

The PLtoTF processor

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1* **Introduction.** The `PLtoTF` utility program converts property-list (“PL”) files into equivalent `TEX` font metric (“TFM”) files. It also makes a thorough check of the given PL file, so that the TFM file should be acceptable to `TEX`.

The first `PLtoTF` program was designed by Leo Guibas in the summer of 1978. Contributions by Frank Liang, Doug Wyatt, and Lyle Ramshaw also had a significant effect on the evolution of the present code.

Extensions for an enhanced ligature mechanism were added by the author in 1989.

The *banner* string defined here should be changed whenever `PLtoTF` gets modified.

```
define my_name  $\equiv$  `pltotf`
define banner  $\equiv$  `This is PLtoTF, Version 3.6` { printed when the program starts }
```

2* This program is written entirely in standard Pascal, except that it has to do some slightly system-dependent character code conversion on input. Furthermore, lower case letters are used in error messages; they could be converted to upper case if necessary. The input is read from *pl_file*, and the output is written on *tfm_file*; error messages and other remarks are written on the *output* file, which the user may choose to assign to the terminal if the system permits it.

The term *print* is used instead of *write* when this program writes on the *output* file, so that all such output can be easily deflected.

```
define print( $\#$ )  $\equiv$  write(stderr, #)
define print_ln( $\#$ )  $\equiv$  write_ln(stderr, #)
define print_real( $\#$ )  $\equiv$  fprint_real(stderr, #)
program PLtoTF(pl_file, tfm_file, output);
const  $\langle$  Constants in the outer block 3*  $\rangle$ 
type  $\langle$  Types in the outer block 17  $\rangle$ 
var  $\langle$  Globals in the outer block 5  $\rangle$ 
     $\langle$  Define parse_arguments 148*  $\rangle$ 
procedure initialize; { this procedure gets things started properly }
    var  $\langle$  Local variables for initialization 19  $\rangle$ 
    begin kpse_set_program_name(argv[0], my_name); parse_arguments;  $\langle$  Set initial values 6*  $\rangle$ 
    end;
```

3* The following parameters can be changed at compile time to extend or reduce `PLtoTF`’s capacity.

```
 $\langle$  Constants in the outer block 3*  $\rangle \equiv$ 
    buf_size = 3000; { length of lines displayed in error messages }
    max_header_bytes = 1000; { four times the maximum number of words allowed in the TFM file header
        block, must be 1024 or less }
    max_param_words = 254; { the maximum number of fontdimen parameters allowed }
    max_lig_steps = 32510; { maximum length of ligature program, must be at most 32767 – 257 = 32510 }
    max_kerns = 5000; { the maximum number of distinct kern values }
    hash_size = 32579;
        { preferably a prime number, a bit larger than the number of character pairs in lig/kern steps }
```

This code is used in section 2*.

6* \langle Set initial values **6*** $\rangle \equiv$

```
reset(pl_file, pl_name);
```

```
if verbose then
```

```
  begin print(banner); print_ln(version_string);
```

```
  end;
```

See also sections [16*](#), [20](#), [22](#), [24](#), [26*](#), [37](#), [41](#), [70](#), [74](#), and [119](#).

This code is used in section [2*](#).

16* On some systems you may have to do something special to write a packed file of bytes. It's no problem in C.

\langle Set initial values **6*** $\rangle + \equiv$

```
rewritebin(tfm_file, tfm_name);
```

18* One of the things PLtoTF has to do is convert characters of strings to ASCII form, since that is the code used for the family name and the coding scheme in a TFM file. An array *xord* is used to do the conversion from *char*; the method below should work with little or no change on most Pascal systems.

```

define char  $\equiv$  0 .. 255
define first_ord = 0 { ordinal number of the smallest element of char }
define last_ord = 127 { ordinal number of the largest element of char }
⟨Globals in the outer block 5⟩ +≡
xord: array [char] of ASCII_code; { conversion table }

```

25* Just before each CHARACTER property list is evaluated, the character code is printed in octal notation. Up to eight such codes appear on a line; so we have a variable to keep track of how many are currently there.

```

⟨Globals in the outer block 5⟩ +≡
chars_on_line: 0 .. 8; { the number of characters printed on the current line }
perfect: boolean; { was the file free of errors? }

```

```

26* ⟨Set initial values 6*⟩ +≡
chars_on_line  $\leftarrow$  0; perfect  $\leftarrow$  true; { innocent until proved guilty }

```

27* The following routine prints an error message and an indication of where the error was detected. The error message should not include any final punctuation, since this procedure supplies its own.

```

define err_print(#)  $\equiv$ 
  begin if chars_on_line > 0 then print_ln('␣');
  print(#); show_error_context;
end

procedure show_error_context; { prints the current scanner location }
  var k: 0 .. buf_size; { an index into buffer }
  begin print_ln('␣(line␣', line : 1, ', ') . ');
  if  $\neg$ left_ln then print('...');
  for k  $\leftarrow$  1 to loc do print(buffer[k]); { print the characters already scanned }
  print_ln('␣');
  if  $\neg$ left_ln then print('␣␣␣');
  for k  $\leftarrow$  1 to loc do print('␣'); { space out the second line }
  for k  $\leftarrow$  loc + 1 to limit do print(buffer[k]); { print the characters yet unseen }
  if right_ln then print_ln('␣') else print_ln('...');
  chars_on_line  $\leftarrow$  0; perfect  $\leftarrow$  false;
end;

```

79* When we are nearly ready to output the TFM file, we will set $index[p] \leftarrow k$ if the dimension in $memory[p]$ is being rounded to the k th element of its list.

define $index \equiv index_var$

⟨ Globals in the outer block 5 ⟩ +≡

$index$: **array** [$pointer$] **of** $byte$;

$excess$: $byte$; { number of words to remove, if list is being shortened }

103* Finally we come to the part of PLtoTF's input mechanism that is used most, the processing of individual character data.

⟨Read character info list 103*⟩ ≡

```

begin  $c \leftarrow \text{get\_byte}$ ; { read the character code that is being specified }
if verbose then ⟨Print  $c$  in octal notation 108⟩;
while level = 1 do
  begin while  $\text{cur\_char} = "\_"$  do get\_next;
  if  $\text{cur\_char} = "("$  then ⟨Read a character property 104⟩
  else if  $\text{cur\_char} = ")"$  then skip\_to\_end\_of\_item
    else junk\_error;
  end;
if  $\text{char\_wd}[c] = 0$  then  $\text{char\_wd}[c] \leftarrow \text{sort\_in}(\text{width}, 0)$ ; { legitimize  $c$  }
finish\_inner\_property\_list;
end

```

This code is used in section 146.

```

115* define round_message(#)  $\equiv$ 
    if delta > 0 then
        begin print(‘I_had_to_round_some_’, #, ‘s_by_’);
        print_real(((((delta + 1) div 2)/4000000), 1, 7); print_ln(‘_units.’);
    end

```

(Put the width, height, depth, and italic lists into final form **115***) \equiv

```

    delta  $\leftarrow$  shorten(width, 255); set_indices(width, delta); round_message(‘width’);
    delta  $\leftarrow$  shorten(height, 15); set_indices(height, delta); round_message(‘height’);
    delta  $\leftarrow$  shorten(depth, 15); set_indices(depth, delta); round_message(‘depth’);
    delta  $\leftarrow$  shorten(italic, 63); set_indices(italic, delta); round_message(‘italic_correction’);

```

This code is used in section **110**.

117* It’s not trivial to check for infinite loops generated by repeated insertion of ligature characters. But fortunately there is a nice algorithm for such testing, copied here from the program **TFtoPL** where it is explained further.

```

define simple = 0    {  $f(x, y) = z$  }
define left_z = 1   {  $f(x, y) = f(z, y)$  }
define right_z = 2  {  $f(x, y) = f(x, z)$  }
define both_z = 3   {  $f(x, y) = f(f(x, z), y)$  }
define pending = 4  {  $f(x, y)$  is being evaluated }
define class  $\equiv$  class_var { Avoid problems with AIX <math.h> }

```

123* (More good stuff from **TFtoPL**.)

```

ifdef(‘notdef’)
    function f(h, x, y : indx): indx;
        begin end;
        { compute f for arguments known to be in hash[h] }
endif(‘notdef’)
function eval(x, y : indx): indx; { compute  $f(x, y)$  with hashtable lookup }
    var key: integer; { value sought in hash table }
    begin key  $\leftarrow$  256 * x + y + 1; h  $\leftarrow$  (1009 * key) mod hash_size;
    while hash[h] > key do
        if h > 0 then decr(h) else h  $\leftarrow$  hash_size;
    if hash[h] < key then eval  $\leftarrow$  y { not in ordered hash table }
    else eval  $\leftarrow$  f(h, x, y);
    end;

```

124* Pascal's beastly convention for *forward* declarations prevents us from saying **function** $f(h, x, y : \text{indx})$: indx here.

```

function  $f(h, x, y : \text{indx})$ :  $\text{indx}$ ;
  begin case  $\text{class}[h]$  of
    simple: do_nothing;
    left_z: begin  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{pending}$ ;  $\text{lig\_z}[h] \leftarrow \text{eval}(\text{lig\_z}[h], y)$ ;  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{simple}$ ;
      end;
    right_z: begin  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{pending}$ ;  $\text{lig\_z}[h] \leftarrow \text{eval}(x, \text{lig\_z}[h])$ ;  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{simple}$ ;
      end;
    both_z: begin  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{pending}$ ;  $\text{lig\_z}[h] \leftarrow \text{eval}(\text{eval}(x, \text{lig\_z}[h]), y)$ ;  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{simple}$ ;
      end;
    pending: begin  $x\_lig\_cycle \leftarrow x$ ;  $y\_lig\_cycle \leftarrow y$ ;  $\text{lig\_z}[h] \leftarrow 257$ ;  $\text{class}[h] \leftarrow \text{simple}$ ;
      end; { the value 257 will break all cycles, since it's not in hash }
  end; { there are no other cases }
   $f \leftarrow \text{lig\_z}[h]$ ;
end;

```

127* **The output phase.** Now that we know how to get all of the font data correctly stored in PLtoTF's memory, it only remains to write the answers out.

First of all, it is convenient to have an abbreviation for output to the TFM file:

```
define out(#)  $\equiv$  putbyte(#, tfm_file)
```

130* It might turn out that no characters exist at all. But PLtoTF keeps going and writes the TFM anyway. In this case *ec* will be 0 and *bc* will be 1.

⟨ Compute the twelve subfile sizes 130* ⟩ \equiv

```
lh  $\leftarrow$  header_ptr div 4;
not_found  $\leftarrow$  true; bc  $\leftarrow$  0;
while not_found do
  if (char_wd[bc] > 0)  $\vee$  (bc = 255) then not_found  $\leftarrow$  false
  else incr(bc);
not_found  $\leftarrow$  true; ec  $\leftarrow$  255;
while not_found do
  if (char_wd[ec] > 0)  $\vee$  (ec = 0) then not_found  $\leftarrow$  false
  else decr(ec);
if bc > ec then bc  $\leftarrow$  1;
incr(memory[width]); incr(memory[height]); incr(memory[depth]); incr(memory[italic]);
⟨ Compute the ligature/kern program offset 139 ⟩;
lf  $\leftarrow$  6 + lh + (ec - bc + 1) + memory[width] + memory[height] + memory[depth] + memory[italic] + nl +
  lk_offset + nk + ne + np;
if lf < 0 then
  begin print_ln('The total number of words in the TFM file too large!'); uexit(1);
  end
```

This code is used in section 128.

136* When a scaled quantity is output, we may need to divide it by *design_units*. The following subroutine takes care of this, using floating point arithmetic only if *design_units* \neq 1.0.

```
procedure out_scaled(x : fix_word); { outputs a scaled fix_word }
var n: byte; { the first byte after the sign }
    m: 0 .. 65535; { the two least significant bytes }
begin if fabs(x/design_units)  $\geq$  16.0 then
  begin print('The relative dimension '); print_real(x/4000000, 1, 3);
  print_ln(' is too large. '); print(' (Must be less than 16*designsize) ');
  if design_units  $\neq$  unity then
    begin print(' '); print_real(design_units/200000, 1, 3); print(' designunits ');
    end;
  print_ln(' '); x  $\leftarrow$  0;
  end;
if design_units  $\neq$  unity then x  $\leftarrow$  round((x/design_units) * 1048576.0);
if x < 0 then
  begin out(255); x  $\leftarrow$  x + 100000000;
  if x  $\leq$  0 then x  $\leftarrow$  1;
  end
else begin out(0);
  if x  $\geq$  100000000 then x  $\leftarrow$  77777777;
  end;
n  $\leftarrow$  x div 200000; m  $\leftarrow$  x mod 200000; out(n); out(m div 256); out(m mod 256);
end;
```

147* Here is where PLtoTF begins and ends.

```
begin initialize;  
name_enter;  
read_input;  
if verbose then print_ln('.  
corr_and_check;  
⟨Do the output 128⟩;  
if  $\neg$ perfect then uexit(1);  
end.
```

148* **System-dependent changes.** Parse a Unix-style command line.

```

define argument_is(#)  $\equiv$  (strcmp(long_options[option_index].name, #) = 0)
⟨Define parse_arguments 148*⟩  $\equiv$ 
procedure parse_arguments;
  const n_options = 3; { Pascal won't count array lengths for us. }
  var long_options: array [0 .. n_options] of getopt_struct;
    getopt_return_val: integer; option_index: c_int_type; current_option: 0 .. n_options;
  begin ⟨Initialize the option variables 153*⟩;
  ⟨Define the option table 149*⟩;
  repeat getopt_return_val  $\leftarrow$  getopt_long_only(argc, argv, ^, long_options, address_of(option_index));
    if getopt_return_val = -1 then
      begin do_nothing; { End of arguments; we exit the loop below. }
      end
    else if getopt_return_val = "?" then
      begin usage(my_name);
      end
    else if argument_is(^help^) then
      begin usage_help(PLTOTF_HELP, nil);
      end
    else if argument_is(^version^) then
      begin print_version_and_exit(banner, nil, ^D.E. Knuth^, nil);
      end; { Else it was a flag; getopt has already done the assignment. }
  until getopt_return_val = -1; { Now optind is the index of first non-option on the command line. We
    must have one or two remaining arguments. }
  if (optind + 1  $\neq$  argc)  $\wedge$  (optind + 2  $\neq$  argc) then
    begin write_ln(stderr, my_name, ^:_Need_one_or_two_file_arguments.^); usage(my_name);
    end;
  pl_name  $\leftarrow$  extend_filename(cmdline(optind), ^pl^);
    { If an explicit output filename isn't given, construct it from pl_name. }
  if optind + 2 = argc then
    begin tfm_name  $\leftarrow$  extend_filename(cmdline(optind + 1), ^tfm^);
    end
  else begin tfm_name  $\leftarrow$  basename_change_suffix(pl_name, ^.pl^, ^.tfm^);
  end;
end;

```

This code is used in section 2*.

149* Here are the options we allow. The first is one of the standard GNU options.

```

⟨Define the option table 149*⟩  $\equiv$ 
  current_option  $\leftarrow$  0; long_options[current_option].name  $\leftarrow$  ^help^;
  long_options[current_option].has_arg  $\leftarrow$  0; long_options[current_option].flag  $\leftarrow$  0;
  long_options[current_option].val  $\leftarrow$  0; incr(current_option);

```

See also sections 150*, 151*, and 154*.

This code is used in section 148*.

150* Another of the standard options.

```

⟨Define the option table 149*⟩  $\equiv$ 
  long_options[current_option].name  $\leftarrow$  ^version^; long_options[current_option].has_arg  $\leftarrow$  0;
  long_options[current_option].flag  $\leftarrow$  0; long_options[current_option].val  $\leftarrow$  0; incr(current_option);

```

151* Print progress information?

⟨Define the option table 149*⟩ +≡

```
long_options[current_option].name ← verbose; long_options[current_option].has_arg ← 0;
long_options[current_option].flag ← address_of(verbose); long_options[current_option].val ← 1;
incr(current_option);
```

152* ⟨Globals in the outer block 5⟩ +≡

```
verbose: c_int_type;
```

153* ⟨Initialize the option variables 153*⟩ ≡

```
verbose ← false;
```

This code is used in section 148*.

154* An element with all zeros always ends the list.

⟨Define the option table 149*⟩ +≡

```
long_options[current_option].name ← 0; long_options[current_option].has_arg ← 0;
long_options[current_option].flag ← 0; long_options[current_option].val ← 0;
```

155* Global filenames.

⟨Globals in the outer block 5⟩ +≡

```
tfm_name, pl_name: const_c_string;
```

156* Index. Pointers to error messages appear here together with the section numbers where each identifier is used.

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