

Name

grodvi – *groff* output driver for TeX DVI format

Synopsis

grodvi [**-dl**] [**-F** *dir*] [**-p** *paper-format*] [**-w** *n*] [*file* ...]

grodvi **--help**

grodvi **-v**

grodvi **--version**

Description

The GNU *roff* DVI output driver translates the output of *troff*(1) into TeX DVI format. Normally, *grodvi* is invoked by *groff*(1) when the latter is given the “**-T dvi**” option. (In this installation, **ps** is the default output device.) Use *groff*’s **-P** option to pass any options shown above to *grodvi*. If no *file* arguments are given, or if *file* is “-”, *grodvi* reads the standard input stream. Output is written to the standard output stream.

The DVI file generated by *grodvi* can be interpreted by any correctly written DVI driver. *troff* drawing primitives are implemented using *tpic* version 2 specials. If the driver does not support these, **\D** escape sequences will not produce any output.

Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) files can be easily included; use the **PSPIC** macro. *pspic.tmac* is loaded automatically by *dvi.tmac*. See *groff_tmac*(5).

The default color used by the **\m** and **\M** escape sequences is black. Currently, the stroke color for **\D** drawing escape sequences is black; fill color values are translated to gray.

In *groff*, as in AT&T *troff*, the **\N** escape sequence can be used to access any glyph in the current font by its position in the corresponding TFM file.

By design, the DVI format doesn’t care about the physical dimensions of the output medium. Instead, *grodvi* emits the equivalent to TeX’s **\special{papersize=width,length}** on the first page; *dvips* (or another DVI driver) then sets the page size accordingly. If either the page width or length is not positive, no **papersize** special is output.

A device control escape sequence **\X'anything'** is translated to the same DVI file instructions as would be produced by **\special{anything}** in TeX; *anything* cannot contain a newline.

Typefaces

grodvi supports the standard four styles: **R** (roman), **I** (*italic*), **B** (**bold**), and **BI** (*bold-italic*). Fonts are grouped into families **T** and **H** having members in each style. “CM” abbreviates “Computer Modern”.

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| TR | CM Roman (cmr10) |
| TI | CM Text Italic (cmti10) |
| TB | CM Bold Extended Roman (cmbx10) |
| TBI | CM Bold Extended Text Italic (cmbxti10) |
| HR | CM Sans Serif (cmss10) |
| HI | CM Slanted Sans Serif (cmssi10) |
| HB | CM Sans Serif Bold Extended (cmssbx10) |
| HBI | CM Slanted Sans Serif Bold Extended (cmssbxo10) |

The following fonts are not members of a family.

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| CW | CM Typewriter Text (cmtt10) |
| CWI | CM Italic Typewriter Text (cmitt10) |

Special fonts include **MI** (cmmi10), **S** (cmsy10), **EX** (cmex10), **SC** (cmtex10, only for **CW**), and, perhaps surprisingly, **TR**, **TI**, and **CW**, because TeX places some glyphs in text fonts that *troff* generally does not. For italic fonts, **CWI** is used instead of **CW**.

Finally, the symbol fonts of the American Mathematical Society are available as special fonts **SA** (msam10) and **SB** (msbm10). They are not mounted by default.

The *troff* option **-mec** loads the *ec.tmac* macro file, employing the EC and TC fonts instead of CM. These are designed similarly to the Computer Modern fonts; further, they provide Euro \[Eu] and per mille \[%0] glyphs. *ec.tmac* must be loaded before any language-specific macro files because it does not set up the codes necessary for automatic hyphenation.

Font description files

Use *tfmtoedit*(1) to create *groff* font description files from TFM (T_EX font metrics) files. The font description file should contain the following additional directives, which *tfmtoedit* generates automatically.

internalname *name*

The name of the TFM file (without the *.tfm* extension) is *name*.

checksum *n*

The checksum in the TFM file is *n*.

designsize *n*

The design size in the TFM file is *n*.

Drawing commands

grodvi supports an additional drawing command.

\D'R *dh dv'*

Draw a rule (solid black rectangle) with one corner at the drawing position, and the diagonally opposite corner at the drawing position $+(dh,dv)$, which becomes the new drawing position afterward. This command produces a rule in the DVI file and so can be printed even with a driver that does not support *tpic* specials, unlike the other **\D** commands.

Options

- help** displays a usage message, while **-v** and **--version** show version information; all exit afterward.
- d** Do not use *tpic* specials to implement drawing commands. Horizontal and vertical lines are implemented by rules. Other drawing commands are ignored.
- F dir** Prepend directory *dir/devname* to the search path for font and device description files; *name* is the name of the device, usually **dvi**.
- l** Use landscape orientation rather than portrait.
- p paper-format**
Set physical dimensions of output medium, overriding the **papersize**, **paperlength**, and **paperwidth** directives in the *DESC* file. *paper-format* can be any argument accepted by the **papersize** directive; see *groff_font*(5).
- w n** Draw rules (lines) with a thickness of *n* thousandths of an em. The default thickness is **40** (0.04 em).

Environment

GROFF_FONT_PATH

lists directories in which to search for *devdvi*, *grodvi*'s directory of device and font description files. See *troff*(1) and *groff_font*(5).

Files

/usr/local/share/groff/1.23.0/font/devdvi/DESC

describes the **dvi** output device.

/usr/local/share/groff/1.23.0/font/devdvi/F

describes the font known as *F* on device **dvi**.

/usr/local/share/groff/1.23.0/tmac/dvi.tmac

defines font mappings, special characters, and colors for use with the **dvi** output device. It is automatically loaded by *troffrc* when the **dvi** output device is selected.

/usr/local/share/groff/1.23.0/tmac/ec.tmac

configures the **dvi** output device to use the EC and TC font families instead of CM (Computer Modern).

Bugs

DVI files produced by *grodvi* use a different resolution (57,816 units per inch) from those produced by T_EX. Incorrectly written drivers which assume the resolution used by T_EX, rather than using the resolution specified in the DVI file, will not work with *grodvi*.

When using the **-d** option with boxed tables, vertical and horizontal lines can sometimes protrude by one pixel. This is a consequence of the way T_EX requires that the heights and widths of rules be rounded.

See also

“What are the EC fonts?” [⟨https://texfaq.org/FAQ-ECfonts⟩](https://texfaq.org/FAQ-ECfonts); T_EX FAQ: Frequently Asked Question List for T_EX

tfmtoedit(1), *groff*(1), *troff*(1), *groff_out*(5), *groff_font*(5), *groff_char*(7), *groff_tmac*(5)