

NAME

gsftopk – render a ghostscript font in TeX pk form

SYNOPSIS

gsftopk [-i *path*] [-q] [-t] [--debug=*n*] [--dosnames] [--interpreter=*path*] [--mapline=*line*]
 [--mapfile=*file*] [--quiet] [--test] [--help] [--version] *font dpi*

ARGUMENTS

font Name of the font to be created.

dpi Desired resolution of the font to be created, in dots per inch. This may be a real number.

DESCRIPTION

gsftopk is a program which calls up the ghostscript program **gs**(1) to render a given font at a given resolution. It packs the resulting characters into the **pk** file format and writes them to a file whose name is formed from the font name and the resolution (rounded to the nearest integer). The font may be in any format acceptable to Ghostscript, including *.pfa*, *.pfb*, *.gsf*, and *.ttf* files.

This program should normally be called by a script, such as **mktxpk**, to create fonts on demand.

gsftopk obtains the character widths from the *.tfm* file, which must exist in the standard search path. It also must be able to find the font in a map file (such as **psfonts.map**), formatted as in **dvips**(1), unless the **--mapline** option is used. The set of map files is given by the **--mapfile** option, or in the files **config.ps**, **\$HOME/.dvipsrc**, and **config.gsftopk** (as would be used by **dvips -Pgsftopk**).

The following **pk** "specials" are added at the end of the output file, to provide an internal check on the contents of the file: "**jobname=font**", "**mag=1**", "**mode=modeless**", and "**pixels_per_inch=dpi**". This is in accordance with the TeX Directory Standard (TDS).

OPTIONS

--debug=*n*

Set the **Kpathsea** debug flags according to the integer *n*.

--dosnames

Use a name of the form *font.pk* instead of *font.dpi***pk**.

-h, --help

Print a brief help synopsis and exit.

-i path, --interpreter=path

Use *path* as the Ghostscript interpreter.

--mapfile=file

Use *file* to look for the map information for *font*. This should be the full name of the file (in other words, no path searching algorithms are applied).

--mapline=line

Use *line* instead of looking for an entry in a map file. The first word of *line* must match *font*.

-q, --quiet

Operate quietly; i.e., without writing any messages to the standard output.

-t, --test

Test run: return zero status if the font can be found in the map file(s), and nonzero status if it cannot. If this option is specified, then the *dpi* argument is optional (since the font

will not be generated).

-v, --version

Print the version number and exit.

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

DVIPSRC	Name of file to read instead of \$HOME/.dvipsrc . This should be the full name of the file (in other words, no path searching algorithms are applied).
GSFTOPKFONTS	See TFMFonts .
GSFTOPKHEADERS	See TEXPSHEADERS .
PSHEADERS	See TEXPSHEADERS .
TEXCONFIG	Colon-separated list of paths to search for map files. An extra colon in the list will include the compiled-in default paths at that point. A double slash will enable recursive subdirectory searching at that point in the path.
TFMFonts	Colon-separated list of paths to search for the <i>.tfm</i> file associated with the font. Double slashes and extra colons behave as with TEXCONFIG . This information may also be supplied by using the environment variables TFMFonts or GSFTOPKFONTS . These environment variables are checked in the order GSFTOPKFONTS , TFMFonts , TFMFonts ; the first one (if any) having a value is used.
TEXPSHEADERS	Colon-separated list of paths to search for the Ghostscript driver file render.ps and for any PostScript header or font files (<i>.enc</i> , <i>.pfa</i> , <i>.pfb</i> , <i>.gsf</i> , or <i>.ttf</i> files). Double slashes and extra colons behave as with TEXCONFIG . This information may also be supplied by using the environment variables PSHEADERS or GSFTOPKHEADERS . These environment variables are checked in the order GSFTOPKHEADERS , TEXPSHEADERS , PSHEADERS ; the first one (if any) having a value is used.
TFMFonts	See TFMFonts .

CONFIGURATION

In order to determine the set of map files to be used and the path for finding PostScript files, **gsftopk** reads, in order, the files **config.ps**, **.dvipsrc**, and **config.gsftopk**. The files **config.ps** and **config.gsftopk** are searched for using the environment variable **TEXCONFIG**, the **Kpathsea** configuration file, or the compiled-in default paths. The file **.dvipsrc** is searched for in the user's home directory.

These files are in the same format as for **dvips** (as well as being in the same locations). The entries used by **gsftopk** are as follows.

H path Indicates that the Ghostscript driver file **render.ps** and the PostScript header and font files are to be searched for using *path*.

p file Indicates that the list of map files is to be erased and replaced by *file*.

p + file Indicates that *file* is to be added to the list of map files.

All other entries are ignored.

This is similar to the handling of these options when running **dvips -Pgsftopk**. For more details, see the **Kpathsea** manual.

BUGS

gsftopk sometimes has trouble with fonts with very complicated characters (such as the Seal of the University of California). This is because **gsftopk** uses the **charpath** operator to determine the bounding box of each character. If the character is too complicated, then old versions of Ghostscript fail, causing **gsftopk** to terminate with an error message

Call to gs stopped by signal 10

(The number may vary from system to system; it corresponds to a bus error or a segmentation fault.) The best way to fix this bug is to install a current version of ghostscript. As an alternative, **gsftopk** can be instructed to use the bounding box provided with the font (if one exists) instead of finding a bounding box for each character. To do this, include the string

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/usefontbbox true def
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in the font map file; *e.g.*,

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ucseal "/usefontbbox true def"
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This will not affect use of the font by **dvips**.

SEE ALSO

gs(1), **gftopk(1)**, **tex(1)**, **xdvi(1)**, **dvips(1)**

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MODIFICATIONS

Modified by Yves Arrouye to use Karl Berry's **Kpathsea** library.