### **NAME**

kpsewhich - standalone path lookup and and expansion for kpathsea

### **SYNOPSIS**

**kpsewhich** [options] [filenames]

#### DESCRIPTION

This manual page is not meant to be exhaustive. The complete documentation for this version of TeX can be found in the info file or manual *Kpathsea*: A *library for path searching*.

**kpsewhich** is used as a standalone front-end of the kpathsea library that can be used to examine variables and find files. When the **-format** option is not given, the search path used when looking for a file is inferred from the name given, by looking for a known extension. If no known extension is found, the search path for T<sub>E</sub>X source files is used.

### **OPTIONS**

**kpsewhich** accepts the following options:

-debug num

Set debugging flags.

**-D** *num* Use a base resolution of *num*; the default, set by the installer, is typically 600.

-dpi num

As -D.

-engine string

Set *\$engine* in the environment, which is used in some search paths.

-expand-braces string

Print variable and brace expansion of string.

-expand-path string

Print complete path expansion of *string*.

-expand-var string

Print variable expansion of *string*.

-format name

Use file type *name*. See the info manual for a list of valid names, or use the **-help** option to print the list.

**-help** Print help message and exit.

-interactive

Ask for additional filenames to look up.

-mktex fmt

enable mktex fmt generation. (fmt=pk/mf/tex/tfm)

-mode string

Set device name for \$MAKETEX MODE to string; no default.

-must-exist

Search the disk as well as ls-R if necessary.

-no-mktex fmt

disable mktex fmt generation. (fmt=pk/mf/tex/tfm)

# -path string

Search in the path string.

# -progname string

Set program name to string.

## -show-path name

Output search path for file type *name*. See the info manual for a list of valid names, or use the **-help** option to print the list.

### -var-value variable

Print the expansion of variable.

## -version

Print version information and exit.

## **SEE ALSO**

mktexlsr(1), mktexmf(1), mktexpk(1), mktextfm(1).