T_EX Live 2011 and some possible extensions to the T_EX Live Manager

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$T_{\ensuremath{E}\xspace}X$ Live 2011

- very calm release, not much new
- Mac OSX binaries only work on Leopard and upward
- biber inclusion
- metapost does not need memory dump (.mem) anymore
- updmap perl implementation was extended and is now used on all platforms (before only Windows)

ptexlive

- merged in 2010: p*tex, pbibtex, pdvitype, mendex, makejvf, ppltotf, ptftopl, fonts, jsclasses
- during 2011 and afterwards: ep*, several bug fixes to ptex engine

ptexlive outlook

- already merged in dev version: (e)uptex
- missing pieces:
 - updmap: rewritten in perl, kanjimap support missing
 - various packages
 - programs: pxdvi,...
 - ▶ ... see below ...

Current projects, or extensions to T_EX Live Manager

- User mode
- Multiple repositories
- multi updmap

User mode

Rationale

allow to manage an independent tree (like TEXMFHOME) with tlmgr background: system installation that is not complete or is not updated

Implementation status

preliminary patch is here, most actions that are relevant are supported (install, remove of packages)

Demo

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Open problems

- testing ...
- checks between system and user packages?
- actually necessary???

Multiple repositories

Rationale

- during the time many alternative repositories have sprung into existence (e.g., tlcontrib, tlcritical).
- ability to draw from these repositories in parallel is asked for

Multiple repositories - implementation

- tlpdb can be virtual acting as a cover for different tlpdbs (why? keep changes to tlmgr minimal)
- allow adding/removing real databases to virtual databases
- pinning (see below)
- minimal changes to tlmgr code base

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tlcontrib:* tlmulti:texlive.infra*

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Howto or what we should get soon

tlmgr --repo http://www.tug.org/~preining/tlmulti update --self tlmgr repository add http://www.tug.org/~preining/tlmulti tlmulti tlmgr repository add http://some.where.here/ptexlive/2011 ptexlive echo "ptexlive:*" > \$TEXMFLOCAL/tlpkg/pinning.txt echo "tlmulti:texlive.infra*" >> \$TEXMFLOCAL/tlpkg/pinning.txt tlmgr install pxdvi

updmap - history and current status

- original script in sh from Thomas Esser, got very slow with growing amount of fonts and maps
- perl variant from Fabrice Popineau for Windows, much faster
- Reinhard Kotucha adapted the perl script so that it runs on all supported platforms
- ► T_EX Live 2011 uses the perl variant everywhere

multi updmap - what and why

currently only reads one updmap.cfg, which means that this one has to contain all the map statements, system and local.

multi updmap would read *all* the updmap.cfg files

- easier integration of new fonts
- separation of updmap.cfg files between the trees, each tree has exactly on describing the fonts available there

multi updmap - implementation status

- finished, but extensive testing by now
- only limited documentation by now (as it was always)
- integration into T_EX Live needs some work (tlmgr interface, documentation, user descriptions)
- timeline: soon we ship it as mupdmap and work on the integration, maybe for 2012 it will replace the current updmap.

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