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´´, ''omega´´), the name of the engine that is used by that format (e.g., ''tex´´, ''etex´´, ''omega´´), the pattern file (e.g., *language.dat*, *language.def*), and any arguments (name of an *.ini* file).

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 file the format creation procedure reads and it has an effect to the options *--showhyphen* and *--byhyphen*. If the format has no way to customize hyphenation, a ''-´´ can be used to indicate this.

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

SEE ALSO

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

Web page: <http://tug.org/teTeX/>

BUGS

None known, but report any bugs found to <tetex@dbs.uni-hannover.de> (mailing list).

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