

The Treasure Chest

These are the new packages posted to CTAN (ctan. org) from October 2021–April 2022. Descriptions are based on the announcements and edited for extreme brevity.

Entries are listed alphabetically within CTAN directories. More information about any package can be found at ctan.org/pkg/pkgname.

A few entries which the editors subjectively believe to be especially notable are starred (*); of course, this is not intended to slight the other contributions.

We hope this column helps people access the vast amount of material available through CTAN and the distributions. See also ctan.org/topic. Comments are welcome, as always.

biblio

*citation-style-language in

biblio/bibtex/contrib

Bibliography formatting with the XML-based Citation Style Language.

ieejtran in biblio/bibtex/contrib

Unofficial BibTeX style for publications of the Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan.

jieeetran in biblio/bibtex/contrib

Citing Japanese articles in IEEE format.

pbibtex-manual in biblio/pbibtex

Documentation for Japanese (u)pBibTeX.

fonts

andika in fonts

Fonts for beginning readers from SIL.

concmath-otf in fonts

OpenType math font for the Concrete design.

hamnosys in fonts

Font for sign languages.

talos in fonts/greek

Greek cult font from the 1980s.

vntex-nonfree in fonts

URW Classico and URW Garamond extended for Vietnamese.

xcharter-math in fonts

OpenType math companion for the XCharter text fonts.

fonts/utilities

hep-font in fonts/utilities

Latin Modern with extensions from Computer Modern and similar designs.

hep-math-font in fonts/utilities
Extended Greek and sans-serif math.

graphics

bodeplot in graphics/pgf/contrib

Making Bode, Nyquist, Nichols plots with gnuplot or pgfplots.

byrne in graphics/metapost/contrib/macros
Typeset geometric proofs in the style of Oliver
Byrne's 1847 edition of Euclid's *Elements*,
in MetaPost

hexboard in graphics/pgf/contrib Draw hex boards and games.

kinematikz in graphics/pgf/contrib

Design kinematic chains and mechanisms.

liftarm in graphics/pgf/contrib Parameterized lift arms.

messagepassing in graphics/pgf/contrib Communication protocol diagrams.

pgf-interference in graphics/pgf/contrib Interference patterns.

pst-hsb in graphics/pstricks/contrib Curves with continuous colors, in PSTricks.

robotarm in graphics/pgf/contrib Parameterized 2D robot arms.

indexing

hsindex in indexing

Alternative to xindy and makeindex, in Haskell.

info

kaytannollista-latexia in info

Practical manual for LATEX, in Finnish.

knuth-hint in info

(C)WEB sources from TEX Live in HINT format. See ctan.org/pkg/hitex about the engine.

latex-for-undergraduates in info

Tutorial aimed at undergraduates, with an introduction to LATEX Workshop in Visual Studio Code.

mathalphabets in info

Introduction to mathematical alphabets.

macros/latex/contrib

altsubsup in macros/latex/contrib

Writing sub/superscripts with square brackets and custom formatting.

- annotate-equations in macros/latex/contrib Annotate math equations using TikZ.
- atendofenv in macros/latex/contrib

 Add custom symbol at end of an environment.
- bfh-ci in macros/latex/contrib

Bern University of Applied Sciences design.

 $\verb|bmstu| in macros/latex/contrib|$

Bauman Moscow State Technical Univ. support.

ccred in macros/latex/contrib

Inserting definite articles for \cref references.

clistmap in macros/latex/contrib

Map and iterate over LATEX3 clists.

- codebox in macros/latex/contrib
 - Highlighted source code in a fancy box.
- commonunicode in macros/latex/contrib

 List of Unicode symbols with typeset output.
- coop-writing in macros/latex/contrib
 Support for cooperative writing.
- create-theorem in macros/latex/contrib Multilingual theorem-like environments.
- dbshow in macros/latex/contrib Store and display data with custom filters, orders, and styles.
- formal-grammar in macros/latex/contrib Typeset formal grammars (BNF).
- functional in macros/latex/contrib \LaTeX 2 ε interface for \LaTeX 3 programming.
- grading-scheme in macros/latex/contrib

 Typeset grading schemes in tabular format.
- handoutwithnotes in macros/latex/contrib Notes next to scaled slides via pgfpages.
- hep-acronym in macros/latex/contrib Acronym extension for glossaries.
- hep-bibliography in macros/latex/contrib Extend BIBLATEX with all the fields from inspirehep.net and more.
- hep-float in macros/latex/contrib Convenience package for float placement.
- hep-math in macros/latex/contrib Extended math macros.
- hep-text in macros/latex/contrib Extensions for lists and text.
- hep-title in macros/latex/contrib

 Title page extensions: preprint, affiliation, etc.
- hvpygmentex in macros/latex/contrib Automatically run pygmentex from TEX for syntax highlighting.
- jmsdelim in macros/latex/contrib
 Bottom-up compositional delimiter sizing.
- kanbun in macros/latex/contrib

 Typeset kanbun-kundoku with support for kanbun annotations.

- llncs in macros/latex/contrib

 Document class and bibliography style for
 Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS).
- njustthesis in macros/latex/contrib

 Thesis template for Nanjing University of
 Science and Technology.
- njuvisual in macros/latex/contrib

 Display logos related to Nanjing Univ.
- numerica-plus in macros/latex/contrib Iterate functions, find fixed points, zeros, extremas, and more.
- numerica-tables in macros/latex/contrib

 Multi-column tables of mathematical functions.
- pascaltriangle in macros/latex/contrib

 Draw beautiful Pascal (Yang Hui) triangles.
- proflycee in macros/latex/contrib
 Support for French high school mathematics
 teachers.
- rbt-mathnotes in macros/latex/contrib

 Rebecca Turner's personal macros and styles
 for math notes.
- seu-ml-assign in macros/latex/contrib

 Template for Southeast University Machine
 Learning assignments.
- sillypage in macros/latex/contrib

 John Cleese's silly walk as page numbering style.
- simple nodes in macros/latex/contrib Simple nodes and linking in TikZ.
- snaptodo in macros/latex/contrib

 Put notes on closer side, and not overlapping.
- termsim in macros/latex/contrib Simulate Windows 10, Ubuntu, and Mac terminals with various color themes.
- unbtex in macros/latex/contrib Theses at University of Brasilia.
- wrapfig2 in macros/latex/contrib
 Wrap text around figures, extension of wrapfig.
- yb-book in macros/latex/contrib Template for Y.B.-branded books.
- zref-clever in macros/latex/contrib
 Clever LATEX cross-references based on zref.
- zref-vario in macros/latex/contrib Combine varioref and zref-clever.

m/l/c/beamer-contrib/themes

- beamertheme-arguelles in m/l/c/b-c/themes Emphasizing simplicity and readability.
 - ${\rm macros/latex/contrib/biblatex\text{-}contrib}$
- biblatex-readbbl in m/l/c/biblatex-contrib Process a .bbl file created by Biber.

macros/latex-dev/base

*latex-lab-dev in macros/latex-dev/base

LATEX features in development. Currently
includes the new command \DocumentMetadata.

macros/luatex/generic

luaaddplot in macros/luatex/generic
Process data files as they are read by \addplot.

macros/luatex/latex

autopuncitems in macros/luatex/latex Automatically punctuate lists.

datestamp in macros/luatex/latex Static datestamps via .aux files.

letgut in macros/luatex/latex Class for La Lettre Gutenberg.

linebreaker in macros/luatex/latex
Preventing overfull boxes by automatically increasing \tolerance and \emergencystretch.

luacensor in macros/luatex/latex
Securely redact information using Lua.

yamlvars in macros/luatex/latex
YAML parser (Lua package tinyyaml) and
support functions to make LATEX definitions
using YAML.

support

luafindfont in support

Lua script to search for fonts in the LuaTEX font database.

texlogfilter in support

Reduce engine output or log files to warnings and errors.

texlogsieve in support

Process log files, including merging wrapped lines.

systems

*hitex in systems/doc

New TEX engine by Martin Ruckert especially for mobile devices.

T_EX Live 2022 news

Karl Berry

TEX Live 2022 was released online on April 3, 2020. The TEX Collection DVD is in process.

As new versions of packages are uploaded to CTAN, they are imported into TL, and available over the Internet via the tlmgr program. See the TL web site and documentation for more.

The major update in 2022 is HiTEX, the new TEX engine by Martin Ruckert. It generates its own HINT output format, intended for use on mobile devices. Martin has written a manual and several articles about the project; see ctan.org/pkg/hitex for links.

As always, in this year's release there are also pervasive updates to hundreds of packages and programs. For a list of major changes, please see tug. org/texlive/bugs.html. For this note, I wanted to summarize some of the known problems in current TL; the same web page has more details.

Windows binaries in TL'22 are still 32-bit. We expect to switch to 64-bit binaries for Windows in 2023, and we cannot provide both simultaneously—so be forewarned.

LuaTeX, unlike all other engines, does not look in a given -output-directory for input files. We expect this to be fixed for next year.

Some Lua-related formats are unsharable. The LualATeX, ConTeXt, and OpTeX .fmt files cannot be shared across different architectures (32-bit/64-bit and/or BigEndian/LittleEndian). This is not new this year, but was only discovered and reported relatively recently. No decision has been made about changing this for LualATeX; ConTeXt and OpTeX are not expected to ever change this, by decision of their authors.

On macOS Monterey 12 (the latest release at this writing), install-tl comes up as a black window, due to Apple's intentional breakage of the wish program (Tcl/Tk). The solution, other than installing a working Tcl/Tk, is to run install-tl -gui text, which is now (post-release) the default.

On Windows, install-tl may output the cryptic message fail bad gmtime (repeatedly). It's annoying but harmless; just ignore it. A fix is in the works.