

An HTML/CSS Schema for T_EX Primitives

Generating High-Quality Responsive HTML from generic T_EX

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This talk concerns R_usT_EX – a (somewhat experimental) T_EX engine implemented in Rust for converting T_EX documents to HTML.

(or alternatively: Just a fun experiment regarding “boxes” in T_EX vs in CSS)

R_usT_EX attempts to

- ▶ mimic the behaviour of pdf_latex as closely as possible
- ⇒ (ideally) full coverage
- ▶ avoid implementing dedicated support for (otherwise expandable) L_AT_EX macros and packages
- ⇒ maps T_EX *primitives* directly to HTML with adequate CSS
- ▶ mimic the optics of the PDF in HTML (Modulo sensible differences)
- ⇒ Can we mimic the behavior of elaborate macros/environments on the basis of T_EX primitives alone, using HTML and CSS? (Surprisingly well!)

<https://github.com/slatex/RusTeX/releases>

...why do we need *yet another* TeX to HTML converter?

The sTeX Idea: (M. Kohlhase) Represent both the *layouting* and the (*flexi-*)*formal semantics* of (primarily) mathematical statements in a *single* document, via semantic annotations on (otherwise) arbitrary text.

⇒ allows for formal knowledge management services (e.g. disambiguation, type checking, etc.) (See TUG 2022)

Example: Instead of “The series $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i$ converges”, write

```
\importmodule{calculus?convergence}
```

```
\vardef{seqa}[def=...]{...}
```

```
The \symname{series} $ \series{\seqa}$ \symname{converges}
```

⇒ same output, but with computer-actionable formal semantics!

⇒ modularity allows for reusability of concepts, definitions, notations, etc.

Pre-2021: Dedicated [STEX document classes](#), additional software required, convertible to [OMDoc](#) via an elaborate and invasive [L^AT_EX XML](#) plugin, import [OMDoc](#) to [MMT](#) for actual services.

⇒ complicated pipeline with several software components, not integrable in arbitrary [L^AT_EX](#) documents, separate opaque representations for presentation ([PDF](#)) and formal content ([OMDoc](#)), bitrot.

⇒ by 2017 practically unusable.

≈**2020:** *We can do better!* We want:

- ▶ A single [L^AT_EX package](#), compatible with arbitrary other [packages/document classes](#) (can write papers, books, lecture notes/slides, talks, etc.)
 - ▶ No additional software required, no `--shell-escape` (except for formal knowledge management services)
 - ▶ Have a single, transparent, and integrable representation for both presentation and formal content
- ⇒ Convert to [HTML](#), add semantic information as [XML](#) attributes
- ⇒ [STEX3](#)

So we need...

A **T_EX**-to-**HTML** converter that

- ▶ can (ideally) deal with arbitrary valid **L_AT_EX** files,
- ▶ can preserve semantic information via **XML** attributes in the **HTML** output,
- ▶ is (virtually) guaranteed to succeed for any valid **L_AT_EX** file. (even if it looks broken – at least the semantic information is there!)

Also: research project **VoLL-KI** approved by DFG – time is of the essence!

...and the existing converters did not work for that

(Statistics on my private corpus of tex files attempted, but would be misleadingly inaccurate)
(≈60% success with **T_EX4ht**)

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```
<div class="rustex-hbox-container" style="min-width:var(--document-width);width:var(--document-width);">
  <div class="rustex-hbox" style="line-height:1;">
    <span class="rustex-contents" style="color:#0000FF;">
      <span class="rustex-text rustex-reset-font rustex-script-font" style="font-size:100%;">\</span>
      <span class="rustex-text">hbox</span>
      <span class="rustex-text rustex-reset-font rustex-script-font" style="font-size:100%;">{</span>
    </span>
    <div class="rustex-space-in-hbox">&#160;</div>
    <span class="rustex-text">Box</span>
    <div class="rustex-space-in-hbox">&#160;</div>
    <span class="rustex-text">Content</span>
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    <span class="rustex-text rustex-reset-font rustex-script-font" style="font-size:100%;color:#0000FF;">}</span>
  </div>
</div>
```

(Just the first `\hbox{ Box Content }`)

Consider the Primitives: `\vtop`

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```
\vtop{  
Box Content  
}
```

```
\vtop{  
Box Content  
}
```

```
\hbox{  
    \vtop{  
    Box Content  
    }  
}
```

RusTeX

```
\vtop{  
Box Content  
}
```

```
\vtop{  
Box Content  
}
```

```
\hbox{  
    \vtop{  
    Box Content  
    }  
}
```

TeX4ht

```
\hbox{ \vtop{ Box Content } \vtop{ Box Content } \vtop{ Box Content } }
```

LaTeXML

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\hbox{ \vtop{  
Box Content  
} \vtop{  
Box Content  
} \vtop{  
Box Content  
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Consider the Primitives: Skips

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\hbox{Foo} \hss
      \hss \hbox{Foo} \hss
            \hss \hbox{Foo} \hss

\hbox{Foo} \hfil
      \hss \hbox{Foo} \hfil
            \hfill \hbox{Foo} \hss
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T_EX4ht

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\hbox{Foo}
```

L^AT_EXML

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\hbox{Foo} \hfil \hfill \hbox{Foo} \hss \hfill \hbox{Foo} \hfil \hfill \hbox{Foo}
```

Speculation:

- ▶ Focus on the `macros/packages` where “expected `HTML` output” is well-defined in the first place, provide dedicated `HTML`-“translations” for common `packages`.
- ▶ Keep the `HTML` plain and simple, so that users can easily provide their own `CSS`.
- ▶ Avoid fixed dimensions (e.g. `width=50px`) (`responsive HTML`)

...which is perfectly valid!

...but as a result: Easily trip up for unexpected, *intrusive* `macros/packages` or *redefinitions*, (`modifying existing macros or exploiting “side effects”`)

“neglect” *in-depth* support for “low-level” `TeX` primitives

⇒ Contrary to common practice, i.e. copy-pasted `macro` definitions and preambles.

The average user is not a `TeX` expert!

Idea: If we get the primitives “right”, we

- ▶ don't need to provide special support for “high-level” L^AT_EX macros, (Neverending work!)
- ▶ can guarantee that any document that compiles with pdf_lat_ex will also compile with R_{us}T_EX,
- ▶ (ideally) can make sure that *any* valid L^AT_EX produces (somewhat) decent output
- ▶ but **at the cost of document semantics**, (No ``, ``, ``, `<h1>`, ...)
“ugly” HTML sources (deeply nested divs)
and less opportunity for custom CSS.

(For details on the CSS and general architecture, see the accompanying preprint/paper)

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5   override def applicableToTerm(tm: Term): Boolean = true
6
7   def apply(solver: Solver)(tm1: Term, tm2: Term, tp: Term)
8     (implicit stack: Stack, history: History): Option[Boolean]
9   = tp match {
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`https://courses.voll-ki.fau.de/` `https://url.mathhub.info/stex`
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