

**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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