

# LATEX ENVIRONMENTS



## TO IMAGE FORMAT

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### Abstract

**ltximg** is a **perl** script that automates the process of extracting and converting environments provided by **tikz**, **pstricks** and other packages from *⟨input file⟩* to image formats in individual files using **ghostscript** and **poppler-utils**. Generates a file with only extracted environments and another with environments converted to `\includegraphics`.

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## 1 Motivation

The original idea was to extend the functionality of the **pst2pdf** script (only for **pspicture** and **postscript**) to work with **tikzpicture** and other environments.

The **tikz** package allows to externalize the environments, but, the idea was to be able to extend this to any type of environment covering three central points:

1. Generate separate files for environments and converted into images.
2. Generate a file with only the extracted environments.
3. Generate a file replacing the environments by `\includegraphics`.

From the side of **T<sub>E</sub>X** there are some packages that cover several of these points such as the **preview**, **xcomment**, **external** and **cachepic** packages among others, but none covered all points.

In the network there are some solutions in **bash** that were able to extract and convert environments, but in general they presented problems when the document contained *verbatim style* code or were only available for **Linux**.

Analysed the situation the best thing was to create a new *script* that was able to cover the three points and was multi platform, the union of all these ideas is born **ltximg**. Finding the correct *regular expressions* and writing *documentation* would be the great mission (which does not end yet).

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## 2 Required Software

For the complete operation of `ltximg` you need to have a modern T<sub>E</sub>X distribution such as T<sub>E</sub>XLive or MiK<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>, have a version equal to or greater than 5.28 of `perl`, a version equal to or greater than 9.24 of `ghostscript` and have a version equal to or greater than 0.52 of `poppler-utils`.

The distribution of T<sub>E</sub>XLive 2019 for `Windows` includes `ltximg` and all requirements, MiK<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> users must install the appropriate software for full operation.

The script has been tested on `Windows` (version 10) and `Linux` (fedora 30) in x64 architecture using `ghostscript` v9.26, `poppler-utils` v0.52 to v0.73 and `perl` from v5.28 to v5.30.

## 3 How it works

It is important to have a general idea of how the *extraction and conversion* process works and the requirements that must be fulfilled so that everything works correctly, for this we must be clear about some concepts related to how to work with the *⟨verbatim content⟩*, the *⟨input file⟩*, the *⟨output file⟩* and the *⟨steps process⟩*.

### 3.1 The input file

The *⟨input file⟩* must comply with certain characteristics in order to be processed, the content at the beginning and at the end of the *⟨input file⟩* is treated in a special way, before `\documentclass` can only be commented lines and after `\end{document}` can go any type of content, internally will split the *⟨input file⟩* at this points.

If the *⟨input file⟩* contains files using `\input` or `\include` these will not be processed, from the side of the *script* they only represent lines within the file, if you want them to be processed it is better to use the `latexexpand` first and then process the file.

Like `\input` or `\include`, blank lines, vertical spaces and tab characters are treated literally, for the *script* the *⟨input file⟩* is just a set of characters, as if it was a simple text file. It is advisable to format the source code *⟨input file⟩* using utilities such as `chktex` and `latexindent`, especially if you want to extract the source code of the environments.

An example of the *⟨input file⟩*:

```

1 % some commented lines at begin document
2 \documentclass{article}
3 \usepackage{tikz}
4 \begin{document}
5 Some text
6 \begin{tikzpicture}
7 Some code
8 \end{tikzpicture}
9 Always use \verb|\begin{tikzpicture}|
10 and \verb|\end{tikzpicture}| to open
11 and close environment
12 \begin{tikzpicture}
13 Some code
14 \end{tikzpicture}
15 Some text
16 \end{document}
17 % some lines after end document

```

### 3.2 Verbatim contents

One of the greatest capabilities of `ltximg` script is to skip the complications that *verbatim style* content produces with the extraction of environments. In order to skip the complications, the verbatim content is classified into three types:

- Verbatim in line
- Verbatim standard
- Verbatim write

Each of these classifications works differently within the creation and extraction process using different regular expressions for it.

### 3.2.1 Verbatim in line

The small pieces of code written in the same line using a verbatim command are considered *verbatim in line*, such as `\verb|<code>|`. Most verbatim commands provide by packages `minted`, `fancyvrb` and `listings` have been tested and are fully supported. They are automatically detected the verbatim command generates by `\newmint` and `\newmintinline` and the following command list:

- |                        |                           |                            |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| • <code>\mint</code>   | • <code>\verb</code>      | • <code>\pygment</code>    |
| • <code>\spverb</code> | • <code>\Verb</code>      | • <code>\Scontents</code>  |
| • <code>\qverb</code>  | • <code>\lstinline</code> | • <code>\tcboxverb</code>  |
| • <code>\fverb</code>  | • <code>\pyginline</code> | • <code>\mintinline</code> |

Some packages define abbreviated versions for verbatim commands as `\DefineShortVerb`, `\lstMakeShortInline` and `\MakeSpecialShortVerb`, will be detected automatically if are declared explicitly in *input file*.

The following consideration should be kept in mind for some packages that use abbreviations for verbatim commands, such as `shortvrb` or `doc` for example in which there is no explicit command in the document by means of which the abbreviated form can be detected, for automatic detection need to find `\DefineShortVerb` explicitly to process it correctly. The solution is quite simple, just add in *input file*:

```
\UndefinedShortVerb{\|}
\DefineShortVerb{\|}
```

depending on the package you are using. If your verbatim command is not supported by default or can not detect, use the options described in 6.2 and 6.3.

### 3.2.2 Verbatim standard

These are the classic environments for writing code are considered *verbatim standard*, such as `verbatim` and `lstlisting` environments. The following list is considered as *verbatim standard* environments:

- |                                   |                             |                              |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • <code>Example</code>            | • <code>SaveVerbatim</code> | • <code>comment</code>       | • <code>pyglist</code>   |
| • <code>CenterExample</code>      | • <code>PSTcode</code>      | • <code>chklisting</code>    | • <code>program</code>   |
| • <code>SideBySideExample</code>  | • <code>LTXexample</code>   | • <code>verbatimtab</code>   | • <code>programl</code>  |
| • <code>PCenterExample</code>     | • <code>tcblisting</code>   | • <code>listingcont</code>   | • <code>programL</code>  |
| • <code>PSideBySideExample</code> | • <code>spverbatim</code>   | • <code>boxedverbatim</code> | • <code>programs</code>  |
| • <code>verbatim</code>           | • <code>minted</code>       | • <code>demo</code>          | • <code>programf</code>  |
| • <code>Verbatim</code>           | • <code>listing</code>      | • <code>sourcecode</code>    | • <code>programsc</code> |
| • <code>BVerbatim</code>          | • <code>lstlisting</code>   | • <code>xcomment</code>      | • <code>programt</code>  |
| • <code>LVerbatim</code>          | • <code>alltt</code>        | • <code>pygmented</code>     |                          |

They are automatically detected *verbatim standard* environments generates by commands:

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| • <code>\DefineVerbatimEnvironment</code> | • <code>\includecomment</code> |
| • <code>\NewListingEnvironment</code>     | • <code>\newtcblisting</code>  |
| • <code>\DeclareTCBListing</code>         | • <code>\NewTCBListing</code>  |
| • <code>\ProvideTCBListing</code>         | • <code>\newverbatim</code>    |
| • <code>\lstnewenvironment</code>         | • <code>\NewProgram</code>     |
| • <code>\newtabverbatim</code>            | • <code>\newminted</code>      |
| • <code>\specialcomment</code>            |                                |

If any of the *verbatim standard* environments is not supported by default or can not detected, you can use the options described in 6.2 and 6.3.

### 3.2.3 Verbatim write

Some environments have the ability to write external files or memory directly, these environments are considered *verbatim write*, such as `filecontents` or `VerbatimOut` environments. The following list is considered as *verbatim write* environments:

- |                                 |                              |                                     |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • <code>scontents</code>        | • <code>tcbwritetmp</code>   | • <code>verbatimwrite</code>        |
| • <code>filecontents</code>     | • <code>extcolorbox</code>   | • <code>filecontentsdef</code>      |
| • <code>tcboutputlisting</code> | • <code>extikzpicture</code> | • <code>filecontentshere</code>     |
| • <code>tcbexternal</code>      | • <code>VerbatimOut</code>   | • <code>filecontentsdefmacro</code> |

They are automatically detected `<verbatim write>` environments generates by commands:

- `\renewtcexternalizetcolorbox`
- `\newtcexternalizeenvironment`
- `\renewtcexternalizeenvironment`
- `\newtcexternalizetcolorbox`

If any of the `<verbatim write>` environments is not supported by default or can not detected, you can use the options described in 6.2 and 6.3.

### 3.3 Steps process

For creation of the image formats, extraction of code and creation of an output file, `ltximg` need a various steps. Let's assume that the `<input file>` is `test.tex`, `<output file>` is `test-out`, the working directory are `/workdir`, the directory for images are `/workdir/images` and the user's temporary directory is `/tmp` and we want to generate images in `pdf` format together with the source codes of the environments.

#### Comment and ignore

The first step is read and validated [`<options>`] from the command line and `test.tex`, verifying that `test.tex`, `test-out` and the directory `/images` are in `/workdir`, create the directory `/workdir/images` if it does not exist and a temporary directory `/tmp/hG45uVklv9`. The entire file `test.tex` is loaded in memory and proceeds (in general terms) as follows:

Search the words `\begin{}` and `\end{}` in verbatim standard, verbatim write, verbatim in line and commented lines, if it finds them, converts to `\BEGIN{}` and `\END{}`, then places all code to extract inside the `\begin{preview} ... \end{preview}`.

At this point all the code you want to extract is inside `\begin{preview} ... \end{preview}` and the files `test-fig-1.tex`, `test-fig-2.tex`, ... are generated and saved in `/images`.

#### Create random file

In the second step, with the file already loaded in memory, creating a temporary file with a random number (1981 for example) and proceed in two ways according to the [`<options>`] passed to the script:

1. If script is call `whitout -n,--noprew` options, adds the following lines to the beginning of the `test.tex` (in memory):

```
\AtBeginDocument{%
\RequirePackage[active,tightpage]{preview}
\renewcommand\PreviewBbAdjust{-60pt -60pt 60pt 60pt}}%
% rest of input file
```

And save in a temporary file `test-fig-1981.tex` in `/workdir`.

2. If script is call `whit -n,--noprew` options, all code to extract its put inside the `preview` environment. The `\begin{preview} ... \end{preview}` lines are only used as delimiters for extracting the content *without* using the package `preview`.

Creating a temporary file `test-fig-1981.tex` in `/workdir` whit the same preamble of `test.tex` but the body only contains code that you want to extract.

#### Generate image formats

In the third step the script run:

```
[user@machine ~:]$<compiler> -recorder -shell-escape test-fig-1981.tex
```

generating the file `test-fig-1981.pdf` whit all code extracted, move `test-fig-1981.pdf` to `/tmp/hG45uVklv9`, separate in individual files `test-fig-1.pdf`, `test-fig-2.pdf`, ... and copy to `/workdir/images/`. The file `test-fig-1981.tex` is moved to the `/workdir/images/` and rename to `test-fig-all.tex`.

Note the options passed to `<compiler>` does not include `-output-directory` (it is not supported) and always use `-recorder -shell-escape` you must keep this in mind if you use `arara`.

#### Create output file

In the fourth step the script creates the output file `test-out.tex` converting all extracted code to `\includegraphics` and adding the following lines at end of preamble:

```

1 \usepackage{graphicx}
2 \graphicspath{{images/}}
3 \usepackage{grfext}
4 \PrependGraphicsExtensions*{.pdf}

```

If the packages `graphicx` and `grfext` are already loaded and the command `\graphicspath` is found in the input file were detected automatically and only the changes will be added then proceed to run:

```
[user@machine ~:]$<compiler> -recorder -shell-escape test-out.tex
```

generating the file `test-out.pdf`.

Now the script read the files `test-fig-1981.flx` and `test-out.flx`, extract the information from the temporary files generated in the process and then delete them together with the directory `/tmp/hG45uVklv9`. An example for input and output file:

1 \documentclass{article}	1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage{tikz}	2 \usepackage{tikz}
3 \begin{document}	3 \usepackage{graphicx}
4 Some text	4 \graphicspath{{images/}}
5 \begin{tikzpicture}	5 \usepackage{grfext}
6 Some code	6 \PrependGraphicsExtensions*{.pdf}
7 \end{tikzpicture}	7 \begin{document}
8 Always use \verb \begin{tikzpicture}	8 Some text
9 and \verb \end{tikzpicture}  to open	9 \includegraphics[scale=1]{test-fig-1}
10 and close environment	10 Always use \verb \begin{tikzpicture}
11 \begin{tikzpicture}	11 and \verb \end{tikzpicture}  to open
12 some code	12 and close environment
13 \end{tikzpicture}	13 \includegraphics[scale=1]{test-fig-2}
14 Some text	14 Some text
15 \end{document}	15 \end{document}
test.tex	test-out.tex

## 4 Extract content

The script provides two ways to extract content from *<input file>*, using *<environments>* and *<docstrip tags>*. Some environment (including a starred `*` version) are supported by default and if the environments are nested, the outermost will be extracted.

### 4.1 Default environments

<code>\begin{preview}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{preview}</code>	Environment provide by <code>preview</code> package. If <code>preview</code> environments found in the input file will be extracted and converted these. Internally converts all environments to extract in <code>preview</code> environments. Is better comment this package in preamble unless the option <code>-n,--noprew</code> is used.
<code>\begin{pspicture}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{pspicture}</code>	Environment provide by <code>psstricks</code> package. The plain syntax <code>\pspicture ... \endpspicture</code> its converted to <code>\begin{pspicture} ... \end{pspicture}</code> .
<code>\begin{psgraph}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{psgraph}</code>	Environment provide by <code>pst-plot</code> package. The plain syntax <code>\psgraph ... \endpsgraph</code> its converted to <code>\begin{psgraph} ... \end{psgraph}</code> .
<code>\begin{postscript}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{postscript}</code>	Environment provide by <code>pst-pdf</code> and <code>auto-pst-pdf</code> packages. Since the <code>pst-pdf</code> and <code>auto-pst-pdf</code> packages internally use the <code>preview</code> package, is better comment this in preamble.
<code>\begin{tikzpicture}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{tikzpicture}</code>	Environment provide by <code>tikz</code> package. The plain syntax <code>\tikzpicture ... \tikzpicture</code> its converted to <code>\begin{tikzpicture} ... \end{tikzpicture}</code> but no a short <code>\tikz...</code> .
<code>\begin{pgfpicture}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{pgfpicture}</code>	Environment provide by <code>pgf</code> package. Since the script uses a <i>recursive regular expression</i> to extract environments, no presents problems if present <code>pgfinterruptpicture</code> .
<code>\begin{PSTexample}</code> <i>&lt;env content&gt;</i> <code>\end{PSTexample}</code>	Environment provide by <code>pst-exa</code> packages. The script automatically detects the <code>\begin{PSTexample}</code>

...`\end{PSTexample}` environments and processes them as separately compiled files. The user should have loaded the package with the `[swpl]` or `[tcb]` option and run the script using `--latex` or `--xetex`. If you need to extract more environments you can use one of the options described in 6.2 or 6.3.

## 4.2 Extract whit docstrip tags

`%<*ltximg>` All content included between `%<*ltximg>` ... `%</ltximg>` is extracted. The tags can not be nested and should be at the beginning of the line and in separate lines.

```
%</ltximg>
% no space before open tag %<*
%<*ltximg>
code to extract
%</ltximg>
% no space before close tag %</
```

## 4.3 Prevent extraction and remove

Sometimes you do not want to extract all the environments from `<input file>` or you want to remove environments or arbitrary content, for example auxiliary files to generate a graphic. The script provides a convenient way to solve this situation.

`\begin{nopreview}` Environment provide by `preview` package. Internally the script converts all no extract environments to `\begin{nopreview}` ... `\end{nopreview}`. Is better comment this package in preamble unless the option `-n,--noprew` is used.

`%<*noltximg>` All content between `%<*noltximg>` ... `%</noltximg>` are ignored and no extract. The start and closing of the tag must be at the beginning of the line.

```
%</noltximg>
% no space before open tag %<*
%<*noltximg>
no extract this
%</noltximg>
% no space before close tag %</
```

`%<*remove>` All content between `%<*remove>` ... `%</remove>` are deleted in the `<output file>`. The start and closing of the tag must be at the beginning of the line.

```
%</remove>
% no space before open tag %<*
%<*remove>
lines removed in output file
%</remove>
% no space before close tag %</
```

If you want to remove specific environments automatically you can use one of the options described in 6.2 or 6.3.

# 5 Image Formats

The `<image formats>` generated by the `ltximg` using `ghostscript` and `poppler-utils` are the following command lines:

**pdf** The image format generated using `ghostscript`. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ gs -q -dNOSAFER -sDEVICE=pdfwrite -dPDFSETTINGS=/prepress
```

**eps** The image format generated using `pdftops`. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ pdftops -q -eps
```

**png** The image format generated using `ghostscript`. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ gs -q -dNOSAFER -sDEVICE=pngalpha -r 150
```

**jpg** The image format generated using **ghostscript**. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ gs -q -dNOSAfer -sDEVICE=jpeg -r 150 -dJPEGQ=100 \
-dGraphicsAlphaBits=4 -dTextAlphaBits=4
```

**ppm** The image format generated using **pdftoppm**. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ pdftoppm -q -r 150
```

**tif** The image format generated using **ghostscript**. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ gs -q -dNOSAfer -sDEVICE=tiff32nc -r 150
```

**svg** The image format generated using **pdftocairo**. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ pdftocairo -q -r 150
```

**bmp** The image format generated using **ghostscript**. The line executed by the system is:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ gs -q -dNOSAfer -sDEVICE=bmp32b -r 150
```

## 6 How to use

### 6.1 Syntax

The syntax for **ltximg** is simple:

```
[user@machine ~:]$ ltximg <compiler> [<options>] [--] <file.ext>
```

The extension **<ext>** for **<input file>** are **.tex** or **.ltx**, relative or absolute paths for files and directories is not supported. If used without **<compiler>** and **[<options>]** the extracted environments are converted to pdf image format and saved in the **/images** directory using **pdflatex** and **preview** package.

### 6.2 Options in command line

**ltximg** provides a *command line interface* with short and long option names. They may be given before the name of the file. Also, the order of specifying the options is significant. Certain options accept a list separate by commas, this require a separated by white space or equals sign **=** between option and list and if it's the last option need **--** at the end. Multiple short options can be bundling.

<b>-h, --help</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Display a command line help text and exit.	
<b>-l, --license</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Display a license text and exit.	
<b>-v, --version</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Display the current version (1.7) and exit.	
<b>-d, --dpi</b>	<b>&lt;int&gt;</b>	(default: 150)
	Dots per inch for images files.	
<b>-t, --tif</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Create a <b>.tif</b> images files using <b>ghostscript</b> .	
<b>-b, --bmp</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Create a <b>.bmp</b> images files using <b>ghostscript</b> .	
<b>-j, --jpg</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Create a <b>.jpg</b> images files using <b>ghostscript</b> .	
<b>-p, --png</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Create a <b>.png</b> transparent image files using <b>ghostscript</b> .	
<b>-e, --eps</b>	<b>&lt;boolean&gt;</b>	(default: off)
	Create a <b>.eps</b> image files using <b>pdftops</b> .	



- `-s, --svg`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Create a `.svg` image files using `pdftocairo`.
- `-P, --ppm`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Create a `.ppm` image files using `pdftoppm`.
- `-g, --gray`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Create a gray scale for all images using `ghostscript`. The line behind this options is:
- ```
[user@machine ~:]$ gs -q -dNOSAfer -sDEVICE=pdfwrite -dPDFSETTINGS=/prepress \
-sColorConversionStrategy=Gray -dProcessColorModel=/DeviceGray
```
- `-f, --force`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Try to capture `\psset{...}` and `\tikzset{...}` to extract. When using the `--force` option the script will try to capture `\psset{...}` or `\tikzset{...}` and leave it inside the `preview` environment, any line that is between `\psset{...}` and `\begin{pspicture}` or between `\tikzset{...}` and `\begin{tikzpicture}` will be captured.
- `-n, --noprew`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Create images files without `preview` package. The `\begin{preview}... \end{preview}` lines are only used as delimiters for extracting the content *without* using the package `preview`. Sometimes it is better to use it together with `--force`.
- `-m, --margin`  $\langle$ numeric $\rangle$  (default: 0)  
Set margins in bp for `pdfcrop`.
- `-o, --output`  $\langle$ output file name $\rangle$  (default: empty)  
Create  $\langle$ output file name $\rangle$  whit all extracted environments/contents converted to `\includegraphics`. The  $\langle$ output file name $\rangle$  must not contain extension.
- `--imgdir`  $\langle$ string $\rangle$  (default: images)  
The name of directory for save images and source code.
- `--zip`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Compress only the files generated by the script during the process in `/images` in `.zip` format. Does not include  $\langle$ output file $\rangle$ .
- `--tar`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Compress only the files generated by the script during the process in `/images` in `.tar.gz` format. Does not include  $\langle$ output file $\rangle$ .
- `--verbose`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Show verbose information in screen and change `-interaction` for compiler.
- `--srcenv`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Create separate files whit *only code* for all extracted environments, is mutually exclusive whit `--subenv`.
- `--subenv`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Create sub files whit *preamble* and code for all extracted environments, is mutually exclusive whit `--srcenv`.
- `--arara`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Use `arara` for compiler files, need to pass `-recorder` option to  $\langle$ input file $\rangle$ :  

```
% arara : <compiler> : { options: [-recorder] }
```
- `--xetex`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Using `xe $\LaTeX$`  compiler  $\langle$ input file $\rangle$  and  $\langle$ output file $\rangle$ .
- `--latex`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Using `latex $\rightarrow$ dvips $\rightarrow$ ps2pdf` compiler in  $\langle$ input file $\rangle$  and `pdf $\LaTeX$`  for  $\langle$ output file $\rangle$ .
- `--dvips`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$  (default: off)  
Using `latex $\rightarrow$ dvips $\rightarrow$ ps2pdf` for compiler  $\langle$ input file $\rangle$  and  $\langle$ output file $\rangle$ .



|                                                                                                                            |                                             |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <code>--dvipdf</code>                                                                                                      | <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>                | (default: off)    |
| Using <code>latex»dvipdfmx</code> for compiler <code>&lt;input file&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;output file&gt;</code> .      |                                             |                   |
| <code>--luatex</code>                                                                                                      | <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>                | (default: off)    |
| Using <code>lua<del>l</del>atex</code> for compiler <code>&lt;input file&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;output file&gt;</code> . |                                             |                   |
| <code>--prefix</code>                                                                                                      | <code>&lt;string&gt;</code>                 | (default: fig)    |
| Add prefix append to each files created.                                                                                   |                                             |                   |
| <code>--norun</code>                                                                                                       | <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>                | (default: off)    |
| Run script, but no create images. This option is designed to debug the file and when you only need to extract the code     |                                             |                   |
| <code>--nopdf</code>                                                                                                       | <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>                | (default: off)    |
| Don't create a <code>.pdf</code> image files.                                                                              |                                             |                   |
| <code>--nocrop</code>                                                                                                      | <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>                | (default: off)    |
| Don't run <code>pdfcrop</code> in image files.                                                                             |                                             |                   |
| <code>--clean</code>                                                                                                       | <code>&lt;doc pst tkz all off&gt;</code>    | (default: doc)    |
| Removes specific content in <code>&lt;output file&gt;</code> . Valid values for this option are:                           |                                             |                   |
| <code>doc</code> All content after <code>\end{document}</code> is removed.                                                 |                                             |                   |
| <code>pst</code> All <code>\psset{...}</code> and <code>pstricks</code> package is removed.                                |                                             |                   |
| <code>tkz</code> All <code>\tikzset{...}</code> is removed.                                                                |                                             |                   |
| <code>all</code> Activates doc, pst and tkz.                                                                               |                                             |                   |
| <code>off</code> Deactivate all.                                                                                           |                                             |                   |
| <code>--verbcmd</code>                                                                                                     | <code>&lt;command name&gt;</code>           | (default: myverb) |
| Set custom verbatim command <code>\myverb &lt;code&gt; </code> .                                                           |                                             |                   |
| <code>--extrenv</code>                                                                                                     | <code>&lt;list separate by comma&gt;</code> | (default: empty)  |
| List of environments to extract, need <code>--</code> at end.                                                              |                                             |                   |
| <code>--skipenv</code>                                                                                                     | <code>&lt;list separate by comma&gt;</code> | (default: empty)  |
| List of environments that should not be extracted and that the script supports by default, need <code>--</code> at end.    |                                             |                   |
| <code>--verbenv</code>                                                                                                     | <code>&lt;list separate by comma&gt;</code> | (default: empty)  |
| List of <code>&lt;verbatim standard&gt;</code> environment support, need <code>--</code> at end.                           |                                             |                   |
| <code>--writenv</code>                                                                                                     | <code>&lt;list separate by comma&gt;</code> | (default: empty)  |
| List of <code>&lt;verbatim write&gt;</code> environment support, need <code>--</code> at end.                              |                                             |                   |
| <code>--deltenv</code>                                                                                                     | <code>&lt;list separate by comma&gt;</code> | (default: empty)  |
| List of environment deleted in <code>&lt;output file&gt;</code> , need <code>--</code> at end.                             |                                             |                   |

### 6.3 Options in input file

Many of the ideas in this section are inspired by the `arara` program (I adore it). A very useful way to pass options to the script is to place them in commented lines at the beginning of the file, very much in the style of `arara`.

```
% ltximg : <argument> : {<option one, option two, option three, ...>}
```

```
%!ltximg : <argument> : {<option one, option two, option three, ...>}
```

The vast majority of the options can be passed into the `<input file>`. These should be put at the beginning of the file in commented lines and everything must be on the same line, the exclamation mark deactivates the option. Valid values for `<argument>` are the following:

```
% ltximg : options : {<option one = value, option two = value, option three = value, ...>}
```

This line is to indicate to the script which options need to process.

```
% ltximg : extrenv : {<environment one, environment two, environment three, ...>}
```

This line is to indicate to the script which environments, not supported by default, are extracted.

```
% ltximg : skipenv : {<environment one, environment two, environment three, ...>}
```

This line is to indicate to the script which environments, of the ones supported by default, should not be

extracted.

```
% ltximg : verbenv : {\environment one, environment two, environment three, ...}
```

This line is to indicate to the script which environments, its considerate a *verbatim standard*.

```
% ltximg : writenv : {\environment one, environment two, environment three, ...}
```

This line is to indicate to the script which environments its consider *verbatim write*.

```
% ltximg : deltenv : {\environment one, environment two, environment three, ...}
```

This line is to indicate to the script which environments are deleted.

If you are going to create an *output file* and you do not want these lines to remain, it is better to place them inside the `%<*remove> ... %</remove>`. Like this:

```
1 %<*remove>
2 % ltximg : options : {png,srcenv,xetex}
3 % ltximg : extenv : {description}
4 %</remove>
```

## 7 Examples

### 7.1 From command line

```
[user@machine ~:]$ ltximg --latex -s -o test-out test-in.ltx
```

Create a `/images` directory whit all extracted environments converted to image formats (`pdf`, `svg`) in individual files, an *output file* `test-out.ltx` whit all supported environments converted to `\includegraphics` and a single file `test-in-fig-all.ltx` with only the extracted environments using `latex»dvips»ps2pdf` and `preview` package for *input file* and `pdflatex` for *output file*.

### 7.2 From input file

Adding the following lines to the beginning of the file `file-in.tex`:

```
1 %<*remove>
2 % ltximg : options : {output = file-out, noprew, imgdir = pics, prefix = env, clean = doc}
3 % ltximg : skipenv : {tikzpicture}
4 % ltximg : deltenv : {filecontents}
5 %</remove>
```

and run:

```
[user@machine~:]$ ltximg file-in.tex
```

Create a `/pics` directory whit all extracted environments, except `tikzpicture`, converted to image formats (`pdf`) in individual files, an *output file* `file-out.tex` whit all extracted environments converted to `\includegraphics` and environment `filecontents` removed, a single file `test-in-env-all.ltx` with only the extracted environments using `pdflatex` and `preview` package for *input file* and *output file*.

## 8 Change history

Some of the notable changes in the history of the `ltximg` along with the versions, both development (devp) and public (ctan).

- v1.7 (ctan), 2019-08-24**
  - Add `scontents` environment support
  - Add `filecontentsdefmacro` environment support
  - Fix regex in source code
  - Update documentation
- v1.6 (ctan), 2019-07-13**
  - Add `zip` and `tar` options
  - Add new `Verb` from `fvextra`
  - Fix and update source code and documentation
- v1.5 (ctan), 2018-04-12**
  - Use `GitHub` to control version
  - Rewrite and optimize most part of source code and options
  - Change `pdf2svg` for `pdftocairo`
  - Complete support for `pst-exa` package
  - Escape characters in regex according to perl v5.4x.x
- v1.4 (devp), 2016-11-29**
  - Remove and rewrite code for regex and system call
  - Add `arara` compiler, clean and comment code
  - Add `dvips` and `dvipdfm(x)` for creation images
  - Add `bmp`, `tiff` image format
- v1.3 (devp), 2016-08-14**
  - Rewrite some part of code (`norun`, `nocrop`, `clean`)
  - Support `minted` and `tcolorbox` package
  - Escape some characters in regex according to perl v5.2x.x
  - All options read from command line and input file
  - Use `/tmp` dir for work process
- v1.2 (ctan), 2015-04-22**
  - Remove unused modules
  - Add more image format
  - Fix regex
- v1.1 (ctan), 2015-04-21**
  - Change `mogrify` to `gs` for image formats
  - Create output file
  - Rewrite source code and fix regex
  - Change format date to iso format
- v1.0 (ctan), 2013-12-01**
  - First public release

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