

The pdfcol package

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Abstract

Since version 1.40 pdfT_EX supports color stacks. The driver file `pdf-tex.def` for package `color` defines and uses a main color stack since version v0.04b. Package `pdfcol` is intended for package writers. It defines macros for setting and maintaining new color stacks.

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1 Documentation

Version 1.40 of pdfT_EX adds new primitives `\pdfcolorstackinit` and `\pdfcolorstack`. Now color stacks can be defined and used. A main color stack is maintained by the driver file `pdftex.def` similar to dvips or dvi_Pdfm. However the number of color stacks is not limited to one in pdfT_EX. Thus further color problems can now be solved, such as footnotes across pages or text that is set in parallel columns (e.g. packages `parallel` or `parcolumn`). Unlike the main color stack, the support by additional color stacks cannot be done in a transparent manner.

This package `pdfcol` provides an easier interface to additional color stacks without the need to use the low level primitives.

1.1 Requirements

- pdfT_EX 1.40 or greater.
- pdfT_EX in PDF mode. (I don't know a DVI driver that support several color stacks.)
- `pdftex.def` 2007/01/02 v0.04b.

Package `pdfcol` checks the requirements and sets switch `\ifpdfcolAvailable` accordingly.

1.2 Interface

`\ifpdfcolAvailable`

If the requirements of section 1.1 are met the switch `\ifpdfcolAvailable` behaves as `\iftrue`. Otherwise the other interface macros in this section will be disabled with a message. Also the first use of such a macro will print a message. The messages are print to the `.log` file only if pdfT_EX is not used in PDF mode.

`\pdfcolErrorNoStacks`

The first call of `\pdfcolErrorNoStacks` prints an error message, if color stacks are not available.

`\pdfcolInitStack {<name>}`

A new color stack is initialized by `\pdfcolInitStack`. The `<name>` is used for indentifying the stack. It usually consists of letters and digits. (The name must survive a `\csname`.)

The intension of the macro is the definition of an additional color stack. Thus the stack is not page bounded like the main color stack. Black (`0 g 0 G`) is used as initial color value. And colors are written with modifier `direct` that means without setting the current transfer matrix and changing the current point (see documentation of pdfT_EX for `\pdfliteral direct{...}`).

`\pdfcolIfStackExists {<name>} {<then>} {<else>}`

Macro `\pdfcolIfStackExists` checks whether color stack `<name>` exists. In case of success argument `<then>` is executed and `<else>` otherwise.

`\pdfcolSwitchStack {(name)}`

Macro `\pdfcolSwitchStack` switches the color stack. The color macros of package `color` (or `xcolor`) now uses the new color stack with name *(name)*.

`\pdfcolSetCurrentColor`

Macro `\pdfcolSetCurrentColor` replaces the topmost entry of the stack by the current color (`\current@color`).

`\pdfcolSetCurrent {(name)}`

Macro `\pdfcolSetCurrent` sets the color that is read in the top-most entry of color stack *(name)*. If *(name)* is empty, the default color stack is used.

2 Implementation

1 *(*package)*

2.1 Reload check and package identification

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L^AT_EX.

```
2 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
3 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
4 \endlinechar=13 %
5 \catcode35=6 % #
6 \catcode39=12 % '
7 \catcode44=12 % ,
8 \catcode45=12 % -
9 \catcode46=12 % .
10 \catcode58=12 % :
11 \catcode64=11 % @
12 \catcode123=1 % {
13 \catcode125=2 % }
14 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@pdfcol.sty\endcsname
15 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
16 \else
17 \def\empty{}%
18 \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
19 % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
20 \else
21 \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
22 \def\x#1#2{%
23 \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
24 }%
25 \else
26 \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
27 \fi
28 \x{pdfcol}{The package is already loaded}%
29 \aftergroup\endinput
30 \fi
31 \fi
32 \endgroup%
```

Package identification:

```
33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
34 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
35 \endlinechar=13 %
36 \catcode35=6 % #
37 \catcode39=12 % '
38 \catcode40=12 % (
```

```

39 \catcode41=12 % )
40 \catcode44=12 % ,
41 \catcode45=12 % -
42 \catcode46=12 % .
43 \catcode47=12 % /
44 \catcode58=12 % :
45 \catcode64=11 % @
46 \catcode91=12 % [
47 \catcode93=12 % ]
48 \catcode123=1 % {
49 \catcode125=2 % }
50 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
51 \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
52 \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
53 \xdef#1{#4}%
54 }%
55 \else
56 \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
57 #2[#{#3}]%
58 \ifx#1\@undefined
59 \xdef#1{#3}%
60 \fi
61 \ifx#1\relax
62 \xdef#1{#3}%
63 \fi
64 }%
65 \fi
66 \expandafter\x\csname ver@pdfcol.sty\endcsname
67 \ProvidesPackage{pdfcol}%
68 [2018/11/01 v1.5 Handle new color stacks for pdfTeX (HO)]%

```

2.2 Catcodes

```

69 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
70 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
71 \endlinechar=13 %
72 \catcode123=1 % {
73 \catcode125=2 % }
74 \catcode64=11 % @
75 \def\x{\endgroup
76 \expandafter\edef\csname PDFCOL@AtEnd\endcsname{%
77 \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
78 \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
79 \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
80 \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
81 \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
82 \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
83 \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
84 \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
85 }%
86 }%
87 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
88 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
89 \endlinechar=13 %
90 \catcode35=6 % #
91 \catcode64=11 % @
92 \catcode123=1 % {
93 \catcode125=2 % }
94 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
95 \edef\PDFCOL@AtEnd{%
96 \PDFCOL@AtEnd
97 \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax

```

```

98 }%
99 \catcode#1=#2\relax
100 }
101 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}% '
102 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
103 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
104 \TMP@EnsureCode{43}{12}% +
105 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}% ,
106 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
107 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
108 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
109 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
110 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}% `
111 \edef\PDFCOL@AtEnd{\PDFCOL@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

```

2.3 Check requirements

\PDFCOL@RequirePackage

```

112 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
113 \expandafter\ifx\cname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
114 \def\PDFCOL@RequirePackage#1[#2]{\input #1.sty\relax}%
115 \else
116 \def\PDFCOL@RequirePackage#1[#2]{%
117 \RequirePackage{#1}[#2]}%
118 }%
119 \fi

```

LuaTeX Compatability

```

120 \ifx\pdfextension\@undefined\else
121 \def\pdfcolorstackinit {\pdffeedback colorstackinit}
122 \protected\def\pdfcolorstack {\pdfextension colorstack}
123 \fi
124 \PDFCOL@RequirePackage{ltxcms}[2010/03/01]

```

ifpdfcolAvailable

```

125 \ltx@newif\ifpdfcolAvailable
126 \pdfcolAvailabletrue

```

2.3.1 Check package luacolor

```

127 \ltx@newif\ifPDFCOL@luacolor
128 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
129 \expandafter\ifx\cname ver@luacolor.sty\endcsname\relax
130 \PDFCOL@luacolorfalse
131 \else
132 \PDFCOL@luacolortrue
133 \fi

```

2.3.2 Check PDF mode

```

134 \PDFCOL@RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]
135 \PDFCOL@RequirePackage{ifpdf}[2007/09/09]
136 \ifcase\ifpdf\ifPDFCOL@luacolor 1\fi\else 1\fi 0 %
137 \def\PDFCOL@Message{%
138 \@PackageWarningNoLine{pdfcol}%
139 }%
140 \else
141 \pdfcolAvailablefalse
142 \def\PDFCOL@Message{%
143 \@PackageInfoNoLine{pdfcol}%
144 }%
145 \PDFCOL@Message{%
146 Interface disabled because of %

```

```

147 \ifPDFCOL@luacolor
148   package `luacolor'%
149 \else
150   missing PDF mode of pdfTeX%
151 \fi
152 }%
153 \fi

```

2.3.3 Check version of pdfTeX

```

154 \ifpdfcolAvailable
155 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
156 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfcolorstack\endcsname\relax
157   \pdfcolAvailablefalse
158   \PDFCOL@Message{%
159     Interface disabled because of too old pdfTeX.\MessageBreak
160     Required is version 1.40+ for \string\pdfcolorstack
161   }%
162 \fi
163 \fi
164 \ifpdfcolAvailable
165 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
166 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfcolorstack\endcsname\relax
167   \pdfcolAvailablefalse
168   \PDFCOL@Message{%
169     Interface disabled because of too old pdfTeX.\MessageBreak
170     Required is version 1.40+ for \string\pdfcolorstackinit
171   }%
172 \fi
173 \fi

```

2.3.4 Check pdftex.def

```

174 \ifpdfcolAvailable
175 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
176 \expandafter\ifx\csname @pdfcolorstack\endcsname\relax
177   Try to load package color if it is not yet loaded (LATEX case).
178   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
179   \expandafter\ifx\csname ver@color.sty\endcsname\relax
180     \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
181     \expandafter\ifx\csname documentclass\endcsname\relax
182       \else
183       \RequirePackage[pdftex]{color}\relax
184     \fi
185   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
186   \expandafter\ifx\csname @pdfcolorstack\endcsname\relax
187     \pdfcolAvailablefalse
188     \PDFCOL@Message{%
189       Interface disabled because `pdftex.def'\MessageBreak
190       is not loaded or it is too old.\MessageBreak
191       Required is version 0.04b or greater%
192     }%
193   \fi
194 \fi
195 \fi
196 \let\pdfcolAvailabletrue\relax
197 \let\pdfcolAvailablefalse\relax

```

2.4 Enabled interface macros

```

198 \ifpdfcolAvailable
\pdfcolErrorNoStacks
199 \let\pdfcolErrorNoStacks\relax

```

```

\pdfcol@Value
200 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfcol@Value\endcsname\relax
201 \def\pdfcol@Value{0 g 0 G}%
202 \fi

\pdfcol@LiteralModifier
203 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfcol@LiteralModifier\endcsname\relax
204 \def\pdfcol@LiteralModifier{direct}%
205 \fi

\pdfcolInitStack
206 \def\pdfcolInitStack#1{%
207 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfcol@Stack@#1\endcsname\relax
208 \global\expandafter\chardef\csname pdfcol@Stack@#1\endcsname=%
209 \pdfcolorstackinit\pdfcol@LiteralModifier{\pdfcol@Value}%
210 \relax
211 \@PackageInfo{pdfcol}{%
212 New color stack `#1' = \number\csname pdfcol@Stack@#1\endcsname
213 }%
214 \else
215 \@PackageError{pdfcol}{%
216 Stack `#1' is already defined%
217 }\@ehc
218 \fi
219 }%

\pdfcolIfStackExists
220 \def\pdfcolIfStackExists#1{%
221 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfcol@Stack@#1\endcsname\relax
222 \expandafter\@secondoftwo
223 \else
224 \expandafter\@firstoftwo
225 \fi
226 }%

\@firstoftwo
227 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstoftwo\endcsname\relax
228 \long\def\@firstoftwo#1#2{#1}%
229 \fi

\@secondoftwo
230 \expandafter\ifx\csname @secondoftwo\endcsname\relax
231 \long\def\@secondoftwo#1#2{#2}%
232 \fi

\pdfcolSwitchStack
233 \def\pdfcolSwitchStack#1{%
234 \pdfcolIfStackExists{#1}{%
235 \expandafter\let\expandafter\@pdfcolorstack
236 \csname pdfcol@Stack@#1\endcsname
237 }{%
238 \pdfcol@ErrorNoStack{#1}%
239 }%
240 }%

\pdfcolSetCurrentColor
241 \def\pdfcolSetCurrentColor{%
242 \pdfcolorstack\@pdfcolorstack set{\current@color}%
243 }%

```

`\pdfcolSetCurrent`

```
244 \def\pdfcolSetCurrent#1{%
245   \ifx\#1\%
246     \pdfcolorstack\@pdfcolorstack current\relax
247   \else
248     \pdfcolIfStackExists{#1}{%
249       \pdfcolorstack\cstackname pdfcol@Stack@#1\endcstackname current\relax
250     }{%
251       \pdfcol@ErrorNoStack{#1}%
252     }%
253   \fi
254 }
```

`\pdfcol@ErrorNoStack`

```
255 \def\pdfcol@ErrorNoStack#1{%
256   \@PackageError{pdfcol}{Stack `#1' does not exists}\@ehc
257 }
```

2.5 Disabled interface macros

258 \else

`\pdfcolErrorNoStacks`

```
259 \def\pdfcolErrorNoStacks{%
260   \@PackageError{pdfcol}{%
261     Color stacks are not available%
262   }{%
263     Update pdfTeX (1.40) and `pdftex.def' (0.04b) %
264     if necessary.\MessageBreak
265     Ensure that `pdftex.def' is loaded %
266     (package `color' or `xcolor').\MessageBreak
267     Further messages can be found in TeX's %
268     protocol file `jobname.log'.\MessageBreak
269     \MessageBreak
270     \@ehc
271   }%
272   \global\let\pdfcolErrorNoStacks\relax
273 }
```

`\PDFCOL@Disabled`

```
274 \def\PDFCOL@Disabled{%
275   \PDFCOL@Message{%
276     pdfTeX's color stacks are not available%
277   }%
278   \global\let\PDFCOL@Disabled\relax
279 }
```

`\pdfcolInitStack`

```
280 \def\pdfcolInitStack#1{%
281   \PDFCOL@Disabled
282 }
```

`\pdfcolIfStackExists`

```
283 \long\def\pdfcolIfStackExists#1#2#3{#3}%
```

`\pdfcolSwitchStack`

```
284 \def\pdfcolSwitchStack#1{%
285   \PDFCOL@Disabled
286 }
```

`\pdfcolSetCurrentColor`

```
287 \def\pdfcolSetCurrentColor{%  
288   \PDFCOL@Disabled  
289 }%
```

`\pdfcolSetCurrent`

```
290 \def\pdfcolSetCurrent#1{%  
291   \PDFCOL@Disabled  
292 }%
```

```
293 \fi  
294 \PDFCOL@AtEnd%  
295 /package)
```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```
296 (*test1)  
297 \catcode`\{=1 %  
298 \catcode`\}=2 %  
299 \catcode`\#=6 %  
300 \catcode`\@=11 %  
301 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax  
302   \countdef\count@=255 %  
303 \fi  
304 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax  
305   \long\def\@gobble#1{%  
306 \fi  
307 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax  
308   \long\def\@firstofone#1{#1}%  
309 \fi  
310 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax  
311   \expandafter\@firstofone  
312 \else  
313   \expandafter\@gobble  
314 \fi  
315 {%  
316   \def\loop#1\repeat{%  
317     \def\body{#1}%  
318     \iterate  
319   }%  
320   \def\iterate{%  
321     \body  
322     \let\next\iterate  
323   \else  
324     \let\next\relax  
325   \fi  
326   \next  
327 }%  
328   \let\repeat=\fi  
329 }%  
330 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}  
331 \count@=0 %  
332 \loop  
333 \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%  
334   \RestoreCatcodes  
335   \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax  
336 }%  
337 \ifnum\count@<255 %  
338   \advance\count@ 1 %
```

```

339 \repeat
340
341 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
342   \count@=#1\relax
343   \loop
344     \catcode\count@=15 %
345     \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
346       \advance\count@ 1 %
347     \repeat
348 }
349 \def\RangeCatcodeCheck#1#2#3{%
350   \count@=#1\relax
351   \loop
352     \ifnum#3=\catcode\count@
353     \else
354       \errmessage{%
355         Character \the\count@\space
356         with wrong catcode \the\catcode\count@\space
357         instead of \number#3%
358       }%
359     \fi
360   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
361     \advance\count@ 1 %
362   \repeat
363 }
364 \def\space{ }
365 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
366   \def\LoadCommand{\input pdfcol.sty\relax}%
367 \fi
368 \def\Test{%
369   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
370   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
371   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
372   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
373   \catcode`\@=12 %
374   \catcode`\|=0 %
375   \catcode`\%=14 %
376   \LoadCommand
377   \RangeCatcodeCheck{0}{36}{15}%
378   \RangeCatcodeCheck{37}{37}{14}%
379   \RangeCatcodeCheck{38}{47}{15}%
380   \RangeCatcodeCheck{48}{57}{12}%
381   \RangeCatcodeCheck{58}{63}{15}%
382   \RangeCatcodeCheck{64}{64}{12}%
383   \RangeCatcodeCheck{65}{90}{11}%
384   \RangeCatcodeCheck{91}{91}{15}%
385   \RangeCatcodeCheck{92}{92}{0}%
386   \RangeCatcodeCheck{93}{96}{15}%
387   \RangeCatcodeCheck{97}{122}{11}%
388   \RangeCatcodeCheck{123}{255}{15}%
389   \RestoreCatcodes
390 }
391 \Test
392 \csname @@end\endcsname
393 \end
394 </test1>

```

3.2 Very simple test

```

395 (*test2 j test3)
396 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
397 \nofiles
398 \documentclass{article}

```

```

399 \usepackage{pdfcol}[2018/11/01]
400 \usepackage{qstest}
401 \IncludeTests{*}
402 \LogTests{log}{*}{*}
403 \begin{document}
404 \begin{qstest}{pdfcol}{}%
405 \makeatletter
406 (*test2)
407 \Expect*{\ifpdfcolAvailable true\else false\fi}{false}%
408 \end{qstest}
409 (*test3)
410 \Expect*{\ifpdfcolAvailable true\else false\fi}{true}%
411 \Expect*{\number\@pdfcolorstack}{0}%
412 \end{qstest}
413 \setbox0=\hbox{%
414 \pdfcolInitStack{test}%
415 (*test3)
416 \Expect*{\number\pdfcol@Stack@test}{1}%
417 \Expect*{\number\@pdfcolorstack}{0}%
418 \end{qstest}
419 \pdfcolSwitchStack{test}%
420 (*test3)
421 \Expect*{\number\@pdfcolorstack}{1}%
422 \end{qstest}
423 \pdfcolSetCurrent{test}%
424 \pdfcolSetCurrent{}%
425 }%
426 \Expect*{\the\wd0}{0.0pt}%
427 (*test3)
428 \Expect*{\number\@pdfcolorstack}{0}%
429 \Expect*{\number\pdfcol@Stack@test}{1}%
430 \Expect*{\pdfcolIfStackExists{test}{true}{false}}{true}%
431 \end{qstest}
432 \Expect*{\pdfcolIfStackExists{dummy}{true}{false}}{false}%
433 \end{qstest}%
434 \end{document}
435 \end{test2} j test3)

```

3.3 Detection of package luacolor

```

436 (*test4)
437 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
438 \documentclass{article}
439 \usepackage{luacolor}
440 \usepackage{pdfcol}
441 \makeatletter
442 \ifpdfcolAvailable
443 \@latex@error{Detection of package luacolor failed}%
444 \fi
445 \csname @@end\endcsname
446 \end{test4}

```

4 Installation

4.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcol.dtx](http://ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcol.dtx) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcol.pdf](http://ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcol.pdf) Documentation.

¹<http://ctan.org/pkg/pdfcol>

Bundle. All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip](#)

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for T_EX Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

4.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the `oberdiek.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

Script installation. Check the directory `TDS:scripts/oberdiek/` for scripts that need further installation steps. Package `attachfile2` comes with the Perl script `pdfatfi.pl` that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as `pdfatfi`. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

4.3 Package installation

Unpacking. The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain T_EX:

```
tex pdfcol.dtx
```

TDS. Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

```
pdfcol.sty          → tex/generic/oberdiek/pdfcol.sty
pdfcol.pdf          → doc/latex/oberdiek/pdfcol.pdf
test/pdfcol-test1.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/pdfcol-test1.tex
test/pdfcol-test2.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/pdfcol-test2.tex
test/pdfcol-test3.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/pdfcol-test3.tex
test/pdfcol-test4.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/pdfcol-test4.tex
pdfcol.dtx          → source/latex/oberdiek/pdfcol.dtx
```

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`’s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

4.4 Refresh file name databases

If your T_EX distribution (teT_EX, miK_TE_X, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, teT_EX users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

4.5 Some details for the interested

Unpacking with L^AT_EX. The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain T_EX: Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

L^AT_EX: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L^AT_EX for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L^AT_EX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{pdfcol.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL^AT_EX:

```
pdflatex pdfcol.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfcol.idx
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pdflatex pdfcol.dtx
```

5 Catalogue

The following XML file can be used as source for the [T_EX Catalogue](#). The elements `caption` and `description` are imported from the original XML file from the Catalogue. The name of the XML file in the Catalogue is `pdfcol.xml`.

```
447 (*catalogue)
448 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='us-ascii'?>
449 <!DOCTYPE entry SYSTEM 'catalogue.dtd'>
450 <entry datestamp='$Date$' modifier='$Author$' id='pdfcol'>
451   <name>pdfcol</name>
452   <caption>Defines macros fpr maintaining color stacks under pdfTeX.</caption>
453   <authorref id='auth:oberdiek' />
454   <copyright owner='Heiko Oberdiek' year='2007' />
455   <license type='lppl1.3' />
456   <version number='1.5' />
457   <description>
458     Since version 1.40 pdfTeX supports color stacks.
459     The driver file <tt>pdftex.def</tt> for package
460     <xref refid='color'>color</xref> defines and uses a main color
461     stack since version v0.04b.
462   <p/>
463   This package is intended for package writers.
464   It defines macros for setting and maintaining new color stacks.
465   <p/>
466   The package is part of the <xref refid='oberdiek'>oberdiek</xref>
467   bundle.
468 </description>
469 <documentation details='Package documentation'
470   href='ctan:/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcol.pdf' />
471 <ctan file='true' path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcol.dtx' />
472 <miktex location='oberdiek' />
473 <texlive location='oberdiek' />
474 <install path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/oberdiek.tds.zip' />
475 </entry>
476 </catalogue>
```

6 History

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- First version.

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- `\pdfcolSetCurrentColor` added.

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