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PAPS(1) General Commands Manual PAPS(1)

NAME

paps - text to PostScript converter using Pango

SYNOPSIS

paps [options] files...

DESCRIPTION

paps reads an input file and writes a PostScript language or user specified format rendering of the file to standard output. paps accepts international text in any locale and provides internationalized text layout including text shaping and bidirectional text rendering.

If no filename argument is provided, paps reads the standard input. If the standard input is a terminal, input is terminated by an EOF signal, usually Control-d.

OPTIONS

paps follows the usual GNU command line syntax, with long options starting with two dashes ('-'). A summary of options is included below.

-h, --help

Show summary of options.

--landscape

Landscape output. Default is portrait.

--columns=cl

Format output into cl columns. Default is 1.

--font=desc

Use font based on description desc. Default is "Monospace 12".

The format of the string representation is:

"[family-list] [style-options] [size]"

where family-list is a comma separated list of families option?

ally terminated by a comma, style-options is a whitespace sepa?

rated list of words where each word describes one of style,

variant, weight, or stretch, and size is a decimal number for

size in points, e.g. "Courier,Monospace Bold Italic 10".

-o, --output=file

Output file. Default is stdout. Output format is set based on

file's extension when --format is not provided.

--rtl Do right-to-left text layout and align text to the right. Text

direction is detected automatically. Use this option for ex?

plicit RTL layout and right alignment.

--justify

Justify the layout. Stretch complete lines to fill the entire

width.

--wrap=wm

Use line wrapping mode wm. Default is word-char.

word Wrap lines at word boundaries

char Wrap lines at character boundaries

word-char Wrap lines at word boundaries, but fall back to char?

acter boundaries if there is not enough space for a

full word

--show-wrap

Mark wrapped lines with special characters.

--paper=ps

Choose paper size. Accepted paper sizes are 'legal', 'letter',

'a3' and 'a4'. Default is A4.

--gravity=gr

Set base glyph orientation. Default is auto.

south Glyphs stand upright

east Glyphs are rotated 90 degrees clockwise

north Glyphs are upside-down

west Glyphs are rotated 90 degrees counter-clockwise

auto Gravity is resolved from the context

--gravity-hint=gh

Set how horizontal scripts behave in a vertical context. Default is natural.

natural Scripts will take their natural gravity based on the base gravity and the script

strong Always use the base gravity, regardless of the script

line For scripts not in their natural direction (e.g.

Latin in East gravity), choose per-script gravity

such that every script respects the line progression.

This means, Latin and Arabic will take opposite grav?

ities and both flow top-to-bottom for example.

--format=fmt

Choose output format. Default is ps.

ps PostScript

pdf Portable Document Format

svg Scalable Vector Graphics

--bottom-margin=bm

Set bottom margin in postscript points (1/72 inch). Default is 36.

--top-margin=tm

Set top margin. Default is 36.

--left-margin=lm

Set left margin. Default is 36.

--right-margin=rm

Set right margin. Default is 36.

`--header`

Draw page header with document name, date and page number for each page. Header is not printed by default.

`--title="text"`

Use text as the title string for page header. By default the input filename or "stdin" is used.

`--markup`

Interpret input as pango markup. Pango Text Attribute Markup Language allows marking parts of the text with tags defining additional attributes such as font face, size, weight, colors or text decoration such as underline or strikethrough.

`--encoding=enc`

Assume encoding of the input text is enc. By default the encoding of the current locale is used (e.g. UTF-8).

`--lpi=lines`

Set number of lines per inch. This determines the line spacing.

`--cpi=chars`

Set number of characters per inch. This is an alternative method of specifying the font size.

`--g-fatal-warnings`

Make all glib warnings fatal.

EXIT STATUS

The following exit values are returned:

- 0 Successful completion.
- 1 An error occurred.

EXAMPLES

Example 1 Printing UTF-8 text file

The following command can be used to print a file in any of the UTF-8 based locales if the file is in UTF-8 or compatible codeset.

```
$ paps en_US_UTF-8.txt
```

By default paps will print PostScript rendering to standard output.

Send the output to a printer using lp

```
$ paps en_US_UTF-8.txt | lp
```

or to a file using redirection or the -o option

```
$ paps en_US_UTF-8.txt > out.ps
```

```
$ paps -o out.ps en_US_UTF-8.txt
```

Example 2 Specify encoding

To print a file in specific encoding regardless of the current locale setting use the --encoding option. An example for Japanese EUC encoded input file:

```
$ paps --encoding eucjp ja_JP_eucjp.txt > out.ps
```

paps will still use current locale setting to prioritize the available fonts for current language.

Example 3 Specify locale

Override the LC_ALL environment variable to run paps in a different locale.

```
$ LC_ALL=ja_JP.eucjp paps ja_JP_eucjp.txt > out.ps
```

Here paps will assume the input is in Japanese EUC encoding and will use Japanese eucjp locale to render the output. If --header is added, the date is printed in Japanese.

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

paps uses locale environment variables to determine its behavior. The following categories are used:

LC_CTYPE to assume the encoding of the input. This can be overridden by --encoding.

LC_TIME to format the date for header.

Font selection is also affected by current locale. Example 3 describes how to run paps in a different locale.

SEE ALSO

fc-match(1), setlocale(3C)

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