

# The luaotfload package

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## Abstract

This package is an adaptation of the ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt font loading system. It allows for loading OpenType fonts with an extended syntax and adds support for a variety of font features.

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## I Package Description

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Font management and installation has always been painful with TeX. A lot of files are needed for one font (*TFM*, *PFB*, *MAP*, *FD*, *VF*), and due to the 8-Bit encoding each font is limited to 256 characters. But the font world has evolved since the original TeX, and new typographic systems have appeared, most notably the so called *smart font* technologies like OpenType fonts (*OTF*). These fonts can contain many more characters than TeX fonts, as well as additional functionality like ligatures, old-style numbers, small capitals, etc., and support more complex writing systems like Arabic and Indic<sup>1</sup> scripts. OpenType fonts are widely deployed and available for all modern operating systems. As of 2013 they have become the de facto standard for advanced text layout. However, until recently the only way to use them directly in the TeX world was with the XeTeX engine.

Unlike XeTeX, LuaTeX has no built-in support for OpenType or technologies other than the original TeX fonts. Instead, it provides hooks for executing Lua code during the TeX run that allow implementing extensions for loading fonts and manipulating how input text is processed without modifying the underlying engine. This is where luaotfload comes into play: Based on code from ConTeXt, it extends LuaTeX with functionality necessary for handling OpenType fonts. Additionally, it provides means for accessing fonts known to the operating system conveniently by indexing the metadata.

### 2 THANKS

Luaotfload is part of Lua~~La~~TeX, the community-driven project to provide a foundation for using the ~~La~~TeX format with the full capabilities of the LuaTeX engine. As such, the dis-

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<sup>1</sup>Unfortunately, luaotfload doesn't support many Indic scripts right now. Assistance in implementing the prerequisites is greatly appreciated.

tion between end users, contributors, and project maintainers is intentionally kept less strict, lest we unduly personalize the common effort.

Nevertheless, the current maintainers would like to express their gratitude to Khaled Hosny, Akira Kakuto, Hironori Kitagawa and Dohyun Kim. Their contributions – be it patches, advice, or systematic testing – made the switch from version 1.x to 2.2 possible. Also, Hans Hagen, the author of the font loader, made porting the code to  $\TeX$  a breeze due to the extra effort he invested into isolating it from the rest of Con $\TeX$ t, not to mention his assistance in the task and willingness to respond to our suggestions.

### 3 *LOADING FONTS*

luaotfload supports an extended font request syntax:

```
\font\foo={ <prefix>: <font name>: <font features> } <TeX font features>
```

The curly brackets are optional and escape the spaces in the enclosed font name. Alternatively, double quotes serve the same purpose. A selection of individual parts of the syntax are discussed below; for a more formal description see figure 1.

#### 3.1 *Prefix – the luaotfload Way*

In luaotfload, the canonical syntax for font requests requires a *prefix*:

```
\font\fontname=<prefix>: <fontname>...
```

where *<prefix>* is either *file:* or *name:*.<sup>2</sup> It determines whether the font loader should interpret the request as a *file name* or *font name*, respectively, which again influences how it will attempt to locate the font. Examples for font names are “Latin Modern Italic”, “GFS Bodoni Rg”, and “PT Serif Caption” – they are the human readable identifiers usually listed in drop-down menus and the like.<sup>3</sup> In order for fonts installed both in system locations and in your *texmf* to be accessible by font name, luaotfload must first collect the metadata included in the files. Please refer to section 5 below for instructions on how to create the database.

File names are whatever your file system allows them to be, except that that they may not contain the characters (, :, and /. As is obvious from the last exception, the

<sup>2</sup>The development version also knows two further prefixes, *kpse:* and *my:*. A *kpse* lookup is restricted to files that can be found by *kpathsea* and will not attempt to locate system fonts. This behavior can be of value when an extra degree of encapsulation is needed, for instance when supplying a customized *tex* distribution.

The *my* lookup takes this a step further: it lets you define a custom resolver function and hook it into the *resolve\_font* callback. This ensures full control over how a file is located. For a working example see the [test repo](#).

<sup>3</sup>Font names may appear like a great choice at first because they offer seemingly more intuitive identifiers in comparison to arguably cryptic file names: “PT Sans Bold” is a lot more descriptive than *PTS75F.ttf*. On the other hand, font names are quite arbitrary and there is no universal method to determine their meaning. While luaotfload provides fairly sophisticated heuristic to figure out a matching font style, weight, and optical size, it cannot be relied upon to work satisfactorily for all font files. For an in-depth analysis of the situation and how broken font names are, please refer to [this post](#) by Hans Hagen, the author of the font loader. If in doubt, use filenames. *luaotfload-tool* can perform the matching for you with the option `--find=<name>`, and you can use the file name it returns in your font definition.

`file:` lookup will not process paths to the font location – only those files found when generating the database are addressable this way. Continue below in the  $\XeTeX$  section if you need to load your fonts by path. The file names corresponding to the example font names above are `lmroman12-italic.otf`, `GFSBodoni.otf`, and `PTZ56F.ttf`.

### 3.2 Compatibility Layer

In addition to the regular prefixed requests, `luaotfload` accepts loading fonts the  $\XeTeX$  way. There are again two modes: bracketed and unbracketed. A bracketed request looks as follows.

```
\font\fontname=[⟨path to file⟩]
```

Inside the square brackets, every character except for a closing bracket is permitted, allowing for specifying paths to a font file. Naturally, path-less file names are equally valid and processed the same way as an ordinary `file:` lookup.

```
\font\fontname=⟨font name⟩ ...
```

Unbracketed (or, for lack of a better word: *anonymous*) font requests resemble the conventional  $\TeX$  syntax. However, they have a broader spectrum of possible interpretations: before anything else, `luaotfload` attempts to load a traditional  $\TeX$  Font Metric (*TFM* or *OFM*). If this fails, it performs a `name:` lookup, which itself will fall back to a `file:` lookup if no database entry matches `⟨font name⟩`.

Furthermore, `luaotfload` supports the slashed (shorthand) font style notation from  $\XeTeX$ .

```
\font\fontname=⟨font name⟩/⟨modifier⟩...
```

Currently, four style modifiers are supported: **I** for italic shape, **B** for bold weight, **BI** or **IB** for the combination of both. Other “slashed” modifiers are too specific to the  $\XeTeX$  engine and have no meaning in  $\text{Lua}\TeX$ .

### 3.3 Examples

#### 3.3.1 Loading by File Name

For example, conventional *TYPE1* font can be loaded with a `file:` request like so:

```
\font\lmromanten={file:ec-lmr10} at 10pt
```

The OpenType version of Janusz Nowacki’s font *Antykwa Półtawskiego*<sup>4</sup> in its condensed variant can be loaded as follows:

```
\font\apcregular=file:antpolttltcond-regular.otf at 42pt
```

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<sup>4</sup><http://jmn.pl/antykwa-poltawskiego/>, also available in  $\text{TeX}$  Live.

The next example shows how to load the *Porson* font digitized by the Greek Font Society using X<sub>Y</sub>TeX-style syntax and an absolute path from a non-standard directory:

```
\font\gfsporson="/tmp/GFSPorson.otf" at 12pt
```

### 3.3.2 Loading by Font Name

The name: lookup does not depend on cryptic filenames:

```
\font\pagellaregular={name:TeX Gyre Pagella} at 9pt
```

A bit more specific but essentially the same lookup would be:

```
\font\pagellaregular={name:TeX Gyre Pagella Regular} at 9pt
```

Which fits nicely with the whole set:

```
\font\pagellaregular   = {name:TeX Gyre Pagella Regular}   at 9pt
\font\pagellaitalic    = {name:TeX Gyre Pagella Italic}     at 9pt
\font\pagellabold      = {name:TeX Gyre Pagella Bold}       at 9pt
\font\pagellabolditalic = {name:TeX Gyre Pagella Bolditalic} at 9pt

{\pagellaregular      foo bar baz\endgraf}
{\pagellaitalic       foo bar baz\endgraf}
{\pagellabold         foo bar baz\endgraf}
{\pagellabolditalic   foo bar baz\endgraf}

...
```

### 3.3.3 Modifiers

If the entire *Iwona* family<sup>5</sup> is installed in some location accessible by luaotfload, the regular shape can be loaded as follows:

```
\font\iwona=Iwona at 20pt
```

To load the most common of the other styles, the slash notation can be employed as shorthand:

```
\font\iwonaitalic      =Iwona/I      at 20pt
\font\iwonabold        =Iwona/B      at 20pt
\font\iwonabolditalic  =Iwona/BI     at 20pt
```

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<sup>5</sup><http://jmn.pl/kurier-i-iwona/>, also in T<sub>E</sub>X Live.

which is equivalent to these full names:

```
\font\iwonaitalic    ="Iwona Italic"      at 20pt
\font\iwonabold      ="Iwona Bold"        at 20pt
\font\iwonabolditalic="Iwona BoldItalic"  at 20pt
```

#### 4 FONT FEATURES

*Font features* are the second to last component in the general scheme for font requests:

```
\font\foo={ \prefix: \font name: \font features} \TeX font features}
```

If style modifiers are present (X<sub>Y</sub>TeX style), they must precede *\font features*.

The element *\font features* is a semicolon-separated list of feature tags<sup>6</sup> and font options. Prepending a font feature with a + (plus sign) enables it, whereas a - (minus) disables it. For instance, the request

```
\font\test=LatinModernRoman:+clig;-kern
```

activates contextual ligatures (clig) and disables kerning (kern). Alternatively the options true or false can be passed to the feature in a key/value expression. The following request has the same meaning as the last one:

```
\font\test=LatinModernRoman:clig=true;kern=false
```

Furthermore, this second syntax is required should a font feature accept other options besides a true/false switch. For example, *stylistic alternates* (salt) are variants of given glyphs. They can be selected either explicitly by supplying the variant index (starting from one), or randomly by setting the value to, obviously, random.

```
\font\librmsaltfirst=LatinModernRoman:salt=1
```

Other font options include:

##### **mode**

luaotfload has two OpenType processing *modes*: base and node.

base mode works by mapping OpenType features to traditional T<sub>E</sub>X ligature and kerning mechanisms. Supporting only non-contextual substitutions and kerning pairs, it is the slightly faster, albeit somewhat limited, variant. node mode works by processing T<sub>E</sub>X's internal node list directly at the Lua end and supports a wider range of OpenType features. The downside is that the intricate operations required for node mode may slow down typesetting especially with complex fonts and it does not work in math mode.

By default luaotfload is in node mode, and base mode has to be requested where needed, e. g. for math fonts.

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<sup>6</sup>Cf. <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/otspec/featurelist.htm>.

**script**

An OpenType script tag;<sup>7</sup> the default value is `df1t`. Some fonts, including very popular ones by foundries like Adobe, do not assign features to the `df1t` script, in which case the script needs to be set explicitly.

**language**

An OpenType language system identifier,<sup>8</sup> defaulting to `df1t`.

**featurefile**

A comma-separated list of feature files to be applied to the font. Feature files contain a textual representation of OpenType tables and extend the features of a font on fly. After they are applied to a font, features defined in a feature file can be enabled or disabled just like any other font feature. The syntax is documented in Adobe's OpenType Feature File Specification.<sup>9</sup>

For a demonstration of how to set a `tkrn` feature consult the file `tkrn.fea` that is part of `luaotfload`. It can be read and applied as follows:

```
\font\test=Latin Modern Roman:featurefile=tkrn.fea;+tkrn
```

**color**

A font color, defined as a triplet of two-digit hexadecimal *RGB* values, with an optional fourth value for transparency (where `00` is completely transparent and `FF` is opaque).

For example, in order to set text in semitransparent red:

```
\font\test={Latin Modern Roman}:color=FF0000BB
```

**kernfactor & letterspace**

Define a font with letterspacing (tracking) enabled. In `luaotfload`, letterspacing is implemented by inserting additional kerning between glyphs.

This approach is derived from and still quite similar to the *character kerning* (`\setcharacterkerning` / `\definecharacterkerning` & al.) functionality of Context, see the file `typo-krn.lua` there. The main difference is that `luaotfload` does not use LuaTeX attributes to assign letterspacing to regions, but defines virtual letterspaced versions of a font.

The option `kernfactor` accepts a numeric value that determines the letterspacing factor to be applied to the font size. E. g. a kern factor of 0.42 applied to a 10 pt font results in 4.2 pt of additional kerning applied to each pair of glyphs. Ligatures are split into their component glyphs unless explicitly ignored (see below).

For compatibility with X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X an alternative `letterspace` option is supplied that interprets the supplied value as a *percentage* of the font size but is otherwise identical to `kernfactor`. Consequently, both definitions in below snippet yield the same letterspacing width:

<sup>7</sup>See <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/otspec/scripttags.htm> for a list of valid values. For scripts derived from the Latin alphabet the value `latn` is good choice.

<sup>8</sup>Cf. <http://www.microsoft.com/typography/otspec/languagetags.htm>.

<sup>9</sup>Cf. [http://www.adobe.com/devnet/opentype/afdko/topic\\_feature\\_file\\_syntax.html](http://www.adobe.com/devnet/opentype/afdko/topic_feature_file_syntax.html).

```
\font\iwonakernedA="file:Iwona-Regular.otf:kernfactor=0.125"
\font\iwonakernedB="file:Iwona-Regular.otf:letterspace=12.5"
```

Specific pairs of letters and ligatures may be exempt from letterspacing by defining the Lua functions *keepttogether* and *keepligature*, respectively, inside the namespace `luaotfload.letterspace`. Both functions are called whenever the letterspacing callback encounters an appropriate node or set of nodes. If they return a true-ish value, no extra kern is inserted at the current position. *keepttogether* receives a pair of consecutive glyph nodes in order of their appearance in the node list. *keepligature* receives a single node which can be analyzed into components. (For details refer to the *glyph nodes* section in the LuaTeX reference manual.) The implementation of both functions is left entirely to the user.

### protrusion & expansion

These keys control microtypographic features of the font, namely *character protrusion* and *font expansion*. Their arguments are names of Lua tables that contain values for the respective features.<sup>10</sup> For both, only the set `default` is predefined.

For example, to define a font with the default protrusion vector applied<sup>11</sup>:

```
\font\test=LatinModernRoman:protrusion=default
```

**Non-standard font features** `luaotfload` adds a number of features that are not defined in the original OpenType specification, most of them aiming at emulating the behavior familiar from other TeX engines. Currently (2013) there are three of them:

**anum** Substitutes the glyphs in the *ASCII* number range with their counterparts from eastern Arabic or Persian, depending on the value of `language`.

**tlig** Applies legacy TeX ligatures:

```
“ ’ ’ ” ’ ’
‘ ’ ’ ’
” ” – --
— --- ¡ !'
¿ ?'
```

<sup>12</sup>

<sup>10</sup>For examples of the table layout please refer to the section of the file `luaotfload-fonts-ext.lua` where the default values are defined. Alternatively and with loss of information, you can dump those tables into your terminal by issuing

```
\directlua{inspect(fonts.protrusions.setups.default)
inspect(fonts.expansions.setups.default)}
```

at some point after loading `luaotfload.sty`.

<sup>11</sup>You also need to set `pdfprotrudechars=2` and `pdfadjustspacing=2` to activate protrusion and expansion, respectively. See the [pdfTeX manual](#) for details.

<sup>12</sup>These contain the feature set `trep` of earlier versions of `luaotfload`.



**itlc** Computes italic correction values (active by default).

## 5 FONT NAMES DATABASE

As mentioned above, `luaotfload` keeps track of which fonts are available to Lua $\TeX$  by means of a *database*. This allows referring to fonts not only by explicit filenames but also by the proper names contained in the metadata which is often more accessible to humans.<sup>13</sup>

When `luaotfload` is asked to load a font by a font name, it will check if the database exists and load it, or else generate a fresh one. Should it then fail to locate the font, an update to the database is performed in case the font has been added to the system only recently. As soon as the database is updated, the resolver will try and look up the font again, all without user intervention. The goal is for `luaotfload` to act in the background and behave as unobtrusively as possible, while providing a convenient interface to the fonts installed on the system.

Generating the database for the first time may take a while since it inspects every font file on your computer. This is particularly noticeable if it occurs during a typesetting run. In any case, subsequent updates to the database will be quite fast.

### 5.1 `luaotfload-tool` / `mkluatexfontdb.lua`<sup>14</sup>

It can still be desirable at times to do some of these steps manually, and without having to compile a document. To this end, `luaotfload` comes with the utility `luaotfload-tool` that offers an interface to the database functionality. Being a Lua script, there are two ways to run it: either make it executable (`chmod +x` on unixoid systems) or pass it as an argument to `texlua`.<sup>15</sup> Invoked with the argument `--update` it will perform a database update, scanning for fonts not indexed.

```
luaotfload-tool --update
```

Adding the `--force` switch will initiate a complete rebuild of the database.

```
luaotfload-tool --update --force
```

For sake of backwards compatibility, `luaotfload-tool` may be renamed or symlinked to `mkluatexfontdb`. Whenever it is run under this name, it will update the database first, mimicking the behavior of earlier versions of `luaotfload`.

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Note to X $\LaTeX$  users: this is the equivalent of the assignment `mapping=text-tex` using X $\LaTeX$ 's input remapping feature.

<sup>13</sup>The tool `otfinfo` (comes with T $\TeX$  Live), when invoked on a font file with the `-i` option, lists the variety of name fields defined for it.

<sup>14</sup>The script may be named just `mkluatexfontdb` in your distribution.

<sup>15</sup>Tests by the maintainer show only marginal performance gain by running with Luigi Scarso's `Luajit $\TeX$` , which is probably due to the fact that most of the time is spent on file system operations.

*Note:* On MSWindows systems, the script can be run either by calling the wrapper application `luaotfload-tool.exe` or as `texlua.exe luaotfload-tool.lua`.

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Table 1: List of paths searched for each supported operating system.

Windows	%WINDIR%\Fonts
Linux	/usr/local/etc/fonts/fonts.conf and /etc/fonts/fonts.conf
Mac	~/Library/Fonts, /Library/Fonts, /System/Library/Fonts, and /Network/Library/Fonts

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## 5.2 *Search Paths*

luaotfload scans those directories where fonts are expected to be located on a given system. On a Linux machine it follows the paths listed in the Fontconfig configuration files; consult `man 5 fonts.conf` for further information. On Windows systems, the standard location is `Windows\Fonts`, while Mac OS X requires a multitude of paths to be examined. The complete list is given in table 1. Other paths can be specified by setting the environment variable `OSFONTDIR`. If it is non-empty, then search will be extended to the included directories.

## 5.3 *Querying from Outside*

luaotfload-tool also provides rudimentary means of accessing the information collected in the font database. If the option `--find=name` is given, the script will try and search the fonts indexed by luaotfload for a matching name. For instance, the invocation

```
luaotfload-tool --find="Iwona Regular"
```

will verify if “Iwona Regular” is found in the database and can be readily requested in a document.

If you are unsure about the actual font name, then add the `-F` (or `--fuzzy`) switch to the command line to enable approximate matching. Suppose you cannot precisely remember if the variant of Iwona you are looking for was “Bright” or “Light”. The query

```
luaotfload-tool -F --find="Iwona Bright"
```

will tell you that indeed the latter name is correct.

Basic information about fonts in the database can be displayed using the `-i` option (`--info`).

```
luaotfload-tool -i --find="Iwona Light Italic"
```

The meaning of the printed values is described in section 4.4 of the LuaTeX reference manual.<sup>16</sup>

For a much more detailed report about a given font try the `-I` option instead (`--inspect`).

```
luaotfload-tool -I --find="Iwona Light Italic"
```

`luaotfload-tool --help` will list the available command line switches, including some not discussed in detail here. For a full documentation of `luaotfload-tool` and its capabilities refer to the manpage (`man 1 luaotfload-tool`).<sup>17</sup>

#### 5.4 Blacklisting Fonts

Some fonts are problematic in general, or just in LuaTeX. If you find that compiling your document takes far too long or eats away all your system's memory, you can track down the culprit by running `luaotfload-tool -v` to increase verbosity. Take a note of the *filename* of the font that database creation fails with and append it to the file `luaotfload-blacklist.cnf`.

A blacklist file is a list of font filenames, one per line. Specifying the full path to where the file is located is optional, the plain filename should suffice. File extensions (`.otf`, `.ttf`, etc.) may be omitted. Anything after a percent (%) character until the end of the line is ignored, so use this to add comments. Place this file to some location where the `kpse` library can find it, e. g. `texmf-local/tex/luatex/luaotfload` if you are running TeX Live,<sup>18</sup> or just leave it in the working directory of your document. `luaotfload` reads all files named `luaotfload-blacklist.cnf` it finds, so the fonts in `./luaotfload-blacklist.cnf` extend the global blacklist.

Furthermore, a filename prepended with a dash character (-) is removed from the blacklist, causing it to be temporarily whitelisted without modifying the global file. An example with explicit paths:

```
% example otf-blacklist.cnf
/Library/Fonts/GillSans.ttc % Luaotfload ignores this font.
-/Library/Fonts/Optima.ttc % This one is usable again, even if
                             % blacklisted somewhere else.
```

## 6 FILES FROM CONTEX T AND L U A T E X - F O N T S

`luaotfload` relies on code originally written by Hans Hagen<sup>19</sup> for and tested with ConTeXt. It integrates the font loader as distributed in the LuaTeX-Fonts package. The original Lua source files have been combined using the `mtx-package` script into a single,

<sup>16</sup>In TeX Live: `texmf-dist/doc/luatex/base/luatexref-t.pdf`.

<sup>17</sup>Or see `luaotfload-tool.rst` in the source directory.

<sup>18</sup>You may have to run `mktxlsr` if you created a new file in your `texmf` tree.

<sup>19</sup>The creator of the ConTeXt format.

self-contained blob. In this form the font loader has no further dependencies<sup>20</sup> and requires only minor adaptations to integrate into luaotfload. The guiding principle is to let ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt/LuaT<sub>E</sub>X-Fonts take care of the implementation, and update the imported code from time to time. As maintainers, we aim at importing files from upstream essentially *unmodified*, except for renaming them to prevent name clashes. This job has been greatly alleviated since the advent of LuaT<sub>E</sub>X-Fonts, prior to which the individual dependencies had to be manually spotted and extracted from the ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt source code in a complicated and error-prone fashion.

Below is a commented list of the files distributed with luaotfload in one way or the other. See figure 2 on page 30 for a graphical representation of the dependencies. From LuaT<sub>E</sub>X-Fonts, only the file `luatex-fonts-merged.lua` has been imported as `luaotfload-fontloader.lua`. It is generated by `mtx-package`, a Lua source code merging tool developed by Hans Hagen.<sup>21</sup> It houses several Lua files that can be classed in three categories.

- *Lua utility libraries*, a subset of what is provided by the `lualibs` package.

– <code>l-lua.lua</code>	– <code>l-io.lua</code>
– <code>l-lpeg.lua</code>	– <code>l-file.lua</code>
– <code>l-function.lua</code>	– <code>l-boolean.lua</code>
– <code>l-string.lua</code>	– <code>l-math.lua</code>
– <code>l-table.lua</code>	– <code>util-str.lua</code>

- The *font loader* itself. These files have been written for LuaT<sub>E</sub>X-Fonts and they are distributed along with luaotfload.

– <code>luatex-basics-gen.lua</code>	– <code>luatex-fonts-chr.lua</code>
– <code>luatex-basics-nod.lua</code>	– <code>luatex-fonts-lua.lua</code>
– <code>luatex-fonts-enc.lua</code>	– <code>luatex-fonts-def.lua</code>
– <code>luatex-fonts-syn.lua</code>	– <code>luatex-fonts-ext.lua</code>
– <code>luatex-fonts-tfm.lua</code>	– <code>luatex-fonts-cbk.lua</code>

- Code related to *font handling and node processing*, taken directly from ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt.

– <code>data-con.lua</code>	– <code>font-oti.lua</code>
– <code>font-ini.lua</code>	– <code>font-otf.lua</code>
– <code>font-con.lua</code>	– <code>font-otb.lua</code>
– <code>font-cid.lua</code>	– <code>node-inj.lua</code>
– <code>font-map.lua</code>	– <code>font-ota.lua</code>

<sup>20</sup>It covers, however, to some extent the functionality of the `lualibs` package.

<sup>21</sup>`mtx-package` is part of ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt and requires `mtxrun`. Run `mtxrun --script package --help` to display further information. For the actual merging code see the file `util-mrg.lua` that is part of ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt.

```

- font-otn.lua                - font-otp.lua
- font-def.lua

```

Note that if `luaotfload` cannot locate the merged file, it will load the individual Lua libraries instead. Their names remain the same as in ConTeXt (without the `otfl`-prefix) since we imported the relevant section of `luatex-fonts.lua` unmodified into `luaotfload.lua`. Thus if you prefer running bleeding edge code from the ConTeXt beta, all you have to do is remove `luaotfload-merged.lua` from the search path.

Also, the merged file at some point loads the Adobe Glyph List from a Lua table that is contained in `luaotfload-glyphlist.lua`, which is automatically generated by the script `mkglyphlist`.<sup>22</sup> There is a make target `glyphs` that will create a fresh glyph list so we don't need to import it from ConTeXt any longer.

In addition to these, `luaotfload` requires a number of files not contained in the merge. Some of these have no equivalent in LuaTeX-Fonts or ConTeXt, some were taken unmodified from the latter.

- `luaotfload-features.lua` – font feature handling; incorporates some of the code from `font-otc` from ConTeXt;
- `luaotfload-override.lua` – overrides the ConTeXt logging functionality.
- `luaotfload-loaders.lua` – registers the OpenType font reader as handler for Postscript fonts (*PFA*, *PFB*).
- `luaotfload-database.lua` – font names database.
- `luaotfload-colors.lua` – color handling.
- `luaotfload-auxiliary.lua` – access to internal functionality for package authors (proposals for additions welcome).
- `luaotfload-letterspace.lua` – font-based letterspacing.

## 7 AUXILIARY FUNCTIONS

With release version 2.2, `luaotfload` received additional functions for package authors to call from outside (see the file `luaotfload-auxiliary.lua` for details). The purpose of this addition twofold. Firstly, `luaotfload` failed to provide a stable interface to internals in the past which resulted in an unmanageable situation of different packages abusing the raw access to font objects by means of the *patch\_font* callback. When the structure of the font object changed due to an update, all of these imploded and several packages had to be fixed while simultaneously providing fallbacks for earlier versions. Now the patching is done on the `luaotfload` side and can be adapted with future modifications to font objects without touching the packages that depend on it. Second, some the capabilities of the

<sup>22</sup>See `luaotfload-font-enc.lua`. The hard-coded file name is why we have to replace the procedure that loads the file in `luaotfload-override.lua`.

font loader and the names database are not immediately relevant in `luaotfload` itself but might nevertheless be of great value to package authors or end users.

Note that the current interface is not yet set in stone and the development team is open to suggestions for improvements or additions.

## 7.1 *Callback Functions*

The *patch\_font* callback is inserted in the wrapper `luaotfload` provides for the font definition callback (see below, page 26). At this place it allows manipulating the font object immediately after the font loader is done creating it. For a short demonstration of its usefulness, here is a snippet that writes an entire font object to the file `fontdump.lua`:

```
\input luaotfload.sty
\directlua{
  local dumpfile    = "fontdump.lua"
  local dump_font   = function (tfmdata)
    local data = table.serialize(tfmdata)
    io.savedata(dumpfile, data)
  end

  luatexbase.add_to_callback(
    "luaotfload.patch_font",
    dump_font,
    "my_private_callbacks.dump_font"
  )
}
\font\dumpme=name:Iwona
\bye
```

*Beware:* this creates a Lua file of around 150,000 lines of code, taking up 3 MB of disk space. By inspecting the output you can get a first impression of how a font is structured in Lua $\TeX$ 's memory, what elements it is composed of, and in what ways it can be rearranged.

### 7.1.1 Compatibility with Earlier Versions

As has been touched on in the preface to this section, the structure of the object as returned by the fontloader underwent rather drastic changes during different stages of its development, and not all packages that made use of font patching have kept up with every one of it. To ensure compatibility with these as well as older versions of some packages, `luaotfload` sets up copies of or references to data in the font table where it used to be located. For instance, important parameters like the requested point size, the units factor, and the font name have again been made accessible from the toplevel of the table even though they were migrated to different subtables in the meantime.

### 7.1.2 Patches

These are mostly concerned with establishing compatibility with X $\LaTeX$ .

- *set\_sscale\_dimens*  
Calculate `\fontdimens` 10 and 11 to emulate X<sub>Y</sub>TeX.
- *set\_capheight*  
Calculates `\fontdimen` 8 like X<sub>Y</sub>TeX.
- *patch\_cambria\_domh*  
Correct some values of the font *Cambria Math*.

## 7.2 Package Author's Interface

As LuaTeX release 1.0 is nearing, the demand for a reliable interface for package authors increases.

### 7.2.1 Font Properties

Below functions mostly concern querying the different components of a font like for instance the glyphs it contains, or what font features are defined for which scripts.

- *aux.font\_has\_glyph*(*id* : int, *index* : int)  
Predicate that returns true if the font *id* has glyph *index*.
- *aux.slot\_of\_name*(*name* : string)  
Translates an Adobe Glyph name to the corresponding glyph slot.
- *aux.name\_of\_slot*(*slot* : int)  
The inverse of *slot\_of\_name*; note that this might be incomplete as multiple glyph names may map to the same codepoint, only one of which is returned by *name\_of\_slot*.
- *aux.provides\_script*(*id* : int, *script* : string)  
Test if a font supports *script*.
- *aux.provides\_language*(*id* : int, *script* : string, *language* : string)  
Test if a font defines *language* for a given *script*.
- *aux.provides\_feature*(*id* : int, *script* : string, *language* : string, *feature* : string)  
Test if a font defines *feature* for *language* for a given *script*.
- *aux.get\_math\_dimension*(*id* : int, *dimension* : string)  
Get the dimension *dimension* of font *id*.
- *aux.sprint\_math\_dimension*(*id* : int, *dimension* : string)  
Same as *get\_math\_dimension*(), but output the value in scaled points at the TeX end.

### 7.2.2 Database

- *aux.scan\_external\_dir*(*dir* : string)  
Include fonts in directory *dir* in font lookups without adding them to the database.

## 8 TROUBLESHOOTING

### 8.1 Database Generation

If you encounter problems with some fonts, please first update to the latest version of this package before reporting a bug, as `luaotfload` is under active development and still a moving target. The development takes place on github at <https://github.com/lualatex/luaotfload> where there is an issue tracker for submitting bug reports, feature requests and the likes requests and the likes.

Bug reports are more likely to be addressed if they contain the output of

```
luaotfload-tool --diagnose=environment,files,permissions
```

Consult the man page for a description of these options.

Errors during database generation can be traced by increasing the verbosity level and redirecting log output to stdout:

```
luaotfload-tool -fuvvv --log=stdout
```

or to a file in `/tmp`:

```
luaotfload-tool -fuvvv --log=file
```

In the latter case, invoke the `tail(1)` utility on the file for live monitoring of the progress.

If database generation fails, the font last printed to the terminal or log file is likely to be the culprit. Please specify it when reporting a bug, and blacklist it for the time being (see above, page 10).

### 8.2 Font Features

A common problem is the lack of features for some OpenType fonts even when specified. This can be related to the fact that some fonts do not provide features for the `df1t` script (see above on page 6), which is the default one in this package. If this happens, assigning a `noth` script when the font is defined should fix it. For example with `latn`:

```
\font\test=file:MyFont.otf:script=latn;+liga;
```

You can get a list of features that a font defines for scripts and languages by querying it in `luaotfload-tool`:

```
luaotfload-tool --find="Iwona" --inspect
```



### 8.3 Lua<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X Programming

Another strategy that helps avoiding problems is to not access raw Lua<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X internals directly. Some of them, even though they are dangerous to access, have not been overridden or disabled. Thus, whenever possible prefer the functions in the *aux* namespace over direct manipulation of font objects. For example, raw access to the *font.fonts* table like:

```
local somefont = font.fonts[2]
```

can render already defined fonts unusable. Instead, the function *font.getfont()* should be used because it has been replaced by a safe variant.

However, *font.getfont()* only covers fonts handled by the font loader, e. g. OpenType and TrueType fonts, but not *TFM* or *OFM*. Should you absolutely require access to all fonts known to Lua<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X, including the virtual and autogenerated ones, then you need to query both *font.getfont()* and *font.fonts*. In this case, best define you own accessor:

```
local unsafe_getfont = function (id)
  local tfmdata = font.getfont (id)
  if not tfmdata then
    tfmdata = font.fonts[id]
  end
  return tfmdata
end

--- use like getfont()
local somefont = unsafe_getfont (2)
```

## II Implementation

### 9 luaotfload.lua

This file initializes the system and loads the font loader. To minimize potential conflicts between other packages and the code imported from Con<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>Xt, several precautions are in order. Some of the functionality that the font loader expects to be present, like raw access to callbacks, are assumed to have been disabled by *luatexbase* when this file is processed. In some cases it is possible to trick it by putting dummies into place and restoring the behavior from *luatexbase* after initialization. Other cases such as attribute allocation require that we hook the functionality from *luatexbase* into locations where they normally wouldn't be.

Anyways we can import the code base without modifications, which is due mostly to the extra effort by Hans Hagen to make Lua<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X-Fonts self-contained and encapsulate it, and especially due to his willingness to incorporate our suggestions.

```
1 luaotfload = luaotfload or {}
2 local luaotfload = luaotfload
```

```

3
4 config                                = config or { }
5 config.luaotfload                    = config.luaotfload or { }
6 -----.luaotfload.resolver          = config.luaotfload.resolver      or "normal"
7 config.luaotfload.resolver           = config.luaotfload.resolver      or "cached"
8 config.luaotfload.definer             = config.luaotfload.definer        or "patch"
9 config.luaotfload.compatibility       = config.luaotfload.compatibility  or false
10 config.luaotfload.loglevel           = config.luaotfload.loglevel       or 2
11 config.luaotfload.color_callback     = config.luaotfload.color_callback  or "pre_line-
    break_filter"
12 config.luaotfload.prioritize         = config.luaotfload.prioritize     or "sys"
13 config.luaotfload.names_dir          = config.luaotfload.names_dir       or "names"
14 config.luaotfload.cache_dir          = config.luaotfload.cache_dir       or "fonts"
15 config.luaotfload.index_file         = config.luaotfload.index_file      or "luaotf-
    fload-names.lua"
16 config.luaotfload.formats            = config.luaotfload.formats         or "otf,ttf,ttc,dfont"
17 if not config.luaotfload.strip then
18     config.luaotfload.strip = true
19 end
20
21 luaotfload.module = {
22     name          = "luaotfload",
23     version       = 2.40004, --- 2.4-3
24     date          = "2014/02/05",
25     description   = "OpenType layout system.",
26     author        = "Elie Roux & Hans Hagen",
27     copyright     = "Elie Roux",
28     license       = "GPL v2.0"
29 }
30
31 local luatexbase      = luatexbase
32
33 local setmetatable     = setmetatable
34 local type, next      = type, next
35
36 local kpsefind_file   = kpse.find_file
37 local lfsisfile       = lfs.isfile
38
39 local add_to_callback, create_callback =
40     luatexbase.add_to_callback, luatexbase.create_callback
41 local reset_callback, call_callback =
42     luatexbase.reset_callback, luatexbase.call_callback
43
44 local dummy_function = function () end
45
46 local error, warning, info, log =
47     luatexbase.provides_module(luaotfload.module)
48
49 luaotfload.error      = error

```

```

50 luaotfload.warning      = warning
51 luaotfload.info         = info
52 luaotfload.log          = log
53

```

We set the minimum version requirement for Lua $\TeX$  to v0.76, because the font loader requires recent features like direct attribute indexing and *node.end\_of\_math()* that aren't available in earlier versions.<sup>23</sup>

```

54
55 local luatex_version = 76
56
57 if tex.luatexversion < luatex_version then
58     warning("LuaTeX v%.2f is old, v%.2f is recommended.",
59             tex.luatexversion/100,
60             luatex_version /100)
61     --- we install a fallback for older versions as a safety
62     if not node.end_of_math then
63         local math_t      = node.id"math"
64         local traverse_nodes = node.traverse_id
65         node.end_of_math = function (n)
66             for n in traverse_nodes(math_t, n.next) do
67                 return n
68             end
69         end
70     end
71 end
72

```

## 9.1 *Module loading*

We load the files imported from Con $\TeX$ t with this function. It automatically prepends the prefix `luaotfload-` to its argument, so we can refer to the files with their actual Con $\TeX$ t name.

```

73
74 local fl_prefix = "luaotfload" -- "luatex" for luatex-plain
75 local loadmodule = function (name)
76     require(fl_prefix .. "-" .. name)
77 end
78

```

Before  $\TeX$ Live 2013 version, Lua $\TeX$  had a bug that made ofm fonts fail when called with their extension. There was a side-effect making ofm totally unloadable when `luaotfload` was present. The following lines are a patch for this bug. The utility of these lines is questionable as they are not necessary since  $\TeX$ Live 2013. They should be removed in the next version.

---

<sup>23</sup>See Taco's announcement of v0.76: <http://comments.gmane.org/gmane.comp.tex.luatex.user/4042> and this commit by Hans that introduced those features. <http://repo.or.cz/w/context.git/commitdiff/a51f6cf6ee087046a2ae5927ed4edff0a1acec1b>.

```

79 local Cs, P, lpegmatch = lpeg.Cs, lpeg.P, lpeg.match
80
81 local p_dot, p_slash = P".", P"/"
82 local p_suffix      = (p_dot * (1 - p_dot - p_slash)^1 * P(-1)) / ""
83 local p_removesuffix = Cs((p_suffix + 1)^1)
84
85 local find_vf_file = function (name)
86     local fullname = kpsefind_file(name, "ovf")
87     if not fullname then
88         --fullname = kpsefind_file(file.removesuffix(name), "ovf")
89         fullname = kpsefind_file(lpegmatch(p_removesuffix, name), "ovf")
90     end
91     if fullname then
92         log("loading virtual font file %s.", fullname)
93     end
94     return fullname
95 end
96

```

## 9.2 *Preparing the Font Loader*

We treat the fontloader as a black box so behavior is consistent between formats. We do no longer run the intermediate wrapper file `luaotfload-fonts.lua` which we used to import from [LuaTeX-Plain](#). Rather, we load the fontloader code directly in the same fashion as `luatex-fonts`. How this is executed depends on the presence on the *merged font loader code*. In `luaotfload` this is contained in the file `luaotfload-merged.lua`. If this file cannot be found, the original libraries from ConTeXt of which the merged code was composed are loaded instead. The imported font loader will call `callback.register` once while reading `font-def.lua`. This is unavoidable unless we modify the imported files, but harmless if we make it call a dummy instead. However, this problem might vanish if we decide to do the merging ourselves, like the `lua-libs` package does. With this step we would obtain the freedom to load our own overrides in the process right where they are needed, at the cost of losing encapsulation. The decision on how to progress is currently on indefinite hold.

```

97
98 local starttime = os.gettimeofday()
99
100 local trapped_register = callback.register
101 callback.register      = dummy_function
102

```

By default, the fontloader requires a number of *private attributes* for internal use. These must be kept consistent with the attribute handling methods as provided by `luatexbase`. Our strategy is to override the function that allocates new attributes before we initialize the font loader, making it a wrapper around `luatexbase.new_attribute`.<sup>24</sup> The attribute identifiers are prefixed “`luaotfload@`” to avoid name clashes.

---

<sup>24</sup>Many thanks, again, to Hans Hagen for making this part configurable!

```

103
104 do
105     local new_attribute    = luatexbase.new_attribute
106     local the_attributes   = luatexbase.attributes
107
108     attributes = attributes or { }
109
110     attributes.private = function (name)
111         local attr    = "luaotfload@" .. name --- used to be: "otfl@"
112         local number = the_attributes[attr]
113         if not number then
114             number = new_attribute(attr)
115         end
116         return number
117     end
118 end
119

```

These next lines replicate the behavior of `luatex-fonts.lua`.

```

120
121 local context_environment = { }
122
123 local push_namespaces = function ()
124     log("push namespace for font loader")
125     local normalglobal = { }
126     for k, v in next, _G do
127         normalglobal[k] = v
128     end
129     return normalglobal
130 end
131
132 local pop_namespaces = function (normalglobal, isolate)
133     if normalglobal then
134         local _G = _G
135         local mode = "non-destructive"
136         if isolate then mode = "destructive" end
137         log("pop namespace from font loader -- " .. mode)
138         for k, v in next, _G do
139             if not normalglobal[k] then
140                 context_environment[k] = v
141                 if isolate then
142                     _G[k] = nil
143                 end
144             end
145         end
146         for k, v in next, normalglobal do
147             _G[k] = v
148         end
149         -- just to be sure:
150         setmetatable(context_environment, _G)

```

```

151     else
152         log("irrecoverable error during pop_namespace: no globals to restore")
153         os.exit()
154     end
155 end
156
157 luaotfload.context_environment = context_environment
158 luaotfload.push_namespaces    = push_namespaces
159 luaotfload.pop_namespaces     = pop_namespaces
160
161 local our_environment = push_namespaces()
162

```

The font loader requires that the attribute with index zero be zero. We happily oblige. (Cf. luatex-fonts-nod.lua.)

```

163
164 tex.attribute[0] = 0
165

```

Now that things are sorted out we can finally load the fontloader.

```

166
167 loadmodule"fontloader.lua"
168 ---loadmodule"font-odv.lua" --- <= Devanagari support from Context
169
170 if fonts then
171
172     if not fonts._merge_loaded_message_done_ then
173         log ["I am using the merged version of 'luaotfload.lua' here.]]
174         log [[ If you run into problems or experience unexpected]]
175         log [[ behaviour, and if you have ConTeXt installed you can try]]
176         log [[ to delete the file 'luaotfload-merged.lua' as I might]]
177         log [[ then use the possibly updated libraries. The merged]]
178         log [[ version is not supported as it is a frozen instance.]]
179         log [[ Problems can be reported to the ConTeXt mailing list.]]
180     end
181     fonts._merge_loaded_message_done_ = true
182
183 else--- the loading sequence is known to change, so this might have to
184     --- be updated with future updates!
185     --- do not modify it though unless there is a change to the merged
186     --- package!
187     loadmodule("l-lua.lua")
188     loadmodule("l-lpeg.lua")
189     loadmodule("l-function.lua")
190     loadmodule("l-string.lua")
191     loadmodule("l-table.lua")
192     loadmodule("l-io.lua")
193     loadmodule("l-file.lua")
194     loadmodule("l-boolean.lua")
195     loadmodule("l-math.lua")

```

```

196     loadmodule("util-str.lua")
197     loadmodule('luatex-basics-gen.lua')
198     loadmodule('data-con.lua')
199     loadmodule('luatex-basics-nod.lua')
200     loadmodule('font-ini.lua')
201     loadmodule('font-con.lua')
202     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-enc.lua')
203     loadmodule('font-cid.lua')
204     loadmodule('font-map.lua')
205     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-syn.lua')
206     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-tfm.lua')
207     loadmodule('font-oti.lua')
208     loadmodule('font-otf.lua')
209     loadmodule('font-otb.lua')
210     loadmodule('node-inj.lua')
211     loadmodule('font-ota.lua')
212     loadmodule('font-otn.lua')
213     loadmodule('font-otp.lua')--- since 2013-04-23
214     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-lua.lua')
215     loadmodule('font-def.lua')
216     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-def.lua')
217     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-ext.lua')
218     loadmodule('luatex-fonts-cbk.lua')
219 end --- non-merge fallback scope
220

```

Here we adjust the globals created during font loader initialization. If the second argument to *pop\_namespaces()* is true this will restore the state of *\_G*, eliminating every global generated since the last call to *push\_namespaces()*. At the moment we see no reason to do this, and since the font loader is considered an essential part of *luatex* as well as a very well organized piece of code, we happily concede it the right to add to *\_G* if needed.

```

221
222 pop_namespaces(our_environment, false)-- true)
223
224 log("fontloader loaded in %0.3f seconds", os.gettimeofday()-starttime)
225

```

### 9.3 Callbacks

After the fontloader is ready we can restore the callback trap from *luatexbase*.

```

226
227 callback.register = trapped_register
228

```

We do our own callback handling with the means provided by *luatexbase*. Note: *pre\_linebreak\_filter* and *hpack\_filter* are coupled in ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt in the concept of *node processor*.

```

229

```

```

230 add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",
231                 nodes.simple_font_handler,
232                 "luaotfload.node_processor",
233                 1)
234 add_to_callback("hpack_filter",
235                 nodes.simple_font_handler,
236                 "luaotfload.node_processor",
237                 1)
238 add_to_callback("find_vf_file",
239                 find_vf_file, "luaotfload.find_vf_file")
240
241 loadmodule"override.lua"    --- "luat-ovr"
242
243 logs.set_loglevel(config.luaotfload.loglevel)
244

```

Now we load the modules written for luaotfload.

```

245 loadmodule"loaders.lua"    --- "font-pfb" new in 2.0, added 2011
246 loadmodule"database.lua"   --- "font-nms"
247 loadmodule"colors.lua"     --- "font-clr"
248

```

Relying on the name: resolver for everything has been the source of permanent trouble with the database. With the introduction of the new syntax parser we now have enough granularity to distinguish between the X<sub>Y</sub>TeX emulation layer and the genuine name: and file: lookups of LuaTeX-Fonts. Another benefit is that we can now easily plug in or replace new lookup behaviors if necessary. The name resolver remains untouched, but it calls *fonts.names.resolve()* internally anyways (see luaotfload-database.lua).

```

249
250 local filesuffix           = file.suffix
251 local fileremovesuffix    = file.removesuffix
252 local request_resolvers   = fonts.definers.resolvers
253 local formats             = fonts.formats
254 local names               = fonts.names
255 formats.ofm               = "type1"
256
257 fonts.encodings.known     = fonts.encodings.known or { }
258

```

luaotfload promises easy access to system fonts. Without additional precautions, this cannot be achieved by kpathsea alone, because it searches only the texmf directories by default. Although it is possible for kpathsea to include extra paths by adding them to the OSFONTDIR environment variable, this is still short of the goal »*it just works!*«. When building the font database luaotfload scans system font directories anyways, so we already have all the information for looking sytem fonts. With the release version 2.2 the file names are indexed in the database as well and we are ready to resolve file: lookups this way. Thus we no longer need to call the kpathsea library in most cases when looking up font files, only when generating the database, and when verifying the existence of a file in the texmf tree.



```

259
260 local resolve_file      = names.crude_file_lookup
261 --local resolve_file    = names.crude_file_lookup_verbose
262 local resolve_name      = names.resolve_name
263
264 local file_resolver = function (specification)
265     local name      = resolve_file (specification.name)
266     local suffix    = filesuffix(name)
267     if formats[suffix] then
268         specification.forced      = suffix
269         specification.forcedname = file.removesuffix(name)
270     else
271         specification.name = name
272     end
273 end
274
275 request_resolvers.file = file_resolver
276

```

We classify as anon: those requests that have neither a prefix nor brackets. According to Khaled<sup>25</sup> they are the X<sub>11</sub> equivalent of a name: request, so we will be treating them as such.

```

277
278 --request_resolvers.anon = request_resolvers.name
279

```

There is one drawback, though. This syntax is also used for requesting fonts in Type1 (*TFM*, *OFM*) format. These are essentially file: lookups and must be caught before the name: resolver kicks in, lest they cause the database to update. Even if we were to require the file: prefix for all Type1 requests, tests have shown that certain fonts still include further fonts (e. g. omlgcb.ofm will ask for omsecob.tfm) *using the old syntax*. For this reason, we introduce an extra check with an early return.

```

280
281 local type1_formats = { "tfm", "ofm", }
282
283 request_resolvers.anon = function (specification)
284     local name = specification.name
285     for i=1, #type1_formats do
286         local format = type1_formats[i]
287         if resolvers.findfile(name, format) then
288             specification.forcedname = file.addsuffix(name, format)
289             specification.forced      = format
290             return
291         end
292     end
293     --- under some weird circumstances absolute paths get
294     --- passed to the definer; we have to catch them
295     --- before the name: resolver misinterprets them.

```

<sup>25</sup><https://github.com/phi-gamma/luatofload/issues/4#issuecomment-17090553>.

```

296     name = specification.specification
297     local exists, _ = lfsisfile(name)
298     if exists then --- garbage; we do this because we are nice,
299         --- not because it is correct
300         logs.names_report("log", 1, "load", "file %q exists", name)
301         logs.names_report("log", 1, "load",
302             "... overriding borked anon: lookup with path: lookup")
303         specification.name = name
304         request_resolvers.path(specification)
305         return
306     end
307     request_resolvers.name(specification)
308 end
309

```

Prior to version 2.2, luaotfload did not distinguish file: and path: lookups, causing complications with the resolver. Now we test if the requested name is an absolute path in the file system, otherwise we fall back to the file: lookup.

```

310
311 request_resolvers.path = function (specification)
312     local name      = specification.name
313     local exists, _ = lfsisfile(name)
314     if not exists then -- resort to file: lookup
315         logs.names_report("log", 1, "load",
316             "path lookup of %q unsuccessful, falling back to file:",
317             name)
318         file_resolver (specification)
319     else
320         local suffix = filesuffix (name)
321         if formats[suffix] then
322             specification.forced      = suffix
323             specification.name        = file.removesuffix(name)
324             specification.forcedname  = name
325         else
326             specification.name = name
327         end
328     end
329 end
330

```

**EXPERIMENTAL:** kpse-only resolver, for those who can do without system fonts.

```

331
332 request_resolvers.kpse = function (specification)
333     local name      = specification.name
334     local suffix    = filesuffix(name)
335     if suffix and formats[suffix] then
336         name = file.removesuffix(name)
337         if resolvers.findfile(name, suffix) then
338             specification.forced      = suffix
339             specification.forcedname  = name

```

```

340         return
341     end
342 end
343 for t, format in next, formats do --- brute force
344     if kpse.find_file (name, format) then
345         specification.forced = t
346         specification.name   = name
347         return
348     end
349 end
350 end
351

```

The name: resolver wraps the database function *resolve\_name*.

```

352
353 --- fonts.names.resolvers.name -- Customized version of the
354 --- generic name resolver.
355
356 request_resolvers.name = function (specification)
357     local resolved, subfont = resolve_name (specification)
358     if resolved then
359         specification.resolved = resolved
360         specification.sub       = subfont
361         specification.forced    = filesuffix (resolved)
362         specification.forcedname = resolved
363         specification.name      = fileremovesuffix (resolved)
364     else
365         file_resolver (specification)
366     end
367 end
368

```

Also **EXPERIMENTAL**: custom file resolvers via callback.

```

369 create_callback("luaotfload.resolve_font", "simple", dummy_function)
370
371 request_resolvers.my = function (specification)
372     call_callback("luaotfload.resolve_font", specification)
373 end
374

```

We create a callback for patching fonts on the fly, to be used by other packages. It initially contains the empty function that we are going to override below.

```

375
376 create_callback("luaotfload.patch_font", "simple", dummy_function)
377

```

#### 9.4 ConTeXt override

We provide a simplified version of the original font definition callback.

```

378
379 local read_font_file = fonts.definers.read
380
381 --- spec -> size -> id -> tfmdata
382 local patch_defined_font = function (specification, size, id)
383     local tfmdata = read_font_file(specification, size, id)
384     if type(tfmdata) == "table" and tfmdata.shared then
385         --- We need to test for the "shared" field here
386         --- or else the fontspec capheight callback will
387         --- operate on tfm fonts.
388         call_callback("luaotfload.patch_font", tfmdata, specification)
389     end
390     return tfmdata
391 end
392
393 reset_callback "define_font"
394

```

Finally we register the callbacks.

```

395
396 local font_definer = config.luaotfload.definer
397
398 if font_definer == "generic" then
399     add_to_callback("define_font",
400         fonts.definers.read,
401         "luaotfload.define_font",
402         1)
403 elseif font_definer == "patch" then
404     add_to_callback("define_font",
405         patch_defined_font,
406         "luaotfload.define_font",
407         1)
408 end
409
410 loadmodule"features.lua"      --- contains what was "font-ltx" and "font-otc"
411 loadmodule"letterspace.lua"   --- extra character kerning
412 loadmodule"auxiliary.lua"     --- additionaly high-level functionality (new)
413
414 luaotfload.aux.start_rewrite_fontname () --- to be migrated to fontspec
415
416 -- vim:tw=71:sw=4:ts=4:expandtab
417

```

## 10 luaotfload.sty

Classical Plain+ $\TeX$  package initialization.

```

418 \csname ifluaotfloadloaded\endcsname
419 \let\ifluaotfloadloaded\endinput
420 \bgroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\egroup

```

```

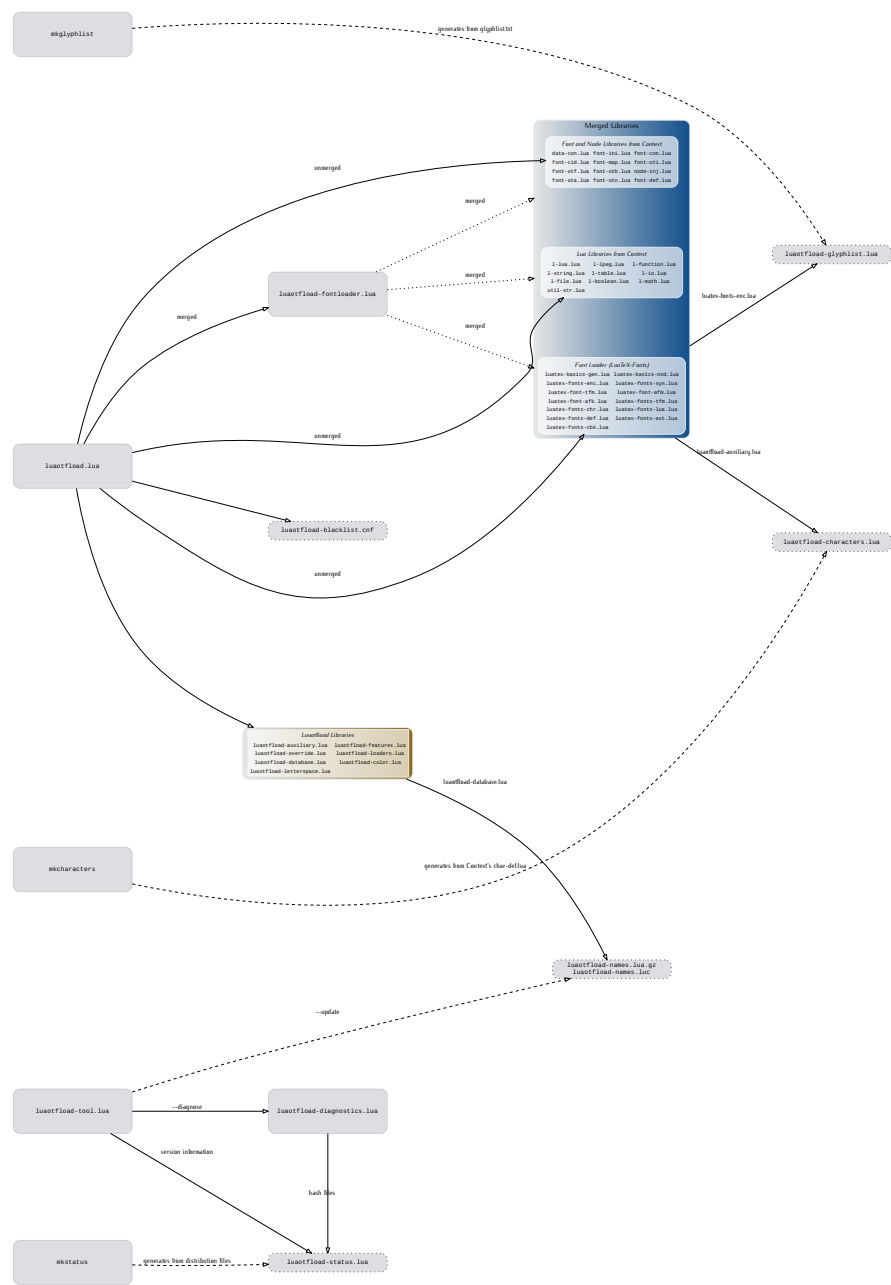
421 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
422   \input luatexbase.sty
423 \else
424   \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
425   \ProvidesPackage{luaotfload}%
426     [2014/02/05 v2.4-3 OpenType layout system]
427   \RequirePackage{luatexbase}
428 \fi
429 \ifnum\luatexversion<76
430   %% here some deprecation warning would be in order
431   \RequireLuaModule{lualibs}
432   \RequireLuaModule{luaotfload-legacy}
433 \else
434   \RequireLuaModule{luaotfload}
435 \fi
436 \endinput

```

$\langle \text{definition} \rangle$	::= $\backslash \text{font}$ , $CSNAME$ , '=', $\langle \text{font request} \rangle$ , [ $\langle \text{size} \rangle$ ] ;
$\langle \text{size} \rangle$	::= 'at', $DIMENSION$ ;
$\langle \text{font request} \rangle$	::= 'n', $\langle \text{unquoted font request} \rangle$ 'n'   't', $\langle \text{unquoted font request} \rangle$ 't'   $\langle \text{unquoted font request} \rangle$ ;
$\langle \text{unquoted font request} \rangle$	::= $\langle \text{specification} \rangle$ , [ ':' , $\langle \text{feature list} \rangle$ ]   '[', $\langle \text{path lookup} \rangle$ ']', [ [ ':' ], $\langle \text{feature list} \rangle$ ] ;
$\langle \text{specification} \rangle$	::= $\langle \text{prefixed spec} \rangle$ , [ $\langle \text{subfont no} \rangle$ ], { $\langle \text{modifier} \rangle$ }   $\langle \text{anon lookup} \rangle$ , { $\langle \text{modifier} \rangle$ } ;
$\langle \text{prefixed spec} \rangle$	::= 'file:', $\langle \text{file lookup} \rangle$   'name:', $\langle \text{name lookup} \rangle$ ;
$\langle \text{file lookup} \rangle$	::= { $\langle \text{name character} \rangle$ } ;
$\langle \text{name lookup} \rangle$	::= { $\langle \text{name character} \rangle$ } ;
$\langle \text{anon lookup} \rangle$	::= $TFMNAME$   $\langle \text{name lookup} \rangle$ ;
$\langle \text{path lookup} \rangle$	::= { $ALL\_CHARACTERS$ - ']' } ;
$\langle \text{modifier} \rangle$	::= '/', ('I'   'B'   'BI'   'IB'   'S=', { $DIGIT$ } ) ;
$\langle \text{subfont no} \rangle$	::= '(', { $DIGIT$ }, ')' ;
$\langle \text{feature list} \rangle$	::= $\langle \text{feature expr} \rangle$ , { ',', $\langle \text{feature expr} \rangle$ } ;
$\langle \text{feature expr} \rangle$	::= $FEATURE\_ID$ , '=', $FEATURE\_VALUE$   $\langle \text{feature switch} \rangle$ , $FEATURE\_ID$ ;
$\langle \text{feature switch} \rangle$	::= '+'   '-' ;
$\langle \text{name character} \rangle$	::= $ALL\_CHARACTERS$ - ( '('   '/'   ':' ) ;

Figure 1: Font request syntax. Braces or double quotes around the *specification* rule will preserve whitespace in file names. In addition to the font style modifiers (*slash-notation*) given above, there are others that are recognized but will be silently ignored: aat, icu, and gr. The special terminals are:  $FEATURE\_ID$  for a valid font feature name and  $FEATURE\_VALUE$  for the corresponding value.  $TFMNAME$  is the name of a *TFM* file.  $DIGIT$  again refers to bytes 48–57, and  $ALL\_CHARACTERS$  to all byte values.  $CSNAME$  and  $DIMENSION$  are the  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  concepts.

Figure 2: Schematic of the files in Luaotflowd



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