The lua-visual-debug package (V0.2)

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1 About

This package aids debugging your TEX and LATEX document by drawing rectangles around boxes and rules where glue is inserted. Other items are marked as well: kerns, hyphenation points and penalties.

2 How to use

When you load the package lua-visual-debug in your LuaLATEX document (or use \input lua-visual-debug.sty in plain TEX), LuaTEX will highlight boxes, penalties, glues and kerns in the PDF. This package requires you to process the document with LATEX (plain and LaTeX formats).

3 A LATEX example

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\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{lua-visual-debug}
\usepackage{lmodern}
\setlength\textwidth{300pt}
\setlength\textheight{10cm}
\begin{document}
\section{A short story}
A wonderful serenity has taken possession of my entire soul, like these sweet
mornings of spring which I enjoy with my whole heart. I am alone, and feel
the charm of existence in this spot, which was created for the bliss of souls
like mine. I am so happy, my dear friend, so absorbed in the exquisite sense
of mere tranquil existence, that I neglect my talents.
\begin{itemize}
  \item one
  \item two
  \item three
\end{itemize}
\bgroup\fontsize{30}{34}\selectfont
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\centerline{\TeX}
\egroup
\vbox{\strut Hello}\kern .5cm\vbox{\strut World}
\[ \int_e^x=mc^2 \]
\end{document}
yields
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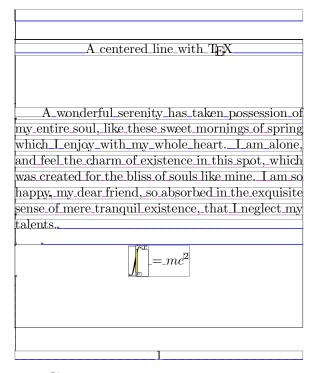
A wonderful serenity has taken possession of my entire soul, like these sweet_mornings_of_spring_which_Lenjoy_with_my_whole_heart._Lam alone, and feel the charm of existence in this spot, which was created for the bliss_of_souls_like_mine._Lam_so_happy, my_dear_friend, so absorbed_in_the_exquisite_sense_of_mere_tranquil_existence,_that_I neglect_my_talents... • one. • flwo. • flwo. • flyod. World.

4 A plain T_EX example

\input lua-visual-debug.sty
\hsize 3in \vsize 3in
\centerline{A centered line with \TeX}
\vskip .5in

A wonderful serenity has taken possession of my entire soul, like these sweet mornings of spring which I enjoy with my whole heart. I am alone, and feel the charm of existence in this spot, which was created for the bliss of souls like mine. I am so happy, my dear friend, so absorbed in the exquisite sense of mere tranquil existence, that I neglect my talents.

\$\$\int_e^x=mc^2\$\$
\bye
yields



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