

# The `pdflscape` package

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## Abstract

Package `pdflscape` adds PDF support to the environment `landscape` of package `lscape` by setting the PDF page attribute `/Rotate`.

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## 1 Documentation

### 1.1 Supported drivers

If the PDF management is loaded by the use of `\DocumentMetadata{}` at the beginning of the document, the engines and backends supported by `l3backend` can be used. Driver options are passed to graphics and are typically only needed if `LATEX` is used with `dvipdfmx`.

Without the PDF management the following driver options can be used (many are simply aliases to each other):

- `pdftex,luatex`
- `dvips, dvipsone, pctexps` (and other drivers that provide a non-empty `\Gin@PS@raw`)
- `dvipdfm, dvipdfmx, xetex`

### 1.2 Caveat

Depending on the configuration Ghostscript adds a guessed rotation entry by its own. This can lead to two `/Rotate` entries per page. To prevent this behaviour set the parameter `AutoRotatePages` to `/None`, eg:

```
ps2pdf -dAutoRotatePages=/None
```

### 1.3 Requirements

- The package `l3scape`.
- The package `atbegshi` for all drivers except `pdftex,luatex`.

### 1.4 Usage

Load this package instead of or after package `l3scape`:

```
\usepackage{pdflscape}
\begin{landscape}...\end{landscape}
```

## 2 Implementation

### 2.1 New version using the methods of the PDF management

Identification

```
1 {*package-new}
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2020/10/01]
3 \ProvidesExplPackage{pdflscape}{2022-10-27}{0.13}
4 {Display of landscape pages in PDF}%
```

```

Testing if the pdfmanagement is used
5 \Qifl@t@r\fmtversion{2022-06-01}
6 {
7   \IfDocumentMetadataTF {}{\RequirePackageWithOptions{pdflscape-nometadata}}
8   \IfDocumentMetadataTF {}{\endinput}
9 }
10 {\RequirePackageWithOptions{pdflscape-nometadata}}

```

Load lscape, but don't pass the pdftex option as it would use \pdfpageattr which is incompatible with the pdf management.

```

11 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption{graphics}}}
12 \ProcessOptions
13 \RequirePackage{lscape}

```

this always turns in the same direction as the original code of pdflscape does. left and right would need \pdfmanagement\_add:nnn{ThisPage}{Rotate}{...} on every page (e.g. in a shipout hook) and some option to control the wanted orientation.

```

14 \tl_new:N\g__pdflscape_saverotate_tl
15 \hook_gput_code:nnn {env/landscape/begin}{pdflscape}
16 {
17   \pdfmanagement_get:nnN {Page}{Rotate}\l_tmpa_tl
18   \tl_gset_eq:NN\g__pdflscape_saverotate_tl\l_tmpa_tl
19   \clearpage
20   \pdfmanagement_add:nnn{Page}{Rotate}{90}
21 }
22 \hook_gput_code:nnn {env/landscape/after}{pdflscape}
23 {
24   \quark_if_no_value:NTF\g__pdflscape_saverotate_tl
25   {\pdfmanagement_remove:nn{Page}{Rotate}}
26   {\pdfmanagement_add:nnx{Page}{Rotate}{\g__pdflscape_saverotate_tl}}
27 }
28 
```

## 2.2 Old version without the PDF management

```
29 <*package>
```

Package identification.

```

30 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
31 \ProvidesPackage{pdflscape-nometadata}%
32 [2022-10-28 v0.13 Display of landscape pages in PDF (HO)]

```

## 2.3 Driver options

```

33 \let\PLS@option\empty
34 \let\PLS@driver\empty
35 \def\PLS@temp#1#2{%
36   \DeclareOption{#1}{%
37     \let\PLS@option\CurrentOption
38     \def\PLS@driver{#2}%
39   }%
40 }
41 \PLS@temp{pdftex}{pdftex}
42 \PLS@temp{luatex}{pdftex}
43 \PLS@temp{dvips}{dvips}
44 \PLS@temp{dvipsone}{dvips}
45 \PLS@temp{pctexps}{dvips}
46 \PLS@temp{dvipdfm}{dvipdfm}
47 \PLS@temp{dvipdfmx}{dvipdfm}
48 \PLS@temp{xetex}{dvipdfm}
49 \let\PLS@temp\empty
50 \DeclareOption*{%
51   \ifx\PLS@temp\empty

```

```

52     \let\PLS@temp\CurrentOption
53 \else
54     \edef\PLS@temp{\PLS@temp,\CurrentOption}%
55 \fi
56 }
57 \ProcessOptions*
58 \ifx\PLS@option\empty
59 \else
60     \expandafter\PassOptionsToPackage\expandafter{\PLS@option}{\lscapes}%
61 \fi
62 \ifx\PLS@temp\empty
63 \else
64     \expandafter\PassOptionsToPackage\expandafter{\PLS@temp}{\lscapes}%
65 \fi
66 \RequirePackage{iftex}[2019/11/07]%
67 \RequirePackage{\lscapes}

```

## 2.4 Autodetection of driver

### 2.4.1 Driver `pdftex`

```

68 \def\PLS@temp{pdftex}
69 \ifpdf
70     \ifx\PLS@driver\empty
71         \let\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
72         \PackageInfo{\pdfescape}{Auto-detected driver: \PLS@temp}%
73     \fi
74     \ifx\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
75     \else
76         \PackageError{\pdfescape}{%
77             The driver option '\PLS@option' is not compatible\MessageBreak
78             with pdfTeX in PDF mode, using driver 'pdftex' instead}%
79     }@\ehc
80     \let\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
81 \fi
82 \fi

```

### 2.4.2 Driver `xetex`

```

83 \def\PLS@temp{dvipdfm}
84 \ifxetex
85     \ifx\PLS@driver\empty
86         \let\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
87         \PackageInfo{\pdfescape}{%
88             Auto-detected driver: \PLS@temp\space(xetex)}%
89     }%
90     \fi
91     \ifx\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
92     \else
93         \PackageError{\pdfescape}{%
94             The driver option '\PLS@option' is not compatible\MessageBreak
95             with XeTeX, using driver for XeTeX (dvipdfm) instead}%
96     }@\ehc
97     \let\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
98 \fi
99 \fi

```

### 2.4.3 Detect driver based on `\Gin@driver`

```

100 \def\PLS@temp#1#2{%
101     \ifx\PLS@driver\empty
102         \begingroup
103             \def\PLS@temp{\#1.def}%
104         \expandafter\endgroup
105         \ifx\PLS@temp\Gin@driver
106             \def\PLS@driver{\#2}%

```

```

107      \PackageInfo{pdflscape}{%
108          Auto-detected driver: \PLS@driver\space(#1)%
109      }%
110      \fi
111  \fi
112 }
113 \PLS@temp{dvipdfm}{dvipdfm}
114 \PLS@temp{dvipdfmx}{dvipdfm}
115 \PLS@temp{dvips}{dvips}
116 \PLS@temp{dvipsone}{dvips}
117 \PLS@temp{pctexps}{dvips}

2.4.4 Driver dvips

118 \ifx\PLS@driver\empty
119   \def\PLS@temp{dvips}%
120   \ifnum 1=0\ifx\Gin@PS@raw\undefined
121       \else
122           \ifx\Gin@PS@raw\relax
123               \else
124                   \ifx\Gin@PS@raw\empty
125                       \else
126                           1%
127                       \fi
128                   \fi
129               \fi
130           \space
131   \let\PLS@driver\PLS@temp
132   \PackageInfo{pdflscape}{%
133     Auto-detected driver: \PLS@temp\space(PostScript)%
134   }%
135   \fi
136 \fi

137 \ifx\PLS@driver\empty
138   \PackageError{pdflscape}{%
139     Neither pdfTeX, PostScript, nor dvipdfm driver found%
140   }%
141 \fi

```

## 2.5 Driver implementation

- `\PLS@AddRotate #1`  
it expects the correct rotation number in `#1` and implements the adding of the `/Rotation` entry in the `/Page` object of the current page.
- `\PLS@RemoveRotate`  
it removes a previous `/Rotate` entry, if necessary.

### 2.5.1 pdfTeX

Not too nice is the global setting of `\pdfpageattr`. Perhaps this can be changed in future versions.

luatex compat.

```

142 \ifx\pdfpageattr\undefined
143   \ifx\pdfvariable\undefined\else
144     \protected\edef\pdfpageattr{\pdfvariable pageattr}
145   \fi
146 \fi

147 \def\PLS@temp{pdftex}
148 \ifx\PLS@temp\PLS@driver
149   \def\PLS@AddRotate#1{%
150     \ifnum#1=0 %

```

Already the default.

```
151     \else
152         \global\pdfpageattr\expandafter{%
153             \the\pdfpageattr
154             /Rotate #1%
155         }%
156     \fi
157 }%
```

Removes a `/Rotate` entry.

```
158 \def\PLS@RemoveRotate{%
159     \begingroup
160         \global\pdfpageattr\expandafter{\expandafter}%
161             \expandafter\PLS@@RemoveRotate
162                 \the\pdfpageattr /Rotate\@nil
163             \endgroup
164 }%
165 \def\PLS@@RemoveRotate#1/Rotate#2\@nil{%
```

Append `/Rotate` free stuff to `\pdfpageattr`.

```
166     \global\pdfpageattr\expandafter{\the\pdfpageattr#1}%
167     \ifx\#2\%
```

Ready, because the detected `/Rotate` is part of the end marker: `/Rotate\@nil`

```
168 \else
```

First read in the argument of `/Rotate`, then continue parsing.

```
169     \afterassignment\PLS@@RemoveRotate
170     \count0=\#2\@nil
171     \fi
172 }%
173 \fi
```

### 2.5.2 PostScript driver

```
174 \def\PLS@temp{dvips}
175 \ifx\PLS@temp\PLS@driver
176     \AddToHook{shipout/before}{\PLS@AtBeginShipout}%
177     \let\PLS@AtBeginShipout\empty
178     \def\PLS@AddRotate#1{%
179         \ifnum#1=0 %
180         \else
181             \def\PLS@AtBeginShipout{%
182                 \global\setbox\ShipoutBox\vbox{%
183                     \Gin@PS@raw{%
184                         [{ThisPage}]\string<\string</Rotate #1\string>\string>%
185                         /PUT pdfmark%
186                     }%
187                     \box\ShipoutBox
188                 }%
189             }%
190         \fi
191     }%
192     \def\PLS@RemoveRotate{\let\PLS@AtBeginShipout\empty}%
193 \fi
```

### 2.5.3 Driver dvipdfm

```
194 \def\PLS@temp{dvipdfm}
195 \ifx\PLS@temp\PLS@driver
196     \AddToHook{shipout/before}{\PLS@AtBeginShipout}%
197     \let\PLS@AtBeginShipout\empty
198     \def\PLS@AddRotate#1{%
199         \ifnum#1=0 %
200         \else
```

```

201      \def\PLS@AtBeginShipout{%
202          \global\setbox\ShipoutBox\vbox{%
203              \special{pdf: put @thispage <</Rotate #1>>}%
204              \box\ShipoutBox
205          }%
206      }%
207      \fi
208  }%
209 \def\PLS@RemoveRotate{\let\PLS@AtBeginShipout\empty}%
210 \fi

```

## 2.6 Driver independent stuff

The landscape environment is extended by adding the correct `/Rotate` entries.

```

211 \g@addto@macro{\landscape}{\PLS@Rotate{90}}
212 \g@addto@macro{\endlandscape}{\PLS@Rotate{0}}

```

`\PLS@Rotate` Main macro, that sets the `/Rotate` entry.

Argument: any TeX number or nothing, that means zero.

Driver independent.

```

213 \def\PLS@Rotate#1{%
214     \begingroup
215     \PLS@CheckAngle{#1}%
216     \expandafter\endgroup
217     \expandafter\PLS@RemoveRotate
218     \expandafter\PLS@AddRotate\expandafter{\the\count@}%
219 }

```

`\PLS@CheckAngle` Validates the rotation angle.

The result is stored in the count register `\count@`.

Driver independent.

```

220 \def\PLS@CheckAngle#1{%

```

Nothing means zero:

```

221   \ifx\#1\%
222     \count@=0 %
223   \else
224     \count@=#1\relax
225   \fi

```

Normalize to interval  $-360 < \count@ < 360$ .

```

226   \@whilenum\count@>359\do{\advance\count@ -360 }%
227   \@whilenum\count@<-359\do{\advance\count@ 360 }%

```

Check values: 0, +/-90, +/-180, +/-270

```

228   \ifnum 1=0\ifnum\count@=0 \else
229       \ifnum\count@=90 \else
230           \ifnum\count@=-90 \else
231               \ifnum\count@=180 \else
232                   \ifnum\count@=-180 \else
233                       \ifnum\count@=270 \else
234                           \ifnum\count@=-270 \else
235                               1\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\relax
236   \PackageError{pdflscape}{%
237       Invalid value \the\count@\space for /Rotate%
238   }@\ehc
239   \count@=0 %
240   \fi
241 }

```

```

242 
```

## 3 Installation

### 3.1 Download

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

`CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pdfescape/pdfescape.dtx` The source file.

`CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pdfescape/pdfescape.pdf` Documentation.

### 3.2 Package installation

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

```
tex pdfescape.dtx
```

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

<code>pdfescape.sty</code>	→ <code>tex/latex/pdfescape/pdfescape.sty</code>
<code>pdfescape-nometadata.sty</code>	→ <code>tex/latex/pdfescape/pdfescape-nometadata.sty</code>
<code>pdfescape.pdf</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/pdfescape/pdfescape.pdf</code>
<code>pdfescape.dtx</code>	→ <code>source/latex/pdfescape/pdfescape.dtx</code>

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`.

### 3.3 Refresh file name databases

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

### 3.4 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{pdfescape.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 pdfescape.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfescape.idx
pdflatex pdfescape.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfescape.idx
pdflatex pdfescape.dtx
```

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

## 4 History

[2001/01/15 v0.1]

- First public version, published in `de.comp.text.tex`:  
“Re: Querformat, pdfLaTeX und thumbpdf”<sup>2</sup>

[2001/02/04 v0.2]

- Minor documentation update.
- CTAN.

[2004/05/11 v0.3]

- Support for dvipdfm added.

[2004/05/12 v0.4]

- Bug fix: support for multipage landscape environment for all drivers except for `pdftex`.

[2006/02/20 v0.5]

- DTX framework.
- LPPL 1.3
- Code is not changed.

[2006/04/24 v0.6]

- Bug fix: `\PLS@RemoveRotate` reinserted for `\PLS@Rotate`.
- Fix for `\PLS@RemoveRotate` (dvips/dvipdfm): `\PLS@EverhShi` hook is cleared.

[2007/04/11 v0.7]

- Line ends sanitized.

[2007/04/17 v0.8]

- Package `atbegshi` replaces `everyshi`.

[2007/10/21 v0.9]

- Driver detection for X<sub>E</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X added.
- Fix for rotation angles  $\leq -360$  or  $\geq 360$ .

[2008/08/11 v0.10]

- Code is not changed.
- URLs updated.

[2016/05/14 v0.11]

- LuaTeX Compatibility

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<sup>2</sup>Url: <https://groups.google.com/group/de.comp.text.tex/msg/e054c5795e52d2b8>

[2019/12/05 v0.12]

- Documentation updates.
- iftex package.

[2022-10-28 v0.13]

- Made the package compatible with the PDF management.
- Removed the dependency to atbegshi.

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