

The `I3intarray` package: low-level arrays of small integers

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1 `I3intarray` documentation

This module provides no user function: at present it is meant for kernel use only.

It is a wrapper around the `\fontdimen` primitive, used to store arrays of integers (with a restricted range: absolute value at most $2^{30} - 1$). In contrast to `I3seq` sequences the access to individual entries is done in constant time rather than linear time, but only integers can be stored. More precisely, the primitive `\fontdimen` stores dimensions but the `I3intarray` package transparently converts these from/to integers. Assignments are always global.

While LuaT_EX's memory is extensible, other engines can “only” deal with a bit less than 4×10^6 entries in all `\fontdimen` arrays combined (with default T_EXLive settings).

1.1 Internal functions

`__intarray_new:Nn`

`__intarray_new:Nn <intarray var> {<size>}`

Evaluates the integer expression `<size>` and allocates an `<integer array variable>` with that number of (zero) entries.

`__intarray_count:N *`

`__intarray_count:N <intarray var>`

Expands to the number of entries in the `<integer array variable>`. Contrarily to `\seq_count:N` this is performed in constant time.

`__intarray_gset:Nnn` `__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn`

`__intarray_gset:Nnn <intarray var> {<position>} {<value>}`

`__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn <intarray var> {<position>} {<value>}`

Stores the result of evaluating the integer expression `<value>` into the `<integer array variable>` at the (integer expression) `<position>`. While `__intarray_gset:Nnn` checks that the `<position>` is between 1 and the `__intarray_count:N` and that the `<value>`'s absolute value is at most $2^{30} - 1$, the “fast” function performs no such bound check. Assignments are always global.

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`__intarray_item:Nn` * `__intarray_item:Nn <intarray var> {<position>}`
`__intarray_item_fast:Nn` * `__intarray_item_fast:Nn <intarray var> {<position>}`

Expands to the integer entry stored at the (integer expression) *<position>* in the *<integer array variable>*. While `__intarray_item:Nn` checks that the *<position>* is between 1 and the `__intarray_count:N`, the “fast” function performs no such bound check.

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