

# The `grfext` package

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## Abstract

This package provides macros for adding and reordering graphics extensions of package `graphics`.

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# 1 Documentation

## 1.1 Introduction

If you are not familiar with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's graphics bundle, please read its documentation [grffile](#) [1]. The bundle contains two packages for graphics inclusion: `graphics` and `graphicx`. The first one is loaded by the second one that adds a key value interface.

Graphics files are included in both cases by macro `\includegraphics`. The file name extension can be omitted. Then the `graphics` package goes through a list of known extensions until it finds the graphics file. This extension list is set by `\DeclareGraphicsExtensions`. The previous contents of the list is overwritten.

## 1.2 User interface

This package `grfext` provides macros that adds entries to the list or remove them. The list may be empty or even undefined before. It is always defined afterwards, but can be empty (especially after removing entries).

```
\AppendGraphicsExtensions * {\{ext-list\}}
\PrependGraphicsExtensions * {\{ext-list\}}
```

The argument `\{ext-list\}` is a comma separated list whose entries are file name extensions including the dot. But first the entries are removed from `graphics`' extension list to avoid multiple occurrences of the same extension.

Then macro `\AppendGraphicsExtensions` adds the entries after the end of `graphics`' list, whereas macro `\PrependGraphicsExtensions` puts them in front of the list. The order matters if a graphics file is available in different acceptable formats. Then the first extension wins.

The star version of these commands only adds an extensions, if a specific `graphics` rule exists for that extension.

```
\RemoveGraphicsExtensions {\{ext-list\}}
```

All occurrences of file extensions in `\{ext-list\}` are removed from `graphics`' extension list.

## 1.3 Package loading

The package does not define any options. It is loaded as usual in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, e.g.:

```
\usepackage{grfext}
```

```
\PrintGraphicsExtensions
```

Macro `\PrintGraphicsExtensions` writes the current graphics extensions list in the `.log` file. The macros described before do this automatically after their operation.

## 1.4 Option support for package `graphicx`

Package `graphicx` uses the interface of package `keyval` in order to specify options for `\includegraphics`. The options can also be set using

```
\setkeys{Gin}{⟨options⟩}
```

The four user macros with the two star forms are available as options in family `Gin` as well:

```
AppendGraphicsExtensions={⟨ext-list⟩}
AppendGraphicsExtensions*={⟨ext-list⟩}
PrependGraphicsExtensions={⟨ext-list⟩}
PrependGraphicsExtensions*={⟨ext-list⟩}
RemoveGraphicsExtensions={⟨ext-list⟩}
PrintGraphicsExtensions
```

This makes it easier to locally change the extension list for an included graphics, e.g.:

```
\includegraphics[RemoveGraphicsExtensions={.pdf,PDF}]{image}
```

## 1.5 plain $\text{\TeX}$

$\text{\LaTeX}$ 's graphics packages can also be used with plain  $\text{\TeX}$ . The necessary basic  $\text{\LaTeX}$  macros are defined in `miniltx.tex`. This package `grfext` also relies on it. Example:

```
\input miniltx.tex\relax
\def\Gin@driver{pdftex.def}
\input graphicx.sty\relax
\input grfext.sty\relax
\resetatcatcode
```

# 2 Implementation

1 (\*package)

## 2.1 Relead check and identification

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

```
2 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
3   \catcode13=5 % ^~M
4   \endlinechar=13 %
5   \catcode35=6 % #
6   \catcode39=12 %
7   \catcode44=12 %
8   \catcode45=12 %
9   \catcode46=12 %
10  \catcode58=12 %
11  \catcode64=11 %
12  \catcode123=1 %
13  \catcode125=2 %
14  \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@grfext.sty\endcsname
15  \ifx\x\relax % plain-\TeX, first loading
16  \else
17    \def\empty{}%
18    \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
19      % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
20    \else
21      \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
22        \def\x#1#2{%
23          \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}}%
```

```

24      }%
25      \else
26          \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}%
27      \fi
28      \x{grfext}{The package is already loaded}%
29      \aftergroup\endinput
30  \fi
31 \fi
32 \endgroup%

```

Package identification:

```

33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
34 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
35 \endlinechar=13 %
36 \catcode35=6 % #
37 \catcode39=12 % ,
38 \catcode40=12 % (
39 \catcode41=12 % )
40 \catcode44=12 % ,
41 \catcode45=12 % -
42 \catcode46=12 % .
43 \catcode47=12 % /
44 \catcode58=12 % :
45 \catcode64=11 % @
46 \catcode91=12 % [
47 \catcode93=12 % ]
48 \catcode123=1 % {
49 \catcode125=2 % }
50 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
51     \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
52         \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
53         \xdef#1{#4}%
54     }%
55 \else
56     \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
57         #2[{#3}]%
58         \ifx#1@undefined
59             \xdef#1{#3}%
60         \fi
61         \ifx#1\relax
62             \xdef#1{#3}%
63         \fi
64     }%
65 \fi
66 \expandafter\x\csname ver@grfext.sty\endcsname
67 \ProvidesPackage{grfext}%
68 [2019/12/03 v1.3 Manage graphics extensions (HO)]%

```

## 2.2 Catcodes

```

69 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
70 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
71 \endlinechar=13 %
72 \catcode123=1 % {
73 \catcode125=2 % }
74 \catcode64=11 % @
75 \def\x{\endgroup
76 \expandafter\edef\csname grfext@AtEnd\endcsname{%
77     \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax

```

```

78      \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
79      \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
80      \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
81      \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
82      \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
83      \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
84      \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
85      }%
86  }%
87 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
88 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
89 \endlinechar=13 %
90 \catcode35=6 % #
91 \catcode64=11 % @
92 \catcode123=1 % {
93 \catcode125=2 % }
94 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
95   \edef\grfext@AtEnd{%
96     \grfext@AtEnd
97     \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
98   }%
99   \catcode#1=#2\relax
100 }
101 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12} * *
102 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12} , ,
103 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12} / /
104 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12} :
105 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12} < <
106 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12} > >
107 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12} [
108 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12} ]
109 \edef\grfext@AtEnd{\grfext@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

```

### 2.3 plain TeX

\@expandtwoargs Requirement is `miniltx.tex`, but we need also L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's \@expandtwoargs.

```

110 \@ifundefined{@expandtwoargs}{%
111   \def\@expandtwoargs#1#2#3{%
112     \edef\reserved@a{\noexpand#1#2#3}%
113     \reserved@a
114   }%
115 }{}}

```

### 2.4 Add

\AppendGraphicsExtensions

```

116 \newcommand*\AppendGraphicsExtensions{%
117   \@ifundefined{Gin@extensions}{%
118     \let\Gin@extensions\empty
119   }{}%
120   \@ifstar{\grfext@Append\grfext@Check}{\grfext@Append\grfext@@Add}%
121 }%

```

\grfext@Append

```

122 \def\grfext@Append#1#2{%
123   \let\grfext@Print@gobble
124   \edef\grfext@next{%
125     \noexpand\grfext@Add\noexpand#1{%

```

```

126      \zap@space#2 \@empty
127      }{\noexpand\Gin@extensions ,}{}
128  }%
129  \grfext@next
130  \let\grfext@Print\grfext@@Print
131  \grfext@Print\AppendGraphicsExtensions
132 }

\PprependGraphicsExtensions
133 \newcommand*\PprependGraphicsExtensions{%
134   \@ifundefined{Gin@extensions}{%
135     \let\Gin@extensions\empty
136   }{%
137     \ifstar{\grfext@Prepend\grfext@Check}{\grfext@Prepend\grfext@@Add}%
138   }%
}

\grfext@Prepend
139 \def\grfext@Prepend#1#2{%
140   \let\grfext@Print@gobble
141   \edef\grfext@next{%
142     \noexpand\grfext@Add\noexpand#1{%
143       \zap@space#2 \@empty
144     }{}, \noexpand\Gin@extensions}%
145   }%
146   \grfext@next
147   \let\grfext@Print\grfext@@Print
148   \grfext@Print\PprependGraphicsExtensions
149 }

\grfext@Add
150 \def\grfext@Add#1#2{%
151   #1{#2}%
152 }

\grfext@@Add
153 \def\grfext@@Add#1#2#3{%
154   \RemoveGraphicsExtensions{#1}%
155   \ifx\Gin@extensions\empty
156     \def\Gin@extensions{#1}%
157   \else
158     \edef\Gin@extensions{#2#1#3}%
159   \fi
160 }

```

## 2.5 Check

```

\grfext@Check
161 \def\grfext@Check#1{%
162   \let\grfext@tmp\empty
163   \for\grfext@ext:=#1\do{%
164     \ifundefined{Gin@rule@\grfext@ext}{%
165     }{%
166       \ifx\grfext@tmp\empty
167         \let\grfext@tmp\grfext@ext
168       \else
169         \edef\grfext@tmp{\grfext@tmp,\grfext@ext}%
170       \fi

```

```

171      }%
172  }%
173  \ifx\grfext@tmp\empty
174    \def\grfext@next##1##2{ }%
175  \else
176    \edef\grfext@next{%
177      \noexpand\grfext@@Add{\grfext@tmp}%
178    }%
179  \fi
180  \grfext@next
181 }

```

## 2.6 Remove

```

\RemoveGraphicsExtensions
182 \newcommand*{\RemoveGraphicsExtensions}[1]{%
183   \@ifundefined{Gin@extensions}{%
184     \def\Gin@extensions{}%
185   }{%
186     \edef\grfext@tmp{\zap@space#1 \empty}%
187     \for\grfext@ext:=\grfext@tmp\do{%
188       \def\grfext@next{%
189         \let\grfext@tmp\Gin@extensions
190         \expandtwoargs
191         \removeelement\grfext@ext\Gin@extensions\Gin@extensions
192         \ifx\grfext@tmp\Gin@extensions
193           \let\grfext@next\relax
194         \fi
195       \grfext@next
196     }%
197     \grfext@next
198   }%
199 }%
200 \grfext@Print\RemoveGraphicsExtensions
201 }

```

## 2.7 Print

```
202 \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]
```

```

\PrintGraphicsExtensions
203 \def\PrintGraphicsExtensions{%
204   \grfext@Print\PrintGraphicsExtensions
205 }

\grfext@Print
206 \def\grfext@Print#1{%
207   \PackageInfo{\grfext}{%
208     Graphics extension search list:\MessageBreak
209     \ifundefined{Gin@extensions}{%
210       <unavailable>%
211     }{%
212       [\Gin@extensions]%
213     }\MessageBreak
214     \string#1%
215   }%
216 }

```

```
\grfext@@Print
217 \let\grfext@@Print\grfext@Print
```

## 2.8 Defining options for package `graphicx`

```
218 \RequirePackage{kvdefinekeys}[2010/03/01]
219 \kv@define@key{Gin}{AppendGraphicsExtensions}{%
220   \AppendGraphicsExtensions{\#1}%
221 }
222 \kv@define@key{Gin}{AppendGraphicsExtensions*}{%
223   \AppendGraphicsExtensions*{\#1}%
224 }
225 \kv@define@key{Gin}{PrependGraphicsExtensions}{%
226   \PrependGraphicsExtensions{\#1}%
227 }
228 \kv@define@key{Gin}{PrependGraphicsExtensions*}{%
229   \PrependGraphicsExtensions*{\#1}%
230 }
231 \kv@define@key{Gin}{RemoveGraphicsExtensions}{%
232   \RemoveGraphicsExtensions{\#1}%
233 }
234 \kv@define@key{Gin}{PrintGraphicsExtensions}[]{%
235   \PrintGraphicsExtensions
236 }
237 \grfext@AtEnd%
238 </package>
```

## 3 Installation

### 3.1 Download

**Package.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/grfext/grfext.dtx](#) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/grfext/grfext.pdf](#) Documentation.

**Bundle.** All the packages of the bundle ‘grfext’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/grfext.tds.zip](#)

*TDS* refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for TeX Files” ([CTAN:pkg/tds](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

### 3.2 Bundle installation

**Unpacking.** Unpack the `grfext.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

---

```
unzip grfext.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

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<sup>1</sup>[CTAN:pkg/grfext](#)

### 3.3 Package installation

**Unpacking.** The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain `TEX`:

```
tex grfext.dtx
```

**TDS.** Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

```
grfext.sty → tex/latex/grfext/grfext.sty  
grfext.pdf → doc/latex/grfext/grfext.pdf  
grfext.dtx → source/latex/grfext/grfext.dtx
```

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

### 3.4 Refresh file name databases

If your `TEX` distribution (`TEX Live`, `mikTEX`, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, `TEX Live` users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

### 3.5 Some details for the interested

**Unpacking with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain T<sub>E</sub>X:** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{grfext.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

**Generating the documentation.** You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
pdflatex grfext.dtx  
makeindex -s gind.ist grfext.idx  
pdflatex grfext.dtx  
makeindex -s gind.ist grfext.idx  
pdflatex grfext.dtx
```

## 4 References

- [1] David Carlisle, Sebastian Rahtz: *The graphics package*; 2006/02/20 v1.0o;  
[CTAN:macros/latex/required/graphics/graphics.dtx](#).

## 5 History

[2007/09/30 v1.0]

- First public version.

[2010/08/19 v1.1]

- User macros are also made available as keyval options for package `graphicx`.

[2016/05/16 v1.2]

- Documentation updates.

[2019/12/03 v1.3]

- Documentation updates.

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