctan.org/pkg/luatbls)

# PDF meta data (for pdfx package)

\writePDFmetadatakv \*[x]{kv} Take a key-value string (eg. title=whatever, author=me) and then writes to the jobname.xmpdata file, which is used by pdfx. \* will first clear \_\_PDFmetadata\_\_ which contains the metadata. The un-starred version updates that table. You can control the expansion of the key-val argument with [x], which is fully expanded by default. Command sequences are ultimately stripped from the values, except for \and is converted to \sep for pdfx usage (https://texdoc.org/serve/pdfx/0).

\writePDFmetadata runs the lua function penlight.tex.writePDFmetadata(), which pushes the lua variable \_\_PDFmetadata\_\_ (a table) to the xmpdata file. This might be useful if you're updating \_\_PDFmetadata\_\_ by some other means.

```
1 \writePDFmetadatakv{author=Some One} %
2 \writePDFmetadatakv*[n]{author=Kale \and You\xspace} % Overwrites above. Does not 
expant kv
3 \writePDFmetadatakv{date=2024-02-01}
```