

# The pythontex package

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## Abstract

Python<sub>TEX</sub> allows Python code entered within a  $\LaTeX$  document to be executed, and the output to be included within the original document. This provides access to the full power of Python from within  $\LaTeX$ , simplifying Python- $\LaTeX$  workflow and making possible a range of document customization and automation. It also allows macro definitions that mix Python and  $\LaTeX$  code. In addition, Python<sub>TEX</sub> provides syntax highlighting for many programming languages via the Pygments syntax highlighter.

Python<sub>TEX</sub> is fast and user-friendly. Python code is only executed when it has been modified. When code is executed, it automatically attempts to run in parallel. If Python code produces errors, the error message line numbers are synchronized with the  $\LaTeX$  document line numbers, so that it is easy to find the misbehaving code. Code dependencies may be specified so that code is automatically re-executed whenever they change.

## Warning

Python<sub>TEX</sub> makes possible some pretty amazing things. But that power brings with it a certain risk and responsibility. Compiling a document that uses Python<sub>TEX</sub> involves executing Python code on your computer. You should only compile Python<sub>TEX</sub> documents from sources you trust. Python<sub>TEX</sub> comes with NO WARRANTY.<sup>1</sup> The copyright holder and any additional authors will not be liable for any damages.

## Package status

Python<sub>TEX</sub> is currently in “beta,” but a full release and submission to CTAN is very close. It has been tested under Windows with  $\TeX$  Live and Python 2.7 and 3.2, under OS X (10.7) with MacPort’s  $\TeX$  Live and Python 2.7, and under Linux (Ubuntu) with  $\TeX$  Live and Python 2.7.

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# 1 Introduction

$\LaTeX$  can do a lot,<sup>2</sup> but the programming required can sometimes be painful.<sup>3</sup> Also, in spite of the many packages available for  $\LaTeX$ , the libraries and packages of a general-purpose programming language are lacking. For these reasons, there have been multiple attempts to allow other languages to be used within  $\LaTeX$ .<sup>4</sup>

- [Perl \$\TeX\$](#)  allows the bodies of  $\LaTeX$  macros to be written in Perl.
- [Sage \$\TeX\$](#)  allows code for the Sage mathematics software to be executed from within a  $\LaTeX$  document.
- Martin R. Ehmsen’s [python.sty](#) provides a very basic method of executing Python code from within a  $\LaTeX$  document.
- [Sympy \$\TeX\$](#)  allows more sophisticated Python execution, and is largely based on a subset of Sage $\TeX$ .
- [Lua \$\TeX\$](#)  extends the pdf $\TeX$  engine to provide Lua as an embedded scripting language, and as a result yields tight, low-level Lua integration.

Python $\TeX$  attempts to fill a perceived gap in the current integrations of  $\LaTeX$  with an additional language. It has a number of objectives, only some of which have been met by previous packages.

## Execution speed

In the approaches mentioned above, all the non- $\LaTeX$  code is executed at every compilation of the  $\LaTeX$  document (Perl $\TeX$ , Lua $\TeX$ , and [python.sty](#)), or all the non- $\LaTeX$  code is executed every time it is modified (Sage $\TeX$  and Sympy $\TeX$ ). However, many tasks such as plotting and data analysis take significant time to execute. We need a way to fine-tune code execution, so that independent blocks of slow code may be separated into their own sessions and are only executed when modified. If we are going to split code into multiple sessions, we might as well run these sessions in parallel, further increasing speed. A byproduct of this approach is that it now becomes much more feasible to include slower code, since we can still have fast compilations whenever the slow code isn’t modified.

## Compiling without executing

Even with all of these features to boost execution speed, there will be times when we have to run slow code. Thus, we need the execution of non- $\LaTeX$  code to be separated from compiling the  $\LaTeX$  document. We need to be

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<sup>2</sup> $\TeX$  is a Turing-complete language.

<sup>3</sup>As I learned in creating this package.

<sup>4</sup>Two additional examples not explicitly discussed here are [Sweave](#) and [knitr](#), which combine  $\LaTeX$  with the R language for tasks such as dynamic report generation. These are quite sophisticated. Since they are inspired by noweb (the `.tex` source is generated from `.Rnw`), passing information from  $\LaTeX$  to R can be non-trivial and thus the  $\TeX$  integration is weaker in that sense.

able to edit and compile a document containing unexecuted code. Unexecuted code should be invisible or be replaced by placeholders. SageTeX and SympyTeX have implemented such a separation of compiling and executing. In contrast, LuaTeX and PerlTeX execute all the code at each compilation—but that is appropriate given their goal of simplifying macro programming.

### Error messages

Whenever code is saved from a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document to an external file and then executed, the line numbers for any error messages will not correspond to the line numbering of the original L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document. At one extreme, `python.sty` doesn't attempt to deal with this issue, while at the other extreme, SageTeX uses an ingenious system of `Try/Except` statements on every chunk of code. We need a system that translates all error messages so that they correspond to the line numbering of the original L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document, with minimal overhead when there are no errors.

### Syntax highlighting

Once we begin using non-L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X code, sooner or later we will likely wish to typeset some of it, which means we need syntax highlighting. A number of syntax highlighting packages currently exist for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; perhaps the most popular are `listings` and `minted`. `listings` uses pure L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. It has not been updated since 2007, which makes it a less ideal solution in some circumstances. `minted` uses the Python-based syntax highlighter Pygments to perform highlighting. Pygments can provide superior syntax highlighting, but `minted` can be very slow because all code must be highlighted at each compilation and each instance of highlighting involves launching an external Python process. We need high-speed, user-friendly syntax highlighting via Pygments.

### Printing

It would be nice for the `print` statement/function,<sup>5</sup> or its equivalent, to automatically return its output within the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document. For example, using `python.sty` it is possible to generate some text while in Python, open a file, save the text to it, close the file, and then `\input` the file after returning to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. But it is much simpler to generate the text and `print` it, since the printed content is automatically included in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document. This was one of the things that `python.sty` really got right.

### Pure code

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X has a number of special characters (`# $ % & ~ _ ^ \ { }`), which complicates the entry of code in a non-L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X language since these same characters are common in many languages. SageTeX and SympyTeX delimit all inline code with curly braces (`{}`), but this approach fails in the (somewhat unlikely) event that code needs to contain an unmatched brace. More seriously, they do not allow the percent symbol `%` (modular arithmetic

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<sup>5</sup>In Python, `print` was a statement until Python 3.0, when it became a function. The function form is available via `import from __future__` in Python 2.6 and later.

and string formatting in Sage and Python) to be used within inline code. Rather, a `\percent` macro must be used instead. This means that code must (sometimes) be entered as a hybrid between  $\LaTeX$  and the non- $\LaTeX$  language.  $\text{LuaTeX}$  is somewhat similar: “The main thing about Lua code in a TeX document is this: the code is expanded by TeX before Lua gets to it. This means that all the Lua code, even the comments, must be valid TeX!”<sup>6</sup> In the case of  $\text{LuaTeX}$ , though, there is the `luacode` package that allows for pure Lua.

This language hybridization is not terribly difficult to work around in the  $\text{SageTeX}$  and  $\text{SympyTeX}$  cases, and is actually a  $\text{LuaTeX}$  feature in many contexts. But if we are going to create a system for general-purpose access to a non- $\LaTeX$  language, we need **all** valid code to work correctly in **all** contexts, with no hybridization of any sort required. We should be able to copy and paste valid code into a  $\LaTeX$  document, without having to worry about hybridizing it. Among other things, this means that inline code delimiters other than  $\LaTeX$ 's default curly braces `{}` must be available.

### Hybrid code

Although we need a system that allows input of pure non- $\LaTeX$  code, it would also be convenient to allow hybrid code, or code in which  $\LaTeX$  macros may be present and are expanded before the code is executed. This allows  $\LaTeX$  data to be easily passed to the non- $\LaTeX$  language, facilitating a tighter integration of the two languages and the use of the non- $\LaTeX$  language in macro definitions.

### Math and science libraries

The author decided to create  $\text{PythonTeX}$  after writing a physics dissertation using  $\LaTeX$  and realizing how frustrating it can be to switch back and forth between a  $\TeX$  editor and plotting software when fine-tuning figures. We need access to a non- $\LaTeX$  language like Python, MATLAB, or Mathematica that provides strong support for data analysis and visualization. To maintain broad appeal, this language should primarily involve open-source tools, should have strong cross-platform support, and should also be suitable for general-purpose programming.

### Language-independent implementation

It would be nice to have a system for executing non- $\LaTeX$  code that depends very little on the language of the code. We should not expect to be able to escape all language dependence. But if the system is designed to be as general as possible, then it may be expanded in the future to support additional languages.

Python was chosen as the language to fulfill these objectives for several reasons.

- It is open-source and has good cross-platform support.

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<sup>6</sup>[http://wiki.contextgarden.net/Programming\\_in\\_LuaTeX](http://wiki.contextgarden.net/Programming_in_LuaTeX)

- It has a strong set of scientific, numeric, and visualization packages, including [NumPy](#), [SciPy](#), [matplotlib](#), and [SymPy](#). Much of the initial motivation for PythonTeX was the ability to create publication-quality plots and perform complex mathematical calculations without having to leave the TeX editor.
- We need a language that is suitable for scripting. Lua is already available via LuaTeX, and in any case lacks the math and science tools.<sup>7</sup> Perl is already available via PerlTeX, although PerlTeX’s emphasis on Perl for macro creation makes it rather unsuitable for scientific work using the [Perl Data Language \(PDL\)](#) or for more general programming. Python is one logical choice for scripting.

Now at this point there will almost certainly be some reader, sooner or later, who wants to object, “But what about language *X*!” Well, yes, in some respects the choice to use Python did come down to personal preference. But you should give Python a try, if you haven’t already. You may also wish to consider the many interfaces that are available between Python and other languages. If you still aren’t satisfied, keep in mind PythonTeX’s “language-independent” implementation! Although PythonTeX is written to support Python within L<sup>A</sup>TeX, the implementation has been specially crafted so that other languages may be supported in the future. See Section 7 for more details.

## 2 Installing and running

### 2.1 Installing PythonTeX

PythonTeX requires a TeX installation. [TeX Live](#) or [MiKTeX](#) are preferred. PythonTeX requires the [kpathsea](#) library, which is available in both of these distributions. The following L<sup>A</sup>TeX packages, with their dependencies, are also required: [fancyvrb](#), [etex](#), [etoolbox](#), [xstring](#), [pgfplots](#), [newfloat](#), and [color](#) or [xcolor](#). If you are creating and importing graphics using Python, you will also need [graphicx](#). The [mdframed](#) package is recommended for enclosing typeset code in boxes with fancy borders and/or background colors.

PythonTeX also requires a [Python](#) installation. Python 2.7 is recommended for the greatest compatibility with scientific tools. Python 3.1 and later will work as well. Earlier versions of Python 2 and 3 are not compatible, at least not without several modifications to the PythonTeX scripts. The Python package [Pygments](#) must be installed for syntax highlighting to function. PythonTeX has been tested with Pygments 1.4 and later, but the latest version is recommended. For scientific work, or to compile the PythonTeX gallery file, the following are also recommended: [NumPy](#), [SciPy](#), [matplotlib](#), and [SymPy](#).

PythonTeX consists of the following files:

- Installer file `pythontex.ins`

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<sup>7</sup>One could use [Lumatic Python](#), and some numeric packages for Lua are [in development](#).

- Documented L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X source file `pythontex.dtx`, from which `pythontex.pdf` and `pythontex.sty` are generated
- Main Python scripts `pythontex2.py` and `pythontex3.py`
- Helper scripts `pythontex_utils2.py` and `pythontex_types2.py`, and `pythontex_utils3.py` and `pythontex_types3.py`
- Installation script `pythontex_install_texlive` (for T<sub>E</sub>X Live)
- `README.rst`
- Optional batch files `pythontex2.bat` and `pythontex3.bat` for use in launching `pythontex*.py` under Windows

The style file `pythontex.sty` may be generated by running L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X on `pythontex.ins`. The documentation you are reading may be generated by running L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X on `pythontex.dtx`. Two versions of all of the Python scripts are supplied, one for Python 2 and one for Python 3.<sup>8</sup>

Until PythonT<sub>E</sub>X is submitted to CTAN (or if you always want the absolute latest version), it must be installed manually. A Python installation script is provided for use with T<sub>E</sub>X Live. It has been tested with Windows, Linux, and OS X, but may need manual input or slight modifications depending on your system. The installation script performs the steps described below. Note that you may have to run the script with elevated privileges, and may need to run it using the user's PATH. For example, under Ubuntu Linux, you may need the following:

```
sudo env PATH=$PATH python pythontex_install_texlive.py
```

The PythonT<sub>E</sub>X files should be installed within the T<sub>E</sub>X directory structure as follows.

- $\langle T_{E}X \text{ tree root} \rangle / \text{doc/latex/pythontex/}$ 
  - `pythontex.pdf`
  - `README`
- $\langle T_{E}X \text{ tree root} \rangle / \text{scripts/pythontex/}$ 
  - `pythontex2.py` and `pythontex3.py`
  - `pythontex_types2.py` and `pythontex_types3.py`
  - `pythontex_utils2.py` and `pythontex_utils3.py`
- $\langle T_{E}X \text{ tree root} \rangle / \text{source/latex/pythontex/}$

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<sup>8</sup>Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide full Unicode support for both Python 2 and 3 using a single script. Currently, all code is written for Python 2, and then the Python 3 version is automatically generated via the `pythontex_2to3.py` script. This script comments out code that is only for Python 2, and un-comments code that is only for Python 3.

- `pythontex.dtx`
- $\langle \text{TeX tree root} \rangle / \text{tex/latex/pythontex/}$
- `pythontex.sty`

After the files are installed, the system must be made aware of their existence. Run `mktexlsr` to do this. In order for `pythontex*.py` to be executable, a symlink (TeX Live under Linux), launching wrapper (TeX Live under Windows), or batch file (general Windows) should be created in the `bin/⟨system⟩` directory. For TeX Live under Windows, simply copy `bin/win32/runscript.exe` to `bin/win32/pythontex*.exe` to create the wrapper (replace the `*` with the appropriate version).<sup>9</sup>

## 2.2 Compiling documents using PythonTeX

Compiling a document with PythonTeX involves three steps: running a LaTeX-compatible TeX engine, running `pythontex*.py` (preferably via a symlink, wrapper, or batch file, as described above), and finally running the TeX engine again. The first TeX run saves code into an external file where PythonTeX can access it. The second TeX run pulls the PythonTeX output back into the document.

If you plan to use code that contains Unicode characters (or other characters beyond ASCII) you should make sure that your document is properly configured:

- Under pdfLaTeX, your documents need `\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}` and `\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}`, or a similar configuration.
- Under LuaLaTeX, your documents need `\usepackage{fontspec}`, or a similar configuration.
- Under XeLaTeX, your documents need `\usepackage{fontspec}` as well as `\defaultfontfeatures{Ligatures=TeX}`, or a similar configuration.

For an example of a PythonTeX document that will correctly compile under all three engines, see the `pythontex_gallery.tex` source.

If you use XeLaTeX, and your source code contains tabs, you **must** invoke XeLaTeX with the `-8bit` option so that tabs will be written to file as actual tab characters rather than as the character sequence `^^I`.<sup>10</sup>

`pythontex*.py` requires a single command-line argument: the name of the `.tex` file to process. The filename can be passed with or without an extension; the script really only needs the `\jobname`, so any extension is stripped off.<sup>11</sup> The filename may include the path to the file; you do not have to be in the same directory as the file to run PythonTeX. If you are configuring your editor to run PythonTeX automatically via a shortcut, you may want to wrap the filename in

<sup>9</sup>See the output of `runscript -h` under Windows for additional details.

<sup>10</sup>See <http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/58732/how-to-output-a-tabulation-into-a-file> for more on tabs with XeTeX.

<sup>11</sup>Thus, PythonTeX works happily with `.tex`, `.ltx`, `.dtx`, and any other extension.

double quotes " to allow for space characters.<sup>12</sup> For example, under Windows with  $\text{\TeX}$  Live and Python 2.7 we would create the wrapper `pythontex2.exe`. Then we could run Python $\text{\TeX}$  on a file `<file name>.tex` using the command `pythontex2.exe "<file name>"`.

`pythontex*.py` accepts the following optional command-line arguments. Some of these options duplicate package-level options, so that settings may be configured either within the document or at the command line. In the event that the command-line and package options conflict, the package options always override the command-line options. For variations on these options that are acceptable, run `pythontex*.py -h`.

- `--encoding=<encoding>` This sets the file encoding. Any encoding supported by Python's `codecs` module may be used. If an encoding is not specified, Python $\text{\TeX}$  uses UTF-8. Note that the encoding **must** be used consistently; the `.tex` source, the Python $\text{\TeX}$  output, and any external code files that Python $\text{\TeX}$  highlights should all use the same encoding. If support for characters beyond ASCII is required, then additional  $\text{\LaTeX}$  packages are required; see the discussion of  $\text{\TeX}$  engines above.
- `--error-exit-code={true,false}` By default, `pythontex*.py` returns an exit code of 1 if there were any errors, and an exit code of 0 otherwise. This may be useful when Python $\text{\TeX}$  is used in a scripting or command-line context, since the presence of errors may be easily detected. It is also useful with some  $\text{\TeX}$  editors. For example, `TeXworks` automatically hides the output of external programs unless there are errors.

But in some contexts, returning a nonzero exit code can be redundant. For example, with the `WinShell` editor under Windows with  $\text{\TeX}$  Live, the complete output of Python $\text{\TeX}$  is always available in the "Output" view, so it is clear if errors have occurred. Having a nonzero exit code causes `runscript.exe` to return an additional, redundant error message in the "Output" view. In such situations, it may be desirable to disable the nonzero exit code.

- `--runall=[{true,false}]` This causes all code to be executed, regardless of whether it has been modified. It is useful when code has not been modified, but a dependency such as a library or external data has changed. Note that the Python $\text{\TeX}$  utilities class also provides a mechanism for automatically re-executing code that depends on external files when those external files are modified.

There is an equivalent `runall` package option. The command-line option `--rerun=all` is also equivalent.

- `--rerun={modified,errors,warnings,all}` This sets the threshold for re-executing code. By default, Python $\text{\TeX}$  will rerun code that has been modi-

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<sup>12</sup>Using spaces in the names of `.tex` files is apparently frowned upon. But if you configure things to handle spaces whenever it doesn't take much extra work, then that's one less thing that can go wrong.

fied or that produced errors on the last run. Sometimes, we may wish to have a more lenient setting (only rerun if modified) or a more stringent setting (rerun even for warnings, or just rerun everything). `modified` only executes code that has been modified (or that has modified dependencies). `errors` executes all modified code as well as all code that produced errors on the last run; this is the default. `warnings` executes all modified code, as well as all code that produced errors or warnings. `all` executes all code and is equivalent to `--runall`.

There is an equivalent `rerun` package option.

- `--hashdependencies=[{true,false}]` This determines whether dependencies (external files highlighted by Pygments, code dependencies specified via `pytex.add_dependencies()`, etc.) are considered to be modified based on their hash or modification time. By default, `mtime` is used, since it is faster. The package option `hashdependencies` is equivalent.
- `--verbose` This gives more verbose output, including a list of all processes that are launched.

PythonTeX currently does not provide means to choose between multiple Python installations; it will use the default Python installation. Support for multiple installations is unlikely to be added, since a cross-platform solution would be required.<sup>13</sup> If you need to work with multiple installations, you may wish to modify `pythontex_types*.py` to create additional command and environment families that invoke different versions of Python, based on your system.

PythonTeX attempts to check for a wide range of errors and return meaningful error messages. But due to the interaction of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and Python code, some strange errors are possible. If you cannot make sense of errors when using PythonTeX, the simplest thing to try is deleting all files created by PythonTeX, then recompiling. By default, these files are stored in a directory called `pythontex-files-⟨jobname⟩`, in the same directory as your `.tex` document. See Section 6 for more details regarding Troubleshooting.

## 3 Usage

### 3.1 Package options

Package options may be set in the standard manner when the package is loaded:

```
\usepackage[⟨options⟩]{pythontex}
```

All options are described as follows. The option is listed, followed by its possible values. When a value is not required, `⟨none⟩` is listed as a possible value. In this case, the value to which `⟨none⟩` defaults is also given. Each option lists its default setting, if the option is not invoked when the package is loaded.

<sup>13</sup>Python 3.3's `py` launcher for Windows may make this more feasible.

Some options have a command-line equivalent. Package options override command-line options.

```
runall=<none>/true/false  
default:false <none>=true
```

This option causes all code to be executed, regardless of whether it has been modified. This option is primarily useful when code depends on external files, and needs to be re-executed when those external files are modified, even though the code itself may not have changed. Note that the `PythonTeX` utilities class also provides a mechanism for automatically re-executing code that depends on external files when those external files are modified.

A command-line equivalent `--runall` exists for `pythontex*.py`. The package option `rerun=all` is also equivalent.

```
rerun=modified/errors/warnings/all  
default:errors
```

This option sets the threshold for re-executing code. By default, `PythonTeX` will rerun code that has been modified or that produced errors on the last run. Sometimes, we may wish to have a more lenient setting (only rerun if modified) or a more stringent setting (rerun even for warnings, or just rerun everything). `modified` only executes code that has been modified. `errors` executes all modified code as well as all code that produced errors on the last run; this is the default. `warnings` executes all modified code, as well as all code that produced errors or warnings. `all` executes all code and is equivalent to the package option `runall`.

A command-line equivalent `--rerun` exists for `pythontex*.py`.

```
hashdependencies=<none>/true/false  
default:false <none>=true
```

When external code files are highlighted with Pygments, or external dependencies are specified via the `PythonTeX` utilities class, they are checked for modification via their modification time (Python's `os.path.getmtime()`). Usually, this should be sufficient—and it offers superior performance, which is important if data sets are large enough that hashing takes a noticeable amount of time. However, occasionally hashing may be necessary or desirable, so this option is provided.

A command-line equivalent `--hashdependencies` exists for `pythontex*.py`.

```
autoprint=<none>/true/false  
default:true <none>=true
```

Whenever a `print` command/statement is used, the printed content will automatically be included in the document, unless the code doing the printing is being typeset.<sup>14</sup> In that case, the printed content must be included using the `\printpythontex` or `\stdoutpythontex` commands.

Printed content is pulled in directly from the external file in which it is saved, and is interpreted by  $\LaTeX$  as  $\LaTeX$  code. If you wish to avoid this, you should print appropriate  $\LaTeX$  commands with your content to ensure that it is typeset

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<sup>14</sup>Note that `autoprint` only works within the body of the document. The `code` command and environment can be used in the preamble, but `autoprint` is disabled there. It is usually a not a good idea to print in the preamble, because nothing can be typeset; the only thing that could be validly printed is  $\LaTeX$  commands that do not typeset content, such as macro definitions. Thus, it is appropriate that printed content is only brought in while in the preamble if it is explicitly requested via `\printpythontex`. This approach is also helpful for writing packages using `PythonTeX`, since the author does not have to worry about any  $\LaTeX$  commands printed by the package either not being included (if `autoprint` is relied upon, but the user turns it off) or being included twice (if `\printpythontex` is used and `autoprint` is enabled). Printing should only be used in the preamble with great care.

as you desire. Alternatively, you may use `\printpythontex` or `\stdoutpythontex` to bring in printed content in verbatim form, using those commands' optional `verb` and `inlineverb (v)` options.

The `autoprint` option sets autoprint behavior for the entire document. This may be overridden within the document using the `\setpythontexautoprint` command.

```
print=<none>/true/false
default:true <none>=true
stdout=<none>/true/false
default:true <none>=true
```

This option determines whether printed content/content written to `stdout` is included in the document. Since printed content should almost **always** be included, a warning is raised when it is not. Not including printed content is useful when the printed content contains `LATEX` errors, and would cause document compilation to fail. When the document fails to compile, this can prevent modified Python code from being written to the code file, resulting in an inescapable loop unless printed content is disabled.

As is typical for Python<sub>T<sub>E</sub>X</sub> settings dealing with `stdout`/printing, two equivalent forms are provided based on the names `print` and `stdout`.

Note that since commands like `\py` involve printing, they are also disabled if `print` or `stdout` is set to `false`.

```
stderr=<none>/true/false
default:false <none>=true
```

This option determines whether the `stderr` produced by scripts is available for input by Python<sub>T<sub>E</sub>X</sub>, via the `\stderrpythontex` macro. This will not be needed in most situations. It is intended for typesetting incorrect code next to the errors that it produces. This option is not `true` by default, because additional processing is required to synchronize `stderr` with the document.

```
stderrfilename=full/session/genericfile/genericscript
default:full
```

This option governs the file name that appears in `stderr`. Python errors begin with a line of the form

```
File "<file or source>", line <line>
```

By default (option `full`), `<file or source>` is the actual name of the script that was executed. The name will be in the form `<family name>_<session>_<group>.<extension>`. For example, an error produced by a `py` command or environment, in the session `mysession`, using the default group (that is, the default `\restartpythontexsession` treatment), would be reported in `py_mysession_default.py`. The `session` option replaces the full file name with the name of the session, `mysession.py` in this example. The `genericfile` and `genericscript` options replace the file name with `<file>` and `<script>`, respectively.

```
pyfuture=none/all/default
default:default
```

Under Python 2, this determines what is automatically imported from `__future__` for all code. `none` imports nothing from `__future__`; `all` imports everything available in Python 2.7 (`absolute_import`, `division`, `print_function`, and `unicode_literals`); and `default` imports everything except `unicode_literals`, since `unicode_literals` can conflict with some packages. Note that imports from `__future__` are also allowed within sessions, so long as they are at the very beginning of the session, as they would have to be in a normal script.

This option has no effect under Python 3.

```
upquote=<none>/true/false  
default:true <none>=true
```

This option determines whether the `upquote` package is loaded. In general, the `upquote` package should be loaded, because it ensures that quotes within verbatim contexts are “upquotes,” that is, `'` rather than `'`.

Using `upquote` is important beyond mere presentation. It allows code to be copied directly from the compiled PDF and executed without any errors due to quotes `'` being copied as acute accents `´`.

```
fixlrm=<none>/true/false  
default:true <none>=true
```

This option removes extra spacing around `\left` and `\right` in math mode. This spacing is often undesirable, especially when typesetting functions such as the trig functions. See the implementation for details.

```
keeptemps=<none>/all/code/none  
default:none <none>=all
```

When PythonTeX runs, it creates a number of temporary files. By default, none of these are kept. The `none` option keeps no temp files, the `code` option keeps only code temp files (these can be useful for debugging), and the `all` option keeps all temp files (code, stdout and stderr for each code file, etc.). Note that this option does not apply to any user-generated content, since PythonTeX knows very little about that; it only applies to files that PythonTeX automatically creates by itself.

```
pygments=<none>/true/false  
default:true <none>=true
```

This allows the user to determine at the document level whether code is typeset using Pygments rather than `fancyvrb`.

Note that the package-level Pygments option can be overridden for individual command and environment families, using the `\setpythontexformatter` command; the `\setpygmentsformatter` command provides equivalent functionality for the Pygments commands and environments. Overriding is never automatic and should generally be avoided, since using Pygments to highlight only some content results in an inconsistent style. Keep in mind that Pygment’s `text` lexer and/or `bw` style can be used when content needs little or no syntax highlighting.

```
pyglexer=<pygments lexer>  
default:<none>
```

This allows a Pygments lexer to be set at the document level. In general, this option should **not** be used. It overrides the default lexer for all commands and environments, for both PythonTeX and Pygments content, and this is usually not desirable. It should be useful primarily when all content uses the same lexer, and multiple lexers are compatible with the content.

```
pygopt={<pygments options>}  
default:<none>
```

This allows Pygments options to be set at the document level. The options must be enclosed in curly braces `{}`. Currently, three options may be passed in this manner: `style=<style name>`, which sets the formatting style; `texcomments`, which allows L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X in code comments to be rendered; and `mathescape`, which allows L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X math mode (`$. . . $`) in comments. The `texcomments` and `mathescape` options may be used with an argument (for example, `texcomments=True/False`); if an argument is not supplied, `True` is assumed. Example: `pygopt={style=colorful, texcomments=True, mathescape=False}`.

Pygments options for individual command and environment families may be set with the `\setpythontexpygopt` macro; for Pygments content, there is `\setpygmentspygopt`. These individual settings are always overridden by the package option.

```
pyginline=<none>/true/false
  default:true <none>=true
```

This option governs whether inline code, not just code in environments, is highlighted when Pygments highlighting is in use. When Pygments is in use, it will highlight everything by default.

```
fvextfile=<none>/<integer>
  default:∞ <none>=25
```

This option speeds the typesetting of long blocks of code that are created on the Python side. This includes content highlighted using Pygments and the `console` environment. Typesetting speed is increased at the expense of creating additional external files (in the `PythonTeX` directory). The `<integer>` determines the number of lines of code at which the system starts using multiple external files, rather than a single external file. See the implementation for the technical details; basically, an external file is used rather than `fancyvrb`'s `SaveVerbatim`, which becomes increasingly inefficient as the length of the saved verbatim content grows. In most situations, this option should not be needed, or should be fine with the default value or similar “small” integers.

```
pyconbanner=none/standard/default/pyversion
  default:none
```

This option governs the appearance (or disappearance) of a banner at the beginning of Python console environments. (A banner only appears in the first environment within each session.) The options `none` (no banner), `standard` (standard Python banner), `default` (default banner for Python's `code` module, standard banner plus interactive console class name), and `pyversion` (banner in the form `Python x.y.z`) are accepted.

```
pyconfilename=stdin/console
  default:stdin
```

This governs the form of the filename that appears in error messages in Python console environments. Python errors messages have a form such as the following:

```
>>> z = 1 + 34 +
      File "<name>", line 1
        z = 1 + 34 +
              ^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

The `stdin` option replaces `<name>` with `<stdin>`, as it appears in a standard Python interactive session. The `console` option uses `<console>` instead, which is the default setting for the Python `code` module used by `PythonTeX` to create Python console environments.

## 3.2 Code commands and environments

`PythonTeX` provides four types of commands for use with inline code and three environments for use with multiple lines of code, plus a `console` environment. All commands and environments are named using a base name and a command- or

environment-specific suffix. A complete set of commands and environments with the same base name constitutes a **command and environment family**. In what follows, we describe the different commands and environments, using the `py` base name (the `py` family) as an example.

Most commands and environments cannot be used in the preamble, because they typeset material and that is not possible in the preamble. The one exception is the `code` command and environment. These can be used to enter code, but need not typeset anything. This allows you to collect your Python<sub>TEX</sub> code in the preamble, if you wish, or even use Python<sub>TEX</sub> in package writing. Note that the package option `autoprint` is never active in the preamble, so even if a `code` command or environment did print in the preamble, printed content would never be inputted unless `\printpythontex` or `\stdoutpythontex` were used.

All commands and environments take a session name as an optional argument. The session name determines the session in which the code is executed. This allows code to be executed in multiple independent sessions, increasing speed (sessions run in parallel) and preventing naming conflicts. If a session is not specified, then the `default` session is used. Session names should use the characters `a-z`, `A-Z`, `0-9`, the hyphen, and the underscore; all characters used **must** be valid in file names, since session names are used to create temporary files. The colon is also allowed, but it is replaced with a hyphen internally, so the sessions `code:1` and `code-1` are identical.

In addition, all environments take `fancyvrb` settings as a second, optional argument. See the [fancyvrb documentation](#) for an explanation of accepted settings. This second optional argument **must** be preceded by the first optional argument (session name). If a named session is not desired, the optional argument can be left empty (`default` session), but the square brackets `[]` must be present so that the second optional argument may be correctly identified:

```
\begin{environment}[] [fancyvrb settings]
```

### 3.2.1 Inline commands

Inline commands are suitable for single lines of code that need to be executed within the body of a paragraph or within a larger body of text. The commands use arbitrary code delimiters (like `\verb` does), which allows the code to contain arbitrary characters. Note that this only works properly when the inline commands are **not** inside other macros. If an inline command is used within another macro, the code will be read by the external macro before Python<sub>TEX</sub> can read the special code characters (that is, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X will tokenize the code). The inline commands can work properly within other macros, but you should stick with curly braces for delimiters in this case and you may have trouble with the hash `#` and percent `%` characters.

```
\py[session](opening delim)(code)(closing delim)
```

This command is used for including variable values or other content that can be converted to a string. It is an alternative to including content via the `print` statement/function within other commands/environments.

The `\py` command sends  $\langle code \rangle$  to Python, and Python returns a string representation of  $\langle code \rangle$ .  $\langle opening\ delim \rangle$  and  $\langle closing\ delim \rangle$  must be either a pair of identical, non-space characters, or a pair of curly braces. Thus, `\py{1+1}` sends the code `1+1` to Python, Python evaluates the string representation of this code, and the result is returned to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and included as 2. The commands `\py#1+1#` and `\py@1+1@` would have the same effect. The command can also be used to access variable values. For example, if the code `a=1` had been executed previously, then `\py{a}` simply brings the string representation of `a` back into the document as 1.

Assignment is **not** allowed using `\py`. For example, `\py{a=1}` is **not** valid. This is because assignment cannot be converted to a string.<sup>15</sup>

The text returned by Python must be valid L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X code. If you need to include complex text within your document, or if you need to include verbatim text, you should use the `print` statement/function within one of the other commands or environments. The primary reasons to use `\py` rather than `print` are (1) `\py` is more compact and (2) `print` requires an external file to be created for every command or environment in which it is used, while `\py` and equivalents for other families share a single external file. Thus, use of `\py` minimizes the creation of external files, which is a key design goal for PythonT<sub>E</sub>X.<sup>16</sup>

`\pyc[ $\langle session \rangle$ ][ $\langle opening\ delim \rangle$ ] $\langle code \rangle$  $\langle closing\ delim \rangle$`

This command is used for executing but not typesetting  $\langle code \rangle$ . The suffix `c` is an abbreviation of `code`. If the `print` statement/function is used within  $\langle code \rangle$ , printed content will be included automatically so long as the package `autoprint` option is set to true (which is the default setting).

`\pyv[ $\langle session \rangle$ ][ $\langle opening\ delim \rangle$ ] $\langle code \rangle$  $\langle closing\ delim \rangle$`

This command is used for typesetting but not executing  $\langle code \rangle$ . The suffix `v` is an abbreviation for `verbatim`.

`\pyb[ $\langle session \rangle$ ][ $\langle opening\ delim \rangle$ ] $\langle code \rangle$  $\langle closing\ delim \rangle$`

This command both executes and typesets  $\langle code \rangle$ . Since it is unlikely that the user would wish to typeset code and then **immediately** include any output of the code, printed content is **not** automatically included, even when the package `autoprint` option is set to true. Rather, any printed content is included at a user-designated location via the `\printpythontex` and `\stdouthpythontex` macros.

### 3.2.2 Environments

`pycode [math>\langle session \rangle][ $\langle fancyvrb\ settings \rangle$ ]`

<sup>15</sup>It would be simple to allow any code within `\py`, including assignment, by using a `try/except` statement. In this way, the functionality of `\py` and `\pyc` could be merged. While that would be simpler to use, it also has serious drawbacks. If `\py` is not exclusively used to typeset string representations of  $\langle code \rangle$ , then it is no longer possible on the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X side to determine whether a command should return a string. Thus, it is harder to determine, from within a T<sub>E</sub>X editor, whether `pythontex*.py` needs to be run; warnings for missing Python content could not be issued, because the system wouldn't know (on the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X side) whether content was indeed missing.

<sup>16</sup>For `\py`, the text returned by Python is stored in macros and thus must be valid L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X code, because L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X interprets the returned content. The use of macros for storing returned content means that an external file need not be created for each use of `\py`. Rather, all macros created by `\py` and equivalent commands from other families are stored in a single file that is inputted.

This environment encloses code that is executed but not typeset. The second optional argument *<fancyverb settings>* is irrelevant since nothing is typeset, but it is accepted to maintain parallelism with the `verb` and `block` environments. If the `print` statement/function is used within the environment, printed content will be included automatically so long as the package `autoprint` option is set to true (which is the default setting).

`pyverb [<session>][<fancyverb settings>]`

This environment encloses code that is typeset but not executed. The suffix `verb` is an abbreviation for `verbatim`.

`pyblock [<session>][<fancyverb settings>]`

This environment encloses code that is both executed and typeset. Since it is unlikely that the user would wish to typeset code and then **immediately** print any output of the code, printed content is **not** automatically included, even when the package `autoprint` option is set to true. Rather, any printed content is included at a user-designated location via the `\printpythontex` or `\stdoutpythontex` macros.

`pyconsole [<session>][<fancyverb settings>]`

This environment treats its contents as a series of commands passed to an interactive Python console. Python's `code` module is used to intersperse the commands with their output, to emulate an interactive Python interpreter. Unlike the other environments, `pyconsole` has no inline equivalent. Currently, non-ASCII characters are not supported in `console` environments under Python 2.

When a multi-line command is entered (for example, a function definition), a blank line after the last line of the command may be necessary.

Unlike other commands and environments, the console environment currently does not bring in any imports by default and does not load custom code. This functionality will probably be added in the near future.

### 3.2.3 Default families

By default, three command and environment families are defined.

- Python
  - Base name `py`: `\py`, `\pyc`, `\pyv`, `\pyb`, `pycode`, `pyverb`, `pyblock`, `pyconsole`
  - Imports: None.
- Python + pylab (matplotlib module)
  - Base name `pylab`: `\pylab`, `\pylabc`, `\pylabv`, `\pylabb`, `pylabcode`, `pylabverb`, `pylabblock`, `pylabconsole`
  - Imports: matplotlib's `pylab` module, which provides access to much of matplotlib and NumPy within a single namespace. `pylab` content is brought in via `from pylab import *`.

- Additional notes: matplotlib added a [pgf backend](#) in version 1.2. You will probably want to use this for creating most plots. However, this is not currently configured automatically because many users will want to customize font, T<sub>E</sub>X engine, and other settings. Using T<sub>E</sub>X to create plots also introduces a speed penalty.
- Python + SymPy
  - Base name `sympy`: `\sympy`, `\sympyc`, `\sympyv`, `\sympyb`, `sympycode`, `sympyverb`, `sympyblock`, `sympyconsole`
  - Imports: SymPy via `from sympy import *`.
  - Additional notes: By default, content brought in via `\sympy` is formatted using a context-sensitive interface to SymPy’s `LatexPrinter` class, described below.

Under Python 2.7, all families import `absolute_import`, `division`, and `print_function` from `__future__` by default. This may be changed using the package option `pyfuture`. Keep in mind that importing `unicode_literals` from `__future__` may break compatibility with some packages; this is why it is not imported by default. Imports from `__future__` are also possible without using the `pyfuture` option. You may use the `\pythontexcusomc` command or `pythontexcusomcode` environment (described below), or simply enter the import commands immediately at the beginning of a session.

### 3.2.4 Custom code

You may wish to customize the behavior of one or more families within a document by adding custom code to the beginning and end of each session. The custom code command and environment make this possible.

If you wish to share these customizations among several documents, you can create your own document class or package containing custom code commands and environments.

While custom code can be added anywhere in a document, it is probably best for organizational reasons to add it in the preamble or near the beginning of the document.

Note that custom code is executed, but never typeset. Only code that is actually entered within a `block` (or `verb`) command or environment is ever typeset. This means that you should be careful about how you use custom code. For example, if you are documenting code, you probably want to show absolutely all code that is executed, and in that case using custom code might not be appropriate. If you are using PythonT<sub>E</sub>X to create figures or automate text, are using many sessions, and require many imports, then custom code could save some typing by centralizing the imports.

Any errors or warnings due to custom code will be correctly synchronized with the document, just like normal errors and warnings. Any errors or warnings will be specifically identified as originating in custom code.

Custom code is not allowed to print or write to stdout. It would be pointless for custom code at the beginning of a session to print, because all printed content would be identical since custom code at the beginning comes before any regular code that might make the output session-specific. In addition, it is not obvious where printed content from custom code would be included, especially for custom code at the end of a session. Furthermore, custom code may be in the preamble, where nothing can be typeset.

If custom code does attempt to print, a warning is raised and the printed content is included in the PythonTeX run summary. This gives you access to the printed content, while not including it in the document. This can be useful in cases where you cannot control whether content prints (for example, if a library automatically prints debugging information).

`\pythontexcustomc[position]{family}{code}`

This macro allows custom code to be added to all sessions within a command and environment family. *position* should be either `begin` or `end`; it determines whether the custom code is executed at the beginning or end of each session. By default, custom code is executed at the beginning. *code* should be a **single line** of code. For example, `\pythontexcustomc{py}{a=1; b=2}` would create the variables `a` and `b` within all sessions of the `py` family, by invisibly adding that line of code at the beginning of each session.

If you need to add more than a single line of custom code, you could use the command multiple times, but it will be more efficient to use the `pythontexcustomcode` environment.

*code* may contain imports from `__future__`. These must be the first elements in any custom code command or environment, since `__future__` imports are only possible at the very beginning of a Python script and only the very beginning of custom code is checked for them. If imports from `__future__` are present at the beginning of both custom code and the user's code, all imports will work correctly; the presence of the imports in custom code, before user code, does not turn off checking for `__future__` imports at the very beginning of user code. However, it is probably best to keep all `__future__` imports in a single location.

*code* may **not** contain L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X macros. *code* is interpreted as verbatim content, since in general the custom code will not be valid L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

`pythontexcustomcode[position]{family}`

This is the environment equivalent of `\pythontexcustomc`. It is used for adding multi-line custom code to a command and environment family. In general, the environment should be preferred to the command unless only a very small amount of custom code is needed. The environment has the same properties as the command, including the ability to include imports from `__future__`.

### 3.2.5 PythonTeX utilities class

All families import `pythontex_utils*.py`, and create an instance of the PythonTeX utilities class called `pytex`. This provides various utilities for interfacing with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and PythonTeX.

The utilities class provides an interface for determining how Python objects are converted into strings in commands such as `\py`. The `pytex.set_formatter(formatter)` method is used to set the conversion. Two formatters are provided:

- `'str'` converts Python objects to a string, using the `str()` function under Python 3 and the `unicode()` function under Python 2. (The use of `unicode()` under Python 2 should not cause problems, even if you have not imported `unicode_literals` and are not using unicode strings. All encoding issues should be taken care of automatically by the utilities class.)
- `'sympy_latex'` uses SymPy's `LatexPrinter` class to return context-sensitive L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X representations of SymPy objects. Separate `LatexPrinter` settings may be created for the following contexts: `'display'` (`displaystyle math`), `'text'` (`textstyle math`), `'script'` (superscripts and subscripts), and `'scriptscript'` (superscripts and subscripts, of superscripts and subscripts). Settings are created via `pytex.set_sympy_latex(context, settings)`. For example, `pytex.set_sympy_latex('display', mul_symbol='times')` sets multiplication to use a multiplication symbol  $\times$ , but only when math is in `displaystyle`.<sup>17</sup> See the [SymPy documentation](#) for a list of possible settings for the `LatexPrinter` class.

By default, `'sympy_latex'` only treats matrices differently based on context. Matrices in `displaystyle` are typeset using `pmatrix`, while those in all other styles are typeset via `smallmatrix` with parentheses.

The PythonT<sub>E</sub>X utilities formatter may also be set to a custom function that returns strings, simply by reassigning the `pytex.formatter()` method. For example, define a formatter function `my_func()`, and then `pytex.formatter=my_func`.

The context-sensitive interface to SymPy's `LatexPrinter` is always available via `pytex.sympy_latex()`. If you wish to use it outside the `sympy` command and environment family, you must either change the formatter via `pytex.set_formatter('sympy_latex')`, or initialize the method manually via `pytex.init_sympy_latex()`.

The utilities class also provides methods for tracking dependencies and created files.

- `pytex.add_dependencies(dependencies)` This adds `dependencies` to a list. If any dependencies in the list change, code is re-executed, even if the code itself has not changed. (Changed dependencies are determined via either hash or mtime; see package option `hashdependencies` for details.) This method is useful for tracking changes in external data and similar files. `dependencies` should be one or more strings, separated by commas, that are the file names of dependencies. Dependencies should be given with relative paths from the current working directory, with absolute paths,

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<sup>17</sup>Internally, the `'sympy_latex'` formatter uses the `\mathchoice` macro to return multiple representations of a SymPy object, if needed by the current settings. Then `\mathchoice` typesets the correct representation, based on context.

or with paths based on the user's home directory (that is, starting with a tilde `~`). Remember that by default, the working directory is the `pythontex-files- $\langle jobname \rangle$`  directory where all Python $\TeX$  temporary files are stored. This can be adjusted with `\setpythontexworkingdir`.

- `pytex.add_created( $\langle created files \rangle$ )` This adds  $\langle created files \rangle$  to a list of files created by the current session. Any time the code for the current session is executed, **all of these files will be deleted**. Since this method deletes files, it should be used with care. It is intended for automating cleanup when code is modified. For example, if a figure's name is changed, the old figure would be deleted if its name had been added to the list. By default, Python $\TeX$  can only clean up the temporary files it creates; it knows nothing about user-created files. This method allows user-created files to be specified, and thus added to Python $\TeX$ 's automatic cleanup.

$\langle created files \rangle$  should be one or more strings, separated by commas, that are the file names of created files. Paths should be the same as for `pytex.add_dependencies()`: relative to the working directory, absolute, or based on the user's home directory.

Depending on how you use Python $\TeX$ , this method may not be very beneficial. If all of the output is contained in the default output directory, or a similar directory of your choosing, then manual cleanup may be simple enough that this method is not needed.

These two methods may be used manually. However, that is prone to errors, since you will have to modify both a Python $\TeX$  utilities command and an open or save command every time you change a file name or add or remove a dependency or created file. It may be better to redefine your open and save commands, or define new ones, so that a single command opens (or saves) and adds a dependency (or adds a created file).

### 3.2.6 Formatting of typeset code

`\setpythontexfv[ $\langle family \rangle$ ]{ $\langle fancyvrb settings \rangle$ }`

This command sets the `fancyvrb` settings for all command and environment families. Alternatively, if an optional argument  $\langle family \rangle$  is supplied, the settings only apply to the family with that base name. The general command will override family-specific settings.

Each time the command is used, it completely overwrites the previous settings. If you only need to change the settings for a few pieces of code, you should use the second optional argument in `block` and `verb` environments.

Note that `\setpythontexfv` and `\setpygmentsfv` are equivalent when they are used without an optional argument; in that case, either may be used to determine the document-wide `fancyvrb` settings, because both use the same underlying macro.

`\setpythontexformatter{ $\langle family \rangle$ }{ $\langle formatter \rangle$ }`

This should generally not be needed. It allows the formatter used by  $\langle family \rangle$  to be set. Valid options for  $\langle formatter \rangle$  are `auto`, `fancyvrb`, and `pygments`. Using `auto` means that the formatter will be determined based on the package `pygments` option. Using either of the other two options will force  $\langle family \rangle$  to use that formatter, regardless of the package-level options. By default, families use the `auto` formatter.

Remember that Pygments has a `text` lexer and a `bw` style. These are an alternative to setting the formatter to use `fancyvrb`.

```
\setpythontexpyglexer{\langle family \rangle}{\langle pygments lexer \rangle}
```

This allows the Pygments lexer to be set for  $\langle family \rangle$ .  $\langle pygments lexer \rangle$  should use a form of the lexer name that does not involve any special characters. For example, you would want to use the lexer name `csharp` rather than `C#`. This will be a consideration primarily when using the Pygments commands and environments to typeset code of an arbitrary language.

```
\setpythontexpygopt{\langle family \rangle}{\langle pygments options \rangle}
```

This allows the Pygments options for  $\langle family \rangle$  to be redefined. Note that any previous options are overwritten. The same Pygments options may be passed here as are available via the package `pygopt` option. Note that for each available option, individual family settings will be overridden by the package-level `pygopt` settings, if any are given.

### 3.2.7 Access to printed content (stdout) and error messages (stderr)

The macros that allow access to printed content and any additional content written to `stdout` are provided in two identical forms: one based off of the word `print` and one based off of `stdout`. Macro choice depends on user preference. The `stdout` form provides parallelism with the macros that provide access to `stderr`.

```
\printpythontex[\langle verbatim options \rangle][\langle fancyvrb options \rangle]
```

```
\stdoutpythontex[\langle verbatim options \rangle][\langle fancyvrb options \rangle]
```

Unless the package option `autoprint` is true, printed content from `code` commands and environments will not be automatically included. Even when the `autoprint` option is turned on, `block` commands and environments do not automatically include printed content, since we will generally not want printed content immediately after typeset code. This macro brings in any printed content from the `last` command or environment. It is reset after each command/environment, so its scope for accessing particular printed content is very limited. It will return an error if no printed content exists.

By default, printed content is brought in raw—it is pulled in directly from the external file in which it is saved and interpreted as  $\text{\LaTeX}$  code. If you wish to avoid this, you should print appropriate  $\text{\LaTeX}$  commands with your content to ensure that it is typeset as you desire. Alternatively, you may supply an optional argument `verb` or `inlineverb` (also accesible as `v`), which brings in content verbatim. If code is brought in verbatim, then  $\langle fancyvrb options \rangle$  are applied to it.

```
\saveprintpythontex{\langle name \rangle}
```

```
\savestdoutpythontex{\langle name \rangle}
```

```
\useprintpythontex[<verbatim options>][<fancyvrb options>]{<name>}
\usestdoutpythontex[<verbatim options>][<fancyvrb options>]{<name>}
```

We may wish to be able to access the printed content from a command or environment at any point after the code that prints it, not just before any additional commands or environments are used. In that case, we may save access to the content under *<name>*, and access it later via `\useprintpythontex{<name>}`. *<verbatim options>* must be either `verb` or `inlineverb` (also accessible as `v`), specifying how content is brought in verbatim. If content is brought in verbatim, then *<fancyvrb options>* are applied.

```
\stderrpythontex[<verbatim options>][<fancyvrb options>]
```

This brings in the `stderr` produced by the last command or environment. It is intended for typesetting incorrect code next to the errors that it produces. By default, `stderr` is brought in verbatim. *<verbatim options>* may be set to `verb` (default), `inlineverb` (or `v`), and `raw`. In general, bringing in `stderr` `raw` should be avoided, since `stderr` will typically include special characters that will make  $\TeX$  unhappy.

The line number given in the `stderr` message will correctly align with the line numbering of the typeset code. Note that this only applies to `code` and `block` environments. Inline commands do not have line numbers, and as a result, they **do not** produce `stderr` content.

By default, the file name given in the message will be in the form

*<family name>\_<session>\_<group>.<extension>*

For example, an error produced by a `\py` command or environment, in the session `mysession`, using the default group (that is, the default `\restartpythontexsession` treatment), would be reported in `py_mysession_default.py`. The package option `stderrfilename` may be used to change the reported name to the following forms: `mysession.py`, `<file>`, `<script>`.

```
\savestderrpythontex{<name>}
\usestderrpythontex[<verbatim options>][<fancyvrb options>]{<name>}
```

Content written to `stderr` may be saved and accessed anywhere later in the document, just as `stdout` content may be. These commands should be used with care. Using Python-generated content at multiple locations within a document may often be appropriate. But an error message will usually be most meaningful in its context, next to the code that produced it.

```
\setpythontexautoprint{<boolean>}
```

This allows autoprint behavior to be modified at various points within the document. The package-level `autoprint` option is also available for setting autoprint at the document level, but it is overridden by `\setpythontexautoprint`. *<boolean>* should be `true` or `false`.

### 3.3 Pygments commands and environments

Although Python $\TeX$ 's goal is primarily the execution and typesetting of Python code from within  $\LaTeX$ , it also provides access to syntax highlighting for any language supported by Pygments.

`\pygment{<lexer>}<opening delim><code><closing delim>`

This command typesets *<code>* in a suitable form for inline use within a paragraph, using the specified Pygments *<lexer>*. Internally, it uses the same macros as the Python<sub>TEX</sub> inline commands. *<opening delim>* and *<closing delim>* may be a pair of any characters except for the space character, or a matched set of curly braces `{}`.

As with the inline commands for code typesetting and execution, there is not an optional argument for `fancyvrb` settings, since almost all of them are not relevant for inline usage, and the few that might be should probably be used document-wide if at all.

`pygments [<fancyvrb settings>]{<lexer>}`

This environment typesets its contents using the specified Pygments *<lexer>* and applying the *<fancyvrb settings>*.

`\inputpygments [<fancyvrb settings>]{<lexer>}{<external file>}`

This command brings in the contents of *<external file>*, highlights it using *<lexer>*, and typesets it using *<fancyvrb settings>*.

`\setpygmentsfv{<lexer>}{<fancyvrb settings>}`

This command sets the *<fancyvrb settings>* for *<lexer>*. If no *<lexer>* is supplied, then it sets document-wide *<fancyvrb settings>*. In that case, it is equivalent to `\setpythontexfv{<fancyvrb settings>}`.

`\setpygmentspygopt{<lexer>}{<pygments options>}`

This sets *<lexer>* to use *<pygments options>*. If there is any overlap between *<pygments options>* and the package-level `pygopt`, the package-level options override the lexer-specific options.

`\setpygmentsformatter{<formatter>}`

This usually should not be needed. It allows the formatter for Pygments content to be set. Valid options for *<formatter>* are `auto`, `fancyvrb`, and `pygments`. Using `auto` means that the formatter will be determined based on the package `pygments` option. Using either of the other two options will force Pygments content to use that formatter, regardless of the package-level options. The `auto` formatter is used by default.

Remember that Pygments has a `text` lexer and a `bw` style. These are an alternative to setting the formatter to use `fancyvrb`.

## 3.4 General code typesetting

### 3.4.1 Listings float

`listing`

Python<sub>TEX</sub> will create a float environment `listing` for code listings, unless an environment with that name already exists. The `listing` environment is created using the `newfloat` package. Customization is possible through `newfloat`'s `\SetupFloatingEnvironment` command.

`\setpythontexlistingenv{<alternate listing environment name>}`

In the event that an environment named `listing` already exists for some other purpose, Python<sub>TEX</sub> will not override it. Instead, you may set an alternate name

for Python $\TeX$ 's `listing` environment, via `\setpythontextlistingenv`.

### 3.4.2 Background colors

Python $\TeX$  uses `fancyvrb` internally to typeset all code. Even code that is highlighted with Pygments is typeset afterwards with `fancyvrb`. Using `fancyvrb`, it is possible to set background colors for individual lines of code, but not for entire blocks of code, using `\FancyVerbFormatLine` (you may also wish to consider the `formatcom` option). For example, the following command puts a green background behind all the characters in each line of code:

```
\renewcommand{\FancyVerbFormatLine}[1]{\colorbox{green}{#1}}
```

If you need a completely solid colored background for an environment, or a highly customizable background, you should consider the `mdframed` package. Wrapping Python $\TeX$  environments with `mdframed` frames works quite well. You can even automatically add a particular style of frame to all instances of an environment using the command

```
\surroundwithmdframed[<frame options>]{<environment>}
```

Or you could consider using `etoolbox` to do the same thing with `mdframed` or another framing package of your choice, via `etoolbox`'s `\BeforeBeginEnvironment` and `\AfterEndEnvironment` macros.

### 3.4.3 Referencing code by line number

It is possible to reference individual lines of code, by line number. If code is typeset using pure `fancyvrb`, then  $\LaTeX$  labels can be included within comments. The labels will only operate correctly (that is, be treated as  $\LaTeX$  rather than verbatim content) if `fancyvrb`'s `commandchars` option is used. For example, `commandchars=\\{\}` makes the backslash and the curly braces function normally **within** `fancyvrb` environments, allowing  $\LaTeX$  macros to work, including label definitions. Once a label is defined within a code comment, then referencing it will return the code line number.

The disadvantage of the pure `fancyvrb` approach is that by making the backslash and curly braces command characters, we can produce conflicts if the code we are typesetting contains these characters for non- $\LaTeX$  purposes. In such a case, it might be possible to make alternate characters command characters, but it would probably be better to use Pygments.

If code is typeset using Pygments (which also ties into `fancyvrb`), then this problem is avoided. The Pygments option `texcomments=true` has Pygments look for  $\LaTeX$  code only within comments. Possible command character conflicts with the language being typeset are thus eliminated.

Note that when references are created within comments, the references themselves will be invisible within the final document but the comment character(s) and any other text within comments will still be visible. For example, the following

```
abc = 123 # An important line of code!\ref{lst:important}
```

would appear as

```
abc = 123 # An important line of code!
```

If a comment only contains the `\ref` command, then only the comment character `#` would actually be visible in the typeset code. If you are typesetting code for instructional purposes, this may be less than ideal. Unfortunately, Pygments currently does not allow escaping to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X outside of comments (though this feature has been requested). At the same time, by only allowing references within comments, Pygments does force us to only create code that would actually run. And in many cases, if a line is important enough to reference, it is also important enough for a brief comment.

#### 3.4.4 Beamer compatibility

Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> is compatible with [Beamer](#). Since Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> typesets code as verbatim content, Beamer’s `fragile` option must be used for any frame that contains typeset code. Beamer’s `fragile` option involves saving frame contents to an external file and bringing it back in. This use of an external file breaks Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>’s error line number synchronization, since the error line numbers will correspond to the temporary external file rather than to the actual document.

If you need to typeset code with Beamer, but don’t need to use overlays on the slides containing code, you should use the `fragile=singleslide` option. This allows verbatim content to be typeset without using an external file, so Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>’s error line synchronization will work correctly.

### 3.5 Advanced Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> usage

```
\restartpythontexsession{<counter value(s)>}
```

This macro determines when or if sessions are restarted (or “subdivided”). Whenever `<counter value(s)>` change, the session will be restarted.

By default, each session corresponds to a single code file that is executed. But sometimes it might be convenient if the code from each chapter or section or subsection were to run within its own file, as its own session. For example, we might want each chapter to execute separately, so that changing code within one chapter won’t require that all the code from all the other chapters be executed. But we might not want to have to go to the bother and extra typing of defining a new session for every chapter (like `\py[ch1]{<code>}`). To do that, we could use `\restartpythontexsession{\thechapter}`. This would cause all sessions to restart whenever the chapter counter changes. If we wanted sessions to restart at each section within a chapter, we would use `\restartpythontexsession{\thechapter<delim>\thesection}`. `<delim>` is needed to separate the counter values so that they are not ambiguous (for example, we need to distinguish chapter 11-1 from chapter 1-11). Usually `<delim>` should be a hyphen or an underscore; it must be a character that is valid in file names.

Note that **counter values**, and not counters themselves, must be supplied as the argument. Also note that the command applies to **all** sessions. If it did not, then we would have to keep track of which sessions restarted when, and the lack of uniformity could easily result in errors on the part of the user.

Keep in mind that when a session is restarted, all continuity is lost. It is best not to restart sessions if you need continuity. If you must restart a session, but also need to keep some data, you could save the data before restarting the session and then load the saved data after the restart. This approach should be used with **extreme** caution, since it can result in unanticipated errors due to sessions not staying synchronized.<sup>18</sup>

This command can only be used in the preamble.

```
\setpythontexoutputdir{output directory}
```

By default, Python<sub>TEX</sub> saves all automatically generated content in a directory called `pythontex-files-<sanitized jobname>`, where *<sanitized jobname>* is just `\jobname` with any space characters or asterisks replaced with hyphens. This directory will be created by `pythontex*.py`. If we wish to specify another directory (for example, if `\jobname` is long and complex, and there is no danger of two files trying to use the same directory), then we can use the `\setpythontexoutputdir` macro to redefine the output directory.<sup>19</sup>

```
\setpythontexworkingdir{working directory}
```

The Python<sub>TEX</sub> working directory is the current working directory for Python<sub>TEX</sub> scripts. This is the directory in which any open or save operations will take place, unless a path is explicitly specified. By default, the working directory is the same as the output directory. For example, if you are writing `my_file.tex` and save a matplotlib figure with `savefig('my_figure.pdf')`, then `my_figure.pdf` will be created in the output directory `pythontex-files-my_file`. But maybe you have a directory called `plots` in your document root directory. In that case, you could leave the working directory unchanged, and simply specify the relative path to `plots` when saving. Or you could set the working directory to `plots` using `\setpythontexworkingdir{plots}`, so that all content would automatically be saved there. If you want your working directory to be the document root directory, you should use a period (`.`) for *<working directory>*: `\setpythontexworkingdir{.}`.

Note that in typical use scenarios, you should be able to use the output directory as the working directory. `graphicx` will automatically look for images and figures in the output directory (this is set via `\graphicspath`).

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<sup>18</sup>For example, suppose sessions are restarted based on chapter. `session-ch1` saves a data file, and `session-ch2` loads it and uses it. You write the code, and run Python<sub>TEX</sub>. Then you realize that `session-ch1` needs to be modified and make some changes. The next time Python<sub>TEX</sub> runs, it will only execute `session-ch1`, since it detects no code changes in `session-ch2`. This means that `session-ch2` is not updated, at least to the extent that it depends on the data from `session-ch1`. Again, saving and loading data between restarted sessions, or just between sessions in general, can produce unexpected behavior and should be avoided. (Note: the `pytex.add_dependencies()` method does provide a workaround for this scenario.)

<sup>19</sup>In the rare event that both `\setpythontexoutputdir` is used and `\printpythontex` is needed in the preamble, `\setpythontexoutputdir` must be used first, so that `\printpythontex` will know where to look for output.

It is also possible to change the working directory from within Python code, via `os.chdir()`.

## 4 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X programming with PythonT<sub>E</sub>X

This section will be expanded in the future. For now, it offers a brief summary.

### 4.1 Macro programming with PythonT<sub>E</sub>X

In many situations, you can use PythonT<sub>E</sub>X commands inside macro definitions without any special consideration. For example, consider the following macro, for calculating powers.

```
\newcommand{\pow}[2]{\py{#1**#2}}
```

Once this is defined, we can calculate `2**8` via `\pow{2}{8}`: 256. Similarly, we can reverse a string.

```
\newcommand{\reverse}[1]{\py{"#1"[::-1]}}
```

Now we can use `\reverse{‘This is some text!’}`: `!txet emos si sihT`.

Such approaches will break down when some special L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X characters such as percent `%` and hash `#` must be passed as arguments. In such cases, the arguments need to be captured verbatim. The `xparse` and `newverbs` packages provide commands for creating macros that capture verbatim arguments. You could also consult the PythonT<sub>E</sub>X implementation, particularly the implementation of the inline commands. In either case, you may need to learn about T<sub>E</sub>X’s catcodes and tokenization, if you aren’t already familiar with them.

Of course, there are many cases where macros don’t need arguments. Here is code for creating a macro that generates random polynomials.

```
\begin{sympycode}
from sympy.stats import DiscreteUniform, sample
x = Symbol('x')
a = DiscreteUniform('a', range(-10, 11))
b = DiscreteUniform('b', range(-10, 11))
c = DiscreteUniform('c', range(-10, 11))
def randquad():
    return Eq(sample(a)*x**2 + sample(b)*x + sample(c))
\end{sympycode}
\newcommand\randquad{\sympy{randquad()}}
```

If you are considering writing macros that involve PythonT<sub>E</sub>X, you should keep a few things in mind.

- Do you really need to use Python<sub>TEX</sub>? If another package already provides the functionality you need, it may be simpler to use an existing tool, particularly if you are working with special characters and thus need to capture verbatim arguments.
- A feature called `depythontex` is currently under development. Its goal is to create a copy of the original `.tex` document, and replace all Python<sub>TEX</sub> commands in the copy with their output, so that the new document does not depend on Python<sub>TEX</sub> at all. This is primarily of interest for publication, since publishers tend not to like special packages or macros. It is possible that `depythontex` will support custom user commands beyond those supplied by the Python<sub>TEX</sub> package. If that happens, though, user commands would likely need to be rewritten with new tools supplied by Python<sub>TEX</sub>. So if you decide to create custom macros now, and expect to need `depythontex` when it is released, you should expect to have to edit your macros before they will work with `depythontex` (assuming that custom user macros will work at all).

## 4.2 Package writing with Python<sub>TEX</sub>

As of v0.10beta, the custom code command and environment, and the regular code command and environment, work in the preamble. This means that it is now possible to write packages that incorporate Python<sub>TEX</sub>! At this point, packages are probably a good way to keep track of custom code that you use frequently, and maybe some macros that use Python<sub>TEX</sub>.

However, you are encouraged not to develop a huge mathematical or scientific package for L<sup>A</sup><sub>TEX</sub> using Python<sub>TEX</sub>. At least not yet! As discussed above, `depythontex` may bring many changes to macro programming involving Python<sub>TEX</sub>. So have fun writing packages if you want—but keep in mind that Python<sub>TEX</sub> will keep changing, and some things that are difficult now may be very simple in the future.

## 5 Questions and answers

**Will you add a plot command that automates the saving and inclusion of plots or other graphics created by matplotlib or similar packages?**

There are no plans to add a plot command like `\pyplot`. A plot command would add a little convenience, but at the expense of power. Automated saving would give the plot an automatically generated name, making the file harder to find. Automated inclusion would involve collecting a lot of settings and then passing them on to `\includegraphics`, perhaps within `figure` and `center` environments. It is much simpler for the user to choose a meaningful name and then include the file in the desired manner.

## 6 Troubleshooting

A more extensive troubleshooting section will be added in the future.

If a Python<sub>TeX</sub> document will not compile, you may want to delete the directory in which Python<sub>TeX</sub> content is stored and try compiling from scratch. It is possible for Python<sub>TeX</sub> to become stuck in an unrecoverable loop. Suppose you tell Python to print some L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X code back to your L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document, but make a fatal L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X syntax error in the printed content. This syntax error prevents L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X from compiling. Now suppose you realize what happened and correct the syntax error. The problem is that the corrected code cannot be executed until L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X correctly compiles and saves the code externally, but L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X cannot compile until the corrected code has already been executed. The simplest solution in such cases is to correct the code, delete all files in the Python<sub>TeX</sub> directory, compile the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document, and then run Python<sub>TeX</sub> from scratch. You can also disable the inclusion of printed content using the `print` and `stderr` package options.

Dollar signs \$ may appear as £ in italic code comments typeset by Pygments. This is a font-related issue. One fix is to `\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}`.

## 7 The future of Python<sub>TeX</sub>

This section consists of a To Do list for future development. The To Do list is primarily for the benefit of the author, but also gives users a sense of what changes are in progress or under consideration.

### 7.1 To Do

#### 7.1.1 Modifications to make

- `depythontex` — convert Python<sub>TeX</sub> documents into pure, standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X that doesn't depend on Python or `pythontex.sty`. This is primarily for publishing and similar situations.
- Console environments currently don't use default code or custom code—they start as standard Python consoles. Determine if there's a need for default and/or custom code, and if so, determine how to deal with it. Update documentation either way.
- User-defined custom commands and environments for general Pygments typesetting.
- Additional documentation for the Python code (Sphinx?).
- Establish a testing framework.
- Keep track of any Pygments errors for future runs, so we know what to run again? How easy is it to get Pygments errors? There don't seem to have been any in any of the testing so far.

- It might nice to include some methods in the Python $\TeX$  utilities for formatting numbers (especially with SymPy and PyLab).
- Test the behavior of files brought in via `\input` and `\include` that contain Python $\TeX$  content.

### 7.1.2 Modifications to consider

- Consider fixing error line number synchronization with Beamer (and other situations involving error lines in externalized files). The `filehook` and `currfile` packages may be useful in this. One approach may be to patch the macros associated with `\beamer@doframeinput` in `beamerbaseframe.sty`. Note: Beamer's `fragile=singleslide` option makes this much less of an issue. This is low priority.
- Consider adding support for implicit multiprocessing within a session. This would require wrapping all the regular code in a session within an `if __name__ == '__main__'` statement to maintain Windows compatibility. This is probably more trouble than it's worth, but using multiprocessing within a session is currently bothersome due to the `if` statement needed under Windows.
- Allow  $\LaTeX$  in code, and expand  $\LaTeX$  macros before passing code to `pythontex.py`. Maybe create an additional set of inline commands with additional `exp` suffix for `expanded`? This can already be done by creating a macro that contains a Python $\TeX$  macro, though.
- Built-in support for background colors for blocks and verbatim, via `mdframed`?
- Consider support for executing other languages. It might be nice to support a few additional languages at a basic level by version 1.0. Languages currently under consideration: Perl, MATLAB, Mathematica, Lua, Sage, R. But note that there are ways to interface with many or perhaps all of these from within Python. Also, consider general command line-access, similar to `\write18`. The `bashful` package can do some nice command-line things. But it would probably require some real finesse to get that kind of `bash` access cross-platform. Probably could figure out a way to access Cygwin's `bash` or GnuWin32 or MSYS.
- Support for executing external scripts, not just internal code? It would be nice to be able to typeset an external file, as well as execute it by passing command-line arguments and then pull in its output.
- Is there any reason that saved printed content should be allowed to be brought in before the code that caused it has been typeset? Are there any cases in which the output should be typeset **before** the code that created it? That would require some type of external file for bringing in saved definitions.

- Consider some type of primitive line-breaking algorithm for use with Pygments. Could break at closest space, indent 8 spaces further than parent line (assuming 4-space indents; could auto-detect the correct size), and use  $\LaTeX$  counter commands to keep the line numbering from being incorrectly incremented. Such an approach might not be hard and might have some real promise.
- Consider allowing names of files into which scripts are saved to be specified. This could allow Python $\TeX$  to be used for literate programming, general code documentation, etc. Also, it could allow writing a document that describes code and also produces the code files, for user modification (see the `bashful` package for the general idea). Doing something like this would probably require a new, slightly modified interface to preexisting macros.

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## Version History

### v0.10beta2 (2013/01/23)

- Improved `pythontex*.py`'s handling of the name of the file being processed. A warning is no longer raised if the name is given with an extension; extensions are now processed (stripped) automatically. The filename may now contain a path to the file, so you need not run `pythontex*.py` from within the document's directory.
- Added command-line option `--verbose` for more verbose output. Currently, this prints a list of all processes that are launched.
- Fixed a bug that could crash `pythontex*.py` when the package option `pygments=false`.
- Added documentation about `autoprint` behavior in the preamble. Summary: `code` commands and environments are allowed in the preamble as of v0.10beta. `autoprint` only applies to the body of the document, because nothing can be typeset in the preamble. Content printed in the preamble can be brought in by explicitly using `\printpythontex`, but this should be used with great care.
- Revised `\stdoutpythontex` and `\printpythontex` so that they work in the preamble. Again, this should be used with great care if at all.
- Revised treatment of any content that custom code attempts to print. Custom code is not allowed to print to the document (see documentation). If custom code attempts to print, a warning is raised, and the printed content is included in the `pythontex*.py` run summary.

- One-line entries in `stderr`, such as those produced by Python's `warnings.warn()`, were not previously parsed because they are of the form `:<linenumber>`: rather than `line <linenumber>`. These are now parsed and synchronized with the document. They are also correctly parsed for inclusion in the document via `\stderrpythontex`.
- If the package option `stderrfilename` is changed, all sessions that produced errors or warnings are now re-executed automatically, so that their `stderr` content is properly updated with the new filename.

#### v0.10beta (2013/01/09)

- Backward-incompatible: Redid treatment of command-line options for `pythontex*.py`, using Python's `argparse` module. Run `pythontex*.py` with option `-h` to see new command line options.
- Deprecated: `\setpythontexcustomcode` is deprecated in favor of the `\pythontexcustomc` command and `pythontexcustomcode` environment. These allow entry of pure code, unlike `\setpythontexcustomcode`. These also allow custom code to be added to the beginning or end of a session, via an optional argument. Improved treatment of errors and warnings associated with custom code.
- The summary of errors and warnings now correctly differentiates errors and warnings produced by user code, rather than treating all of them as errors. By default, `pythontex*.py` now returns an exit code of 1 if there were errors.
- The PythonTeX utilities class now allows external file dependencies to be specified via `pytex.add_dependencies()`, so that sessions are automatically re-executed when external dependencies are modified (modification is determined via either hash or mtime; this is governed by the new `hashdependencies` option).
- The PythonTeX utilities class now allows created files to be specified via `pytex.add_created()`, so that created files may be automatically cleaned up (deleted) when the code that created them is modified (for example, name change for a saved plot).
- Added the following package options.
  - `stdout` (or `print`): Allows input of `stdout` to be disabled. Useful for debugging.
  - `runall`: Executes everything. Useful when code depends on external data.
  - `rerun`: Determines when code is re-executed. Code may be set to always run (same as `runall` option), or only run when it is modified or when it produces errors or warnings. By default, code is always re-executed if there are errors or modifications, but not re-executed if there are warnings.

- `hashdependencies`: Determines whether external dependencies (data, external code files highlighted with Pygments, etc.) are checked for modification via hashing or modification time. Modification time is default for performance reasons.
- Added the following new command line options. The options that are equivalent to package options are overridden by the package options when present.
  - `--error-exit-code`: Determines whether an exit code of 1 is returned if there were errors. On by default, but can be turned off since it is undesirable when working with some editors.
  - `--runall`: Equivalent to new package option.
  - `--rerun`: Equivalent to new package option.
  - `--hashdependencies`: Equivalent to new package option.
- Modified the `fixlr` option, so that it only patches commands if they have not already been patched (avoids package conflicts).
- Added `\setpythontexautoprint` command for toggling autoprint on/off within the body of the document.
- Installer now attempts to create symlinks under OS X and Linux with TeX Live, and under OS X with MacPorts Tex Live.
- Performed compatibility testing under `lualatex` and `xelatex` (previously, had only tested with `pdflatex`). Added documentation for using these TeX engines; at most, slightly different preambles are needed. Modified the PythonTeX gallery to support all three engines.
- Code commands and environments may now be used in the preamble. This, combined with the new treatment of custom code, allows PythonTeX to be used in creating LaTeX packages.
- Added documentation for using PythonTeX in LaTeX programming.
- Fixed a bug that sometimes caused incorrect line numbers with `stderr` content. Improved processing of `stderr`.
- Fixed a bug in automatic detection of pre-existing listings environment.
- Improved the detection of imports from `__future__`. Detection should now be stricter, faster, and more accurate.

### **v0.9beta3** (2012/07/17)

- Added Unicode support, which required the Python code to be split into one set for Python 2 and another set for Python 3. This will require any old installation to be completely removed, and a new installation created from scratch.
- Refactoring of Python code. Documents should automatically re-execute all code after updating to the new version. Otherwise, you should delete the PythonTeX directory and run PythonTeX.

- Improved installation script.
- Added package options: pyfuture, stderr, upquote, pyglexer, pyginline. Renamed the pygextfile option to fvextfile.
- Added custom code and workingdir commands.
- Added the console environment and associated options.
- Rewrote pythontex\_utils\*.py, creating a new, context-aware interface to SymPy's LatexPrinter class.
- Content brought in via macros no longer uses labels. Rather, long defs are used, which allows line breaks.
- Pygments highlighting is now default for PythonTeX commands and environments

**v0.9beta2** (2012/05/09)

- Changed Python output extension to .stdout.

**v0.9beta** (2012/04/27)

- Initial public beta release.

## 8 Implementation

This section describes the technical implementation of the package. Unless you wish to understand all the fine details or need to use the package in extremely sophisticated ways, you should not need to read it.

The prefix `pytx@` is used for all `PythonTeX` macros, to prevent conflict with other packages. Macros that simply store text or a value for later retrieval are given names completely in lower case. For example, `\pytx@packagename` stores the name of the package, `PythonTeX`. Macros that actually perform some operation in contrast to simple storage are named using CamelCase, with the first letter after the prefix being capitalized. For example, `\pytx@CheckCounter` checks to see if a counter exists, and if not, creates it. Thus, macros are divided into two categories based on their function, and named accordingly.

### 8.1 Package opening

We begin according to custom by specifying the version of `LATEX` that we require and stating the package that we are providing. We also store the name of the package in a macro for later use in warnings and error messages.

```

1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1999/12/01]
2 \ProvidesPackage{pythontex}[2013/01/23 v0.10beta2]
3 \newcommand{\pytx@packagename}{PythonTeX}

```

## 8.2 Required packages

A number of packages are required. `fancyvrb` is used to typeset all code that is not inline, and its internals are used to format inline code as well. `etex` provides extra registers, to avoid the (probably unlikely) possibility that the many counters required by Python $\TeX$  will exhaust the supply. `etoolbox` is used for string comparison and boolean flags. `xstring` provides the `\tokenize` macro. `pgfopts` is used to process package options, via the `pgfkeys` package. `newfloat` allows the creation of a floating environment for code listings. `xcolor` or `color` is needed for syntax highlighting with Pygments.

```
4 \RequirePackage{fancyvrb}
5 \RequirePackage{etex}
6 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
7 \RequirePackage{xstring}
8 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
9 \RequirePackage{newfloat}
10 \AtBeginDocument{\@ifpackageloaded{color}{\RequirePackage{xcolor}}}
```

## 8.3 Package options

We now proceed to define package options, using the `pgfopts` package that provides a package-level interface to `pgfkeys`. All keys for package-level options are placed in the key tree under the path `/PYTX/pkgopt/`, to prevent conflicts with any other packages that may be using `pgfkeys`.

### 8.3.1 Runall

`pytx@opt@rerun` This option causes all code to be executed, regardless of whether it has been modified. It is primarily useful for re-executing code that has not changed, when the code depends on external files that **have** changed. Since it shares functionality with the `rerun` option, both options share a single macro. Note that the macro is initially set to `default`, rather than the default value of `errors`, so that the Python side can distinguish whether a value was actually set by the user on the  $\TeX$  side, and thus any potential conflicts between command-line options and package options can be resolved in favor of package options.

```
11 \def\pytx@opt@rerun{default}
12 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/runall/.default=true}
13 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/runall/.is choice}
14 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/runall/true/.code=\def\pytx@opt@rerun{all}}
15 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/runall/false/.code=\relax}
```

### 8.3.2 Rerun

This option determines the conditions under which code is rerun. It stores its state in a macro shared with `runall`.

```
16 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/rerun/.is choice}
17 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/rerun/modified/.code=\def\pytx@opt@rerun{modified}}
```

```

18 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/rerun/errors/.code=\def\pytx@opt@rerun{errors}}
19 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/rerun/warnings/.code=\def\pytx@opt@rerun{warnings}}
20 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/rerun/all/.code=\def\pytx@opt@rerun{all}}

```

### 8.3.3 Hashdependencies

`pytx@opt@hashdependencies` This option determines whether dependencies (either code to be highlighted, or dependencies such as data that have been specified within a session) are checked for modification via modification time or via hashing.

```

21 \def\pytx@opt@hashdependencies{default}
22 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/hashdependencies/.is choice}
23 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/hashdependencies/.default=true}
24 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/hashdependencies/true/.code=\def\pytx@opt@hashdependencies{true}}
25 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/hashdependencies/false/.code=\def\pytx@opt@hashdependencies{false}}

```

### 8.3.4 Autoprint

`pytx@opt@autoprint` The `autoprint` option determines whether content printed within a code command or environment is automatically included at the location of the command or environment. If the option is not used, `autoprint` is turned on by default. If the option is used, but without a setting (`\usepackage[autoprint]{pythontex}`), it is true by default. We use the key handler `<key>/.is choice` to ensure that only true/false values are allowed. The code for the true branch is redundant, but is included for symmetry.

```

26 \newbool{pytx@opt@autoprint}
27 \booltrue{pytx@opt@autoprint}
28 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/autoprint/.default=true}
29 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/autoprint/.is choice}
30 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/autoprint/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@autoprint}}
31 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/autoprint/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@autoprint}}

```

`\setpythontexautoprint` Sometimes it may be useful to switch `autoprint` on and off within different parts of a document, rather than setting it to a single setting for the entire document. So we provide a command for that purpose. Note that the command overrides the package-level option.

```

32 \newcommand{\setpythontexautoprint}[1]{%
33   \ifstrequal{#1}{true}{\booltrue{pytx@opt@autoprint}}{%
34   \ifstrequal{#1}{false}{\boolfalse{pytx@opt@autoprint}}{%
35 }

```

### 8.3.5 Print/stdout

`pytx@opt@stdout` This option determines whether printed content/content written to `stdout` is included in the document. Disabling the inclusion of printed content is useful when the printed content contains `LATEX` errors that would prevent successful compilation.

```

36 \newbool{pytx@opt@stdout}

```

```

37 \booltrue{pytx@opt@stdout}
38 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stdout/.default=true}
39 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stdout/.is choice}
40 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stdout/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@stdout}}
41 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stdout/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@stdout}}
42 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/print/.default=true}
43 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/print/.is choice}
44 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/print/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@stdout}}
45 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/print/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@stdout}}
46 \AtBeginDocument{%
47   \ifbool{pytx@opt@stdout}{}{%
48     \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Option stdout/print is set to false}%
49   }%
50 }

```

### 8.3.6 stderr

`pytx@opt@stderr` The `stderr` option determines whether `stderr` is saved and may be included in the document via `\stderrpythontex`.

```

51 \newbool{pytx@opt@stderr}
52 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderr/.default=true}
53 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderr/.is choice}
54 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderr/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@stderr}}
55 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderr/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@stderr}}

```

### 8.3.7 stderrfilename

`\pytx@opt@stderrfilename` This option determines how the file name appears in `stderr`.

```

56 \def\pytx@opt@stderrfilename{full}
57 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderrfilename/.default=full}
58 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderrfilename/.is choice}
59 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderrfilename/full/.code=\def\pytx@opt@stderrfilename{full}}
60 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderrfilename/session/.code=\def\pytx@opt@stderrfilename{session}}
61 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderrfilename/genericfile/.code=%
62   \def\pytx@opt@stderrfilename{genericfile}}
63 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/stderrfilename/genericscript/.code=%
64   \def\pytx@opt@stderrfilename{genericscript}}

```

### 8.3.8 Python's `__future__` module

`\pytx@opt@pyfuture` The `pyfuture` option determines what is imported from the `__future__` module under Python 2. It has no effect under Python 3.

```

65 \def\pytx@opt@pyfuture{default}
66 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyfuture/.is choice}
67 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyfuture/default/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyfuture{default}}
68 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyfuture/all/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyfuture{all}}
69 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyfuture/none/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyfuture{none}}

```

### 8.3.9 Upquote

`pytx@opt@upquote` The `upquote` option determines whether the `upquote` package is loaded. It makes quotes within verbatim contexts `'` rather than `’`. This is important, because it means that code may be copied directly from the compiled PDF and executed without any errors due to quotes `’` being copied as acute accents `´`.

```
70 \newbool{pytx@opt@upquote}
71 \booltrue{pytx@opt@upquote}
72 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/upquote/.default=true}
73 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/upquote/.is choice}
74 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/upquote/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@upquote}}
75 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/upquote/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@upquote}}
```

### 8.3.10 Fix math spacing

`pytx@opt@fixlr` The `fixlr` option fixes extra, undesirable spacing in mathematical formulae introduced by the commands `\left` and `\right`. For example, compare the results of `\sin(x)` and `\sin\left(x\right)`:  $\sin(x)$  and  $\sin(x)$ . The `fixlr` option fixes this, using a solution proposed by Mateus Araújo, Philipp Stephani, and Heiko Oberdiek.<sup>20</sup>

```
76 \newbool{pytx@opt@fixlr}
77 \booltrue{pytx@opt@fixlr}
78 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/fixlr/.default=true}
79 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/fixlr/.is choice}
80 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/fixlr/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@fixlr}}
81 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/fixlr/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@fixlr}}
```

### 8.3.11 Keep temporary files

`\pytx@opt@keeptemps` By default, Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub> tries to be very tidy. It creates many temporary files, but deletes all that are not required to compile the document, keeping the overall file count very low. At times, particularly during debugging, it may be useful to keep these temporary files, so that code, errors, and output may be examined more directly. The `keeptemps` option makes this possible.

```
82 \def\pytx@opt@keeptemps{none}
83 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/keeptemps/.default=all}
84 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/keeptemps/.is choice}
85 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/keeptemps/all/.code=\def\pytx@opt@keeptemps{all}}
86 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/keeptemps/code/.code=\def\pytx@opt@keeptemps{code}}
87 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/keeptemps/none/.code=\def\pytx@opt@keeptemps{none}}
```

### 8.3.12 Pygments

`pytx@opt@pygments` By default, Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub> uses `fancyvrb` to typeset code. This provides nice formatting and font options, but no syntax highlighting. The `pygments` option determines whether Pygments or `fancyvrb` is used to typeset code. Pygments is a generic

<sup>20</sup> <http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/2607/spacing-around-left-and-right>

syntax highlighter written in Python. Since PythonTeX sends code to Python anyway, having Pygments process the code is only a small additional step and in many cases takes little if any extra time to execute.<sup>21</sup>

Command and environment families obey the `pygments` option by default, but they may be set to override it and always use Pygments or always use `fancyvrb`, via `\setpythontextformatter` and `\setpygmentsformatter`.

Pygments has been used previously to highlight code for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, most notably in the `minted` package.

```
88 \newbool{pytx@opt@pygments}
89 \booltrue{pytx@opt@pygments}
90 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pygments/.default=true}
91 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pygments/.is choice}
92 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pygments/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@pygments}}
93 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pygments/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@pygments}}
```

`pytx@pyglexer` For completeness, we need a way to set the Pygments lexer for all content. Note that in general, resetting the lexers for all content is not desirable.

```
94 \def\pytx@pyglexer{}
95 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyglexer/.code=\def\pytx@pyglexer{#1}}
96
```

`\pytx@pygopt` We also need a way to specify Pygments options at the package level. This is accomplished via the `pygopt` option: `pygopt={\langle options \rangle}`. Note that the options must be enclosed in curly braces since they contain equals signs and thus must be distinguishable from package options.

Currently, three options may be passed in this manner: `style=\langle style \rangle`, which sets the formatting style; `texcomments`, which allows L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X in code comments to be rendered; and `mathescape`, which allows L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X math mode ( $\dots$ ) in comments. The `texcomments` and `mathescape` options may be used with a boolean argument; if an argument is not supplied, true is assumed. As an example of `pygopt` usage, consider the following:

```
pygopt={style=colorful, texcomments=True, mathescape=False}
```

The usage of capitalized `True` and `False` is more pythonic, but is not strictly require.

While the package-level `pygments` option may be overridden by individual commands and environments (though it is not by default), the package-level Pygments options cannot be overridden by individual commands and environments.

```
97 \def\pytx@pygopt{}
98 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pygopt/.code=\def\pytx@pygopt{#1}}
```

`pytx@opt@pyginline` This option governs whether, when Pygments is in use, it highlights inline content.

---

<sup>21</sup>Pygments code highlighting is executed as a separate process by `pythontex*.py`, so it runs in parallel on a multicore system. Pygments usage is optimized by saving highlighted code and only reprocessing it when changed.

```

99 \newbool{pytx@opt@pyginline}
100 \booltrue{pytx@opt@pyginline}
101 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyginline/.default=true}
102 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyginline/.is choice}
103 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyginline/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@pyginline}}
104 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyginline/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@pyginline}}

```

`\pytx@fvextfile` By default, code highlighted by Pygments, the `console` environment, and some other content is brought back via `fancyvrb`'s `SaveVerbatim` macro, which saves verbatim content into a macro and then allows it to be restored. This makes it possible for all Pygments content to be brought back in a single file, keeping the total file count low (which is a major priority for Python<sub>TEX</sub>!). This approach does have a disadvantage, though, because `SaveVerbatim` slows down as the length of saved code increases.<sup>22</sup> To deal with this issue, we create the `fvextfile` option. This option takes an integer, `fvextfile=integer`. All content that is more than `integer` lines long will be saved to its own external file and inputted from there, rather than saved and restored via `SaveVerbatim` and `UseVerbatim`. This provides a workaround should speed ever become a hindrance for large blocks of code.

A default value of 25 is set. There is nothing special about 25; it is just a relatively reasonable cutoff. If the option is unused, it has a value of `-1`, which is converted to the maximum integer on the Python side.

```

105 \def\pytx@fvextfile{-1}
106 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/fvextfile/.default=25}
107 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/fvextfile/.code=\IfInteger{#1}{%
108     \ifnum#1>0\relax
109         \def\pytx@fvextfile{#1}%
110     \else
111         \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}{option fvextfile must be an integer > 0}{}%
112     \fi}%
113     {\PackageError{\pytx@packagename}{option fvextfile must be an integer > 0}{}}%
114 }

```

### 8.3.13 Python console environment

`\pytx@opt@pyconbanner` This option governs the appearance (or disappearance) of a banner at the beginning of Python console environments. The options `none` (no banner), `standard` (standard Python banner), `default` (default banner for Python's code module, standard banner plus interactive console class name), and `pyversion` (banner in the form `Python x.y.z`) are accepted.

```

115 \def\pytx@opt@pyconbanner{none}
116 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconbanner/.is choice}
117 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconbanner/none/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyconbanner{none}}
118 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconbanner/standard/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyconbanner{standard}}
119 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconbanner/default/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyconbanner{default}}
120 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconbanner/pyversion/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyconbanner{pyversion}}

```

<sup>22</sup>The macro in which code is saved is created by grabbing the code one line at a time, and for each line redefining the macro to be its old value with the additional line tacked on. This is rather inefficient, but apparently there isn't a good alternative.

`\pytx@opt@pyconfilename` This option governs the file name that appears in error messages in the console. The file name may be either `stdin`, as it is in a standard interactive interpreter, or `console`, as it would typically be for the Python code module.

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<file name>", line <line no>, in <module>
```

```
121 \def\pytx@opt@pyconfilename{stdin}
122 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconfilename/.is choice}
123 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconfilename/stdin/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyconfilename{stdin}}
124 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/pyconfilename/console/.code=\def\pytx@opt@pyconfilename{console}}
```

### 8.3.14 De-PythonTeX

`pytx@opt@depythontex` This option governs whether PythonTeX creates a version of the `.tex` file that does not require PythonTeX to be compiled. This option should be useful for converting a PythonTeX document into a more standard TeX document when sharing or publishing documents.

```
125 \newbool{pytx@opt@depythontex}
126 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/depythontex/.default=true}
127 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/depythontex/.is choice}
128 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/depythontex/true/.code=\booltrue{pytx@opt@depythontex}}
129 \pgfkeys{/PYTX/pkgopt/depythontex/false/.code=\boolfalse{pytx@opt@depythontex}}
```

### 8.3.15 Process options

Now we process the package options.

```
130 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/PYTX/pkgopt}
```

The `fixlr` option only affects one thing, so we go ahead and take care of that. Notice that before we patch `\left` and `\right`, we make sure that they have not already been patched by checking how `\left` is expanded. This is important if the user has manually patched these commands, is using the `mleftright` package, or accidentally loads PythonTeX twice.

```
131 \ifbool{pytx@opt@fixlr}{
132   \IfStrEq{\detokenize\expandafter{\left}}{\detokenize{\left}}{
133     \let\originalleft\left
134     \let\originalright\right
135     \renewcommand{\left}{\mathopen{}\mathclose\bgroup\originalleft}
136     \renewcommand{\right}{\aftergroup\egroup\originalright}
137   }{}
138 }
```

Likewise, the `upquote` option.

```
139 \ifbool{pytx@opt@upquote}{\RequirePackage{upquote}}{}
```

## 8.4 Utility macros and input/output setup

Once options are processed, we proceed to define a number of utility macros and setup the file input/output that is required by Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>.

### 8.4.1 Automatic counter creation

`\pytx@CheckCounter` We will be using counters to give each command/environment a unique identifier, as well as to manage line numbering of code when desired. We don't know the names of the counters ahead of time (this is actually determined by the user's naming of code sessions), so we need a macro that checks whether a counter exists, and if not, creates it.

```
140 \def\pytx@CheckCounter#1{%
141     \ifcsname c@#1\endcsname\else\newcounter{#1}\fi
142 }
```

### 8.4.2 Code context

`\pytx@context` It would be nice if when our code is executed, we could know something about its context, such as the style of its surroundings or information about page size.

`\pytx@SetContext` By default, no contextual information is passed to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. There is a wide variety of information that could be passed, but most use cases would only need a very specific subset. Instead, the user can customize what information is passed to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. The `\definepythontexcontext` macro defines what is passed. It creates the `\pytx@SetContext` macro, which creates `\pytx@context`, in which the expanded context information is stored. The context should only be defined in the preamble, so that it is consistent throughout the document.

`\definepythontexcontext` If you are interested in typesetting mathematics based on math styles, you should use the `\mathchoice` macro rather than attempting to pass contextual information.

```
143 \newcommand{\definepythontexcontext}[1]{%
144     \def\pytx@SetContext{%
145         \edef\pytx@context{#1}%
146     }%
147 }
148 \definepythontexcontext{}
149 \@onlypreamble\definepythontexcontext
```

### 8.4.3 Code groups

By default, Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> executes code based on sessions. All of the code entered within a command and environment family is divided based on sessions, and each session is saved to a single external file and executed. If you have a calculation that will take a while, you can simply give it its own named session, and then the code will only be executed when there is a change within that session.

While this approach is appropriate for many scenarios, it is sometimes inefficient. For example, suppose you are writing a document with multiple chapters,

and each chapter needs its own session. You could manually do this, but that would involve a lot of commands like `\py[chapter x]{some code}`, which means lots of extra typing and extra session names. So we need a way to subdivide or restart sessions, based on context such as chapter, section, or subsection.

“Groups” provide a solution to this problem. Each session is subdivided based on groups behind the scenes. By default, this changes nothing, because each session is put into a single default group. But the user can redefine groups based on chapter, section, and other counters, so that sessions are automatically subdivided accordingly. Note that there is no continuity between sessions thus subdivided. For example, if you set groups to change between chapters, there will be no continuity between the code of those chapters, even if all the code is within the same named session. If you require continuity, the groups approach is probably not appropriate. You could consider saving results at the end of one chapter and loading them at the beginning of the next, but that introduces additional issues in keeping all code properly synchronized, since code is executed only when it changes, not when any data it loads may have changed.

<pre>\restartpythontexsession   \pytx@group   \pytx@SetGroup   \pytx@SetGroupVerb   \pytx@SetGroupCons</pre>	<p>We begin by creating the <code>\restartpythontexsession</code> macro. It creates the <code>\pytx@SetGroup*</code> macros, which create <code>\pytx@group</code>, in which the expanded context information is stored. The context should only be defined in the preamble, so that it is consistent throughout the document. Note that groups should be defined so that they will only contain characters that are valid in file names, because groups are used in naming temporary files. It is also a good idea to avoid using periods, since L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input of file names containing multiple periods can sometimes be tricky. For best results, use A-Z, a-z, 0-9, and the hyphen and underscore characters to define groups. If groups contain numbers from multiple sources (for example, chapter and section), the numbers should be separated by a non-numeric character to prevent unexpected collisions (for example, distinguishing chapter 1-11 from 11-1). For example, <code>\restartpythontexsession{\arabic{chapter}-\arabic{section}}</code> could be a good approach.</p>
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Three forms of `\pytx@SetGroup*` are provided. `\pytx@SetGroup` is for general code use. `\pytx@SetGroupVerb` is for use in verbatim contexts. It splits verbatim content off into its own group. That way, verbatim content does not affect the instance numbers of code that is actually executed. This prevents code from needing to be run every time verbatim content is added or removed; code is only executed when it is actually changed. `\pytx@SetGroupCons` is for console environments. It separate console content from executed code and from verbatim content, again for efficiency reasons.

```
150 \newcommand{\restartpythontexsession}[1]{%
151     \def\pytx@SetGroup{%
152         \edef\pytx@group{#1}%
153     }%
154     \def\pytx@SetGroupVerb{%
155         \edef\pytx@group{#1verb}%
156     }%
```

```

157 \def\pytx@SetGroupCons{%
158     \edef\pytx@group{#1cons}%
159 }%
160 \AtBeginDocument{%
161     \pytx@SetGroup
162     \IfSubStr{\pytx@group}{verb}{%
163         \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
164             {String "verb" is not allowed in \string\restartpythontexsession}%
165             {Use \string\restartpythontexsession with a valid argument}}{%
166     \IfSubStr{\pytx@group}{cons}{%
167         \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
168             {String "cons" is not allowed in \string\restartpythontexsession}%
169             {Use \string\restartpythontexsession with a valid argument}}{%
170     }%
171 }

```

For the sake of consistency, we only allow group behaviour to be set in the preamble. And if the group is not set by the user, then we use a single default group for each session.

```

172 \@onlypreamble\restartpythontexsession
173 \restartpythontexsession{default}

```

#### 8.4.4 File input and output

`\pytx@jobname` We will need to create directories and files for Python $\TeX$  output, and some of these will need to be named using `\jobname`. This presents a problem. Ideally, the user will choose a job name that does not contain spaces. But if the job name does contain spaces, then we may have problems bringing in content from a directory or file that is named based on the job, due to the space characters. So we need a “sanitized” version of `\jobname`. We replace spaces with hyphens. We replace double quotes " with nothing. Double quotes are placed around job names containing spaces by  $\TeX$  Live, and thus may be the first and last characters of `\jobname`. Since we are replacing any spaces with hyphens, quote delimiting is no longer needed, and in any case, some operating systems (Windows) balk at creating directories or files with names containing double quotes. We also replace asterisks with hyphens, since MiK $\TeX$  (at least v. 2.9) apparently replaces spaces with asterisks in `\jobname`,<sup>23</sup> and some operating systems may not be happy with names containing asterisks.

This approach to “sanitizing” `\jobname` is not foolproof. If there are ever two files in a directory that both use Python $\TeX$ , and if their names only differ by these substitutions for spaces, quotes, and asterisks, then the output of the two files will collide. We believe that it is better to graciously handle the possibility of space characters at the expense of nearly identical file names, since nearly identical file names are arguably a much worse practice than file names containing spaces, and since such nearly identical file names should be much rarer. At the same time, in

<sup>23</sup><http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/14949/why-does-jobname-give-s-instead-of-spaces-and-how-do-i-fix-this>

rare cases a collision might occur, and in even rarer cases it might go unnoticed.<sup>24</sup> To prevent such issues, `pythontex*.py` checks for collisions and issues a warning if a potential collision is detected.

```
174 \StrSubstitute{\jobname}{ }{-}[\pytx@jobname]
175 \StrSubstitute{\pytx@jobname}{"}{-}[\pytx@jobname]
176 \StrSubstitute{\pytx@jobname}{*}{-}[\pytx@jobname]
```

`\pytx@outputdir` To keep things tidy, all Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> files are stored in a directory that is  
`\setpythontexoutputdir` created in the document root directory. By default, this directory is called `pythontex-files-(sanitized jobname)`, but we want to provide the user with the option to customize this. For example, when *(sanitized jobname)* is very long, it might be convenient to use `pythontex-(abbreviated name)`.

The command `\setpythontexoutputdir` stores the name of Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>'s output directory in `\pytx@outputdir`. If the `graphicx` package is loaded, the output directory is also added to the graphics path at the beginning of the document, so that files in the output directory may be included within the main document without the necessity of specifying path information. The command `\setpythontexoutputdir` is only allowed in the preamble, because the location of Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> content should be specified before the body of the document is typeset.

```
177 \newcommand{\setpythontexoutputdir}[1]{\def\pytx@outputdir{#1}}
178 \setpythontexoutputdir{pythontex-files-\pytx@jobname}
179 \AtBeginDocument{\@ifpackageloaded{graphicx}{\graphicspath{{\pytx@outputdir/}}}{}}
180 \@onlypreamble\setpythontexoutputdir
```

`pytx@workingdir` We need to be able to set the current working directory for the scripts executed by  
`\setpythontexworkingdir` Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>. By default, the working directory should be the same as the output directory. That way, any files saved in the current working directory will be in the Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> output directory, and will thus be kept separate. But in some cases the user may wish to specify a different working directory, such as the document root.

```
181 \newcommand{\setpythontexworkingdir}[1]{%
182   \def\pytx@workingdir{#1}%
183 }
184 \@onlypreamble\setpythontexworkingdir
185 \AtBeginDocument{%
186   \ifcsname pytx@workingdir\endcsname\else
187     \setpythontexworkingdir{\pytx@outputdir}\fi
188 }
```

`pytx@usedpygments` Once we have specified the output directory, we are free to pull in content from it. Most content from the output directory will be pulled in manually by the user (for example, via `\includegraphics`) or automatically by Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> as it goes

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<sup>24</sup>In general, a collision would produce errors, and the user would thereby become aware of the collision. The dangerous case is when the two files with similar names use exactly the same Python<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> commands, the same number of times, so that the naming of the output is identical. In that case, no errors would be issued.

along. But content “printed” by code commands and environments (via macros) as well as code typeset by Pygments needs to be included conditionally, based on whether it exists and on user preferences.

This gets a little tricky. We only want to pull in the Pygments content if it is actually used, since Pygments content will typically use `fancyvrb`’s `SaveVerb` environment, and this can slow down compilation when very large chunks of code are saved. It doesn’t matter if the code is actually used; saving it in a macro is what potentially slows things down. So we create a bool to keep track of whether Pygments is ever actually used, and only bring in Pygments content if it is.<sup>25</sup> This bool must be set to `true` whenever a command or environment is created that makes use of Pygments (in practice, we will simply set it to true when a family is created). Note that we cannot use the `pytx@opt@pygments` bool for this purpose, because it only tells us if the package option for Pygments usage is `true` or `false`. Typically, this will determine if any Pygments content is used. But it is possible for the user to create a command and environment family that overrides the package option (indeed, this may sometimes be desirable, for example, if the user wishes code in a particular language never to be highlighted). Thus, a new bool is needed to allow detection in such nonstandard cases.

```
189 \newbool{pytx@usedpygments}
```

Now we can conditionally bring in the Pygments content. Note that we must use the `etoolbox` macro `\AfterEndPreamble`. This is because commands and environments are created using `\AtBeginDocument`, so that the user can change their properties in the preamble before they are created. And since the commands and environments must be created before we know the final state of `pytx@usedpygments`, we must bring in Pygments content after that.

```
190 \AfterEndPreamble{%
191   \ifbool{pytx@usedpygments}%
192     {\InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/\pytx@jobname.pytxpyg}{-}{-}}%
193 }
```

While we are pulling in content, we also pull in the file of macros that stores some inline “printed” content, if the file exists. Since we need this file in general, and since it will not typically involve a noticeable speed penalty, we bring it in at the beginning of the document without any special conditions.

```
194 \AtBeginDocument{%
195   \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/\pytx@jobname.pytxmcr}{-}{-}%
196 }
```

`\pytx@codefile` We create a new write, named `\pytx@codefile`, to which we will save code. All the code from the document will be written to this single file, interspersed with

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<sup>25</sup>The same effect could be achieved by having `pythontex*.py` delete the Pygments content whenever it is run and Pygments is not used. But that approach is faulty in two regards. First, it requires that `pythontex*.py` be run, which is not necessarily the case if the user simply sets the package option `pygments` to `false` and the recompiles. Second, even if it could be guaranteed that the content would be deleted, such an approach would not be optimal. It is quite possible that the user wishes to temporarily turn off Pygments usage to speed compilation while working on other parts of the document. In this case, deleting the Pygments content is simply deleting data that must be recreated when Pygments is turned back on.

information specifying where in the document it came from. Python $\TeX$  parses this file to separate the code into individual sessions and groups. These are then executed, and the identifying information is used to tie code output back to the original code in the document.<sup>26</sup>

```
197 \newwrite\pytx@codefile
198 \immediate\openout\pytx@codefile=\jobname.pytxcode
```

In the code file, information from Python $\TeX$  must be interspersed with the code. Some type of delimiting is needed for Python $\TeX$  information. All Python $\TeX$  content is written to the file in the form `=>PYTHONTEX#\langle content \rangle#`. When this content involves package options, the delimiter is modified to the form `=>PYTHONTEX:SETTINGS#\langle content \rangle#`. The `#` symbol is also used as a subdelimiter within `\langle content \rangle`. The `#` symbol is convenient as a delimiter since it has a special meaning in  $\TeX$  and is very unlikely to be accidentally entered by the user in unexpected locations without producing errors. Note that the usage of “`=>PYTHONTEX#`” as a beginning delimiter for Python $\TeX$  data means that this string should **never** be written by the user at the beginning of a line, because `pythontex*.py` will try to interpret it as data and will fail.

`\pytx@delimchar` We create a macro to store the delimiting character.

```
199 \edef\pytx@delimchar{\string#}
```

`\pytx@delim` We create a macro to store the starting delimiter.

```
200 \edef\pytx@delim{=\string>PYTHONTEX\string#}
```

`\pytx@delimsettings` And we create a second macro to store the starting delimiter for settings that are passed to Python.

```
201 \edef\pytx@delimsettings{=\string>PYTHONTEX:SETTINGS\string#}
```

Settings need to be written to the code file. Some of these settings are not final until the beginning of the document, since they may be modified by the user within the preamble. Thus, all settings should be written at the end of the document, so that they will all be together and will not be interspersed with any code that was entered in the preamble. The order in which the settings are written is not significant, but for symmetry it should mirror the order in which they were defined.

```
202 \AtEndDocument{
```

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<sup>26</sup>The choice to write all code to a single file is the result of two factors. First,  $\TeX$  has a limited number of output registers available (16), so having a separate output stream for each group or session is not possible. The `morewrites` package from Bruno Le Floch potentially removes this obstacle, but since this package is very recent (README from 2011/7/10), we will not consider using additional writes in the immediate future. Second, one of the design goals of Python $\TeX$  is to minimize the number of persistent files created by a run. This keeps directories cleaner and makes file synchronization/transfer somewhat simpler. Using one write per session or group could result in numerous code files, and these could only be cleaned up by `pythontex*.py` since  $\LaTeX$  cannot delete files itself (well, without unrestricted `writes18`). Using a single output file for code does introduce a speed penalty since the code does not come pre-sorted by session or group, but in typical usage this should be minimal. Adding an option for single or multiple code files may be something to reconsider at a later date.

```

203 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
204     \pytx@delimsettings outputdir=\pytx@outputdir\pytx@delimchar}%
205 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
206     \pytx@delimsettings workingdir=\pytx@workingdir\pytx@delimchar}%
207 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
208     \pytx@delimsettings rerun=\pytx@opt@rerun\pytx@delimchar}%
209 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
210     \pytx@delimsettings hashdependencies=\pytx@opt@hashdependencies\pytx@delimchar}%
211 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
212     \pytx@delimsettings stderr=%
213     \ifbool{pytx@opt@stderr}{true}{false}\pytx@delimchar}%
214 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
215     \pytx@delimsettings stderrfilename=\pytx@opt@stderrfilename\pytx@delimchar}%
216 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
217     \pytx@delimsettings keeptemps=\pytx@opt@keeptemps\pytx@delimchar}%
218 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
219     \pytx@delimsettings pyfuture=\pytx@opt@pyfuture\pytx@delimchar}%
220 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
221     \pytx@delimsettings pygments=%
222     \ifbool{pytx@opt@pygments}{true}{false}\pytx@delimchar}%
223 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
224     \pytx@delimsettings pyglexer=\pytx@pyglexer\pytx@delimchar}%
225 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
226     \pytx@delimsettings pygopt=\string{\pytx@pygopt}\string\pytx@delimchar}%
227 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
228     \pytx@delimsettings fvextfile=\pytx@fvextfile \pytx@delimchar}%
229 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
230     \pytx@delimsettings pyconbanner=\pytx@opt@pyconbanner \pytx@delimchar}%
231 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
232     \pytx@delimsettings pyconfilename=\pytx@opt@pyconfilename \pytx@delimchar}%
233 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
234     \pytx@delimsettings depyhtonex=%
235     \ifbool{pytx@opt@depyhtonex}{true}{false}\pytx@delimchar}%
236 }

```

`\pytx@WriteCodefileInfo`  
`\pytx@WriteCodefileInfoExt`

Later, we will frequently need to write Python $\TeX$  information to the code file in standardized form. We create a macro to simplify that process. We also create an alternate form, for use with external files that must be inputted or read in by Python $\TeX$  and processed. While the standard form employs a counter that is incremented elsewhere, the version for external files substitutes a zero (0) for the counter, because each external file must be unique in name and thus numbering via a counter is redundant.<sup>27</sup>

```

237 \def\pytx@WriteCodefileInfo{%
238     \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{\pytx@delim\pytx@type\pytx@delimchar%
239     \pytx@session\pytx@delimchar\pytx@group\pytx@delimchar%

```

<sup>27</sup>The external-file form also takes an optional argument. This corresponds to a command-line argument that is passed to an external file during the file's execution. Currently, executing external files, with or without arguments, is not implemented. But this feature is under consideration, and the macro retains the optional argument for the potential future compatibility.

```

240     \arabic{\pytx@counter}\pytx@delimchar\pytx@cmd\pytx@delimchar%
241     \pytx@context\pytx@delimchar\the\inputlineno\pytx@delimchar}%
242 }
243 \newcommand{\pytx@WriteCodefileInfoExt}[1] [] {%
244     \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{\pytx@delim\pytx@type\pytx@delimchar%
245     \pytx@session\pytx@delimchar\pytx@group\pytx@delimchar%
246     0\pytx@delimchar\pytx@cmd\pytx@delimchar%
247     \pytx@context\pytx@delimchar\the\inputlineno\pytx@delimchar#1}%
248 }

```

#### 8.4.5 Interface to fancyvrb

The `fancyvrb` package is used to typeset lines of code, and its internals are also used to format inline code snippets. We need a way for each family of `PythonTeX` commands and environments to have its own independent `fancyvrb` settings.

`\pytx@fvsettings` The macro `\setpythontexfv[⟨family⟩]{⟨settings⟩}` takes `⟨settings⟩` and stores them in a macro that is run through `fancyvrb`'s `\fvset` at the beginning of `PythonTeX` code. If a `⟨family⟩` is specified, the settings are stored in `\pytx@fvsettings@⟨family⟩`, and the settings only apply to typeset code belonging to that family. If no optional argument is given, then the settings are stored in `\pytx@fvsettings`, and the settings apply to all typeset code.

In the current implementation, `\setpythontexfv` and `\fvset` differ because the former is not persistent in the same sense as the latter. If we use `\fvset` to set one property, and then use it later to set another property, the setting for the original property is persistent. It remains until another `\fvset` command is issued to change it. In contrast, every time `\setpythontexfv` is used, it clears all prior settings and only the current settings actually apply. This is because `\fvset` stores the state of each setting in its own macro, while `\setpythontexfv` simply stores a string of settings that is passed to `\fvset` at the appropriate times. For typical use scenarios, this distinction shouldn't be important—usually, we will want to set the behavior of `fancyvrb` for all `PythonTeX` content, or for a family of `PythonTeX` content, and leave those settings constant throughout the document. Furthermore, environments that typeset code take `fancyvrb` commands as their second optional argument, so there is already a mechanism in place for changing the settings for a single environment. However, if we ever want to change the typesetting of code for only a small portion of a document (larger than a single environment), this persistence distinction does become important.<sup>28</sup>

```

249 \newcommand{\setpythontexfv}[2] [] {%
250     \ifstrempy{#1}%
251     {\gdef\pytx@fvsettings{#2}}%
252     {\expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@#1\endcsname{#2}}%

```

<sup>28</sup>An argument could be made for having `\setpythontexfv` behave exactly like `\fvset`. Properly implementing this behavior would be tricky, because of inheritance issues between `PythonTeX`-wide and family-specific settings (this is probably a job for `pgfkeys`). Full persistence would likely require a large number of macros and conditionals. At least from the perspective of keeping the code clean and concise, the current approach is superior, and probably introduces minor annoyances at worst.

253 }%

Now that we have a mechanism for applying global settings to typeset Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub> code, we go ahead and set a default tab size for all environments. If `\setpythontexfv` is ever invoked, this setting will be overwritten, so that must be kept in mind.

254 `\setpythontexfv{tabsize=4}`

`\pytx@FVSet` Once the `fancyvrb` settings for Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub> are stored in macros, we need a way to actually invoke them. `\pytx@FVSet` applies family-specific settings first, then Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub>-wide settings second, so that Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub>-wide settings have precedence and will override family-specific settings. Note that by using `\fvset`, we are overwriting `fancyvrb`'s settings. Thus, to keep the settings local to the Python<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub><sub>X</sub> code, `\pytx@FVSet` must always be used within a `\begingroup ... \endgroup` block.

```
255 \def\pytx@FVSet{%
256   \expandafter\let\expandafter\pytx@fvsettings@%
257   \csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
258   \ifdefstring{\pytx@fvsettings@}{}%
259   }%
260   {\expandafter\fvset\expandafter{\pytx@fvsettings@}}%
261   \ifdefstring{\pytx@fvsettings}{}%
262   }%
263   {\expandafter\fvset\expandafter{\pytx@fvsettings}}%
264 }
```

`\pytx@FVB@SaveVerbatim` `fancyvrb`'s `SaveVerbatim` environment will be used extensively to include code highlighted by Pygments and other processed content. Unfortunately, when the saved content is included in a document with the corresponding `UseVerbatim`, line numbering does not work correctly. Based on a web search, this appears to be a known bug in `fancyvrb`. We begin by fixing this, which requires patching `fancyvrb`'s `\FVB@SaveVerbatim` and `\FVE@SaveVerbatim`. We create a patched `\pytx@FVB@SaveVerbatim` by inserting `\FV@StepLineNo` and `\FV@CodeLineNo=1` at appropriate locations. We also delete an unnecessary `\gdef\SaveVerbatim@Name{#1}`. Then we create a `\pytx@FVE@SaveVerbatim`, and add code so that the two macros work together to prevent `FancyVerbLine` from incorrectly being incremented within the `SaveVerbatim` environment. This involves using the counter `pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp` to temporarily store the value of `FancyVerbLine`, so that it may be restored to its original value after verbatim content has been saved.

Typically, we `\let` our own custom macros to the corresponding macros within `fancyvrb`, but only within a command or environment. In this case, however, we are fixing behavior that should be considered a bug even for normal `fancyvrb` usage. So we let the buggy macros to the patched macros immediately after defining the patched versions.

```
265 \newcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}
```

```
266 \def\pytx@FVB@SaveVerbatim#1{%
```

```

267 \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
268 \@bsphack
269 \begingroup
270 \FV@UseKeyValues
271 \def\SaveVerbatim@Name{#1}%
272 \def\FV@ProcessLine##1{%
273     \expandafter\gdef\expandafter\FV@TheVerbatim\expandafter{%
274     \FV@TheVerbatim\FV@StepLineNo\FV@ProcessLine{##1}}}%
275 \gdef\FV@TheVerbatim{\FV@CodeLineNo=1}%
276 \FV@Scan}
277 \def\pytx@FVE@SaveVerbatim{%
278     \expandafter\global\expandafter\let
279     \csname FV@SV@\SaveVerbatim@Name\endcsname\FV@TheVerbatim
280     \endgroup\@esphack
281     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
282 \let\FVB@SaveVerbatim\pytx@FVB@SaveVerbatim
283 \let\FVE@SaveVerbatim\pytx@FVE@SaveVerbatim

```

#### 8.4.6 Access to printed content (stdout)

The `autoprint` package option automatically pulls in printed content from `code` commands and environments. But this does not cover all possible use cases, because we could have print statements/functions in `block` commands and environments as well. Furthermore, sometimes we may print content, but then desire to bring it back into the document multiple times, without duplicating the code that creates the content. Here, we create a number of macros that allow access to printed content. All macros are created in two identical forms, one based on the name `print` and one based on the name `stdout`. Which macros are used depends on user preference. The macros based on `stdout` provide symmetry with `stderr` access.

`\pytx@stdfile` We begin by defining a macro to hold the base name for `stdout` and `stderr` content. The name of this file is updated by most commands and environments so that it stays current.<sup>29</sup> It is important, however, to initially set the name empty for error-checking purposes.

```
284 \def\pytx@stdfile{}
```

`\pytx@FetchStdoutfile` Now we create a generic macro for bringing in the `stdout` file. This macro can input the content in verbatim form, applying `fancyvrb` options if present. Usage: `\pytx@FetchStdoutfile` [*verbatim options*] [*fancyvrb options*] {*file path*}. We must disable the macro in the event that the `stdout` option is false. Also, the warning text should not be included if we are in the preamble.

```
285 \def\pytx@stdout@warntext{}
286 \def\pytx@FetchStdoutfile[#1][#2]#3{%

```

<sup>29</sup>It is only updated by those commands and environments that interact with `pythontex*.py` and thus increment a type-session-group counter so that they can be distinguished. `verb` commands and environments that use `fancyvrb` for typesetting do not interact with `pythontex*.py`, do not increment a counter, and thus do not update the `stdout` file.

```

287 \IfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stdout}{%
288 \ifstrequal{#1}{\input{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stdout}}{}%
289 \ifstrequal{#1}{raw}{\input{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stdout}}{}%
290 \ifstrequal{#1}{verb}{\VerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stdout}}{}%
291 \ifstrequal{#1}{inlineverb}{\BVerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stdout}}{}%
292 \ifstrequal{#1}{v}{\BVerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stdout}}{}%
293 }%
294 {\pytx@stdout@warntext
295 \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent printed content}}%
296 }
297 \ifbool{pytx@opt@stdout}{\def\pytx@FetchStdoutfile[#1][#2]#3{}}
298 \AtBeginDocument{\def\pytx@stdout@warntext{\textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}}

```

`\printpythontex` We define a macro that pulls in the content of the most recent stdout file, accepting  
`\stdoutpythontex` verbatim settings and also fancyvrb settings if they are given.

```

299 \def\stdoutpythontex{%
300 \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@Stdout}{\pytx@Stdout[]}%
301 }
302 \def\pytx@Stdout[#1]{%
303 \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@Stdout@i[#1]}{\pytx@Stdout@i[#1][]}%
304 }
305 \def\pytx@Stdout@i[#1][#2]{%
306 \pytx@FetchStdoutfile[#1][#2]{\pytx@stdfile}%
307 }
308 \let\printpythontex\stdoutpythontex

```

`\saveprintpythontex` Sometimes, we may wish to use printed content at multiple locations in a docu-  
`\savestdoutpythontex` ment. Because `\pytx@stdfile` is changed by every command and environment that could print, the printed content that `\printpythontex` tries to access is constantly changing. Thus, `\printpythontex` is of use only immediately after content has actually been printed, before any additional PythonTeX commands or environments change the definition of `\pytx@stdfile`. To get around this, we create `\saveprintpythontex{<name>}`. This macro saves the current name of `\pytx@stdfile` so that it is associated with `<name>` and thus can be retrieved later, after `\pytx@stdfile` has been redefined.

```

309 \def\savestdoutpythontex#1{%
310 \ifcsname pytx@SVout@#1\endcsname
311 \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
312 {Attempt to save content using an already-defined name}%
313 {Use a name that is not already defined}%
314 \else
315 \expandafter\edef\csname pytx@SVout@#1\endcsname{\pytx@stdfile}%
316 \fi
317 }
318 \let\saveprintpythontex\savestdoutpythontex

```

`\useprintpythontex` Now that we have saved the current `\pytx@stdoutfile` under a new, user-chosen  
`\usestdoutpythontex` name, we need a way to retrieve the content of that file later, using the name.

```

319 \def\usestdoutpythontex{%
320   \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@UseStdout}{\pytx@UseStdout []}%
321 }
322 \def\pytx@UseStdout[#1]{%
323   \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@UseStdout@i[#1]}{\pytx@UseStdout@i[#1] []}%
324 }
325 \def\pytx@UseStdout@i[#1][#2]#3{%
326   \ifcsname pytx@SVout@#3\endcsname
327     \pytx@FetchStdoutfile[#1][#2]{\csname pytx@SVout@#3\endcsname}%
328   \else
329     \textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}%
330     \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent saved printed content}%
331   \fi
332 }
333 \let\useprintpythontex\usestdoutpythontex

```

### 8.4.7 Access to stderr

We need access to stderr, if it is enabled via the package `stderr` option.

Both stdout and stderr share the same base file name, stored in `\pytx@stdfile`. Only the file extensions, `.stdout` and `.stderr`, differ.

stderr and stdout are treated identically, except that stderr is brought in verbatim by default, while stdout is brought in raw by default.

`\pytx@FetchStderrfile` Create a generic macro for bringing in the stderr file.

```

334 \def\pytx@FetchStderrfile[#1][#2]#3{%
335   \IfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stderr}{%
336     \ifstrequal{#1}{-}{\VerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stderr}}{%
337     \ifstrequal{#1}{raw}{\input{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stderr}}{%
338     \ifstrequal{#1}{verb}{\VerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stderr}}{%
339     \ifstrequal{#1}{inlineverb}{\BVerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stderr}}{%
340     \ifstrequal{#1}{v}{\BVerbatimInput[#2]{\pytx@outputdir/#3.stderr}}{%
341     }%
342     {\textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}%
343     \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent stderr content}}%
344 }

```

`\stderrpythontex` We define a macro that pulls in the content of the most recent error file, accepting verbatim settings and also `fancyvrb` settings if they are given.

```

345 \def\stderrpythontex{%
346   \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@Stderr}{\pytx@Stderr []}%
347 }
348 \def\pytx@Stderr[#1]{%
349   \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@Stderr@i[#1]}{\pytx@Stderr@i[#1] []}%
350 }
351 \def\pytx@Stderr@i[#1][#2]{%
352   \pytx@FetchStderrfile[#1][#2]{\pytx@stdfile}%
353 }

```

A mechanism is provided for saving and later using stderr. This should be used with care, since stderr content may lose some of its meaning if isolated from the larger code context that produced it.

`\savestderrpythontex`

```

354 \def\savestderrpythontex#1{%
355     \ifcsname pytx@SVerr@#1\endcsname
356         \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
357             {Attempt to save content using an already-defined name}%
358             {Use a name that is not already defined}%
359     \else
360         \expandafter\edef\csname pytx@SVerr@#1\endcsname{\pytx@stdfile}%
361     \fi
362 }

```

`\usestderrpythontex`

```

363 \def\usestderrpythontex{%
364     \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@UseStderr}{\pytx@UseStderr []}%
365 }
366 \def\pytx@UseStderr[#1]{%
367     \@ifnextchar[{\pytx@UseStderr@i[#1]}{\pytx@UseStderr@i[#1] []}%
368 }
369 \def\pytx@UseStderr@i[#1][#2]#3{%
370     \ifcsname pytx@SVerr@#3\endcsname
371         \pytx@FetchStderrfile[#1][#2]{\csname pytx@SVerr@#3\endcsname}%
372     \else
373         \textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}%
374         \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent saved stderr content}%
375     \fi
376 }

```

## 8.5 Inline commands

### 8.5.1 Inline core macros

All inline commands use the same core of inline macros. Inline commands invoke the `\pytx@Inline` macro, and this then branches through a number of additional macros depending on the details of the command and the usage context. `\@ifnextchar` and `\let` are used extensively to control branching.

`\pytx@Inline`, and the macros it calls, perform the following series of operations.

- If there is an optional argument, capture it. The optional argument is the session name of the command. If there is no session name, use the “`default`” session.
- Determine the delimiting character(s) used for the code encompassed by the command. Any character except for the space character and the opening curly brace `{` may be used as a delimiting character, just as for `\verb`. The

opening curly brace { may be used, but in this case the closing delimiting character is the closing curly brace }. If paired curly braces are used as delimiters, then the code enclosed may only contain paired curly braces.

- Using the delimiting character(s), capture the code. Perform some combination of the following tasks: typeset the code, save it to the code file, and bring in content created by the code.

`\pytx@Inline` This is the gateway to all inline core macros. It is called by all inline commands. Because the delimiting characters could be almost anything, we need to turn off all special category codes before we peek ahead with `\@ifnextchar` to see if an optional argument is present, since `\@ifnextchar` sets the category code of the character it examines. But we set the opening curly brace { back to its standard catcode, so that matched braces can be used to capture an argument as usual. The catcode changes are enclosed withing `\begingroup ... \endgroup` so that they may be contained.

The macro `\pytx@Inline@arg` which is called at the end of `\pytx@Inline` takes an argument enclosed by square brackets. If an optional argument is not present, then we supply an empty one, which invokes default treatment in `\pytx@Inline@arg`.

```
377 \def\pytx@Inline{%
378   \begingroup
379   \let\do\@makeoother\dospecials
380   \catcode'\{=1
381   \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@Inline@arg}{\endgroup\pytx@Inline@arg[]}%
382 }%
```

`\pytx@Inline@arg` This macro captures the optional argument (or the empty default substitute), which corresponds to the code session. Then it determines whether the delimiters of the actual code are a matched pair of curly braces or a pair of other, identical characters, and calls the next macro accordingly.

We begin by testing for an empty argument (either from the user or from the default empty substitute), and setting the default value if this is indeed the case. It is also possible that the user chose a session name containing a colon. If so, we substitute a hyphen for the colon. This is because temporary files are named based on session, and file names often cannot contain colons.

Then we turn off all special catcodes and set the catcodes of the curly braces back to their default values. This is necessary because we are about to capture the actual code, and we need all special catcodes turned off so that the code can contain any characters. But curly braces still need to be active just in case they are being used as delimiters. We also make the space and tab characters active, since `fancyvrb` needs them that way.<sup>30</sup> Using `\@ifnextchar` we determine whether the delimiters are curly braces. If so, we proceed to `\pytx@Inline@argBgroup` to capture the code using curly braces as delimiters. If not, we reset the catcodes of

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<sup>30</sup>Part of this may be redundant, since we detokenize later and then retokenize during typesetting if Pygments isn't used. But the detokenizing and saving eliminates tab characters if they aren't active here.

the braces and proceed to `\pytx@InlineMargOther`, which uses characters other than the opening curly brace as delimiters.

```

383 \def\pytx@InlineOarg[#1]{%
384   \ifstrempy{#1}{\edef\pytx@session{default}}{\StrSubstitute{#1}{:}{-}[\pytx@session]}%
385   \begingroup
386   \let\do\@makeother\dospecials
387   \catcode'\{=1
388   \catcode'\}=2
389   \catcode'\ =\active
390   \catcode'\^^I=\active
391   \@ifnextchar\bgroup
392     {\pytx@InlineMargBgroup}%
393     {\catcode'\{=12
394       \catcode'\}=12
395       \pytx@InlineMargOther}%
396 }

```

`\pytx@InlineMargOther` This macro captures code delimited by a pair of identical non-brace characters. `\pytx@InlineMargOtherGet` Then it passes the code on to `\pytx@InlineMargBgroup` for processing. This approach means that the macro definition may be kept concise, and that the processing code must only be defined once.

The macro captures only the next character. This will be the delimiting character. We must begin by ending the group that was left open by `\pytx@InlineOarg`, so that catcodes return to normal. Next we check to see if the delimiting character is a space character. If so, we issue an error, because that is not allowed. If the delimiter is valid, we define a macro `\pytx@InlineMargOtherGet` that will capture all content up to the next delimiting character and pass it to the `\pytx@InlineMargBgroup` macro for processing. That macro does exactly what is needed, except that part of the retokenization is redundant since curly braces were not active when the code was captured.

Once the custom capturing macro has been created, we turn off special catcodes and call the capturing macro.

```

397 \def\pytx@InlineMargOther#1{%
398   \endgroup
399   \ifstrequal{#1}{ }{%
400     \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
401       {The space character cannot be used as a delimiting character}%
402       {Choose another delimiting character}}{%
403     \def\pytx@InlineMargOtherGet##1#1{\pytx@InlineMargBgroup{##1}}%
404     \begingroup
405     \let\do\@makeother\dospecials
406     \pytx@InlineMargOtherGet
407 }

```

`\pytx@InlineMargBgroup` We are now ready to capture code using matched curly braces as delimiters, or to process previously captured code that used another delimiting character.

At the very beginning, we must end the group that was left open from `\pytx@InlineOarg` (or by `\pytx@InlineMargOther`), so that catcodes return to

normal.

We save a detokenized version of the argument in `\pytx@argdetok`. Even though the argument was captured under special catcode conditions, this is still necessary. If the argument was delimited by curly braces, then any internal curly braces were active when the argument was captured, and these need their catcodes corrected. If the code contains any unicode characters, detokenization is needed so that they may be correctly saved to file.

The **name** of the counter corresponding to this code is assembled. It is needed for keeping track of the instance, and is used for bringing in content created by the code and for bringing in highlighting created by Pygments.

Next we call a series of macros that determine whether the code is shown (typeset), whether it is saved to the code file, and whether content created by the code (“printed”) should be brought in. These macros are `\let` to appropriate values when an inline command is called; they are not defined independently.

Finally, the counter for the code is incremented.

```

408 \def\pytx@InlineMargBgroup#1{%
409     \endgroup
410     \def\pytx@argdetok{\detokenize{#1}}%
411     \edef\pytx@counter{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%
412     \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
413     \xdef\pytx@stdfile{\pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
414     \pytx@InlineShow
415     \pytx@InlineSave
416     \pytx@InlinePrint
417     \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
418 }%

```

`\pytx@InlineShow` The three macros `\pytx@InlineShow`, `\pytx@InlineSave`, and `\pytx@InlinePrint`  
`\pytx@InlineSave` will be `\let` to appropriate values when commands are called. We must now define  
`\pytx@InlinePrint` the macros to which they may be `\let`.

`\pytx@InlineShowFV` Code may be typeset with `fancyvrb`. In this case, the code must be retokenized so that space characters are active, since `fancyvrb` allows space characters to be visible or invisible by making them active. `fancyvrb` settings are invoked via `pytx@FVSet`, but this must be done within a group so that the settings remain local. Most of the remainder of the commands are from `fancyvrb`’s `\FV@FormattingPrep`, and take care of various formatting matters, including spacing, font, whether space characters are shown, and any user-defined formatting. Finally, we create an `\hbox` and invoke `\FancyVerbFormatLine` to maintain parallelism with `BVerbatim`, which is used for inline content highlighted with Pygments. `\FancyVerbFormatLine` may be redefined to alter the typeset code, for example, by putting it in a colorbox via the following command:<sup>31</sup>

```
\renewcommand{\FancyVerbFormatLine}[1]{\colorbox{green}{#1}}
```

<sup>31</sup>Currently, `\FancyVerbFormatLine` is global, as in `fancyvrb`. Allowing a family-specific variant may be considered in the future. In most cases, the `fancyvrb` option `formatcom`, combined with external formatting from packages like `mdframed`, should provide all formatting desired. But something family-specific might occasionally prove useful.

```

419 \def\pytx@InlineShowFV{%
420   \begingroup
421   \let\do\@makeoother\dospecials
422   \catcode'\ =\active
423   \catcode'\^^I=\active
424   \tokenize{\pytx@argretok}{\pytx@argdetok}%
425   \endgroup
426   \begingroup
427   \pytx@FVSet
428   \FV@BeginVBox
429   \frenchspacing
430   \FV@SetupFont
431   \FV@DefineWhiteSpace
432   \FancyVerbDefineActive
433   \FancyVerbFormatCom
434   \FV@ObeyTabsInit
435   \hbox{\FancyVerbFormatLine{\pytx@argretok}}%
436   \FV@EndVBox
437   \endgroup
438 }

```

`\pytx@InlineShowPyg` Code may be typeset with Pygments. Processed Pygments content is saved in the `.pytxmcr` file, wrapped in `fancyvrb`'s `SaveVerbatim` environment. The content is then restored, in a form suitable for inline use, via `BUseVerbatim`. Unlike non-inline content, which may be brought in either via macro or via separate external file, inline content is always brought in via macro. The counter `pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp` is used to prevent `fancyvrb`'s line count from being affected by Python $\TeX$  content. A group is necessary to confine the `fancyvrb` settings created by `\pytx@FVSet`.

```

439 \def\pytx@InlineShowPyg{%
440   \begingroup
441   \pytx@FVSet
442   \ifcsname FV@SV@\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}\endcsname
443     \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
444     \BUseVerbatim{\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
445     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
446   \else
447     \textbf{??}%
448     \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent Pygments content}%
449   \fi
450   \endgroup
451 }

```

`\pytx@InlineSaveCode` This macro writes Python $\TeX$  information to the code file and then writes the actual code.

```

452 \def\pytx@InlineSaveCode{%
453   \pytx@WriteCodefileInfo
454   \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{\pytx@argdetok}%
455 }

```

`\pytx@InlineAutoprint` This macro brings in printed content automatically, if the package `autoprint` option is true. Otherwise, it does nothing. We must disable the macro in the event that the `stdout` option is false. We wait until the beginning of the document to create the real macro, since any code commands and environments in the preamble shouldn't be printing and in any case we can't know what the `outputdir` is until the beginning of the document.

```

456 \let\pytx@InlineAutoprint\@empty
457 \AtBeginDocument{
458   \def\pytx@InlineAutoprint{%
459     \ifbool{pytx@opt@autoprint}{%
460       \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/\pytx@stdfile.stdout}{-}{-}}{%
461   }
462   \ifbool{pytx@opt@stdout}{-}{\let\pytx@InlineAutoprint\@empty}
463 }

```

`\pytx@InlineMacroprint` This macro brings in “printed” content that is brought in via macros in the `.pytxmcr` file. We must disable the macro in the event that the `stdout` option is false.

```

464 \def\pytx@InlineMacroprint{%
465   \edef\pytx@mcr{\pytx@MCR@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group @\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
466   \ifcsname\pytx@mcr\endcsname
467     \csname\pytx@mcr\endcsname
468   \else
469     \textbf{??}%
470     \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Missing autoprint content}%
471   \fi
472 }
473 \ifbool{pytx@opt@stdout}{-}{\let\pytx@InlineMacroprint\@empty}

```

### 8.5.2 Inline command constructors

With the core inline macros complete, we are ready to create constructors for different kinds of inline commands. All of these constructors take a string and define an inline command named using that string as a base name. Two forms of each constructor are created, one that uses Pygments and one that does not. The Pygments variants have names ending in “Pyg”.

`\pytx@MakeInlinebFV` These macros creates inline block commands, which both typeset code and save it so that it may be executed. The base name of the command is stored in `\pytx@type`. A string representing the kind of command is stored in `\pytx@cmd`. Then `\pytx@SetContext` is used to set `\pytx@context` and `\pytx@SetGroup` is used to set `\pytx@group`. Macros for showing, saving, and printing are set to appropriate values. Then the core inline macros are invoked through `\pytx@Inline`.

```

474 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeInlinebFV}[1]{%
475   \expandafter\newcommand\expandafter{\csname #1b\endcsname}{%
476     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
477     \edef\pytx@cmd{inlineb}%
478     \pytx@SetContext

```

```

479     \pytx@SetGroup
480     \let\pytx@InlineShow\pytx@InlineShowFV
481     \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
482     \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
483     \pytx@Inline
484 }%
485 }%
486 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeInlinebPyg}[1]{%
487   \expandafter\newcommand\expandafter{\csname #1b\endcsname}{%
488     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
489     \edef\pytx@cmd{inlineb}%
490     \pytx@SetContext
491     \pytx@SetGroup
492     \let\pytx@InlineShow\pytx@InlineShowPyg
493     \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
494     \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
495     \pytx@Inline
496 }%
497 }%

```

`\pytx@MakeInlinevFV` This macro creates inline verbatim commands, which only typeset code. `\pytx@type`, `\pytx@MakeInlinevPyg` `\pytx@cmd`, `\pytx@context`, and `\pytx@group` are still set, for symmetry with other commands. They are not needed for `fancyvrb` typesetting, though. We use `\pytx@SetGroupVerb` to split verbatim content (`v` and `verb`) off into its own group. That way, verbatim content doesn't affect the instance numbers of executed code, and thus executed code is not affected by the addition or removal of verbatim content.

```

498 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeInlinevFV}[1]{%
499   \expandafter\newcommand\expandafter{\csname #1v\endcsname}{%
500     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
501     \edef\pytx@cmd{inlinev}%
502     \pytx@SetContext
503     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
504     \let\pytx@InlineShow\pytx@InlineShowFV
505     \let\pytx@InlineSave\@empty
506     \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
507     \pytx@Inline
508 }%
509 }%
510 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeInlinevPyg}[1]{%
511   \expandafter\newcommand\expandafter{\csname #1v\endcsname}{%
512     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
513     \edef\pytx@cmd{inlinev}%
514     \pytx@SetContext
515     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
516     \let\pytx@InlineShow\pytx@InlineShowPyg
517     \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
518     \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
519     \pytx@Inline

```

```

520 }%
521 }%

```

`\pytx@MakeInlinecFV` This macro creates inline code commands, which save code for execution but do not typeset it. If the code prints content, this content is inputted automatically if the package option `autoprint` is on. Since no code is typeset, there is no difference between the `fancyvrb` and `Pygments` forms.

```

\pytx@MakeInlinecPyg
522 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeInlinecFV}[1]{%
523     \expandafter\newcommand\expandafter{\csname #1c\endcsname}{%
524         \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
525         \edef\pytx@cmd{inlinec}%
526         \pytx@SetContext
527         \pytx@SetGroup
528         \let\pytx@InlineShow\@empty
529         \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
530         \let\pytx@InlinePrint\pytx@InlineAutoprint
531         \pytx@Inline
532     }%
533 }%
534 \let\pytx@MakeInlinecPyg\pytx@MakeInlinecFV

```

`\pytx@MakeInlineFV` This macro creates plain inline commands, which save code and then bring in the output of `pytex.formatter(code)` (`pytex.formatter()` is the formatter function in Python sessions that is provided by `pythontex_utils*.py`). The Python output is saved in a  $\TeX$  macro, and the macro is written to a file shared by all Python $\TeX$  sessions. This greatly reduces the number of external files needed. Since no code is typeset, there is no difference between the `fancyvrb` and `Pygments` forms.

```

\pytx@MakeInlinePyg
535 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeInlineFV}[1]{%
536     \expandafter\newcommand\expandafter{\csname #1\endcsname}{%
537         \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
538         \edef\pytx@cmd{inline}%
539         \pytx@SetContext
540         \pytx@SetGroup
541         \let\pytx@InlineShow\@empty
542         \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
543         \let\pytx@InlinePrint\pytx@InlineMacroprint
544         \pytx@Inline
545     }%
546 }%
547 \let\pytx@MakeInlinePyg\pytx@MakeInlineFV

```

`\pythontexcustomc` This macro takes a single line of code and adds it to all sessions within a family. It is the inline version of the `pythontexcustomcode` environment.

```

548 \newcommand{\pythontexcustomc}[2][begin]{%
549     \ifstrequal{#1}{begin}{}{%
550         \ifstrequal{#1}{end}{}{\PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
551             {Invalid optional argument for \string\pythontexcustomc}{%
552             }%

```

```

553 }%
554 \xdef\pytx@type{CC:#2:#1}%
555 \edef\pytx@cmd{inlinec}%
556 \def\pytx@context{}%
557 \def\pytx@group{none}%
558 \let\pytx@InlineShow\@empty
559 \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
560 \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
561 \pytx@Inline[none]%
562 }%

```

`\setpythontexcustomecode` This macro is a holdover from 0.9beta3. It has been deprecated in favor of `\pythontexcustomec` and `pythontexcustomecode`.

```

563 \def\setpythontexcustomecode#1{%
564   \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{The command
565     \string\setpythontexcustomecode\space has been deprecated;
566     use \string\pythontexcustomec\space or pythontexcustomecode instead}%
567   \begingroup
568   \let\do\@makeother\dospecials
569   \catcode'\{=1
570   \catcode'\}=2
571   \catcode'\^M=10\relax
572   \pytx@SetCustomCode{#1}%
573 }
574 \long\def\pytx@SetCustomCode#1#2{%
575   \endgroup
576   \pythontexcustomec{#1}{pythontexcustomecode=[#2];
577     exec('for expr in pythontexcustomecode: exec(expr)');
578     del(pythontexcustomecode)}
579 }
580 \@onlypreamble\setpythontexcustomecode

```

## 8.6 Environments

The inline commands were all created using a common core set of macros, combined with short, command-specific constructors. In the case of environments, we do not have a common core set of macros. Each environment is coded separately, though there are similarities among environments. In the future, it may be worthwhile to attempt to consolidate the environment code base.

One of the differences between inline commands and environments is that environments may need to typeset code with line numbers. Each family of code needs to have its own line numbering (actually, its own numbering for code, verbatim, and console groups), and this line numbering should not overwrite any line numbering that may separately be in use by `fancyvrb`. To make this possible, we use a temporary counter extensively. When line numbers are used, `fancyvrb`'s line counter is copied into `pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp`, lines are numbered, and then `fancyvrb`'s line counter is restored from `pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp`. This keeps `fancyvrb` and `PythonTEX`'s line numbering separate, even though `PythonTEX` is

using `fancyvrb` and its macros internally.

### 8.6.1 Block and verbatim environment constructors

We begin by creating `block` and `verb` environment constructors that use `fancyvrb`. Then we create Pygments versions.

`\pytx@FancyVerbGetLine` The `block` environment needs to both typeset code and save it so it can be executed. `fancyvrb` supports typesetting, but doesn't support saving at the same time. So we create a modified version of `fancyvrb`'s `\FancyVerbGetLine` macro which does. This is identical to the `fancyvrb` version, except that we add a line that writes to the code file. The material that is written is detokenized to avoid catcode issues and make unicode work correctly.

```
581 \begingroup
582 \catcode'\^M=\active
583 \gdef\pytx@FancyVerbGetLine#1^M{%
584   \@nil%
585   \FV@CheckEnd{#1}%
586   \ifx\@tempa\FV@EnvironName%
587     \ifx\@tempb\FV@@@CheckEnd\else\FV@BadEndError\fi%
588     \let\next\FV@EndScanning%
589   \else%
590     \def\FV@Line{#1}%
591     \def\next{\FV@PreProcessLine\FV@GetLine}%
592     \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{\detokenize{#1}}%
593   \fi%
594   \next}%
595 \endgroup
```

`\pytx@MakeBlockFV` Now we are ready to actually create block environments. This macro takes an environment base name  $\langle name \rangle$  and creates a block environment  $\langle name \rangle\text{block}$ , using `fancyvrb`.

The block environment is a `Verbatim` environment, so we declare that with the `\VerbatimEnvironment` macro, which lets `fancyvrb` find the end of the environment correctly. We define the type, define the command, and set the context and group.

We need to check for optional arguments, so we begin a group and use `\obeylines` to make line breaks active. Then we check to see if the next char is an opening square bracket. If so, there is an optional argument, so we end our group and call the `\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV` macro, which will capture the argument and finish preparing for the block content. If not, we end the group and call the same `\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV` macro with an empty argument. The line breaks need to be active during this process because we don't care about content on the next line, including opening square brackets on the next line; we only care about content in the line on which the environment is declared, because only on that line should there be an optional argument. The problem is that since we are dealing with code, it is quite possible for there to be an opening square bracket at

the beginning of the next line, so we must prevent that from being misinterpreted as an optional argument.

After the environment, we need to clean up several things. Much of this relates to what is done in the `\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV` macro. The body of the environment is wrapped in a `Verbatim` environment, so we must end that. It is also wrapped in a group, so that `fancyvrb` settings remain local; we end the group. Then we define the name of the outfile for any printed content, so that it may be accessed by `\printpythontex` and company. Finally, we rearrange counters. The current code line number needs to be stored in `\pytx@linecount`, which was defined to be specific to the current type-session-group set. The `fancyvrb` line number needs to be set back to its original value from before the environment began, so that Python $\TeX$  content does not affect the line numbering of `fancyvrb` content. Finally, the `\pytx@counter`, which keeps track of commands and environments within the current type-session-group set, needs to be incremented.

```

596 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeBlockFV}[1]{%
597   \expandafter\newenvironment{#1block}{%
598     \VerbatimEnvironment
599     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
600     \edef\pytx@cmd{block}%
601     \pytx@SetContext
602     \pytx@SetGroup
603     \begingroup
604     \obeylines
605     \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV []}]%
606   }%
607   {\end{Verbatim}}%
608   \xdef\pytx@stdfile{\pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
609   \setcounter{\pytx@linecount}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
610   \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
611   \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
612   }%
613 }
```

`\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV` This macro finishes preparations to actually begin the block environment. It captures the optional argument (or the empty argument supplied by default). If this argument is empty, then it sets the value of the argument to the default value. If not, then colons in the optional argument are replaced with underscores, and the modified argument is stored in `\pytx@session`. Colons are replaced with underscores because session names must be suitable for file names, and colons are generally not allowed in file names. However, we want to be able to *enter* session names containing colons, since colons provide a convenient method of indicating relationships, and are commonly used in  $\LaTeX$  labels. For example, we could have a session named `plots:specialplot`.

Once the session is established, we are free to define the counter for the current type-session-group, and make sure it exists. We also define the counter that will keep track of line numbers for the current type-session-group, and make sure it exists. Then we do some counter trickery. We don't want `fancyvrb` line counting

to be affected by Python<sub>TEX</sub> content, so we store the current line number held by `FancyVerbLine` in `pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp`; we will restore `FancyVerbLine` to this original value at the end of the environment. Then we set `FancyVerbLine` to the appropriate line number for the current type-session-group. This provides proper numbering continuity between different environments within the same type-session-group.

Next, we write environment information to the code file, now that all the necessary information is assembled. We begin a group, to keep some things local. We `\let` a `fancyvrb` macro to our custom macro. We set `fancyvrb` settings to those of the current type using `\pytx@FVSet`. Once this is done, we are finally ready to start the `Verbatim` environment. Note that the `Verbatim` environment will capture a second optional argument delimited by square brackets, if present, and apply this argument as `fancyvrb` formatting. Thus, the environment actually takes up to two optional arguments, but if you want to use `fancyvrb` formatting, you must supply an empty (default session) or named (custom session) optional argument for the Python<sub>TEX</sub> code.

```

614 \def\pytx@BeginBlockEnvFV[#1]{%
615     \ifstrempy{#1}{\edef\pytx@session{default}}{\StrSubstitute{#1}{:}{-}[\pytx@session]}%
616     \edef\pytx@counter{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%
617     \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
618     \edef\pytx@linecount{\pytx@counter @line}%
619     \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@linecount}%
620     \setcounter{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
621     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@linecount}}%
622     \pytx@WriteCodefileInfo
623     \let\FancyVerbGetLine\pytx@FancyVerbGetLine
624     \pytx@FVSet
625     \begin{Verbatim}%
626 }

```

`\pytx@MakeVerbFV` The `verb` environments only typeset code; they do not save it for execution. Thus, we just use a standard `fancyvrb` environment with a few enhancements.

As in the `block` environment, we declare that we are using a `Verbatim` environment, define type and command, set context and group (note the use of the `Verb` group), and take care of optional arguments before calling a macro to wrap things up (in this case, `\pytx@BeginVerbEnvFV`). Currently, much of the saved information is unused, but it is provided to maintain parallelism with the `block` environment.

Ending the environment involves ending the `Verbatim` environment begun by `\pytx@BeginVerbEnvFV`, ending the group that kept `fancyvrb` settings local, and resetting counters. We define a `stdfile` and step the counter, even though there will never actually be any output to pull in, to force `\printpythontex` and company to be used immediately after the code they refer to and to maintain parallelism.

```

627 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeVerbFV}[1]{%
628     \expandafter\newenvironment{#1verb}{%
629         \VerbatimEnvironment

```

```

630     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
631     \edef\pytx@cmd{verb}%
632     \pytx@SetContext
633     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
634     \begingroup
635     \obeylines
636     \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginVerbEnvFV}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginVerbEnvFV[]}%
637   }%
638   {\end{Verbatim}}%
639   \xdef\pytx@stdfile{\pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
640   \setcounter{\pytx@linecount}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
641   \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
642   \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
643   }%
644 }

```

`\pytx@BeginVerbEnvFV` This macro captures the optional argument of the environment (or the default empty argument that is otherwise supplied). If the argument is empty, it assigns a default value; otherwise, it substitutes underscores for colons in the argument. The argument is assigned to `\pytx@session`. A line counter is created, and its existence is checked. We do the standard line counter trickery. Then we begin a group to keep `fancyvrb` settings local, invoke the settings via `\pytx@FVSet`, and begin the `Verbatim` environment.

```

645 \def\pytx@BeginVerbEnvFV[#1]{%
646   \ifstrempy{#1}{\edef\pytx@session{default}}{\StrSubstitute{#1}{:}{-}[\pytx@session]}%
647   \edef\pytx@counter{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%
648   \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
649   \edef\pytx@linecount{\pytx@counter @line}%
650   \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@linecount}%
651   \setcounter{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
652   \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@linecount}}%
653   \pytx@FVSet
654   \begin{Verbatim}%
655 }

```

Now for the Pygments forms of `block` and `verb`. Since all code must be saved now (either to be executed or processed by Pygments, or both), the environment code may be simplified compared to the non-Pygments case.

`\pytx@MakePygEnv` The `block` and `verb` environments are created via the same macro. The `\pytx@MakePygEnv` macro takes two arguments: first, the code type, and second, the environment (`block` or `verb`). The reason for using the same macro is that both must now save their code externally, and bring back the result typeset by Pygments. Thus, on the  $\LaTeX$  side, their behavior is identical. The only difference is on the Python side, where the block code is executed and thus there may be output available via `\printpythontex` and company.

The actual workings of the macro are a combination of those of the non-Pygments macros, so please refer to those for details. The only exception is the code for bringing in Pygments output, but this is done using almost the same

approach as that used for the inline Pygments commands. There are two differences: first, the `block` and `verb` environments use `\UseVerbatim` rather than `\BUseVerbatim`, since they are not typesetting code inline; and second, they accept a second, optional argument containing `fancyvrb` commands and this is used in typesetting the saved content. Any `fancyvrb` commands are saved in `\pytx@fvopttmp` by `\pytx@BeginEnvPyg@i`, and then used when the code is typeset.

Note that the positioning of all the `FancyVerbLine` trickery in what follows is significant. Saving the `FancyVerbLine` counter to a temporary counter before the beginning of `VerbatimOut` is important, because otherwise the `fancyvrb` numbering can be affected.

```

656 \newcommand{\pytx@MakePygEnv}[2]{%
657   \expandafter\newenvironment{#1#2}{%
658     \VerbatimEnvironment
659     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
660     \edef\pytx@cmd{#2}%
661     \pytx@SetContext
662     \ifstrequal{#2}{block}{\pytx@SetGroup}{%
663       \ifstrequal{#2}{verb}{\pytx@SetGroupVerb}{%
664         \begingroup
665         \obeylines
666         \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginEnvPyg}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginEnvPyg[]}%
667       }%
668     {\end{VerbatimOut}}%
669     \xdef\pytx@stdfile{\pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
670     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@linecount}}%
671     \pytx@FVSet
672     \ifdefstring{\pytx@fvopttmp}{-}{\expandafter\fvset\expandafter{\pytx@fvopttmp}}%
673     \ifcsname FV@SV@\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}\endcsname
674       \UseVerbatim{\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
675     \else
676       \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/\pytx@stdfile.pygtext}{%
677         {\textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}}%
678         \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent Pygments content}}%
679     \fi
680     \setcounter{\pytx@linecount}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
681     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
682     \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
683   }%
684 }%

```

`\pytx@BeginEnvPyg` This macro finishes preparing for the content of a `verb` or `block` environment with Pygments content. It captures an optional argument corresponding to the session name and sets up instance and line counters. Finally, it calls an additional macro that handles the possibility of a second optional argument.

```

685 \def\pytx@BeginEnvPyg[#1]{%
686   \ifstreempty{#1}{\edef\pytx@session{default}}{\StrSubstitute{#1}{:}{-}[\pytx@session]}%
687   \edef\pytx@counter{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%

```

```

688 \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
689 \edef\pytx@linecount{\pytx@counter @line}%
690 \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@linecount}%
691 \pytx@WriteCodefileInfo
692 \begingroup
693 \obeylines
694 \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginEnvPyg@i}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginEnvPyg@i []}%
695 }%

```

`\pytx@BeginEnvPyg@i` This macro captures a second optional argument, corresponding to `fancyvrb` options. Note that not all `fancyvrb` options may be passed to saved content when it is actually used, particularly those corresponding to how the content was read in the first place (for example, command characters). But at least most formatting options such as line numbering work fine. As with the non-Pygments environments, `\begin{VerbatimOut}` doesn't take a second mandatory argument, since we are using a custom version and don't need to specify the file in which `Verbatim` content is saved. It is important that the `FancyVerbLine` saving be done here; if it is done later, after the end of `VerbatimOut`, then numbering can be off in some circumstances (for example, a single `pyverb` between two `Verbatim`'s).

```

696 \def\pytx@BeginEnvPyg@i[#1]{%
697 \def\pytx@fvopttmp{#1}%
698 \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
699 \let\FVB@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut
700 \let\FVE@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVE@VerbatimOut
701 \begin{VerbatimOut}%
702 }%

```

Since we are using the same code to create both `block` and `verb` environments, we now create a specific macro for creating each case, to make usage equivalent to that for the non-Pygments case.

`\pytx@MakeBlockPyg` The block environment is constructed via the `\pytx@MakePygEnv` macro.

```

703 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeBlockPyg}[1]{\pytx@MakePygEnv{#1}{block}}

```

`\pytx@MakeVerbPyg` The verb environment is constructed likewise.

```

704 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeVerbPyg}[1]{\pytx@MakePygEnv{#1}{verb}}

```

## 8.6.2 Code environment constructor

The `code` environment merely saves code to the code file; nothing is typeset. To accomplish this, we use a slightly modified version of `fancyvrb`'s `VerbatimOut`.

`\pytx@WriteDetok` We can use `fancyvrb` to capture the code, but we will need a way to write the code in detokenized form. This is necessary so that `TeX` doesn't try to process the code as it is written, which would generally be disastrous.

```

705 \def\pytx@WriteDetok#1{%
706 \immediate\write\pytx@codefile{\detokenize{#1}}}%

```

`\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut` We need a custom version of the macro that begins `VerbatimOut`. We don't need `fancyvrb`'s key values, and due to our use of `\detokenize` to write content, we don't need its space and tab treatment either. We do need `fancyvrb` to write to our code file, not the file to which it would write by default. And we don't need to open any files, because the code file is already open. These last two are the only important differences between our version and the original `fancyvrb` version. Since we don't need to write to a user-specified file, we don't require the mandatory argument of the original macro.

```

707 \def\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut{%
708     \@bsphack
709     \begingroup
710     \let\FV@ProcessLine\pytx@WriteDetok
711     \let\FV@FontScanPrep\relax
712     \let\@noligs\relax
713     \FV@Scan}%

```

`\pytx@FVE@VerbatimOut` Similarly, we need a custom version of the macro that ends `VerbatimOut`. We don't want to close the file to which we are saving content.

```

714 \def\pytx@FVE@VerbatimOut{\endgroup\@esphack}%

```

`\pytx@EnvAutoprint` We also need a macro for bringing in autoprint content. This is a separate macro so that it can be easily disabled by the package option `stdout`. We wait until the beginning of the document to create the real macro, since any code commands and environments in the preamble shouldn't be printing and in any case we can't know what the `outputdir` is until the beginning of the document.

```

715 \let\pytx@EnvAutoprint\@empty
716 \AtBeginDocument{
717     \def\pytx@EnvAutoprint{%
718         \ifbool{pytx@opt@autoprint}{%
719             \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/\pytx@stdfile.stdout}{-}{-}%
720         }
721     \ifbool{pytx@opt@stdout}{-}{\let\pytx@EnvAutoprint\@empty}
722 }

```

`\pytx@MakeCodeFV` Now that the helper macros for the `code` environment have been defined, we are ready to create the macro that makes `code` environments. Everything at the beginning of the environment is similar to the `block` and `verb` environments.

After the environment, we need to close the `VerbatimOut` environment begun by `\pytx@BeginCodeEnv@i` and end the group it began. We define the outfile, and bring in any printed content if the `autoprint` setting is on. We must still perform some `FancyVerbLine` trickery to prevent the `fancyvrb` line counter from being affected by `writing` content! Finally, we step the counter.

```

723 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeCodeFV}[1]{%
724     \expandafter\newenvironment{#1code}{%
725         \VerbatimEnvironment
726         \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
727         \edef\pytx@cmd{code}%

```

```

728     \pytx@SetContext
729     \pytx@SetGroup
730     \begingroup
731     \obeylines
732     \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginCodeEnv}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginCodeEnv[]}%
733 }%
734 {\end{VerbatimOut}}%
735 \xdef\pytx@stdfile{\pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
736 \pytx@EnvAutoprint
737 \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
738 \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
739 }%
740 }%

```

`\pytx@BeginCodeEnv` This macro finishes setting things up before the code environment contents. It processes the optional argument, defines a counter and checks its existence, writes info to the code file, and then calls the `\pytx@BeginCodeEnv@i` macro. This macro is necessary so that the environment can accept two optional arguments. Since the `block` and `verb` environments can accept two optional arguments (the first is the name of the session, the second is `fancyvrb` options), the code environment also should be able to, to maintain parallelism (for example, `pyblock` should be able to be swapped with `pycode` without changing environment arguments—it should just work). However, `VerbatimOut` doesn't take an optional argument. So we need to capture and discard any optional argument, before starting `VerbatimOut`.

```

741 \def\pytx@BeginCodeEnv[#1]{%
742   \ifstrempy{#1}{\edef\pytx@session{default}}{\StrSubstitute{#1}{:}{-}[\pytx@session]}%
743   \edef\pytx@counter{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%
744   \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
745   \pytx@WriteCodefileInfo
746   \begingroup
747   \obeylines
748   \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginCodeEnv@i}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginCodeEnv@i[]}%
749 }%

```

`\pytx@BeginCodeEnv@i` As described above, this macro captures a second optional argument, if present, and then starts the `VerbatimOut` environment. Note that `VerbatimOut` does not have a mandatory argument, because we are invoking our custom `\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut` macro. The default `fancyvrb` macro needs an argument to tell it the name of the file to which to save the verbatim content. But in our case, we are always writing to the same file, and the custom macro accounts for this by not having a mandatory file name argument. We must perform the typical `FancyVerbLine` trickery, to prevent the `fancyvrb` line counter from being affected by **writing** content!

```

750 \def\pytx@BeginCodeEnv@i[#1]{%
751   \setcounter{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLine}}%
752   \let\FVB@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut
753   \let\FVE@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVE@VerbatimOut
754   \begin{VerbatimOut}%
755 }%

```

`\pytx@MakeCodePyg` Since the code environment simply saves code for execution and typesets nothing, the Pygments version is identical to the non-Pygments version, so we simply let the former to the latter.

```
756 \let\pytx@MakeCodePyg\pytx@MakeCodeFV
```

`pythontexcustomecode` This environment is used for adding custom code to all sessions within a command and environment family. It is the environment equivalent of the inline command `\pythontexcustomec`.

```
757 \newenvironment{pythontexcustomecode}[2][begin]{%
758   \VerbatimEnvironment
759   \ifstrequal{#1}{begin}{-}{-}%
760     \ifstrequal{#1}{end}{-}{-\PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
761       {Invalid optional argument for pythontexcustomecode}{-}}%
762   }%
763 }%
764 \xdef\pytx@type{CC:#2:#1}%
765 \edef\pytx@cmd{code}%
766 \def\pytx@context{}%
767 \def\pytx@group{none}%
768 \pytx@BeginCodeEnv[none]}%
769 {\end{VerbatimOut}}%
770 \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
771 \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
772 }%
```

### 8.6.3 Console environment constructor

The console environment needs to write all code contained in the environment to the code file, and then bring in the console output.

`\pytx@MakeConsoleFV`

```
773 \newcommand{\pytx@MakeConsFV}[1]{%
774   \expandafter\newenvironment{#1console}{-}%
775     \VerbatimEnvironment
776     \xdef\pytx@type{#1}%
777     \edef\pytx@cmd{console}%
778     \pytx@SetContext
779     \pytx@SetGroupCons
780     \begingroup
781     \obeylines
782     \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV[]}]%
783   }%
784   {\end{VerbatimOut}}%
785   \xdef\pytx@stdfile{\pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
786   \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@linecount}}%
787   \pytx@FVSet
788   \ifdefstring{\pytx@fvopttmp}{-}{\expandafter\fvset\expandafter{\pytx@fvopttmp}}%
789   \ifcsname FV@SV@\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}\endcsname
790     \UseVerbatim{\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
```

```

791 \else
792   \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/\pytx@stdfile.pygtex}{}%
793   {\textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}}%
794   \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent console content}}%
795 \fi
796 \setcounter{\pytx@linecount}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
797 \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
798 \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
799 }%
800 }

```

`\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV`

```

801 \def\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV[#1]{%
802   \ifstrempy{#1}{\edef\pytx@session{default}}{\StrSubstitute{#1}{:}{-}[\pytx@session]}%
803   \edef\pytx@counter{\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%
804   \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
805   \edef\pytx@linecount{\pytx@counter @line}%
806   \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@linecount}%
807   \pytx@WriteCodefileInfo
808   \begingroup
809   \obeylines
810   \@ifnextchar [{\endgroup\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV@i}{\endgroup\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV@i []}]%
811 }%

```

`\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV@i`

```

812 \def\pytx@BeginConsEnvFV@i[#1]{%
813   \def\pytx@fvopttmp{#1}%
814   \setcounter{\pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
815   \let\FVB@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut
816   \let\FVE@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVE@VerbatimOut
817   \begin{VerbatimOut}%
818 }%

```

`\pytx@MakeConsPyg` The console environment saves code and then brings back the result of console-style evaluation. Whether Pygments is used to highlight the code depends on the family settings, so the Pygments and non-Pygments forms of the environment are identical.

```

819 \let\pytx@MakeConsPyg\pytx@MakeConsFV

```

## 8.7 Constructors for macro and environment families

Everything is now in place to create inline commands and environments, with and without Pygments usage. To make all of this more readily usable, we need macros that will create a whole family of commands and environments at once, based on a base name. For example, we need a way to easily create all commands and environments based off of the `py` base name.

`\makepythontextfamilyfv` This is a mass constructor for all commands and environments. It takes a single mandatory argument: a base name. It creates almost all commands and environments using the base name; the `console` environment is created conditionally, based on an optional argument. The `console` environment is only created conditionally because support for it will probably be very limited if languages other than Python are added in the future. The macro also creates `fancyvrb` settings corresponding to the family, and sets them to a null default.

The macro checks for the base name `PYG`, which is not allowed. This is for two reasons. First, given that the family `py` is already defined by default, another family with such a similar name would not be a good idea. Second, and more importantly, the prefix `PYG` is used for other purposes. Although `PythonTEX` is primarily intended for executing and typesetting Python code, provision has also been made for typesetting code in any language supported by Pygments. The `PYG` prefix is used by the macros that perform that function.

The constructor macro should only be allowed in the preamble, since commands and environments must be defined before the document begins.

```

820 \newcommand{\makepythontextfamilyfv}[2] [] {%
821   \IfBeginWith{#2}{PYG}%
822     {\PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
823       {Attempt to create macros with reserved prefix PYG-}{}}{%
824   \pytx@MakeInlinebFV{#2}%
825   \pytx@MakeInlinevFV{#2}%
826   %\pytx@MakeInlinetcFV{#2}%
827   \pytx@MakeInlineFV{#2}%
828   \pytx@MakeBlockFV{#2}%
829   \pytx@MakeVerbFV{#2}%
830   %\pytx@MakeCodeFV{#2}%
831   \ifstrequal{#1}{console}{\pytx@MakeConsFV{#2}}{}%
832   \ifstrequal{#1}{all}{\pytx@MakeConsFV{#2}}{}%
833   \setpythontextfv[#2]{}%
834 }
835 \@onlypreamble\makepythontextfamilyfv

```

`\makepythontextfamilypyg` Creating a family of Pygments commands and environments is a little more involved. This macro takes three mandatory arguments: the base name, the Pygments lexer to be used, and Pygments options for typesetting. Currently, three options may be passed to Pygments in this manner: `style=style name`, which sets the formatting style; `texcomments`, which allows `LATEX` in code comments to be rendered; and `mathescape`, which allows `LATEX` math mode (`$...$`) in comments. The `texcomments` and `mathescape` options may be used with an argument (for example, `texcomments=True/False`); if an argument is not supplied, `True` is assumed. Note that these settings may be overridden by the package option `pygments`. Again, the `console` environment is created conditionally, based on an optional argument.

After checking for the disallowed prefix `PYG`, we begin by creating all commands and environments, and creating a macro in which to store default `fancyvrb` setting. We save the Pygments settings in a macro of the form `\pytx@pygopt@base name`.

We also set the bool `pytx@usedpygments` to true, so that Pygments content will be inputted at the beginning of the document. Then we request that the base name, lexer, and any Pygments settings be written to the code file at the beginning of the document, so that Pygments can access them. The options are saved in a macro, and then the macro is saved to file only at the beginning of the document, so that the user can modify default options for default code and environment families.

This macro should only be allowed in the preamble.

```

836 \newcommand{\makepythontexfamilypyg}[4] [] {%
837   \IfBeginWith{#2}{PYG}%
838     {\PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
839       {Attempt to create macros with reserved prefix PYG-}{}}{%
840   \ifbool{pytx@opt@pyginline}%
841     {\pytx@MakeInlinebPyg{#2}%
842       \pytx@MakeInlinevPyg{#2}}%
843     {\pytx@MakeInlinebFV{#2}%
844       \pytx@MakeInlinevFV{#2}}%
845   %\pytx@MakeInlinecPyg{#2}%
846   \pytx@MakeInlinePyg{#2}%
847   \pytx@MakeBlockPyg{#2}%
848   \pytx@MakeVerbPyg{#2}%
849   %\pytx@MakeCodePyg{#2}%
850   \ifstrequal{#1}{console}{\pytx@MakeConsPyg{#2}}{}%
851   \ifstrequal{#1}{all}{\pytx@MakeConsPyg{#2}}{}%
852   \setpythontexfv[#2]{}%
853   \booltrue{pytx@usedpygments}%
854   \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@pygopt@#2\endcsname{#4}%
855   \AtEndDocument{\immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
856     \pytx@delimsettings pygfamily=#2,#3,%
857     \string{\csname pytx@pygopt@#2\endcsname\string}\pytx@delimchar}%
858   }%
859 }
860 \@onlypreamble\makepythontexfamilypyg

```

`\setpythontexpyglexer` We need to be able to reset the lexer associated with a family after the family has already been created.

```

861 \def\setpythontexpyglexer#1#2{%
862   \ifcsname pytx@pyglexer@#1\endcsname
863     \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@pyglexer@#1\endcsname{#2}%
864   \else
865     \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
866       {Cannot modify a non-existent family}{}%
867   \fi
868 }%
869 \@onlypreamble\setpythontexpyglexer

```

`\setpythontexpygopt` The user may wish to modify the Pygments options associated with a family. This macro takes two arguments: first, the family base name; and second, the Pygments options to associate with the family. This macro is particularly useful in changing the Pygments style of default command and environment families.

Due to the implementation (and also in the interest of keeping typesetting consistent), the Pygments style for a family must remain constant throughout the document. Thus, we only allow changes to the style in the preamble.

```

870 \newcommand{\setpythontexpygopt}[2]{%
871   \ifcsname pytx@pygopt@#1\endcsname
872     \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@pygopt@#1\endcsname{#2}%
873   \else
874     \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
875       {Cannot modify Pygments options for a non-existent family}{}%
876   \fi
877 }
878 \@onlypreamble\setpythontexpygopt

```

`\makepythontexfamily` While the `\makepythontexfamilyfv` and `\makepythontexfamilypyg` macros allow the creation of families that use `fancyvrb` and Pygments, respectively, we want to be able to create families that can switch between the two possibilities, based on the package option `pygments`. In some cases, we may want to force a family to use either `fancyvrb` or Pygments, but generally we will want to be able to control the method of typesetting of all families at the package level. We create a new macro for this purpose. This macro takes the same arguments that `\makepythontexfamilypyg` does: the family base name, the lexer to be used by Pygments, and Pygments options for typesetting, plus an optional argument governing the `console` environment. The actual creation of macros is delayed using `\AtBeginDocument`, so that the user has the option to choose whether `fancyvrb` or Pygments usage should be forced for the family.

This macro should always be used for defining new families, unless there is a particular reason to always force `fancyvrb` or Pygments usage.

```

879 \newcommand{\makepythontexfamily}[4] [] {%
880   \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@macroformatter@#2\endcsname{auto}
881   \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@pyglexer@#2\endcsname{#3}
882   \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@pygopt@#2\endcsname{#4}
883   \pytx@MakeInlineFV{#2}
884   \pytx@MakeCodeFV{#2}
885   \AtBeginDocument{%
886     \ifcsstring{pytx@macroformatter@#2}{auto}{%
887       \ifbool{pytx@opt@pygments}%
888         {\makepythontexfamilypyg[#1]{#2}{\csname pytx@pyglexer@#2\endcsname}}%
889         {\csname pytx@pygopt@#2\endcsname}}%
890       {\makepythontexfamilyfv[#1]{#2}}{}%
891     \ifcsstring{pytx@macroformatter@#2}{fancyvrb}%
892       {\makepythontexfamilyfv[#1]{#2}}{}%
893     \ifcsstring{pytx@macroformatter@#2}{pygments}%
894       {\makepythontexfamilypyg[#1]{#2}{\csname pytx@pyglexer@#2\endcsname}}%
895       {\csname pytx@pygopt@#2\endcsname}}{}%
896   }%
897 }
898 \@onlypreamble\makepythontexfamily

```

```

\setpythontextformatter We need to be able to reset the formatter used by a family among the options
auto, fancyvrb, and pygments.
899 \def\setpythontextformatter#1#2{%
900   \ifcsname pytx@macroformatter@#1\endcsname
901     \expandafter\xdef\csname pytx@macroformatter@#1\endcsname#{2}
902   \else
903     \PackageError{\pytx@packagename}%
904       {Cannot modify a family that does not exist or does not allow formatter choices}%
905       {Create the family with \string\makepythontextfamily}%
906   \fi
907 }
908 \@onlypreamble\setpythontextformatter

```

## 8.8 Default commands and environment families

We are finally prepared to create the default command and environment families. We create a basic Python family with the base name `py`. We also create customized Python families for the SymPy package, using the base name `sympy`, and for the pylab module, using the base name `pylab`. All of these are created with a `console` environment.

All of these command and environment families are created conditionally, depending on whether the package option `pygments` is used, via `\makepythontextfamily`. We recommend that any custom families created by the user be constructed in the same manner.

```

909 \makepythontextfamily[all]{py}{python}{}
910 \makepythontextfamily[all]{sympy}{python}{}
911 \makepythontextfamily[all]{pylab}{python}{}

```

## 8.9 Listings environment

`fancyvrb`, especially when combined with `Pygments`, provides most of the formatting options we could want. However, it simply typesets code within the flow of the document and does not provide a floating environment. So we create a floating environment for code listings via the `newfloat` package.

It is most logical to name this environment `listing`, but that is already defined by the `minted` package (although `PythonTeX` and `minted` are probably not likely to be used together, due to overlapping features). Furthermore, the `listings` package specifically avoided using the name `listing` for an environment due to the use of this name by other packages.

We have chosen to make a compromise. We create a macro that creates a float environment with a custom name for listings. If this macro is invoked, then a float environment for listings is created and nothing else is done. If it is not invoked, the package attempts to create an environment called `listing` at the beginning of the document, and issues a warning if another macro with that name already exists. This approach makes the logical `listing` name available in most cases, and provides the user with a simple fallback in the event that another package defining `listing` must be used alongside `PythonTeX`.

```

\setpythontexlistingenv We define a bool pytx@listingenv that keeps track of whether a listings environment has been created. Then we define a macro that creates a floating environment with a custom name, with appropriate settings for a listing environment. We only allow this macro to be used in the preamble, since later use would wreak havoc.
912 \newbool{pytx@listingenv}
913 \def\setpythontexlistingenv#1{
914     \DeclareFloatingEnvironment[fileext=lopytx,listname={List of Listings},name=Listing]{#1}
915     \booltrue{pytx@listingenv}
916 }
917 \@onlypreamble\setpythontexlistingenv

```

At the beginning of the document, we issue a warning if the `listing` environment needs to be created but cannot be due to a pre-existing macro (and no version with a custom name has been created). Otherwise, we create the `listing` environment.

```

918 \AtBeginDocument{
919     \ifcsname listing\endcsname
920     \ifbool{pytx@listingenv}{}%
921         {\PackageWarning{pytx@packagename}%
922             {A "listing" environment already exists \MessageBreak
923             \pytx@packagename\space will not create one \MessageBreak
924             Use \string\setpythontexlistingenv to create a custom listing environment}}%
925     \else
926         \ifbool{pytx@listingenv}{\DeclareFloatingEnvironment[fileext=lopytx]{listing}}
927     \fi
928 }

```

## 8.10 Pygments for general code typesetting

After all the work that has gone into PythonTeX thus far, it would be a pity not to slightly expand the system to allow Pygments typesetting of any language Pygments supports. While PythonTeX currently can only *execute* Python code, it is relatively easy to add support for *highlighting* any language supported by Pygments. We proceed to create a `\pygment` command, a `pygments` environment, and an `\inputpygments` command that do just this. The functionality of these is very similar to that provided by the `minted` package.

Both the commands and the environment are created in two forms: one that actually uses Pygments, which is the whole point in the first place; and one that uses `fancyvrb`, which may speed compilation or make editing faster since `pythontex.py` need not be invoked. By default, the two forms are switched between based on the package `pygments` option, but this may be easily modified as described below.

The Pygments commands and environment operate under the code type `PYG<lexer name>`. This allows Pygments typesetting of general code to proceed with very few additions to `pythontex.py`; in most situations, the Pygments code types behave just like standard PythonTeX types that don't execute any code. Due to the use of the `PYG` prefix for all Pygments content, the use of this prefix is

not allowed at the beginning of a base name for standard Python<sub>TEX</sub> command and environment families.

We have previously used the suffix `Pyg` to denote macro variants that use Pygments rather than `fancyvrb`. We continue that practice here. To distinguish the special Pygments typesetting macros from the regular Python<sub>TEX</sub> macros, we use `Pygments` in the macro names, in addition to any `Pyg` suffix

### 8.10.1 Inline Pygments command

```
\pytx@MakePygmentsInlineFV
\pytx@MakePygmentsInlinePyg
  \pygment
```

These macros create an inline command. They reuse the `\pytx@Inline` macro sequence. The approach is very similar to the constructors for inline commands, except for the way in which the type is defined and for the fact that we have to check to see if a macro for `fancyvrb` settings exists. Just as for the Python<sub>TEX</sub> inline commands, we do not currently support `fancyvrb` options in Pygments inline commands, since almost all options are impractical for inline usage, and the few that might conceivably be practical, such as showing spaces, should probably be used throughout an entire document rather than just for a tiny code snippet within a paragraph.

We supply an empty optional argument to `\pytx@Inline`, so that the `\pygment` command can only take two mandatory arguments, and no optional argument (since sessions don't make sense for code that is merely typeset):

```
\pygment{<lexer>}{<code>}
```

```
929 \def\pytx@MakePygmentsInlineFV{%
930   \newcommand{\pygment}[1]{%
931     \edef\pytx@type{PYG##1}%
932     \edef\pytx@cmd{inlinev}%
933     \pytx@SetContext
934     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
935     \let\pytx@InlineShow\pytx@InlineShowFV
936     \let\pytx@InlineSave\@empty
937     \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
938     \ifcsname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
939     \else
940       \expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname{}%
941     \fi
942     \pytx@Inline[]%
943   }%
944 }
945 \def\pytx@MakePygmentsInlinePyg{%
946   \newcommand{\pygment}[1]{%
947     \edef\pytx@type{PYG##1}%
948     \edef\pytx@cmd{inlinev}%
949     \pytx@SetContext
950     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
951     \let\pytx@InlineShow\pytx@InlineShowPyg
952     \let\pytx@InlineSave\pytx@InlineSaveCode
953     \let\pytx@InlinePrint\@empty
```

```

954     \ifcsname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
955     \else
956         \expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname{}%
957     \fi
958     \pytx@Inline[]
959 }%
960 }

```

### 8.10.2 Pygments environment

`\pytx@MakePygmentsEnvFV` `pygments` The `pygments` environment is created to take an optional argument, which corresponds to `fancyvrb` settings, and one mandatory argument, which corresponds to the `Pygments` lexer to be used in highlighting the code.

The `pygments` environment begins by declaring that it is a `Verbatim` environment and setting variables. Again, some variables are unnecessary, but they are created to maintain uniformity with other `PythonTeX` environments. The environment code is very similar to that of `PythonTeX` `verb` environments.

```

961 \def\pytx@MakePygmentsEnvFV{%
962     \newenvironment{pygments}{%
963         \VerbatimEnvironment
964         \pytx@SetContext
965         \pytx@SetGroupVerb
966         \begingroup
967         \obeylines
968         \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BEPygmentsFV}{\endgroup\pytx@BEPygmentsFV[]}]%
969     }%
970     {\end{Verbatim}}%
971     \setcounter{\pytx@linecount}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
972     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
973 }%
974 }

```

`\pytx@BEPygmentsFV` This macro captures the optional argument containing `fancyvrb` commands.

```

975 \def\pytx@BEPygmentsFV[#1]{%
976     \def\pytx@fvopttmp{#1}%
977     \begingroup
978     \obeylines
979     \pytx@BEPygmentsFV@i
980 }

```

`\pytx@BEPygmentsFV@i` This macro captures the mandatory argument, containing the lexer name, and proceeds.

```

981 \def\pytx@BEPygmentsFV@i#1{%
982     \endgroup
983     \edef\pytx@type{PYG#1}%
984     \edef\pytx@cmd{verb}%
985     \edef\pytx@session{default}%
986     \edef\pytx@linecount{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group @line}%

```

```

987 \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@linecount}%
988 \ifcsname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
989 \else
990 \expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname{%
991 \fi
992 \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
993 \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@linecount}}%
994 \pytx@FVSet
995 \ifdefstring{\pytx@fvopttmp}{-}{\expandafter\fvset\expandafter{\pytx@fvopttmp}}%
996 \begin{Verbatim}%
997 }

```

`\pytx@MakePygmentsEnvPyg` The Pygments version is very similar, except that it must bring in external Pygments content.

```

998 \def\pytx@MakePygmentsEnvPyg{%
999 \newenvironment{pygments}{%
1000 \VerbatimEnvironment
1001 \pytx@SetContext
1002 \pytx@SetGroupVerb
1003 \begingroup
1004 \obeylines
1005 \@ifnextchar[{\endgroup\pytx@BEPygmentsPyg}{\endgroup\pytx@BEPygmentsPyg[]}%
1006 }%
1007 {\end{VerbatimOut}}%
1008 \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{\pytx@linecount}}%
1009 \pytx@FVSet
1010 \ifdefstring{\pytx@fvopttmp}{-}{\expandafter\fvset\expandafter{\pytx@fvopttmp}}%
1011 \ifcsname FV@SV@\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}\endcsname
1012 \UseVerbatim{\pytx@counter @\arabic{\pytx@counter}}%
1013 \else
1014 \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/
1015 \pytx@type_\pytx@session_\pytx@group_\arabic{\pytx@counter}.pygtex}{-}{%
1016 {\textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}}%
1017 \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent Pygments content}}%
1018 \fi
1019 \setcounter{\pytx@linecount}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
1020 \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
1021 \stepcounter{\pytx@counter}%
1022 }%
1023 }

```

`\pytx@BEPygmentsPyg` This macro captures the optional argument, which corresponds to `fancyvrb` settings.

```

1024 \def\pytx@BEPygmentsPyg[#1]{%
1025 \def\pytx@fvopttmp{#1}%
1026 \begingroup
1027 \obeylines
1028 \pytx@BEPygmentsPyg@i
1029 }

```

`\pytx@BEPygmentsPyg@i` This macro captures the mandatory argument, containing the lexer name, and proceeds.

```

1030 \def\pytx@BEPygmentsPyg@i#1{%
1031     \endgroup
1032     \edef\pytx@type{PYG#1}%
1033     \edef\pytx@cmd{verb}%
1034     \edef\pytx@session{default}%
1035     \edef\pytx@counter{pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group}%
1036     \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@counter}%
1037     \edef\pytx@linecount{\pytx@counter @line}%
1038     \pytx@CheckCounter{\pytx@linecount}%
1039     \pytx@WriteCodefileInfo
1040     \ifcsname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
1041     \else
1042         \expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname{%
1043         \fi
1044         \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
1045         \let\FVB@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVB@VerbatimOut
1046         \let\FVE@VerbatimOut\pytx@FVE@VerbatimOut
1047         \begin{VerbatimOut}%
1048 }

```

### 8.10.3 Special Pygments commands

Code highlighting may be used for some tasks that would never appear in a code execution context, which is what the Python $\TeX$  part of this package focuses on. We create some special Pygments macros to handle these highlighting cases.

`\pytx@MakePygmentsInputFV`  
`\pytx@MakePygmentsInputPyg`

For completeness, we need to be able to read in a file and highlight it. This is done through some trickery with the current system. We define the type as `PYG<lexer>`, and the command as `verb`. We set the context for consistency. We set the session as `EXT:<file name>`.<sup>32</sup> Next we define a `fancyvrb` settings macro for the type if it does not already exist. We write info to the code file using `\pytx@WriteCodefileInfoExt`, which writes the standard info to the code file but uses zero for the instance, since external files that are not executed can only have one instance.

Then we check to see if the file actually exists, and issue a warning if not. This saves the user from running `pythontex*.py` to get the same error. We perform our typical `FancyVerbLine` trickery. Next we make use of the saved content in the same way as the `pygments` environment. Note that we do not create a counter for the line numbers. This is because under typical usage an external file should have its lines numbered beginning with 1. We also encourage this by setting `firstnumber=auto` before bringing in the content.

The current naming of the macro in which the Pygments content is saved is probably excessive. In almost every situation, a unique name could be formed with

<sup>32</sup>There is no possibility of this session being confused with a user-defined session, because colons are substituted for hyphens in all user-defined sessions, before they are written to the code file.

less information. The current approach has been taken to maintain parallelism, thus simplifying `pythontex.py`, and to avoid any rare potential conflicts.

```

1049 \def\pytx@MakePygmentsInputFV{
1050   \newcommand{\inputpygments}[3] [] {%
1051     \edef\pytx@type{PYG##2}%
1052     \edef\pytx@cmd{verb}%
1053     \pytx@SetContext
1054     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
1055     \edef\pytx@session{EXT:##3}%
1056     \ifcsname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
1057     \else
1058       \expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname{%
1059         \fi
1060         \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
1061         \begingroup
1062         \pytx@FVSet
1063         \fvset{firstnumber=auto}%
1064         \IfFileExists{##3}%
1065           {\VerbatimInput[##1]{##3}}%
1066           {\PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Input file <##3> doesn't exist}}%
1067         \endgroup
1068         \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
1069     }%
1070 }
1071 \def\pytx@MakePygmentsInputPyg{
1072   \newcommand{\inputpygments}[3] [] {%
1073     \edef\pytx@type{PYG##2}%
1074     \edef\pytx@cmd{verb}%
1075     \pytx@SetContext
1076     \pytx@SetGroupVerb
1077     \edef\pytx@session{EXT:##3}%
1078     \ifcsname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname
1079     \else
1080       \expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@\pytx@type\endcsname{%
1081         \fi
1082         \pytx@WriteCodefileInfoExt
1083         \IfFileExists{##3}{\PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}%
1084           {Input file <##3> does not exist}}
1085         \setcounter{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}{\value{FancyVerbLine}}%
1086         \begingroup
1087         \pytx@FVSet
1088         \fvset{firstnumber=auto}%
1089         \ifcsname FV@SV@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group @\endcsname
1090           \UseVerbatim[##1]{\pytx@\pytx@type @\pytx@session @\pytx@group @0}%
1091         \else
1092           \InputIfFileExists{\pytx@outputdir/##3_##2.pygtex}{}%
1093             {\textbf{??~\pytx@packagename~??}}%
1094             \PackageWarning{\pytx@packagename}{Non-existent Pygments content}}%
1095         \fi

```

```

1096     \endgroup
1097     \setcounter{FancyVerbLine}{\value{pytx@FancyVerbLineTemp}}%
1098   }%
1099 }

```

#### 8.10.4 Creating the Pygments commands and environment

We are almost ready to actually create the Pygments commands and environments. First, though, we create some macros that allow the user to set `fancyvrb` settings, Pygments options, and formatting of Pygments content.

`\setpygmentsfv` This macro allows `fancyvrb` settings to be specified for a Pygments lexer. It takes the lexer name as the optional argument and the settings as the mandatory argument. If no optional argument (lexer) is supplied, then it sets the document-wide `fancyvrb` settings, and is in that case equivalent to `\setpythontexfv`.

```

1100 \newcommand{\setpygmentsfv}[2] [] {%
1101   \ifstrempy{#1}%
1102     {\gdef\pytx@fvsettings{#2}}%
1103     {\expandafter\gdef\csname pytx@fvsettings@PYG#1\endcsname{#2}}%
1104 }%

```

`\setpygmentspygopt` This macro allows the Pygments option to be set for a lexer. It takes the lexer name as the first argument and the options as the second argument. If this macro is used multiple times for a lexer, it will write the settings to the code file multiple times. But `pythontex*.py` will simply process all settings, and each subsequent set of settings will overwrite any prior settings, so this is not a problem.

```

1105 \def\setpygmentspygopt#1#2{%
1106   \AtEndDocument{\immediate\write\pytx@codefile{%
1107     \pytx@delimsettings pygfamily=PYG#1,#1,%
1108     \string{#2\string}\pytx@delimchar}%
1109   }%
1110 }

```

```

1111 \@onlypreamble\setpygmentspygopt

```

`\setpygmentsformatter` This macro sets the formatter (Pygments or `fancyvrb`) that is used by the Pygments commands and environment. There are three options: `auto`, which depends on the package `pygments` option; and `pygments` and `fancyvrb`, which override the package option. By default, `auto` is used. Since the package `Pygments` option is true by default, this means that Pygments content will automatically be highlighted by Pygments, and that the behavior of Pygments content will follow the package option.

The parallel `PythonTeX` command allows for setting the formatting for individual families. The rationale is that the user might use a `PythonTeX` family for executing and typesetting code, but not wish to use Pygments to highlight the code. The `Pygments` command does not allow for setting the formatter for individual lexers, which would be the closest parallel to that behavior. The primary reason that the user might use the Pygments commands and environments is for

highlighting purposes. Otherwise, there is little reason not to use `fancyvrb` or an equivalent directly.<sup>33</sup>

```
1112 \def\setpygmentsformatter#1{\xdef\pytx@macroformatter@PYG{#1}}
1113 \@onlypreamble\setpygmentsformatter
1114 \setpygmentsformatter{auto}
```

`\makepygmentsfv` This macro creates the Pygments commands and environment using `fancyvrb`, as a fallback when Pygments is unavailable or when the user desires maximum speed.

```
1115 \def\makepygmentsfv{%
1116     \pytx@MakePygmentsInlineFV
1117     \pytx@MakePygmentsEnvFV
1118     \pytx@MakePygmentsInputFV
1119 }%
1120 \@onlypreamble\makepygmentsfv
```

`\makepygmentspyg` This macro creates the Pygments commands and environment using Pygments. We must set the bool `pytx@usedpygments` true so that `pythontex.py` knows that Pygments content is present and must be highlighted.

```
1121 \def\makepygmentspyg{%
1122     \ifbool{pytx@opt@pyginline}%
1123         {\pytx@MakePygmentsInlinePyg}%
1124         {\pytx@MakePygmentsInlineFV}%
1125     \pytx@MakePygmentsEnvPyg
1126     \pytx@MakePygmentsInputPyg
1127     \booltrue{pytx@usedpygments}
1128 }%
1129 \@onlypreamble\makepygmentspyg
```

`\makepygments` This macro uses the two preceding macros to conditionally define the Pygments commands and environments, based on the package Pygments settings as well as the `\setpygmentsformatter` command that may be used to override the package settings.

```
1130 \def\makepygments{%
1131     \AtBeginDocument{%
1132         \ifdefstring{\pytx@macroformatter@PYG}{auto}%
1133             {\ifbool{pytx@opt@pygments}%
1134                 {\makepygmentspyg}{\makepygmentsfv}}{}
1135         \ifdefstring{\pytx@macroformatter@PYG}{pygments}%
1136             {\makepygmentspyg}{}
1137         \ifdefstring{\pytx@macroformatter@PYG}{fancyvrb}%
1138             {\makepygmentsfv}{}
1139     }%
1140 }%
1141 \@onlypreamble\makepygments
```

---

<sup>33</sup>The user might want to use Pygments commands for the `fancyvrb` style and line numbering continuity they provide. In that case, a custom Pygments lexer, with formatter set to `fancyvrb` should be considered. The verbatim part of a PythonTeX family could also be used. Alternatively, the Pygments `TextLexer` (aka `text`) may be used; it is a null lexer, so nothing is highlighted.

We conclude by actually creating the Pygments commands and environments.

1142 `\makepygments`

## 8.11 Final cleanup

At the end of the document, we need to close the code file.

```
1143 \AfterEndDocument{%
1144   \immediate\closeout\pytx@codefile
1145 }
```

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