
Random comments

TUGboat Editors

Errata: Lars Hellström, “Writing ETX format font encoding specifications”, *TUGboat* 28:2, pp. 186–197

Owing to a production error, corrections intended for this article were omitted from the printed version; the on-line version incorporates all fixes. We list below the most egregious omissions.

- p. 191, footnote: Ulrik Vieth’s name should *not* be hyphenated; our abject apologies to Ulrik.
- p. 193, col. 2, line 9: for `\endcodeing` read `\encoding`.
- p. 197, ref. [5]: the file reference should be `fontinst.pdf`.
- p. 197, ref. [9]: the URL should be `http://omega.enstb.org/roadmap/doc-1.12.ps`.
- p. 197, ref. [10]: the URL should be `http://www.ntg.nl/maps/pdf/26_27.pdf`.

DEK’s periodic bug review

Don Knuth has announced on his T_EX web page (<http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~knuth/abcde.html>) that 2007 will be a “bug review” year. The last review took place in 2002, and the interval between reviews is increasing by a year with each cycle, so the next review won’t occur until 2013.

If you believe you have found a bug, please do the following:

- check the bug listings and *all* the errata lists at CTAN, in the area `tex-archive/systems/knuth/errata`;
- create a minimal test file that demonstrates the error;
- send the test file and a clear description of the problem to `bnb@ams.org` as soon as possible, to get included in the current cycle;
- include a postal address valid through the first few months of 2008, for delivery of any reward checks.

Don requires that every bug be vetted by a competent T_EXnician (approved by him) before it is forwarded to him for review; this process weeds out quite a few non-bugs or items that have already been addressed. Then, the collection is organized into logical categories (*The T_EXbook*, T_EX the program, etc.) so that it will take a minimum of Don’s time. However, the preparatory steps do take (sometimes considerable) time, and all the individuals involved

in the process are very busy, so please be thoughtful and timely in your reports.

When Don reviews the collection, he does so from a printout of the reports, writes his comments in pencil on this copy, and returns it to BNB for transcription and distribution. Because transcription can take a very long time, for this cycle Don will be sending out checks directly. The updated material will be posted to CTAN as soon as it is ready.

“Off-site” complement to TUG 2007 proceedings

Rather than write a paper specifically for these proceedings, Hans Hagen has chosen instead to create an on-line document describing the current state of ConT_EXt with LuaT_EX — a rapidly moving target at this moment. Two sections are included in this issue: the introduction, and a report on using the Unicode UTF encodings as the basis for the next generation. (The encoding question has been examined and experimented with enough that it is reasonably stable.)

The complete document, “ConT_EXt: MkII & MkIV”, can be found via a link at <http://www.pragma-ade.com/overview.htm>.

Other comments on the TUG 2007 proceedings

The work by Idris Hamid, on critical editions and Arabic script typography, which provided an important impetus as well as much of the funding for the development of LuaT_EX, will appear in a separate monograph, expected to be published by TUG later this fall.

In lieu of the ConT_EXt articles, we are including Aditya Mahajan’s next installment of his column on ConT_EXt basics, this one on tables. (In a nice coincidence, Klaus Höppner’s article in these proceedings is an introduction to tables in L^AT_EX: enjoy the comparison.) Aditya’s first installment was on fonts in ConT_EXt, published in *TUGboat* 28:2 and available online at <http://tug.org/TUGboat/Articles/tb28-2/tb89mahajan.pdf>. We are very pleased that Aditya has undertaken this series, and expect that future issues will contain more of his columns on other ConT_EXt topics, directed to new and intermediate users.

T_EX Development Fund

A generous contribution from an anonymous foundation has provided a welcome infusion to the T_EX Development Fund as well as a matching grant to

encourage donations from other sources. (The Development Fund is listed on the membership form among various projects for which contributions are accepted.) The committee overseeing the fund has taken this opportunity to develop a “roadmap” to guide the allocation of grants from the fund. The full text of the roadmap appears in this issue. Please read it carefully, and let the Board know if you have comments or suggestions. And please consider a contribution to help meet the matching grant: <http://tug.org/donate>.

EuroBach_oT_EX proceedings to be the first 2008 TUGboat issue

The organizers and program committee of EuroT_EX 2007 (held in Bachotek, Poland, April 28–May 2, 2007) approached the boards of TUG and all the European user groups to see if it would be possible to distribute the proceedings to all their members. Such distribution would not only reach a wider audience than a proceedings published only for GUST, it would also greatly reduce the unit production cost.

The *TUGboat* editors offered their redactory services, and TUG will join the other groups in distributing these proceedings to their members. Work on the collection is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

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