

**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 files (separated by commas) 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

*language.dat.lua*  
hyphenation pattern file

**SEE ALSO**

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

<<https://tug.org/texlive/scripts-sys-user.html>>

**BUGS**

Email bug reports to <<https://lists.tug.org/tex-k>> (public mailing list).

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