

MINOR UTILITIES

This folder contains utilities which are rarely used, but could be useful in special cases. Only one utility is currently provided.

1. Removing Unnecessary Code from Universal Binaries

TeX Live comes with universal binaries for the Macintosh; each program contains code for both PowerPC and Intel machines. The “stripTL” utility removes the unnecessary code for your machine, saving about 30 MB of disk space.

Caution: It doesn’t make sense to use stripTL unless you really need the space. For example, Apple’s Migration Assistant will move files from an old machine to a new one. Don’t use stripTL if you might later move TeX Live to a machine with a different architecture.

To use the utility, open Terminal in /Applications/Utilities and issue the following commands:

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cd /Applications/TeX/Utilities/"Minor Utilities"  
sudo ./stripTL
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The utility will determine your processor, tell you what it is about to do with a message like the one below, and ask permission to proceed.

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Preparing to strip programs for i386 by removing ppc binaries.
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