

# The `overpic` package

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## 1 Introduction

The `overpic` environment is a combination between the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X picture environment and another L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X object like an image used with the command `\includegraphics` of `graphicx` or a tabular. The resulting picture environment has the same dimensions as the included object. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X commands can be placed on the object at any position; setting a grid for the orientation is possible.

## 2 Usage

Put `\usepackage[<options>]{overpic}` in the preamble of the document. The following package options are available:

- `abs`: Absolute positioning in multiples of `\unitlength`.
- `percent`: Relative positioning; the longer dimension has value 100. The `\unitlength` will be calculated accordingly. This is the default mode.
- `permil`: Relative positioning; the longer dimension has value 1000. The `\unitlength` will be calculated accordingly.

Other options will be transferred to package `graphicx`.

`overpic \begin{overpic}[<options>]{<filename>} <picture code> \end{overpic}`

Sets the graphic `<filename>` and puts the `<picture code>` on the top of the graphic. The picture code can be any T<sub>E</sub>X code inclusive other graphics.

The following options are possible:

- `abs, percent, permil`: The same as the package options (true or false).

- **rel**: Other value as base for relative positioning (e.g. 10000)
- **grid**: Drawing a grid for better orientation (true or false, default: false).
- **tics**: The distance of the grid tics (default: 10).
- **unit**: Sets `\unitlength` (any TeX dimension, only effective in abs mode).

`\Overpic \begin{Overpic}[\langle options\rangle]{\langle TeX code\rangle} \langle picture code\rangle \end{Overpic}`

Similar to environment `overpic` but instead of a graphic any TeX code (e.g. a tabular) is set as basement of the following picture overlay.

`\setOverpic \setOverpic{\langle options\rangle}`

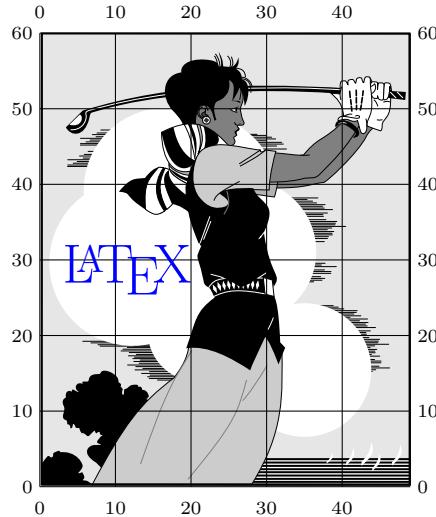
Sets new default values.

### 3 Examples

The graphic (`golfer.eps`) in the following examples is part of the program `ghostscript` and must be accessible to TeX. To use the command `\color` the package `xcolor` (or `color`) must be loaded.

#### 3.1 Environment “overpic” (absolute positioning)

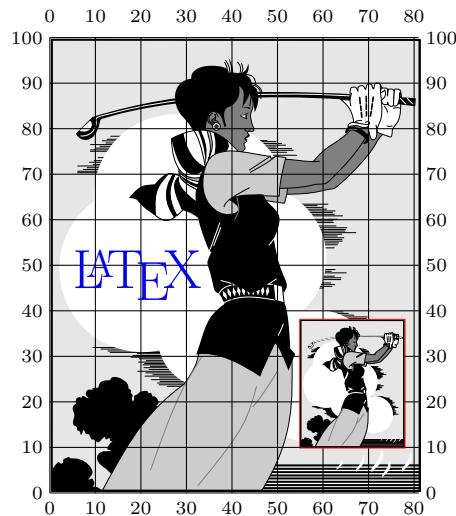
```
\begin{overpic}[abs,unit=1mm,scale=.25,grid]{golfer.eps}
  \put(3,27){\color{blue}\huge\LaTeX}
\end{overpic}
```



### 3.2 Environment “overpic” (relative positioning)

The longer dimension is defined as 100%.

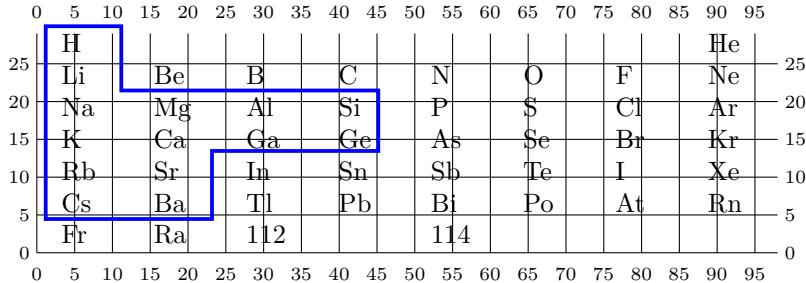
```
\begin{overpic}[scale=.25,percent,grid]{golfer.eps}
  \put(5,45){\color{blue}\huge\LaTeX}
  \put(55,10){\color{red}%
    \frame{\includegraphics[scale=.07]{golfer.eps}}}
\end{overpic}
```



### 3.3 Environment “Overpic” (absolute positioning)

To use the picture command `\polygon` the package `pict2e` must be loaded.

```
\begin{Overpic}[abs,unit=1mm,grid=true,tics=5]{%
  \begin{tabular}{*{8}{p{8mm}}}
    H & & & & & & & He \\
    Li & Be & B & C & N & O & F & Ne \\
    Na & Mg & Al & Si & P & S & Cl & Ar \\
    K & Ca & Ga & Ge & As & Se & Br & Kr \\
    Rb & Sr & In & Sn & Sb & Te & I & Xe \\
    Cs & Ba & Tl & Pb & Bi & Po & At & Rn \\
    Fr & Ra & 112& & 114& & &
  \end{tabular}}
  \linethickness{0.5mm} \color{blue}%
  \put(0,0){\polygon(0,30)(10,30)(10,21.5)(44,21.5)(44,13.5)%
    (22,13.5)(22,4.5)(0,4.5)}
\end{Overpic}
```



## 4 Implementation

```

1 \RequirePackage{graphicx,epic}

\OVP@scale Reference value for rel mode, "100" (percent) and "1000" (permil)

2 \newcommand*\OVP@scale{\z@}

All the keys.

3 \define@key{Gin}{rel}{%
4   \def\OVP@scale{\#1}%
5   \ifnum\OVP@scale>\z@
6     \let\OVP@calc\OVP@calc@rel
7   \else
8     \PackageError{overpic}{Invalid number for option 'rel'}\@ehc
9   \fi
10 }
11 \define@key{Gin}{percent}[]{%
12   \setkeys{Gin}{rel=100}%
13 }
14 \define@key{Gin}{permil}[]{%
15   \setkeys{Gin}{rel=\@m}%
16 }
17 \define@key{Gin}{abs}[]{%
18   \let\OVP@calc\OVP@calc@abs
19 }
20 \newif\ifGin@grid
21 \define@key{Gin}{grid}[true]{\lowercase{\Gin@boolkey{\#1}}{grid}}
22 \define@key{Gin}{tics}[\count@=\#1]
23 \define@key{Gin}{unit}{\unitlength=\dimexpr\relax}

\OVP@calc@abs Some calculations in abs mode. \tempcnta is the normalized width and
\tempcntb is the normalized height. \count@ is the tics value.

24 \newcommand*\OVP@calc@abs{%
25   \divide\tempcnta by \unitlength
26   \divide\tempcntb by \unitlength
27   \ifnum\count@=\z@\count@=10\fi
28 }
```

**\OVP@calc@rel** Some calculations in rel mode. The bigger value of width or height is the base.

```
29 \newcommand*\OVP@calc@rel{%
30   \ifnum\@tempcnta>\@tempcntb
31     \divide\@tempcnta by \OVP@scale
32     \unitlength=\@tempcnta sp %
33     \@tempcnta=\OVP@scale
34     \divide\@tempcntb by \unitlength
35   \else
36     \divide\@tempcntb by \OVP@scale
37     \unitlength=\@tempcntb sp %
38     \@tempcntb=\OVP@scale
39     \divide\@tempcnta by \unitlength
40   \fi
41   \ifnum\count@=\z@
42     \count@=\OVP@scale
43     \divide\count@ by 10 %
44   \fi
45 }
```

The package options set the defaults.

```
46 \DeclareOption{percent}{\setkeys{Gin}{rel=100}}
47 \DeclareOption{permil}{\setkeys{Gin}{rel=\@m}}
48 \DeclareOption{abs}{\setkeys{Gin}{abs}}
49 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{graphicx}}
50 \ExecuteOptions{percent}
51 \ProcessOptions
```

**overpic** Box 0 gets a graphic.

```
52 \newenvironment{overpic}[2][]{\%
53   \sbox{z}{\includegraphics[#1]{#2}}%
```

reset the graphics parameter

```
54   \let\Gin@outer@scalex\relax
55   \let\Gin@outer@scaley\relax
56   \let\Gin@angle\relax
57   \let\Gin@ewidth\Gin@exclamation
58   \let\Gin@eheight\Gin@ewidth
59   \def\Gin@scalex{1}%
60   \let\Gin@scaley\Gin@exclamation
61   \OVP@picture{#1}%
62 }{\endpicture}
```

**Overpic** Box 0 gets any T<sub>E</sub>X code.

```
63 \newenvironment{Overpic}[2][]{\%
64   \sbox{z}{#2}}%
```

```

65   \OVP@picture{#1}%
66 }{\endpicture}

```

**\OVP@picture** Put box 0 and an optionally grid at the lower left corner of a picture environment.

```

67 \newcommand*\OVP@picture[1]{%
68   \settodepth{\@tempcnta}{\usebox{z@}}%
69   \settoheight{\@tempcntb}{\usebox{z@}}%
70   \advance{\@tempcntb}{\@tempcnta}%
71   \settowidth{\@tempcnta}{\usebox{z@}}%
72   \count@=\z@ \Gin@gridfalse
73   \setkeys{Gin}{#1}%
74   \OVP@calc
75   \picture(\@tempcnta,\@tempcntb)%
76     \put(0,0){\makebox(0,0)[bl]{\usebox{z@}}}%
77     \ifGin@grid
78       \put(0,0){\normalfont\selectfont
79         \grid(\@tempcnta,\@tempcntb)(\count@,\count@)[0,0]}%
80     \fi
81 }

```

**\setOverpic** Sets new defaults.

```

82 \newcommand*\setOverpic[1]{%
83   \setkeys{Gin}{#1}%
84 }

85 \endinput

```

## Change History

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General: Converted to .dtx . . . . .	1	
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