

NAME

`latexdiff-vc` – wrapper script that calls `latexdiff` for different versions of a file under version management (CVS, RCS or SVN)

SYNOPSIS

latexdiff-vc [*latexdiff-options*] [*latexdiff-vc-options*] **-r** [*rev1*] [**-r** *rev2*] *file1.tex* [*file2.tex* ...]

or

latexdiff-vc [*latexdiff-options*] [*latexdiff-vc-options*] [**--postscript** | **--pdf**] *old.tex new.tex*

DESCRIPTION

latexdiff-vc is a wrapper script that applies *latexdiff* to a file, or multiple files under version control (CVS, RCS or SVN), and optionally runs the sequence of `latex` and `dvips` or `pdflatex` commands necessary to produce pdf or postscript output of the difference tex file(s). It can also be applied to a pair of files to automatise the generation of difference file in postscript or pdf format.

OPTIONS

--rcs, **--svn**, **--cvs**, **--git** or **--hg**

Set the version system. If no version system is specified, `latexdiff-vc` will venture a guess.

`latexdiff-cvs` and `latexdiff-rcs` are variants of `latexdiff-vc` which default to the respective versioning system. However, this default can still be overridden using the options above.

-r, **-r** *rev* or **--revision**, **--revision=rev**

Choose revision (under RCS, CVS, SVN, GIT or HG). One or two **-r** options can be specified, and they result in different behaviour:

latexdiff-vc **-r** *file.tex* ...

compares *file.tex* with the most recent version checked into RCS.

latexdiff-vc **-r** *rev1* *file.tex* ...

compares *file.tex* with revision *rev1*.

latexdiff-vc **-r** *rev1* **-r** *rev2* *file.tex* ...

compares revisions *rev1* and *rev2* of *file.tex*.

Multiple files can be specified for all of the above options. All files must have the extension `.tex`, though.

latexdiff-vc *old.tex new.tex*

compares two files.

The name of the difference file is generated automatically and reported to stdout.

-d or **--dir** **-d** *path* or **--dir=***path*

Rather than appending the string `diff` and optionally the version numbers given to the output-file, this will prepend a directory name `diff` to the original filename, creating the directory and subdirectories should they not exist already. This is particularly useful in order to clone a complete directory hierarchy. Optionally, a pathname *path* can be specified, which is prepended instead of `diff`.

--flatten, **--flatten=keep-intermediate**

If combined with **--git**, **--svn** or **--hg** option or the corresponding modes, check out the revisions to compare in a separate temporary directory, and then pass on option **--flatten** to `latexdiff`. The directory in which `latexdiff-vc` is invoked defines the

subtree which will be checked out. Note that if additional files are needed which are not included in the flatten procedure (package files, included graphics), they need to be accessible in the current directory. If you use bibtex, it is recommended to include the .bbl file in the version management.

The generic usage of this function is : `latexdiff-vc --flatten -r rev1 [-r rev2] master.tex` where `master.tex` is the project file containing the highest level of includes etc.

With `--flatten=keep-intermediate`, the intermediate revision snapshots are kept in the current directory (Default is to store them in a temporary directory and delete them after generating the diff file.)

--fast or --so

Use `latexdiff-fast` or `latexdiff-so`, respectively (instead of `latexdiff`).

--ps or --postscript

Generate postscript output from difference file. This will run the sequence `latex; latex; dvips` on the difference file (do not use this option in the rare cases, where three `latex` commands are required if you care about correct referencing). If the difference file contains a `\bibliography` tag, run the sequence `latex; bibtex; latex; latex; dvips`.

--pdf

Generate pdf output from difference file using `pdflatex`. This will run the sequence `pdflatex; pdflatex` on the difference file, or `pdflatex; bibtex; pdflatex; pdflatex` for files requiring `bibtex`.

--only-changes

Post-process the output such that only pages with changes on them are displayed. This requires the use of subtype `ZLABEL` in `latexdiff`, which will be set automatically, but any manually set `-s` option will be overruled (also requires `zref` package to be installed). (note that this option must be combined with `--ps` or `--pdf` to make sense)

--force

Overwrite existing diff files without asking for confirmation. Default behaviour is to ask for confirmation before overwriting an existing difference file.

--help or -h

Show help text

--version

Show version number

All other options are passed on to `latexdiff`.

SEE ALSO

`latexdiff`

PORTABILITY

`latexdiff-vc` uses external commands and is therefore limited to Unix-like systems. It also requires the a version control system and `latex` to be installed on the system to make use of all features. Modules from Perl 5.8 or higher are required.

BUG REPORTING

Please submit bug reports using the issue tracker of the github repository page <https://github.com/ftilmann/latexdiff.git>, or send them to *tilmann* — AT — *gfz-potsdam.de*. Include the serial number of *latexdiff-vc* (option `--version`).

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