

# The **luamplib** package

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## Abstract

Package to have metapost code typeset directly in a document with LuaTeX.

## 1 Documentation

This packages aims at providing a simple way to typeset directly metapost code in a document with LuaTeX. LuaTeX is built with the lua **mplib** library, that runs metapost code. This package is basically a wrapper (in Lua) for the Lua **mplib** functions and some **T<sub>E</sub>X** functions to have the output of the **mplib** functions in the pdf.

The package needs to be in PDF mode in order to output something, as PDF specials are not supported by the DVI format and tools.

The metapost figures are put in a **T<sub>E</sub>X** **hbox** with dimensions adjusted to the metapost code.

The code is from the **supp-mp1.lua** and **supp-mp1.tex** files from ConTeXt, they have been adapted to **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X** and Plain by Elie Roux. The changes are:

- a **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X** environment
- all **T<sub>E</sub>X** macros start by **mplib**
- use of luatexbase for errors, warnings and declaration

Using this package is easy: in Plain, type your metapost code between the macros **mplibcode** and **endmplibcode**, and in **L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X** in the **mplibcode** environment.

There are (basically) two formats for metapost: *plain* and *mpfun*. By default, the *plain* format is used, but you can set the format to be used by future figures at any time using **\mplibsetformat{format name}**.

## 2 Implementation

### 2.1 Lua module

1 **(\*lua)**

    Use the **luamplib** namespace, since **mplib** is for the metapost library itself.

2 **module('luamplib', package.seeall)**

    Identification, and additional reporting function, for compatibility with the original **report()** function and associated data structure.

3 **local err, warn, info, log = luatexbase.provides\_module({**

```

4     name      = "luamplib",
5     version   = 1.09,
6     date      = "2011/11/09",
7     description = "Lua package to typeset Metapost with LuaTeX's MPLib.",
8 }
9
10 local function term(...)
11     texio.write_nl('term', 'luamplib: ' .. string.format(...))
12 end
13

```

This module is a stripped down version of libraries that are used by ConTeXt. Provide a few “shortcuts” expected by the imported code.

```

14 local format, concat, abs = string.format, table.concat, math.abs
15

```

This is a small trick for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. In L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X we read the metapost code line by line, but it needs to be passed entirely to `process()`, so we simply add the lines in `data` and at the end we call `process(data)`.

```

16 local data = ""
17
18 local function resetdata()
19     data = ""
20 end
21 function addline(line)
22     data = data .. '\n' .. line
23 end
24 function processlines()
25     process(data)
26     resetdata()
27 end
28

```

As the finder function for `mplib`, use the `kpse` library and make it behave like as if MetaPost was used (or almost, since the engine name is not set this way—not sure if this is a problem).

```

29 local mpkpse = kpse.new("luatex", "mpost")
30
31 local function finder(name, mode, ftype)
32     if mode == "w" then
33         return name
34     else
35         return mpkpse:find_file(name, ftype)
36     end
37 end
38

```

Default format name, and a public function to change it.

```

39 local currentformat = "plain"
40
41 function setformat (name)
42     currentformat = name
43 end
44

```

Create a new `mplib` object and input the correct .mp file as given by `currentformat`. With older versions of MetaPost, using a `mem` file may be more efficient, but newer versions don't

support it any more so for the sake of simplicity, don't even try to use a `mem` file. `ini_version` is ignored by new versions but is useful to prevent old ones from trying to load a `mem` file.

```
45 function load()
46     local mpx = mplib.new {
47         find_file   = finder,
48         ini_version = true,
49     }
50     mpx:execute(format("input %s ;", currentformat))
51     return mpx
52 end
53
```

The rest of this module is not documented. More information can be found in the `LuaTeX` manual, articles in user group journals and the files that ship with `ConTeXt`.

```
54 function report(result)
55     if not result then
56         err("no result object")
57     elseif result.status > 0 then
58         local t, e, l, f = result.term, result.error, result.log
59         if l then
60             log(l)
61         end
62         if t then
63             term(t)
64         end
65         if e then
66             if result.status == 1 then
67                 warn(e)
68             else
69                 err(e)
70             end
71         end
72         if not t and not e and not l then
73             if result.status == 1 then
74                 warn("unknown error, no error, terminal or log messages, maybe missing beginfig/endfig")
75             else
76                 err("unknown error, no error, terminal or log messages, maybe missing beginfig/endfig")
77             end
78         end
79     else
80         return true
81     end
82     return false
83 end
84
85 function process(data)
86     local converted, result = false, {}
87     local mpx = load()
88     if mpx and data then
89         local result = mpx:execute(data)
90         if report(result) then
91             if result.fig then
92                 converted = convert(result)
93             else
```

```

94         warn("no figure output")
95     end
96   end
97 else
98     err("Mem file unloadable. Maybe generated with a different version of mplib?")
99 end
100 return converted, result
101 end
102
103 local function getobjects(result,figure,f)
104   return figure:objects()
105 end
106
107 function convert(result, flusher)
108   flush(result, flusher)
109   return true -- done
110 end
111
112 local function pdf_startfigure(n,llx,lly,urx,ury)
113   tex.sprint(format("\\"mplibstarttoPDF{\%s}{%s}{%s}{%s}",llx,lly,urx,ury))
114 end
115
116 local function pdf_stopfigure()
117   tex.sprint("\\"mplibstopoPDF")
118 end
119
120 function pdf_literalcode(fmt,...) -- table
121   tex.sprint(format("\\"mplibtoPDF{\%s}",format(fmt,...)))
122 end
123
124 function pdf_textfigure(font,size,text,width,height,depth)
125   text = text:gsub(".", "\\"hbox{\%1}") -- kerning happens in metapost
126   tex.sprint(format("\\"mplibtexttext{\%s}{%s}{%s}{%s}{%s}",font,size,text,0,-( 7200/ 7227)/65536*depth))
127 end
128
129 local bend_tolerance = 131/65536
130
131 local rx, sx, sy, ry, tx, ty, divider = 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1
132
133 local function pen_characteristics(object)
134   if mplib.pen_info then
135     local t = mplib.pen_info(object)
136     rx, ry, sx, sy, tx, ty = t.rx, t.ry, t.sx, t.sy, t.tx, t.ty
137     divider = sx*sy - rx*ry
138     return not (sx==1 and rx==0 and ry==0 and sy==1 and tx==0 and ty==0), t.width
139   else
140     rx, sx, sy, ry, tx, ty, divider = 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1
141     return false, 1
142   end
143 end
144
145 local function concat(px, py) -- no tx, ty here
146   return (sy*px-ry*py)/divider,(sx*py-rx*px)/divider

```

```

147 end
148
149 local function curved(ith,pth)
150     local d = pth.left_x - ith.right_x
151     if abs(ith.right_x - ith.x_coord - d) <= bend_tolerance and abs(pth.x_coord - pth.left_x - d) <= bend_
152         d = pth.left_y - ith.right_y
153         if abs(ith.right_y - ith.y_coord - d) <= bend_tolerance and abs(pth.y_coord - pth.left_y - d) <= bend_
154             return false
155         end
156     end
157     return true
158 end
159
160 local function flushnormalpath(path,open)
161     local pth, ith
162     for i=1,#path do
163         pth = path[i]
164         if not ith then
165             pdf_literalcode("%f %f m",pth.x_coord, pth.y_coord)
166         elseif curved(ith, pth) then
167             pdf_literalcode("%f %f %f %f %f %f c",ith.right_x,ith.right_y, pth.left_x, pth.left_y, pth.x_coo
168         else
169             pdf_literalcode("%f %f l", pth.x_coord, pth.y_coord)
170         end
171         ith = pth
172     end
173     if not open then
174         local one = path[1]
175         if curved(pth, one) then
176             pdf_literalcode("%f %f %f %f %f %f c", pth.right_x, pth.right_y, one.left_x, one.left_y, one.x_coo
177         else
178             pdf_literalcode("%f %f l", one.x_coord, one.y_coord)
179         end
180     elseif #path == 1 then
181         -- special case .. draw point
182         local one = path[1]
183         pdf_literalcode("%f %f l", one.x_coord, one.y_coord)
184     end
185     return t
186 end
187
188 local function flushconcatpath(path,open)
189     pdf_literalcode("%f %f %f %f %f cm", sx, rx, ry, sy, tx ,ty)
190     local pth, ith
191     for i=1,#path do
192         pth = path[i]
193         if not ith then
194             pdf_literalcode("%f %f m", concat(pth.x_coord, pth.y_coord))
195         elseif curved(ith, pth) then
196             local a, b = concat(ith.right_x, ith.right_y)
197             local c, d = concat(pth.left_x, pth.left_y)
198             pdf_literalcode("%f %f %f %f %f %f c", a,b,c,d,concat(pth.x_coord, pth.y_coord))
199         else

```

```

200         pdf_literalcode("%f %f 1",concat(pth.x_coord, pth.y_coord))
201     end
202     ith = pth
203   end
204   if not open then
205     local one = path[1]
206     if curved(pth,one) then
207       local a, b = concat(pth.right_x, pth.right_y)
208       local c, d = concat(one.left_x, one.left_y)
209       pdf_literalcode("%f %f %f %f %f %f c", a, b, c, d, concat(one.x_coord, one.y_coord))
210     else
211       pdf_literalcode("%f %f 1", concat(one.x_coord, one.y_coord))
212     end
213   elseif #path == 1 then
214     -- special case .. draw point
215     local one = path[1]
216     pdf_literalcode("%f %f 1", concat(one.x_coord, one.y_coord))
217   end
218   return t
219 end
220

```

Support for specials in DVI has been removed.

```

221 function flush(result,flusher)
222   if result then
223     local figures = result.fig
224     if figures then
225       for f=1, #figures do
226         log("flushing figure %s",f)
227         local figure = figures[f]
228         local objects = getobjects(result,figure,f)
229         local fignum = tonumber((figure:filename()):match("(%d)+$") or figure:charcode() or 0)
230         local miterlimit, linecap, linejoin, dashed = -1, -1, -1, false
231         local bbox = figure:boundingbox()
232         local llx, lly, urx, ury = bbox[1], bbox[2], bbox[3], bbox[4] -- faster than unpack
233         if urx < llx then
234           -- invalid
235           pdf_startfigure(fignum,0,0,0,0)
236           pdf_stopfigure()
237         else
238           pdf_startfigure(fignum,llx,lly,urx,ury)
239           pdf_literalcode("q")
240           if objects then
241             for o=1,#objects do
242               local object = objects[o]
243               local objecttype = object.type
244               if objecttype == "start_bounds" or objecttype == "stop_bounds" then
245                 -- skip
246               elseif objecttype == "start_clip" then
247                 pdf_literalcode("q")
248                 flushnormalpath(object.path,t,false)
249                 pdf_literalcode("W n")
250               elseif objecttype == "stop_clip" then
251                 pdf_literalcode("Q")

```

```

252             miterlimit, linecap, linejoin, dashed = -1, -1, -1, false
253         elseif objecttype == "special" then
254             -- not supported
255         elseif objecttype == "text" then
256             local ot = object.transform -- 3,4,5,6,1,2
257             pdf_literalcode("q %f %f %f %f %f cm",ot[3],ot[4],ot[5],ot[6],ot[1],ot[2])
258             pdf_textfigure(object.font,object.dszie,object.text,object.width,object.height)
259             pdf_literalcode("Q")
260         else
261             local cs = object.color
262             if cs and #cs > 0 then
263                 pdf_literalcode(colorconverter(cs))
264             end
265             local ml = object.miterlimit
266             if ml and ml ~= miterlimit then
267                 miterlimit = ml
268                 pdf_literalcode("%f M",ml)
269             end
270             local lj = object.linejoin
271             if lj and lj ~= linejoin then
272                 linejoin = lj
273                 pdf_literalcode("%i j",lj)
274             end
275             local lc = object.linecap
276             if lc and lc ~= linecap then
277                 linecap = lc
278                 pdf_literalcode("%i J",lc)
279             end
280             local dl = object.dash
281             if dl then
282                 local d = format("[%s] %i d",concat(dl.dashes or {}," "),dl.offset)
283                 if d ~= dashed then
284                     dashed = d
285                     pdf_literalcode(dashed)
286                 end
287             elseif dashed then
288                 pdf_literalcode("[] 0 d")
289                 dashed = false
290             end
291             local path = object.path
292             local transformed, penwidth = false, 1
293             local open = path and path[1].left_type and path[#path].right_type
294             local pen = object.pen
295             if pen then
296                 if pen.type == 'elliptical' then
297                     transformed, penwidth = pen_characteristics(object) -- boolean, vector
298                     pdf_literalcode("%f w",penwidth)
299                     if objecttype == 'fill' then
300                         objecttype = 'both'
301                     end
302                 else -- calculated by mplib itself
303                     objecttype = 'fill'
304                 end

```

```

305         end
306         if transformed then
307             pdf_literalcode("q")
308         end
309         if path then
310             if transformed then
311                 flushconcatpath(path,open)
312             else
313                 flushnormalpath(path,open)
314             end
315             if objecttype == "fill" then
316                 pdf_literalcode("h f")
317             elseif objecttype == "outline" then
318                 pdf_literalcode((open and "S") or "h S")
319             elseif objecttype == "both" then
320                 pdf_literalcode("h B")
321             end
322         end
323         if transformed then
324             pdf_literalcode("Q")
325         end
326         local path = object.htap
327         if path then
328             if transformed then
329                 pdf_literalcode("q")
330             end
331             if transformed then
332                 flushconcatpath(path,open)
333             else
334                 flushnormalpath(path,open)
335             end
336             if objecttype == "fill" then
337                 pdf_literalcode("h f")
338             elseif objecttype == "outline" then
339                 pdf_literalcode((open and "S") or "h S")
340             elseif objecttype == "both" then
341                 pdf_literalcode("h B")
342             end
343             if transformed then
344                 pdf_literalcode("Q")
345             end
346         end
347         if cr then
348             pdf_literalcode(cr)
349         end
350     end
351     end
352   end
353   pdf_literalcode("Q")
354   pdf_stopfigure()
355 end
356 end
357 end

```

```

358     end
359 end
360
361 function colorconverter(cr)
362     local n = #cr
363     if n == 4 then
364         local c, m, y, k = cr[1], cr[2], cr[3], cr[4]
365         return format("%.3f %.3f %.3f %.3f k %.3f %.3f %.3f K",c,m,y,k,c,m,y,k), "0 g 0 G"
366     elseif n == 3 then
367         local r, g, b = cr[1], cr[2], cr[3]
368         return format("%.3f %.3f %.3f rg %.3f %.3f %.3f RG",r,g,b,r,g,b), "0 g 0 G"
369     else
370         local s = cr[1]
371         return format("%.3f g %.3f G",s,s), "0 g 0 G"
372     end
373 end
374 
```

## 2.2 TeX package

```
375 <*package>
```

First we need to load fancyvrb, to define the environment mplibcode.

```

376 \bgroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\egroup
377 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
378   \input luatexbase-modutils.sty
379 \else
380   \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
381   \ProvidesPackage{luamplib}
382   [2011/12/09 v1.09 mplib package for LuaTeX]
383   \RequirePackage{luatexbase-modutils}
384   \RequirePackage{fancyvrb}
385 \fi

```

Loading of lua code.

```

386 \RequireLuaModule{luamplib}

```

Set the format for metapost.

```

387 \def\mplibsetformat#1{%
388   \directlua{luamplib.setformat("\luatexluaescapestring{#1}")}}

```

MPLib only works in PDF mode, we don't do anything if we are in DVI mode, and we output a warning.

```

389 \ifnum\pdfoutput>0
390   \let\mplibtoPDF\pdfliteral
391 \else
392   \%def\MPLIBtoPDF#1{\special{pdf:literal direct #1}} % not ok yet
393   \%def\mplibtoPDF#1{}
394   \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageWarning\endcsname\relax
395     \write16{}
396     \write16{Warning: MPLib only works in PDF mode, no figure will be output.}
397     \write16{}
398   \else
399     \PackageWarning{mplib}{MPLib only works in PDF mode, no figure will be output.}
400   \fi
401 \fi

```

The Plain-specific stuff.

```
402 \bgroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\egroup
403 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
404 \def\mplibsetupcatcodes{%
405   \catcode`{\=12 \catcode`}=12 \catcode`\#=12 \catcode`\^=12 \catcode`\~=12
406   \catcode`\_=12 \catcode`\%=12 \catcode`\&=12 \catcode`\$=12
407 }
408 \def\mplibcode{%
409   \bgroup %
410   \mplibsetupcatcodes %
411   \mplibdocode %
412 }
413 \long\def\mplibdocode#1\endmplibcode{%
414   \egroup %
415   \mplibprocess{#1}%
416 }
417 \long\def\mplibprocess#1{%
418   \directlua{\luamplib.process("\luatexluaescapestring{#1}")}%
419 }
420 \else
```

The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-specific parts. First a Hack for the catcodes in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```
421 \begingroup
422 \catcode`\,=13
423 \catcode`\-=13
424 \catcode`\<=13
425 \catcode`\>=13
426 \catcode`\^I=13
427 \catcode`\'=13 % must be last...
428 \gdef\FV@hack{%
429   \def,{\string,}%
430   \def-{\string-}%
431   \def<{\string<}%
432   \def>{\string>}%
433   \def'{\string'}%
434   \def^I{\string^I}%
435 }
436 \endgroup
```

In L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (it's not the case in plainT<sub>E</sub>X), we get the metapost code line by line, here is the function handling a line.

```
437 \newcommand\mplibaddlines[1]{%
438   \begingroup %
439   \FV@hack %
440   \def\FV@ProcessLine##1{%
441     \directlua{\luamplib.addline("\luatexluaescapestring{##1}")}%
442   }%
443   \csname FV@SV@#1\endcsname %
444   \endgroup %
445 }
```

The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X environment is a modified **verbatim** environment.

```
446 \newenvironment{mplibcode}{%
447   \VerbatimEnvironment %
448   \begin{SaveVerbatim}{memoire}%
```

```

449 }{%
450   \end{SaveVerbatim}%
451   \mplibaddlines{memoire}%
452   \directlua{luamplib.processlines()}%
453 }
454
455 \fi

```

We use a dedicated scratchbox.

```
456 \ifx\mplibscratchbox\undefined \newbox\mplibscratchbox \fi
```

We encapsulate the litterals.

```

457 \def\mplibstarttoPDF#1#2#3#4{%
458   \hbox\bgroup
459   \xdef\MPllx{\#1}\xdef\MPllx{\#2}%
460   \xdef\MPurx{\#3}\xdef\MPurx{\#4}%
461   \xdef\MPwidth{\the\dimexpr#3bp-#1bp\relax}%
462   \xdef\MPheight{\the\dimexpr#4bp-#2bp\relax}%
463   \parskip0pt%
464   \leftskip0pt%
465   \parindent0pt%
466   \everypar{}%
467   \setbox\mplibscratchbox\vbox\bgroup
468   \noindent
469 }

470 \def\mplibstopoPDF{%
471   \egroup %
472   \setbox\mplibscratchbox\hbox %
473   {\hskip-\MPllx bp%
474    \raise-\MPllx bp%
475    \box\mplibscratchbox}%
476   \setbox\mplibscratchbox\vbox to \MPheight
477   {\vfill
478    \hsize\MPwidth
479    \wd\mplibscratchbox0pt%
480    \ht\mplibscratchbox0pt%
481    \dp\mplibscratchbox0pt%
482    \box\mplibscratchbox}%
483   \wd\mplibscratchbox\MPwidth
484   \ht\mplibscratchbox\MPheight
485   \box\mplibscratchbox
486   \egroup
487 }

```

Text items have a special handler.

```

488 \def\mplibtexttext#1#2#3#4#5{%
489   \begingroup
490   \setbox\mplibscratchbox\hbox
491   {\font\temp=#1 at #2bp%
492    \temp
493    #3}%
494   \setbox\mplibscratchbox\hbox
495   {\hskip#4 bp%
496    \raise#5 bp%
497    \box\mplibscratchbox}%

```

```
498 \wd\mplibscratchbox0pt%
499 \ht\mplibscratchbox0pt%
500 \dp\mplibscratchbox0pt%
501 \box\mplibscratchbox
502 \endgroup
503 }
```

That's all folks!  
504 ⟨/package⟩