

# **penlightplus**

## **Additions to the Penlight Lua Libraries**

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This package first loads the [import]penlight package.

The `pl` option may be passed to this package to create an alias for `penlight`.

`globals` option may be used to make several of the functions global (as discussed below).

### **texlua usage**

If you want to use penlightplus.lua with the `texlua` interpreter (no document is made, but useful for testing your Lua code), you can access it by setting `--SKIP_TEX__ = true` before loading. For example:

```
package.path = package.path .. ';'.. 'path/to/texmf/tex/lualatex/penlightplus/?..lua'  
package.path = package.path .. ';'.. 'path/to/texmf/tex/lualatex/penlight/?..lua'  
penlight = require'penlight'  
  
--SKIP_TEX__ = true --only required if you want to use  
--penlightplus without a LaTeX run  
--PL_GLOBALS__ = true -- optional, include global definitions  
  
require'penlightplus'
```

The following global Lua variables are defined:

`--SKIP_TEX__` If using the `penlightplus` package with `texlua` (good for troubleshooting), set this global before loading `penlight`

The gloals flags below are taken care of in the package options:

`--PL_GLOBALS__` If using package with `texlua` and you don't want to set some globals (described in next sections), set this global before to `true` loading `penlight`

`--PL_NO_HYPERREF` a flag used to change the behaviour of a function, depending on if you don't use the hyperref package  
`--PDFmetadata` a table used to store PDF meta-data

## penlight additions

Some functionality is added to penlight and Lua.

```
pl.hasval(x) Python-like boolean testing
COMP'xyz'() Python-like comprehensions:
    https://lunarmodules.github.io/Penlight/libraries/pl.comprehension.html
math.mod(n,d), math.mod2(n) math modulus
string.totable(s) string a table of characters
string.delspace(s) clear spaces from string
    pl.char(n) return letter corresponding to 1=a, 2=b, etc.
    pl.Char(n) return letter corresponding to 1=A, 2=B, etc.
```

```
pl.utils.filterfiles(dir,filt,rec) Get files from dir and apply glob-like filters. Set rec to true to include sub directories
```

## A `pl.tex`. module is added

```
add_bkt_cnt(n), close_bkt_cnt(n), reset_bkt_cnt functions to keep track of adding curly brackets as strings. add will return n (default 1) {’s and increment a counter. close will return n }’s (default will close all brackets) and decrement.
```

```
_NumBkts internal integer for tracking the number of brackets
```

```
opencmd(cs) prints \cs { and adds to the bracket counters.
```

```
xNoValue,xTrue,xFalse: xparse equivalents for commands
```

```
prt(x),prtn(x) print without or with a newline at end. Tries to help with special characters or numbers printing.
```

```
prt1(l),prtt(t) print a literal string, or table
```

```
wrt(x), wrtn(x) write to log
```

```
help_wrt(s1, s2) pretty-print something to console. S2 is a flag to help you find., alias is wrth
```

```
prt_array2d(tt) pretty print a 2d array
```

```
pkgwarn(pkg, msg1, msg2) throw a package warning
```

```
pkerror(pkg, msg1, msg2, stop) throw a package error. If stop is true, immediately ceases compile.
```

```

defcmd(cs, val) like \gdef , but note that no special chars allowed in cs(eg. @)
defmacro(cs, val) like \gdef , allows special characters, but any tokens in val must be pre-
    defined (this uses token.set_macro internally)
newcmd(cs, val) like \newcommand
renewcmd(cs, val) like \renewcommand
prvcmd(cs, val) like \providetcommand
deccmd(cs, dft, overwrite) declare a command. If dft (default) is nil, cs is set to a pack-
    age warning saying 'cs' was declared and used in document, but never set. If
    overwrite is true, it will overwrite an existing command (using defcmd), otherwise, it
    will throw error like newcmd.

```

get\_ref\_info(l) accesses the \r @label and returns a table

## global extras

If the package option `globals` is used, many additional globals are set for easier scripting. All `pl.tex` functions, and variables, `pl.hasval`, `pl.COMP`, `pl.utils.kpairs`, `pl.utils.npairs` become globals. `pl.tablex` is aliased as `TX` (which also includes all native Lua table functions), and `pl.array2d` is aliased as `A2d`.

## Macro helpers

`\MakeluastringCommands [def]{spec}` will let `\plluastrings (A|B|C..)` be `\luastrings (N|O|T|F)` based on the letters that `spec` is set to (or `def` if nothing is provided). This is useful if you want to write a command with flexibility on argument expansion. The user can specify `n`, `o`, `t`, and `f` (case insensitive) if they want no, once, twice, or full expansion. For example, we can control the expansion of args 2 and 3 with arg 1:

```

\NewDocumentCommand{\splitToComma}{ O{nn} m m }{%
    \MakeluastringCommands[nn]{#1}%
    \luadirect{penlight.tex.split2comma(\plluastringsA{#2},\plluastringsB{#3})}%
}

```

## Lua boolean expressions for LaTeX conditionals

```

\ifluax {<Lua expr>}{{<do if true>}}{<do if false>} and
\ifluax {<Lua expr>}{{<do if true>}}{<do if false>} for truthy (uses penlight.hasval)

```

1 \ifluax{3^3 == 27}{3*3*3 is 27}[WRONG]\\	3*3*3 is 27
2 \ifluax{abc123 == nil}{Var is nil}[WRONG]\\	Var is nil
3 \ifluax{not true}{tRuE}[fAlSe]\\	fAlSe
4 \ifluax{''}{TRUE}[FALSE]\\	TRUE
5 \ifluaxv{''}{true}[false]\\	false

## Creating and using Lua tables in LaTeX

`penlightplus` provides a Lua-table interface. Tables are stored in the `penlight.tbls` table.

```
\newtbl {t} declares a new table with name t
\chgtbl {t} changes the 'recent' table
\tblfrkv {t}{key-val string}[luakeys opts] new table from key-vals using luakeys
\tblfrcsv a shorthand \tblfrkv {t}{csv}[naked_as_value=true,opts], a good
way to convert a comma-separated list to an array
\settbl {i}{v} sets a value of the table/index i to v
\gettbl {i} gets the value and tex.sprint()'s it
\deftbl {i}{d} pushes the value to a cs named d
\gdeftbl {i}{d} pushes the value to a global
\iftbl {i}{tr}[fa] runs code ta if the item is true else fr
\iftblv {i}{tr}[fa] runs code ta if the item is truthy else fr
\kvtblundefcheck will throw an error if you use define a table from key-values and
use a key that was not specified in the luakeys parse options via opts.defaults or
opts.defs.
```

There are 3 ways to use the index (placeholder `i` above). `t.key` where `t` is the table name and `key` is a string key, `t/int` where `int` is an integer index (ie. uses `t[int]`, note that negative indexes are allowed where -1 is the last element), or simply use `ind` without the table name, where the assumed table is the last one that was created or changed to, (passing a number will used as an integer index).

```

1 \tblfrkv{my}{a,b,c,first=john,last=smith}%
2   [defaults={x=0,1=one,n=false,y=yes}]          true
3 \gett{my.a}\  

4 \gett{my.x}\  

5 \iftbl{n}{tr}[fa]\  

6 \iftblv{n}{TR}[FA]\  

7 \iftbl{my.y}{Tr}[Fa]\  

8 \iftblv{y}{tR}[fA]\  

9 %% \kvtblundefcheck % would throw error
10 \deftbl{my.first}{mydef} \mydef\  

11 {\deftbl{last}{mydef} \mydef} \mydef\  

12 {\gdeftbl{last}{mydef}} \mydef\  

13
14 \tblfrcsv{me}{a,b,"c,see",d,e}                a,b
15 \gett{me/1},\gett{2}\  

16 \gett{3}\  

17 \sett{me/4}{D}\gett{me/4}\  

18 \sett{5}{E}\gett{5}\  

19 \gett{-2},\gett{me/-1}\  

20 %% \gett{k} % would throw error

```

## Splitting strings

Splitting text (or a cmd) into oxford comma format via: `\splitToComma [expansion level]{text}{text to split on}`:

```

1 -\splitToComma{ j doe }{\and}-\  

2 -\splitToComma{ j doe \and s else }{\and}-\  

3 -\splitToComma{ j doe \and s else \and a per }{\and}-\  

4 -\splitToComma{ j doe \and s else \and a per \and f guy} {\and}-  

5
6 \def\authors{j doe \and s else \and a per \and f guy}
7 \splitToComma[o]{\authors}{\and}

```

-j doe-  
-j doe and s else-  
-j doe, s else, and a per-  
-j doe, s else, a per, and f guy-  
j doe, s else, a per, and f guy

The expansion level is up to two characters, `n|o|t|f`, to control the expansion of each argument.

You can do a similar string split but to `\item` instead of commas with `\splitToItems`

```
1 \begin{itemize}
2   \splitToItems{kale\and john}{\and}
3   \splitToItems{kale -john -someone ←
4     else}{-}
5   \splitToItems{1,2,3,4}{,}
6 \end{itemize}
```

- kale
- john
- kale
- john
- someone else
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4