

NAME

`asy` – Asymptote: a script-based vector graphics language

SYNOPSIS

`asy` [*options*] [*file ...*]

DESCRIPTION

Asymptote is a powerful descriptive vector graphics language for technical drawings, inspired by MetaPost but with an improved C++-like syntax. Asymptote provides for figures the same high-quality level of typesetting that LaTeX does for scientific text.

OPTIONS

If no arguments are given, Asymptote runs in interactive mode.

If "-" is given as the file argument, Asymptote reads from standard input.

A summary of options is included below. The effect of most options can be negated by prepending **no** to the option name. Default values for most options may also be entered in the file **.asy/config.asy** in the user's home directory using the long form:

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import settings;
batchView=true;
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For a complete description, see the Info files.

-V,-View

View output; command-line only.

-a,-align C|B|T|Z

Center, Bottom, Top, or Zero page alignment [C].

-aligndir pair

Directional page alignment (overrides align) [(0,0)].

-antialias n

Antialiasing width for rasterized output [2].

-arcballradius pixels

Arcball radius [750].

-auto3D

Automatically activate 3D scene [true].

-autobillboard

3D labels always face viewer by default [true].

-autoimport string

Module to automatically import.

-autoplain

Enable automatic importing of plain [true].

-autoplay

Autoplay 3D animations [false].

-autorotate

Enable automatic PDF page rotation [false].

-axes3 Show 3D axes in PDF output [true].

- batchMask**
Mask fpu exceptions in batch mode [false].
- batchView**
View output in batch mode [false].
- bw** Convert all colors to black and white [false].
- cd directory**
Set current directory; command-line only.
- cmyk** Convert rgb colors to cmyk [false].
- c,-command string**
Command to autoexecute.
- compact**
Conserve memory at the expense of speed [false].
- d,-debug**
Enable debugging messages [false].
- divisor n**
Garbage collect using purge(divisor=n) [2].
- doubleclick ms**
Emulated double-click timeout [200].
- embed**
Embed rendered preview image [true].
- exitonEOF**
Exit interactive mode on EOF [true].
- fitscreen**
Fit rendered image to screen [true].
- framedelay ms**
Additional frame delay [0].
- framerate frames/s**
Animation speed [30].
- globalwrite**
Allow write to other directory [false].
- gray** Convert all colors to grayscale [false].
- h,-help**
Show summary of options; command-line only.
- historylines n**
Retain n lines of history [1000].
- iconify**
Iconify rendering window [false].
- inlineimage**
Generate inline embedded image [false].

- inlinetex**
Generate inline TeX code [false].
- interactiveMask**
Mask fpu exceptions in interactive mode [true].
- interactiveView**
View output in interactive mode [true].
- interactiveWrite**
Write expressions entered at the prompt to stdout [true].
- k,-keep**
Keep intermediate files [false].
- keepaux**
Keep intermediate LaTeX .aux files [false].
- level n**
Postscript level [3].
- l,-listvariables**
List available global functions and variables [false].
- localhistory**
Use a local interactive history file [false].
- loop** Loop 3D animations [false].
- m,-mask**
Mask fpu exceptions; command-line only.
- maxtile pair**
Maximum rendering tile size [(1024,768)].
- maxvertices n**
Maximum number of vertices to queue [0].
- maxviewport pair**
Maximum viewport size [(2048,2048)].
- multiline**
Input code over multiple lines at the prompt [false].
- multipleView**
View output from multiple batch-mode files [false].
- multisample n**
Multisampling width for screen images [4].
- offscreen**
Use offscreen rendering [false].
- O,-offset pair**
PostScript offset [(0,0)].
- f,-outformat format**
Convert each output file to specified format.

- o,--outname name**
Alternative output directory/filename.
- p,--parseonly**
Parse file [false].
- pdfreload**
Automatically reload document in pdfviewer [false].
- pdfreloaddelay usec**
Delay before attempting initial pdf reload [750000].
- position pair**
Initial 3D rendering screen position [(0,0)].
- prc** Embed 3D PRC graphics in PDF output [true].
- prompt string**
Prompt [**>**].
- prompt2 string**
Continuation prompt for multiline input [..].
- q,--quiet**
Suppress welcome text and noninteractive stdout [false].
- render n**
Render 3D graphics using n pixels per bp (-1=auto) [-1].
- resizestep step**
Resize step [1.2].
- reverse**
reverse 3D animations [false].
- rgb** Convert cmyk colors to rgb [false].
- safe** Disable system call [true].
- scroll n**
Scroll standard output n lines at a time [0].
- spinstep deg/s**
Spin speed [60].
- svgemulation**
Emulate unimplemented SVG shading [false].
- tabcompletion**
Interactive prompt auto-completion [true].
- tex engine**
latex|pdflatex|xelatex|lualatex|tex|pdfptex|luatex|context|none [latex].
- thick** Render thick 3D lines [true].
- thin** Render thin 3D lines [true].
- threads**
Use POSIX threads for 3D rendering [true].

- toolbar**
Show 3D toolbar in PDF output [true].
- s,-translate**
Show translated virtual machine code [false].
- twice** Run LaTeX twice (to resolve references) [false].
- twosided**
Use two-sided 3D lighting model for rendering [true].
- u,-user string**
General purpose user string.
- v,-verbose**
Increase verbosity level (can specify multiple times) [0].
- version**
Show version; command-line only.
- wait** Wait for child processes to finish before exiting [false].
- warn string**
Enable warning; command-line only.
- where**
Show where listed variables are declared [false].
- xasy** Special interactive mode for xasy [false].
- zoomfactor factor**
Zoom step factor [1.05].
- zoomstep step**
Mouse motion zoom step [0.1].

SEE ALSO

Asymptote is documented fully in the asymptote Info page. The manual can also be accessed in interactive mode with the "help" command.

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