

NAME

pdfjam-slides3up – put presentation slides onto 3-up pages

SYNOPSIS

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pdfjam-slides3up [--pagenumbering SWITCH] [OPTION [OPTION] ...] [SRC [PAGESPEC]
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DESCRIPTION

pdfjam-slides3up converts PDF files whose pages are presentation slides (with 4:3 aspect ratio) into 3-up versions suitable for making a handout with space for handwritten side notes (for example). By default, the 3-up pages do not themselves have page numbers.

To put page numbers on the output pages, use either `'--pagenumbering true'` or, for example, `'--pagenumbering 3.4cm'` to place the page numbers a bit lower on the page than the default position. The value of `'SWITCH'` must be either `'true'`, `'false'` or a dimension that can be used by LaTeX. (To be precise, it's the value of the `'footskip'` dimension in LaTeX; by default, pdfjam-slides3up sets that as 3.1cm, which works pretty well in conjunction with both `'--paper a4paper'` and `'--paper letterpaper'`.)

If no source PDF file (`'SRC'`) is specified, input is from `/dev/stdin`. If `'PAGESPEC'` is omitted, all pages are processed.

Source files are processed sequentially into a single output unless the `'--batch'` option is used, in which case they are processed separately.

pdfjam-slides3up is a simple wrapper for pdfjam, which provides a front end to many of the capabilities of the pdfpages package for pdflatex. A working installation of pdflatex, with the pdfpages package, is required.

pdfjam-slides3up operates on one or more PDF files, and (either with the `'--batch'` option or with `'--outfile DIR'` where `'DIR'` is a directory) the resulting files have the suffix `'-3up'` applied to their names by default. To change the suffix, use the `'--suffix'` option, for example

```
pdfjam-slides3up --suffix '1x3' --batch myslides1.pdf myslides2.pdf
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will result in files named `'myslides1-1x3.pdf'` and `'myslides2-1x3.pdf'`.

By default a narrow line frame is printed around every slide. This can be turned off if required by using the option `'--frame false'`.

pdfjam-slides3up is part of the "PDFjam" package of tools, whose homepage is at <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pdfjam>.

SETUP

See <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/pdfjam>.

USAGE

For the other available options and site /user defaults, see the output of

```
pdfjam --help
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For further information and some examples see <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/pdfjam>.

LIMITATIONS AND BUGS

pdfjam-slides3up does not work with encrypted PDF files, and does not preserve hyperlinks.

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