

# The l3pdf package Core PDF support

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## 1 l3pdf documentation

### 1.1 Objects

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`\pdf_object_new:nn`

New: 2019-06-02

`\pdf_object_new:nn {<object>} {<type>}`

Declares *<object>* as a PDF object of *<type>*, which should be one of

- `array`
- `dict`
- `fstream`
- `stream`

The object may be referenced from this point on, and written later using `\pdf_object_write:nn`.

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`\pdf_object_write:nn`

`\pdf_object_write:nx`

New: 2019-06-02

`\pdf_object_write:nn {<object>} {<content>}`

Writes the *<content>* as content of the *<object>*. Depending on the *<type>* declared for the object, the format required for the *<data>* will vary

`array` A space-separated list of values

`dict` Key–value pairs in the form */<key> <value>*

`fstream` Two brace groups: *<file name>* and *<file content>*

`stream` Two brace groups: *<attributes (dictionary)>* and *<stream contents>*

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`\pdf_object_ref:n *`

New: 2019-06-02

`\pdf_object_ref:n {<object>}`

Inserts the appropriate information to reference the *<object>* in for example page resource allocation

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<code>\pdf_object_now:nn</code>	<code>\pdf_object_now:nn {&lt;type&gt;} {&lt;content&gt;}</code>
<code>\pdf_object_now:nx</code>	Writes the <i>&lt;content&gt;</i> as content of an anonymous object. Depending on the <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> , the format required for the <i>&lt;data&gt;</i> will vary

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New: 2019-06-02

**array** A space-separated list of values

**dict** Key–value pairs in the form */<key> <value>*

**fstream** Two brace groups: *<file name>* and *<file content>*

**stream** Two brace groups: *<attributes (dictionary)>* and *<stream contents>*

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<code>\pdf_object_last: *</code>	<code>\pdf_object_last:</code>
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New: 2019-06-02

Inserts the appropriate information to reference the last *<object>* created. This is particularly useful for anonymous objects.

## 1.2 Version

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<code>\pdf_version_compare_p:Nn *</code>	<code>\pdf_version_compare:NnTF &lt;comparator&gt; {&lt;version&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\pdf_version_compare:NnTF *</code>	<code>code}</code>

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New: 2019-06-02

Compares the version of the PDF being created with the *<version>* string specified, using the *<comparator>*. Either the *<true code>* or *<false code>* will be left in the output stream.

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<code>\pdf_version_gset:n</code>	<code>\pdf_version_gset:n {&lt;version&gt;}</code>
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`\pdf_version_min_gset:n`

New: 2019-06-02

Sets the *<version>* of the PDF being created. The `min` version will not alter the output version unless it is currently lower than the *<version>* requested.

This function may only be used up to the point where the PDF file is initialised.

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<code>\pdf_version: *</code>	<code>\pdf_version:</code>
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`\pdf_version_major: *`

`\pdf_version_minor: *`

New: 2019-06-02

Expands to the currently-active PDF version.

## 1.3 Compression

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<code>\pdf_uncompress:</code>	<code>\pdf_uncompress:</code>
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New: 2019-06-02

Disables any compression of the PDF, where possible.

This function may only be used up to the point where the PDF file is initialised.

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