

# The popupmenu Package

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### 1 `\*package`

This is a short package that provides environments and commands for building a popup menu using JavaScript. The command `\popUpMenu` uses the Acrobat JavaScript method `app.popUpMenuEx`. This latter method requires you to pass to it a structured menu listing of the menu items to be displayed in the popup menu, and the actions to be taken when a menu item is selected. The environments `popupmenu` and `submenu` are defined for the purpose of creating this hierarchical structure.

### 2 `\RequirePackage{xkeyval}`

According to the JavaScript manual, the `app.popUpMenuEx` method takes one or more `MenuItem` objects. The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X access to the properties of this object are documented as follows (taken verbatim from the JavaScript reference):

- title** The menu item name, which is the string to appear on the menu item. The value of "-" is reserved to draw a separator line in the menu.
- marked** (optional) A Boolean value specifying whether the item is to be marked with a check. The default is `false` (not marked).
- enabled** (optional) A Boolean value specifying whether the item is to appear enabled or grayed out. The default is `true` (enabled).
- return** (optional) A string to be returned when the menu item is selected. The default is the value of `cName`.

```
3 \define@key{menustruct}{title}[]{\def\menustruct@title{#1}}
4 \define@boolkey{menustruct}{marked}[true]{}
5 \define@boolkey{menustruct}{enabled}[true]{}
6 \define@key{menustruct}{return}[]{\def\menustruct@return{#1}}
```

We use the command `\pum@holdtoks` to hold the menu items as they are processed in the environment, and use `\@AddToMenuToks` to add to the items.

```
7 \let\pum@holdtoks\empty
8 \newcommand{\@AddToMenuToks}{\g@addto@macro\pum@holdtoks}
```

`popupmenu` We begin by defining our menu structure using the `popupmenu` environment. Within this environment, we list the items in the menu using `\item` and the `submenu` menu if there are sub menus.

The `popupmenu` command requires one parameter, this command is used to create both a command and a JavaScript variable. The name is passed to the `\popUpMenu` command, while the command version of the name expands to the menu structure. The menu structure can be placed at the document level, or as part of a push button action. Here is an example of usage:

```
\urlPath{\aebhome}{http://www.math.uakron.edu/~dpstory}
\begin{popupmenu}{myMenu}
  \item{title=AeB,return=\aebhome/webeq.html}
  \item{title=-}
  \begin{submenu}{title=AeB Pro Family}
    \item{title=Home page, return=\aebhome/aeb_pro.html}
    \item{title=Graphicxsp, return=\aebhome/graphicxsp.html}
  \end{submenu}
  \item{title=eqExam, return=\aebhome/eqexam.html}
\end{popupmenu}
```

The above definition can be conveniently placed in the preamble, though it can appear anywhere before it is used, obviously. Now to use the menu structure, all we need is a push button or link to create a JavaScript action:

```
\pushButton[\CA{Packages}\AA{\AAMouseEnter{\JS{%
  \myMenu\r
  var cChoice = \popUpMenu(myMenu);\r
  if ( cChoice != null ) app.launchURL(cChoice);
}}]{menu}{\11bp}
```

The above example uses the `eforms` package, but a push button from `hyperref` will do too. The `app.popUpMenuEx` method returns the return value, which we, in turn, process. In this case, the return is a URL, which we launch.

If we have placed `\myMenu` at the document level, the line `\myMenu\r` would not be needed. If you are using the same menu several times in the document, put it at the document level to reduce file size.

Also, in the above example, you see how the name, `myMenu`, passed as an argument of the `popupmenu` environment is used as a name and as a command: The name is passed to `\popUpMenu`, while the command expands to the menu structure that is referenced by the name.

`\itemindex` We generate the index of each menu item. `\itemindex` is the index of the menu structure array; for example, `\itemindex` might expand to `[0]`, `[1].oSubMenu[3]`, or `[2].oSubMenu[3].oSubMenu[0]`. If `\itemindex` is included in the return value (possibly as an array entry), we can know the item the use selected

```
var aChoice=processMenu(AeBMenu);
if (aChoice!=null) {
  var thisChoice=aChoice[0]; // this is a string
```

```

    var thistitle=eval("AeBMenu"+thisChoice+".cName");
    app.alert(thistitle);
}

```

The above code gets the return array, then uses it to get the title of the item selected,

```

9 \newcount\pum@cnt
10 \def\pum@updateindex{\global\advance\pum@cnt\@ne
11   \edef\pum@rc{\pum@topindex[\the\pum@cnt]}\edef\itemindex{'\pum@rc'}}
12 \def\pum@initIndexMenu#1{\global\pum@cnt=-1\relax\edef\pum@rc{#1}%
13   \edef\pum@topindex{\pum@rc}}

```

We are now ready to define the `popupmenu` environment. The environment takes one required parameter, a name that is used as a JavaScript variable. This name is also used to create a command.

```

14 \newenvironment{popupmenu}[1]{\pum@initIndexMenu{}}%
15   \let\pum@holdtoks\@empty
16   \toks@={\pum@mytab}\@makeother\~

```

We initialize with a `\@gobble`, which eats up the leading comma (,) that is placed there by the code below.

```

17   \gdef\msarg{#1}\@AddToMenuToks{\@gobble}%
18   \let\item\pum@item
19 }{%
20   \expandafter\xdef\csname\msarg\endcsname{%
21     var \msarg\space = [ \pum@holdtoks^^J];}%
22 }

```

`\pum@item` At the startup of the `popupmenu` environment, we `\let\item\pum@item`. The definition of `\pum@item` takes one argument, the properties described above.

```

23 \newcommand{\pum@item}[1]{\pum@updateindex
24   \edef\tmp@exp{\noexpand
25     \setkeys{menustruct}{title,marked=false,enabled,return,#1}}\tmp@exp
26   \edef\tmp@exp{,^^J\the\toks@
27     {cName: "\menustruct@title"%
28     \ifKV@menustruct@marked, bMarked: true\fi%
29     \ifKV@menustruct@enabled\else, bEnabled: false\fi%
30     \ifx\menustruct@return\@empty\else,
31     cReturn: "\menustruct@return"\fi}}%
32   \expandafter\@AddToMenuToks\expandafter{\tmp@exp}%
33 }

```

Some technical matters, we need unmatched braces, so we define `\pum@lbrace` and `\pum@rbrace`.

```

34 \begingroup
35 \catcode'<=1 \catcode'\>=2 \@makeother\{ \@makeother\}
36 \gdef\pum@lbrace<>\gdef\pum@rbrace<>
37 \endgroup
38 \def\pum@mytab{\space\space\space\space}

```

`submenu` Used to create a submenu of a menu item. The top level menu item has no return value, it can be marked but cannot be dis-enabled (`enabled=false`).

The argument of `submenu` are any of the menu item properties, however, only `title` and `marked` will be recognized.

The JavaScript property, `oSubMenu`, of the menu structure passed to the method `app.popUpMenuEx` has no L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X counterpart. This property key-value pair is automatically inserted by the `submenu` environment.

```

39 \newenvironment{submenu}[1]{\pum@updateindex
40   \xdef\saved@pum@cnt{\the\pum@cnt}%
41   \pum@initIndexMenu{\pum@rc.oSubMenu}\edef\temp@toks{\the\toks@}%
42   \toks@=\expandafter{\temp@toks\pum@mytab}%
43   \setkeys{menustruct}{title,marked=false,enabled,return,#1}%
44   \edef\tmp@exp{,^^J\the\toks@
45     \noexpand\pum@lbrace cName: "\menustruct@title"%
46     \ifKV@menustruct@marked, bMarked: true\fi%
47     \ifKV@menustruct@enabled\else, bEnabled: false\fi,
48     oSubMenu:^^J\the\toks@[ ]}%

```

Again, we \@gobble up the leading comma (,).

```

49   \expandafter\@AddToMenuToks\expandafter{\tmp@exp\@gobble}%
50 }{%
51   \edef\tmp@exp{^^J\the\toks@ ]\pum@rbrace}%
52   \expandafter\@AddToMenuToks\expandafter{\tmp@exp}%
53   \global\pum@cnt\saved@pum@cnt
54 }

```

`\popUpMenu` The `\popUpMenu` command takes one argument, the name pass to a popupmenu environment. The command expands to the `app.popUpMenuEx` method. The document author must then process the return value in some way. The argument is enclosed in parentheses, this is so we can use `\popUpMenu` at the document level, we can pass it an argument there.

```

55 \def\popUpMenu(#1){app.popUpMenuEx.apply( app, #1 )}

```

`\urlPath` A convenience command to save a url path. The string is normalized using the `hyperref` command `\hyper@normalise`. Though we don't require any other packages, you can't do much unless you use `hyperref` as well.

```

56 \providecommand{\urlPath}[1]{\def\pum@urlName{#1}%
57   \hyper@normalise\pum@urlPath}
58 \def\pum@urlPath#1{\expandafter\xdef\pum@urlName{#1}}

```

```

59 </package>

```