

NAME

fmtutil.cnf – configuration file for fmtutil

DESCRIPTION

The *fmtutil.cnf* file contains the configuration information for **fmtutil**(8). Each line contains the name of the format (e.g., “*tex*”, “*latex*”, “*luatex*”), the name of the engine that is used by that format (e.g., “*tex*”, “*pdftex*”, “*luatex*”), the pattern file (e.g., *language.dat*, *language.dat.lua*), and any arguments (e.g., *tex.ini*).

Fields are separated by whitespace and complete lines can be commented out with “*#*”. The “pattern file” field cannot be used to define a file that is used while building the format. It tells **fmtutil** which files (separated by commas) the format creation procedure reads and it has an effect on the options *--showhyphen* and *--byhyphen*. If the format has no way to customize hyphenation, “*-*” should be used to indicate this.

Running “*fmtutil --help*” will output the main documentation for using *fmtutil.cnf*.

NOTES

The **tex**(1) and **amstex**(1) formats always load *hyphen.tex*. No customization by a pattern file is available for these formats. Therefore, the pattern-file field for the **tex** and **amstex** is usually indicated to be empty (“*-*”).

You can, however, build customized formats on top of plain **tex**(1) or **amstex**(1) by using *bplain.tex* instead of *plain.tex* (b for the *Babel* system). See, for example, the *bplain.ini* file for the *bplain* format).

etex(1) loads *language.def*, not *language.dat*.

Symbolic links to the correct engines (e.g., *bplain -> tex*) are generated by the **texlinks**(8) script. Remember to run **texlinks**(8) if you run **fmtutil**(8) yourself, rather than using the **FORMATS** option in **texconfig**(8).

FILES

fmtutil.cnf
default configuration file

language.dat
hyphenation pattern file

language.def
hyphenation pattern file

language.dat.lua
hyphenation pattern file

SEE ALSO

amstex(1), **etex**(1), **fmtutil**(8), **tex**(1), **texconfig**(8), **texlinks**(8).

AUTHOR

fmtutil.cnf was originally written by Thomas Esser and released as public domain. It is maintained as part of TeX Live: <<http://tug.org/texlive/>>.

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