

# The standalone Package

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## Abstract

The `standalone` bundle allows users to easily place picture environments or other material in own source files and compile these on their own or as part of a main document. A special `standalone` class is provided for use with such files, which by default crops the resulting output file to the content. The `standalone` package enables the user to simply load the standalone files using `\input` inside a main document.

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# 1 Introduction

Larger  $\LaTeX$  documents can be split into multiple  $\TeX$  files which are then included in a main document with `\include` for e.g. chapter files or `\input` for e.g.  $\TeX$ -coded pictures. Keeping pictures in their own sub-files improves readability of the main file and simplifies the sharing of them between different documents. However, during the, sometimes lengthly, drawing/coding process it has benefits to be able to compile the pictures on their own. The compile process is much quicker and the resulting document only holds the picture which avoids constant page turning and zooming.

While it is possible to write a small ‘main’ file for each picture file, this method is a little cumbersome and clutters the directories with a lot of extra files. A second method is to place the ‘main’ components, i.e. a preamble, directly into the picture files and make the main document ignore this code sections.

The package `standalone` can be used in the main document to skip all extra preambles in included files. The main file must load all packages and settings required by the sub-files. Several package options are provided to collect the preambles of the sub-files automatically and execute them from the main file.

A `standalone` class is also provided to minimise the extra preamble code needed in this files. It's usage is optional, but simplifies and standardises how picture files are compiled standalone. The class uses by default the `preview` package to create an output file which only contains the picture with no extra margins, page numbers or anything else. A configuration file `standalone.cfg` read by the class allows the user to adjust settings and macros easily on a per directory base.

## 1.1 Quick instructions

Load the `standalone` *package* very early in the main document. Also all packages needed by all the sub-files must be loaded by the main document. Include your picture or other sub-files using `\input` or a similar macro as normal. In the sub-files use the `standalone` *class* with a normal `\documentclass` and load all packages needed for the particular file. Finally wrap the actual content of the sub-file in a document environment. Avoid empty lines at the begin or end of the document body.

When the sub-file is compiled on its own the `\documentclass` and `document` environment will be active as normal. The main file, however, will skip everything from the `\documentclass` till the `\begin{document}`. The (now fake) document environment is redefined to be a simple  $\TeX$ -group. Any code lines after the `\end{document}` will be ignored. The real document environment of the main file will be unaffected and will work as normal.

The packages required by each sub-file can be transferred automatically to the main document preamble using the options listed in [section 3.2](#).

## 1.2 Dependencies

The standalone class and package require the xkeyval package. The packages ifpdf, ifluatex and ifxetex are loaded if available, otherwise some fall-back code is used. If enabled the class options `varwidth`, `preview` and `beamer` require the package or class of the same name.

The standalone package requires the currfile package (which in turn uses filehook) to track the correct file names of sub-files included using `\input`. For the compilation support for included standalone files the gincldtex and filemod packages are also required.

To compile the documentation of standalone the ydoc bundle is required.

All of these packages are included in recent versions of the TeXLive or MikTeX distributions and are freely available on [CTAN](#).

## 1.3 Bug reports, feature requests and other feedback

Bug reports, feature requests and other feedback about the standalone bundle can be sent to the author either by email to [martin@scharrer-online.de](mailto:martin@scharrer-online.de) or using the issue tracker for the bundle under [.](#) Bug reports should include the used version of standalone as well as the used  $\text{\LaTeX}$  format (pdf $\text{\LaTeX}$ , latex, xelatex, etc.) and distribution including its version. Usually a minimal example which recreate the issue is immensely helpful in analysing and solving any bug. Please look for existing related issue tickets first and check the FAQ/troubleshooting in [section 2.8](#) first. Issues related to the `preview` class option should be compared with a direct use of the underlying preview package.

## 1.4 Version update and backwards compatibility

The default behaviour of v1.x of the standalone class is slightly different as the one of v0.x, but should result in the same output for the majority of standalone files. In previous versions the `preview` option was enabled by default, but since v1.0 the new, similar `crop` option is now used. This change should improve several use-cases, like avoiding the creation of a paragraph due to a trailing empty line and issues with TikZ patterns under XeLaTeX. However, paragraph breaks are now ignored by default, which should be no issue at all for picture and similar environments which are the main target of the standalone class. Additionally, the default border has been changed from the preview default of 0.50001bp to no border (0pt). Both of these settings can be changed back to the old default by adding `\standaloneconfig{preview,border=0.50001bp}` in the configuration file or explicitly stating these options as class options.

One true incompatibility between v0.x and v1.x is the load point of the class configuration file. In v0.x the configuration file was loaded after all options where processed in order to have all if-switches their final value. In v1.x the configuration file is now loaded directly before the given class options are processed. This allows to easily set default options for all standalone files. Code which relies on

if-switches (like `\ifstandalone` and `\ifstandalonebeamer`) should be placed inside a `\AtEndOfClass{<code>}` macro. This change might require an update of personal configuration files.

## 1.5 Similar packages and classes

The following packages, libraries and/or classes target the same or similar applications as the `bundle` and are mentioned here for easy comparison, so that the user can decide which suits them best.

The `docmute` package is written for the same basic task as the `standalone` package. However, no sub-preamble processing other than the removal is support. It also doesn't provide a special class or configuration file.

The `subfile` package and class are written for the same application to allow subfiles to be compiled standalone. However, the `class` class will import the preamble from a given main file, while `standalone` is designed more for the opposite direction where the preamble of subfiles can be imported to the main document. Therefore a `standalone` file can be more easily included into several documents, like a paper (scientific publication), a corresponding presentation and then a thesis, while `subfile` is designed for a one-to-one relationship. At the time of the writing `subfile` is not part of TeXLive due to a missing license statement.

The external library of `tikz` allows to externalize `tikzpictures` from an main document. Its build feature is similar to the one provided by `standalone`. However, both work form different directions: `standalone` allows to include external `tikzpictures` to be included in a main file while ignoring the preamble while `external` writes them from the main file to temporary external files. The user must decide which workflow is better suited for him/her. Also `standalone` is working independently of `tikz` and supports other picture environments like `pstricks` or any other T<sub>E</sub>X material.

## 2 Usage of the standalone class

### 2.1 Basic usage

Creating a basic standalone is straight-forward: Create a normal  $\LaTeX$  document which uses the `standalone` as document class. The preamble should load all required packages and libraries for the content. The content, usually a single picture environment like `tikzpicture`, is placed in the document body. Empty lines before and after the picture should be avoided. Also the `\begin{document}` and `\end{document}` should each stand on a source line of their own.

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Listing 1: Basic use of the `standalone` class.

---

```
\documentclass{standalone}
\usepackage{somepackage}
\begin{document}
\begin{somepicture}
    \somedrawingcommands
\end{somepicture}
\end{document}
```

---

Such a file can be compiled as normal. The `standalone` class will crop the resulting output file (PDF or DVI/PS) to the content size plus a certain border. Page number and other header or footer material will be suppressed.

For pictures drawn with TikZ a dedicated `tikz` option is provided which loads the `tikz` package and also configures the `tikzpicture` environment to create a single cropped page. For PSTricks pictures an corresponding `pstricks` option is provided.

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Listing 2: Basic use of the `standalone` class.

---

```
\documentclass[tikz]{standalone}
%\usetikzlibrary{calc}
\begin{document}
\begin{tikzpicture}
    \draw (0,0) rectangle (2,1) node [midway] {Example};
\end{tikzpicture}
% Further 'tikzpicture' environments are possible which will create further pages.
\end{document}
```

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### 2.2 Class options

The `standalone` class provides the following options to adjust the processing and size of the content. These options are removed from the normal list of class options and not passed to any loaded packages or classes like it would usually occur. This is also done to avoid option conflicts with identical named options of the underlying class.

All boolean options take either ‘true’ or ‘false’ as optional values. Otherwise, if the option is used without a value, ‘true’ is used. If not mentioned otherwise all options set to ‘false’ initially. Options might switch other options on or off. For example, mutual exclusive options will disable each other. The order of the option is obeyed and later options will prevail over earlier ones.

Certain class options can also be changed inside the preamble or document body using `\standaloneconfig{<options>}`.

**class**=*<class name>*

Specifies the underlying class which is loaded by the `standalone` class. By default `article` is used, which should be suitable for standalone pictures. In certain cases it may be from benefit to use the same class than in the targeted main document. For the `beamer` class the special `beamer` option should be used instead.

**crop**=true|false

If enabled this option crops the content to its natural size plus a specified border. This is done by saving the content in a box register and resizing the page size relative to the box dimensions. This option is mutual exclusive with the similar `preview` option and will therefore disable it. Also `float=false` will be set by `crop=true` in order to avoid issues with floating environments.

**preview**=true|false

If enabled this option loads the `preview` package with the `tightpage` option and wraps the content into a `preview` environment. This crops the content to its natural size plus a specified border. Issues with the `preview` options and `TikZ` shadings under `XeLaTeX` have been reported. In this cases the `crop` option should be used instead.

This option is mutual exclusive with the similar `crop` option and will therefore disable it. Also `float=false` will be set by `preview=true` in order to avoid issues with floating environments.

**border**=*<length (all sides)>*  
**border**=*{<length (left/right)> <length (bottom/top)>}*  
**border**=*{<length (left)> <length (right)> <length (bottom)> <length (top)>}*

This option allows to specify the border used by the `preview` and `crop` options. An alternative name of this option is `margin`. The border can either be given using a single value for all sides, separately for the horizontal and vertical borders or for all sides separately. Multiple values are separated by spaces, which require the whole value to be wrapped in braces.

This option can be changed during the document using `\standaloneconfig`

and will affect all following pages.

```
multi=true|false  
multi={<environment name>, ...>}
```

By default the standalone class assume that the whole content is one block which should be shown on one single page. If this option is activated multiple pages are supported. Each page will be cropped to its content plus the selected border (as long either `preview` or `crop` are enabled). A set of environments which hold a single page must either be given as option value or declared using `\standaloneenv{<environment name>, ...}`. No typeset material should be used outside such environments. Note that this option is enabled automatically by `\standaloneenv` if either `crop` or `preview` is enabled. However, it needs to be set explicitly as class option if the `ignorrest` option is also set. If environment names are provided as option values the option is set to ‘true’ and the environments are passed to `\standaloneenv` which is executed at the begin of the document environment, where all mentioned environments should be already defined.

```
ignorrest=true|false
```

This option is only meaningful when both `multi` and `crop` are enabled. Then it determines if all material which does not appear inside environments declared with `\standalone` should be ignored or not. This is done by boxing and discarding all outside material. Any code will be placed inside a group and therefore local settings made between environments will not affect later code. Code in the preamble is not affected. It is recommended to keep this option disabled and only use it if really required. It should be noted that which `preview` such material is always ignored while not affecting local settings. Therefore the `ignorrest` option can be seen as a compatibility setting to make `crop` act more like `preview`, if this is required by the user.

```
varwidth=true|false  
varwidth=<width>
```

A trailing empty line between the content and `\end{document}` will normally create a paragraph which is `\linewidth` wide. This paragraph (or any other one) will enlarge the size of smaller pictures and display itself as a large right border. This option uses the `varwidth` package to wrap the content into a `varwidth` environment, which is based on `minipage`, but will always use the natural width of the content if it is smaller than the given maximum width. The resulting effect is that the created paragraph will not cause any additional width and that multiple paragraphs can be included as part of the content. The used maximal width (which is provided to the underlying `minipage` environment) is `\linewidth` by

default, but can be set by provided a width as value to the option. Doing so will also switch the option on.

If the `crop` option is used the content is placed in restricted horizontal mode which ignores paragraph breaks. Using the `varwidth` option paragraph breaks are enabled again.

A drawback of this option is that the content will be limited to the given width, i.e. wider picture environment will be cropped to the width at the right side. In such cases either a larger width should be selected, the option be switch off, any paragraph breaks should be avoided (no trailing empty lines) or one of the specific picture options like `tikz` or `pstricks` should be used instead.

This option can be changed during the document using `\standaloneconfig` and will affect all content of the following pages.

`tikz=true|false`

This option declares that the content contains of one or more `tikzpicture` environments. This sets `multi=tikzpicture`, `varwidth=false` and loads the `tikz` package.

`pstricks=true|false`

This option declares that the content contains of one or more `pspicture` or `pspicture*` environments. This sets `multi=pspicture`, `varwidth=false` and loads the `pstricks` package. Because `pspicture*` uses `pspicture` internally it is also supported. Other environments which use it as well should also be supported, but might also declared explicitly using `\standaloneenv{<environment name>, ...}`.

`beamer=true|false`

If set to ‘true’ this option enables a special beamer mode, where the normal cropping is disabled. Instead the content is shown on a blank beamer frame.

`float=true|false`

If this option is that to ‘false’ (which is the default) any floats like `figure` and `table` environments are turned into non-floating environment. This is required for the options `crop` and `preview` to work, so these will set `float=false` when set to ‘true’ itself. In general it is recommended to keep floating environments inside the main document and only place the content of them into standalone files. This also makes it simple to include the same content in different floats of different main documents.

If custom floats are defined using a package like `float` are not supported yet. Dependent on the way they define floats they might still work. For these `float=true` should be set as class options so that the normal definition of floats



is preserved. Afterwards `\standaloneconfig{float=false}` can be used to disable floats while taking the changed float definition into account.

```
convert={⟨conversion options⟩}  
png={⟨conversion options⟩}
```

These options allow to enable and configure the conversion feature. See [section 2.6](#) for the full description.

## 2.3 Macros and environments

The following macros and environments can be used inside the preamble of standalone files. Further macros are listed in [section 4](#) which are defined by both the class and package and can be used in standalone files but also in the main document.

```
\standaloneconfig{⟨options⟩}
```

This configuration macro accepts the class options described in [section 2.2](#). It can be used inside the class configuration file to set default settings used by all standalone files, as mention in [section 2.5](#). These settings are set just before the class options of the standalone file are processed.

Certain class options (e.g. `border`, `varwidth`) which do not have a global effect can also be changed using this macro later in the preamble or even inside the document body between different content if the `multi` option is enabled.

```
\standaloneenv{⟨environment⟩,⟨environment⟩,...}
```

If the `multi` option is in effect this macro should be used to declare all environments which produce content. Common examples of such environments are `tikzpicture`, `pspicture` and other picture environments. This macro must only be used inside the preamble. Every use of such an environment in the document body will produce a new page. An exception are nested appearances of such environments, e.g. a `tikzpicture` inside a node of another `tikzpicture`. The environments must be previously defined and must not be redefined afterwards. Multiple appearances of the same environment name inside one or multiple `\standaloneenv` should be avoided.

This macro uses `\PreviewEnvironment` internally if the `preview` option is active. Own code is used with the alternative `crop` option. If none of these options are enabled this macro will have not effect and will be silently ignored.

```
\standaloneignore
```

In rare cases some code must be placed before the `\documentclass` of a sub-file (e.g. `\PassOptionsToPackage`). Because the main document will only skip

code between `\documentclass` and `\begin{document}` this code will be executed by it. In order to avoid this the macro `\standaloneignore` can be used at the very beginning of a sub-file to skip over this code. However it must be written as `\csname standaloneignore\endcsname` to avoid a ‘Undefined control sequence’ error when compiled standalone. After all the class is not loaded at this point, therefore no standalone macros are yet defined. The `\csname...\endcsname` construct will simply make it equal to `\relax` in this case.

Please note that all code before `\documentclass` is not processed by any of the `subpreamble` options but always simply removed. This macro was inspired by the similar macro `\docmute` of the `docmute` package.

```
\begin{standalone}  
  <sub-file content>  
\end{standalone}
```

The standalone environment is automatically wrapped around the content of standalone files. If the `multi` option is enabled it is wrapped around every page, i.e. every environment declared with `\standaloneenv`. The definition of this environment depends on options like `crop` and `preview`. It is possible to redefine this environment in the configuration file or the document preamble to adjust the processing of the content, but this is not recommended. If done most content related options will stop work and/or cause errors.

The beamer specific macros and environments are described in [section 2.4](#).

## 2.4 Support for Beamer Presentations

Presentation can be written in  $\text{\LaTeX}$  using the beamer class. Each presentation frame is wrapped in a frame environment. Overlay effects can be added using special macros. These effects result in multiple pages per frame. Pictures with such overlay effects can not be compiled standalone using the normal settings. Instead the standalone class must load the beamer class and wrap the content also in a frame environment while skipping the preview environment. To activate these settings load the standalone class with the beamer option. Because the frame environment is quite special (it normally collects all its content and calls the `\frame`) and must also support verbatim content it is not easily possible to redefine the document environment to include frame. Also frame accepts options which document doesn't. Therefore a second environment called `standaloneframe` is used in the beamer picture files. It will be equal to frame in standalone mode, but without effect otherwise.

### `\ifstandalonebeamer`

Both the class and the package provide the if-switch `\ifstandalonebeamer`, which can be used to only include code if the file is compiled standalone with the beamer class option set. The switch is set to `\iftrue` by the class when loaded with the `beamer` option and always to `\iffalse` by the package. It can be used to place beamer specific options in the configuration files, which should be skipped for non-beamer standalone files. If used inside the configuration file this switch must be placed inside `\AtEndOfClass{...}`, because the `beamer` option is not yet processed

```
\begin{standaloneframe}<⟨overlay specification⟩>[<⟨default overlay spec⟩>]
    [⟨options⟩]{⟨optional frame title⟩}{⟨optional frame subtitle⟩}
    ⟨code with beamer overlays⟩
\end{standaloneframe}
```

The `standaloneframe` environment must be used in sub-file holding beamer overlay code. It is only defined when the class is called with the `beamer` option and acts as a replacement of the `frame` environment of beamer when compiled standalone. All optional arguments of `frame` are supported but most might not be useful for normal sub-files. When compiled as part of a main document it does nothing except of gobbling its arguments.

The listings 3–5 shows a beamer standalone example and its effective code in standalone and main document mode.

Listing 3: Use of standalone class with beamer option.

---

```
% Use of 'standalone' class with a beamer overlay:
\documentclass[beamer]{standalone}
% Load packages needed for this TeX file:
\usepackage{tikz}
% Surround TeX code with 'document' environment:
\begin{document}
\begin{standaloneframe}[<options>] % e.g. 'fragile'
% Add your TeX code:
\only<1>{ One }%
\only<2>{ Two }%
\end{standaloneframe}
\end{document}
```

---

Listing 4: Effective beamer code if compiled standalone.

---

```
\documentclass{beamer}
<beamer code from standalone.cfg file>
\usepackage{tikz}
\begin{document}
\begin{frame}[your options]
  \only<1>{ One }%
  \only<2>{ Two }%
\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

---

Listing 5: Effective code if included in a beamer presentation.

---

```
\begingroup
  \only<1>{ One }%
  \only<2>{ Two }%
\endgroup
\endinput
```

---

## 2.5 Class configuration file

The `standalone` class loads a configuration file called `standalone.cfg` just before the options are processed, but after all options and if-switches are declared. Any class options can then also be given using `\standaloneconfig{<options>}`. Settings which depends on the finally used options should be placed inside `\AtEndOfClass{...}`, so that they are processed after all options. This is particular required for beamer specific settings, because at load time of the configuration file a given `beamer` option is not yet processed. Please note that this was handled differently before v1.0, so in old configuration files edited by the user the `\AtEndOfClass` must now be added.

A default configuration file is provided together with the bundle and holds some default settings. Because this file will be overwritten every time the bundle is updated, users should create an own configuration file in the local TEXMF tree or the document directory. In order to keep the default behaviour this file should either contain the content of the bundle configuration file or load it. Because it can be assumed that the bundle configuration file resides inside a `standalone` directory, therefore it can be loaded from a user configuration file using `\input{standalone/standalone.cfg}`.

## 2.6 Conversion to images

Using the `convert` class option the `standalone` file can be easily converted to an raster image. This is done by executing an external program to convert the output

file (PDF or PS) to an image (recommended is the lossless PNG format, but also others are supported).

### 2.6.1 Conversion settings

Conversion settings can be given as the value of the `convert={settings}` option. By default conversion is disabled (`convert=false`). If enabled without providing own settings (`convert, convert=true`) the following default settings are used: PNG format, a density of 300dpi, no explicit size and the output file name is given by `\jobname`, i.e. the name of the  $\LaTeX$  document. Using the `convert` option with any value other than `false` will enable it. All normal conversion settings are listed in Table 1, while Table 2 lists the more advanced options which e.g. can be used to modify the conversion command directly.

### 2.6.2 Conversion software

The conversion requires an external image converter program to be installed. By default the two following tools are supported and either of them must be installed in order to use the conversion feature. In order for an external program to be executed the `-shell-escape` option<sup>1</sup> must be used for the compiler executable, e.g. `pdflatex -shell-escape filename`. Without this option no conversion is possible.

By default the conversion program of [Image Magick](#) is used for PDF  $\LaTeX$  files, which is freely available for Unix/Linux, Mac and MS Windows. Under Ubuntu Linux it can be installed using the shell command `'sudo apt-get install imagemagick'`. The conversion executable is simply called `'convert'`. However, there is another program with the same name provided by MS Windows itself which converts old FAT filesystems to NTFS! It has been suggested to rename the Image Magick executable to `'imgconvert'` instead. By default standalone uses `'imgconvert'` as executable if MS Windows is detected and `'convert'` otherwise. The executable name can be changed manually using the `'convertexe'` conversion option or by using

```
\standaloneconfig{convert={convertexe={convert}}}
```

in the configuration file `'standalone.cfg'`.

Another conversion program is [Ghostscript](#) which is a very common PostScript interpreter which also supports PDF. It is used by default for DVI/PS files. Under Ubuntu Linux it is most likely already installed but otherwise can be installed using `'sudo apt-get install ghostscript'` or `'sudo apt-get install gs'`. It can convert both to various output formats and is freely available for Unix/Linux, Mac OS X and MS Windows. It requires to set the correct output device which is not always fully identical to the output format (e.g. `'png16m'` for a PNG (with 16 million colors)). The devices for PNG and JPG are already configured. Other

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<sup>1</sup> Maybe named differently depending on the used  $\LaTeX$  distribution

Table 1: Conversion Options (to be used in the value of `convert` class option)

Sub-Option	Description	Default value
(no value)	Conversion enabled with default settings	./.
true	Conversion enabled (with default settings if no other options are given)	(no value)
false	Conversion disabled	(no value)
density	Sets the density in dots-per-inch (dpi). Can be a single numerical value or ' $\langle X \rangle \times \langle Y \rangle$ '.	300
size	Sets the size of the image. Can be a single numerical value or ' $\langle X \rangle \times \langle Y \rangle$ '. If empty the size is determined by the density setting and the size of the PDF.	(empty)
subjobname	The jobname used for the internal $\LaTeX$ run	\jobname
inext	Input file extension including the leading dot	.pdf or .ps
inname	Name base of input file (i.e. file name without extension)	\subjobname
infile	Input file name	\inname\inext
outext	Output file extension including the leading dot	.png
outname	Name base of output file	\inname
outfile	Output file name	\outname\outext

Note: the settings (except 'true' and 'false') can also be used as macros in other settings.

Table 2: Advanced Conversion Options

Sub-Option	Description	Default value
command	Command line used for conversion.	(see <code>imagemagick</code> )
imagemagick	Sets the convert command to use Image Magick:  <code>command={\convertexe\space -density \density\space  \infile\space \ifx\size\empty\else  -resize \size\fi\space -quality 90 \outfile}</code>	
convertexe	Name of the executable of Image Magick.	(see <a href="#">section 2.6.2</a> )
ghostscript	Sets the convert command to use Ghostscript:  <code>command={\gsexe\space -dSAFER -dBATCH -dNOPAUSE -sDEVICE=\gsdevice\space  -r\density\space -sOutputFile=\outfile\space \infile}</code>	
gsexe	Name of the executable of Ghostscript.	(see <a href="#">section 2.6.2</a> )
precommand	Command to be executed before the actual conversion command.	dvips \jobname (DVI/PS), empty (PDF)
gsdevice	The output device to be used for ghostscript. Already set up for PNG and JPG output.	Uses known device if defined for output format, otherwise the output format itself.
onfailure	Sets if an type of 'message' which should be triggered on conversion failure: error, warning, info or ignore.	warning

devices can be configured using the `defgsdevice={\langle extension \rangle}{\langle device \rangle}` conversion setting. The Ghostscript executable is usually named ‘gs’ under Linux/Unix and ‘gswin32c’ under MS Windows and configured this way by default, but this may be changed using the `gsexec` setting.

### 2.6.3 Conversion process

The conversion process is currently implemented in the following way to allow the normal compilation and subsequent conversion using only one (manual) compiler run. Because the document must be fully compiled before the conversion can occur the `standalone` executes the same  $\text{\LaTeX}$  compiler (e.g. `textttpdflatex`) again as a sub-process which compiles the current document fully. This is done when the `standalone` class is loaded, so that the main compiler instance is still at `\documentclass` and has not yet itself opened the output file for writing. After the document got compiled using the sub-process the external conversion tool will be executed. If required intermediate conversions like `dvips` are also executed beforehand. Finally the main compiler run is terminated without producing any output, keeping the output file generated by the sub-process intact. A drawback of this implementation is that the log file created by the sub-process is overwritten by the main process and does not hold meaningful information. This can be compensated by setting a different jobname for the sub-process using the `subjobname` conversion setting.

### 2.6.4 Conversion examples

PDF/PS is rastered with 600x100dpi and then converted to JPG:

```
\documentclass[convert={density=600x100,outext=.jpg}]{standalone}
```

Produces BMP with 400x400px (one side might be meder if content is not quadratic in shape):

```
\documentclass[convert={outext=.bmp,size=400}]{standalone}
```

Produces TIFF G4 output file using Ghostscript with a density of 72dpi:

```
\documentclass[convert={ghostscript,gsdevice=tiffg4,
                        outext=.tiff,density=72}]{standalone}
```

Produces PNG (default) with a size of 640px (suitable to be uploaded on StackExchange sites without the image getting downscaled):

```
\documentclass[convert={size=640}]{standalone}
```

## 2.7 Simple TeX File

A simple `standalone.tex` file is provided together with the bundle, which may be useful in special occasions. It will set the `\ifstandalone` switch to *true* when compiled standalone but to *false* when loaded after any `\documentclass` macro,

as long the switch isn't defined yet. It must be used if this switch is required before the `\documentclass` of a standalone file.

Listing 6: Usage of 'standalone.tex'.

---

```
\input{standalone} % use before any '\documentclass'
\ifstandalone
  % Used only if compiled standalone
\fi
```

---

## 2.8 FAQ / Troubleshooting

This section expands some issues and their solution which can arise with the `standalone` class.

### Large white space / border at the right side

A large white space / border on the right side occurs when the content is placed inside a paragraph. This causes the content to be `\linewidth` wide and so smaller pictures will contain now a white space at the right. A common cause for this is that there was a empty line between the content and `\end{document}` which causes a paragraph break.

This issue can be solved by either removing any trailing lines or other paragraph breaks, or by using the `varwidth` option which suppresses the extra added width. It is also possible to use the `multi` option and `\standaloneenv{<environment name>}` to declare certain environments as page content. The `tikz` option does this for `tikzpictures` and the `psricks` option for `pspicture`. See the descriptions of these options for more details.

### Some amount of the content on the right side is missing

If the content is cropped to much on the right side, check if the `varwidth` option is used. In this case the used maximum width (`\linewidth` by default) is too small. A larger width can be set using `varwidth=<length>` or the option can be disabled altogether using `varwidth=false`. The largest width possible is given by `\maxdimen`, which however might cause internal overflows.

This can also be caused with beamer content (i.e. when the `beamer` option is used). In this case no cropping or `varwidth` environment is used at all, but the content is simply too large to fit on a beamer frame. To avoid this rescale the content to do fit. This can be realised by either using scaling facilities of the used picture environment (like `scale` with environment, but this only scales coordinates) or using `\scalebox` or `\resizebox` from `graphicx`. For complicated code which contains verbatim or other catcode changing code either the `\Resizebox` from the `realboxes` package or the `{adjustbox}{scale=<factor>}` environment from the `adjustbox` package should be used.



### **A multi-page document contains some pages with unwanted content**

This is caused while `multi=true` and `crop=true` are set but `ignorerest=false` *and* the document contains typeset material outside of environments declared with `\standaloneenv`. To avoid that this extra material should be removed or `ignorerest` should be set to `true`. This will also ignore all settings inside the document body which are not inside a declared environment. These can be moved to the preamble instead. See the description of the `ignorerest` option for more details.

### **In a multi-page document using DVI/PS mode all pages except the first have a vertical offset**

The vertical reference points in PostScript could does not change when the pages are resized to fit the individual content of every page. Therefore an offset is added to compensate for this, which shifts the content to the appropriate vertical position. Should this not work as expected please inform the package author and provide a small example which causes this issue, together with the version number of the used latex compiler and tools (like dvips, ps2pdf) as well as the used standalone bundle.

### **Issues with cropped files in DVI mode**

The `crop` option uses PostScript commans in DVI mode, i.e. when latex not pdflatex (or others) is used as a compiler. This PostScript commands will only work once the DVI is converted to PS or EPS. Currently this cropping code is experimental and might not produce a full (E)PS standard compatible file. This can lead to wrong bounding boxes and wrong orientations or, dependent on the used PostScript tool, even to PostScript compiler errors. Some issues can be overcome by converting the the (E)PS file to a (more) standard compatible version using tools like eps2eps or Ghostscript.

### **Errors “Float(s) lost” or “not in outer par mode”**

Floating environments like `figure` or `table` can not be used while `float=true` and either `crop=true` or `preview=true` is set. The last two options will try to store the float into a box which is not allowed (because it can't the float any longer). Usually `float=false` will solve this error, because it turns these environments into non-floating alternatives. Because both the `crop` and `preview` option will set `float=false` themselves, this issue can only arise when the `float` option is manually set afterwards.

### **Image conversion does not work**

In order for the image conversion to work an external conversion software must be installed. By default either Image Magkick or GhostScript is used. Please

insure that either or both of these softwares are installed. Installation guide for your operating system should be easily available on the Internet. The  $\LaTeX$  compiler option `-shell-escape` must be used to allow this external software to be executed from within the  $\LaTeX$  code. If this two points are fulfilled but the conversion does still not work, please check the log file. The lines in question start with ‘`runsystem`’ (at least with  $\TeX$  Live 2011).

## 3 Usage of the standalone package

### 3.1 Basic usage

The standalone package needs simply be loaded using `\usepackage` in a main document. It redefines the `\documentclass` macro, which can occur in sub-files, so that it ignores anything till the next `\begin{document}` and then takes the document environment as a simple group. The real document environment in the main file is not affected. Sub-files can then be included in the main document body using `\input{<filename>}`.

The standalone package must not be loaded before the document class using `\RequirePackage`, because this will cause issues. Also it is not possible to `\input` standalone files inside the preamble, e.g. as part of a `\savebox` assignment.

It is possible to cascade standalone files, i.e. `\input` a standalone file from within a standalone file. Then both the standalone class and the standalone package must be loaded by the any parent standalone file. These parent files can still be used inside other  $\TeX$  documents if these load the standalone package themselves.

See [section 3.2](#) for a list of package options which enable further features.

### 3.2 Package options

The following options are supported by the standalone package. Most of them are boolean options which take either ‘true’ or ‘false’ as optional values. If such an option is used without a value, ‘true’ is used. If not mentioned otherwise all options set to ‘false’ initially. Options might switch other options on or off. The order of the option is obeyed and later options will prevail over earlier ones. Note that some older versions of the standalone package only take the option without any value.

`subpreambles=true|false`

The standalone package removes all sub-file preambles (“sub-preambles”) by default when loaded. However, if the package is loaded with the `subpreambles` options, all sub-preambles are stored in an auxiliary file with the name ‘`<main tex file name>.sta`’ (for *standalone*). This file is then loaded or processed at the beginning of the next  $\TeX$  run (i.e. at the place in the preamble where the standalone package is loaded). The way how the `subpreambles` option works can be controlled by the options `sort`, `print` and `comments/nocomments`. Please note that the `sort` and `print` options require of course the `subpreambles` option and will enable it if not already done so.

`sort=true|false`

With only the `subpreambles` option set, the sub-preambles are simply read and executed unchanged. This includes the risk of option clashes if one package is loaded with different options inside the sub-preambles and/or the main preamble. This is avoided by the `sort` option, which accumulates all packages loaded by all sub-files together with their options. The options are then marked to be loaded by the package using `\PassOptionsToPackage` macro. The packages are loaded at the end of the preamble using the `\AtBeginDocument` hook. This allows the user to load the same packages with own options in the main file, after the `subversion` package is loaded, without any option clashes.

`print=true|false`

While the `sort` option is giving already good results, problems with the order of packages can still occur. Some packages provide, redefine or patch the same macros, so that they must be loaded in the correct order to give the desired result. Potential additional code in the sub-preambles, required for some sub-figures but maybe incompatible with others, complicates the situation further. If such issues occur they can hardly be handled in an automatic way. Instead the sub-preambles must be carefully merged into the main preamble. The option `print` was created to simplify this otherwise cumbersome task. It concatenates all sub-preambles into a single file named '*⟨main tex file name⟩.stp*' (for *standalone*, *print*). Each preamble is commented with its original file name. Please note that `.sta` file mentioned above, while quite similar, holds additional macros and might not be easily user readable or editable. After the file was generated it can be easily pasted into the main file preamble using a text editor.

When the `print` option is enabled the normal `.sta` file is not generated or loaded. Because this will cause most likely some errors related to packages not loaded, all sub-file bodies will be skipped. A warning is printed for each sub-file to remind the user about this fact. The `print` option is only intended to be used when required to get a list of sub-preambles. After including this list in the main file the option must be removed to compile the main file normally.

`print,sort`

Finally if both the `print` and `sort` options are enabled, a 'sorted' list of sub-preambles is printed into the `.stp` file. In this 'sorted print' mode all `\usepackage` macros and other similar macros like `\usepgflibrary`, `\usetikzlibrary` as well as `\usetikztiminglibrary` from the `pgf`, `tikz` and `tikz-timing` packages, respectively) are removed from the rest of the sub-preamble code. A list of packages (and libraries) without duplicates is printed at the begin of the `.stp` file (using `\usepackage`, of course). Every option provided by any sub-file for a package is added, again without duplicates. If specific package data was requested in

a sub-file it is also added. If multiple dates are requested for one package, the most recent (i.e. the “highest one”, not the last processed) is used. After this list(s) the rest of the sub-preamble code is printed with the above macros removed. This mode frees the user from the need to remove duplicates and collect package options manually.

Please note that all `\usepackage` and similar macros inside braces `{}` will not be seen by `standalonesort` macro and therefore are not extracted or handled in any special form mentioned above. This can be exploited to load certain packages only in `standalone` mode but not in the main document. Unfortunately, macros inside `\ifstandalone... \fi` are seen and extracted while not wanted inside the main file. The macro `\onlyifstandalone{<code>}` (see below) was created because of this two reasons. Its argument braces hide the content from the scanner. It is then also completely removed from the printed sub-preamble code.

```
comments=true|false
nocomments
```

The `comment` option selects if the `.stp` file should also include the comments of the sub-preambles. For backwards compatibility `nocomments` exists which is identical to `comments=false`. Comments are included by default in the non-sorting print mode (`print` without `sort` option), but can cause ‘wrong’ results during the ‘sorting’ process and are therefore removed by default in this mode. The reason for this can be explained as follows. In order to transfer the comments from the sub-files to the `.stp` file  $\text{\TeX}$  must be instructed to handle them as normal input and not discard them. However, in this case the scanning algorithm which removes `\usepackage` and friends can not distinguish between ‘active’ macros and macros which are commented out. All above mentioned macro inside comments will then be processed as when there where ‘active’. The user might favour the information provided by the comments over this small risk and enable them using the `comments` option.

```
group=true|false
```

This option is set the ‘true’ by default and controlled whether or not a group is added around the content of standalone files. Normally (‘true’) the document environment of the sub-files is turned into an environment which does nothing, besides adding the usual group. If set to ‘false’ this environment made transparent, so that no group is added. Any definition inside the document body of sub-files will still be accessible after the `\input` macro. Note that this does not effects the `\includestandalone` macro which always will add a group.

**mode**=*<mode>*

Sets the mode for `\includestandalone`. Valid values are ‘tex’ (use source file, default), ‘image’ (use existing image file produced by the source file), ‘image|tex’ (use image if available, source otherwise), ‘build’ (build image from source, then use it), ‘buildmissing’ (only build image if it does not exist) and ‘buildnew’ (only build image if source file is newer). See [section 3.3](#) for more details. See also [section 3.4](#) for further details.

**obeyclassoptions**=true|false

If this option is enabled the `\includestandalone` will try to obey the class options used in the standalone files while in ‘tex’ mode. This only works if the standalone file uses the standalone class and only with certain options. The class configuration file will also be loaded (in a local scope, for every standalone file) in order to load the default settings.

This feature is intended to ensure (nearly) identical results independent if the standalone files are included as source code or as image, in order to permit an easy switch between this two modes. In particular, the standard size options 10pt, 11pt and 12pt are applied to the standalone file (supported for the standard and KOMA Script classes) as well as the `border` class option. The `multi`=‘<environment>, ...’ option is supported and will make the `page`=*<number>* option of `\includegraphics` work with `\includestandalone`. This means, that one particular page can be selected, while all other environments are skipped. By default the first page is taken (if `multi` was used). The special value of -1 will include all pages from the source file (but not from the image). Because `multi` option will assume that either `crop` or `preview` is enabled and will always ignore other content like with `ignorereset=true`. These three class option will be ignored by the package, which might lead to different behaviour between standalone and main-document mode, but only for uncommon cases where `multi` is used without declaring environments and with disabled cropping (`crop/preview`). In order to support a potential `varwidth` option the `varwidth` is loaded if it is available.

This is an extended feature, which requires substantial amount of extra code and some advanced techniques to switch the font size. It might not work correctly under all circumstances. Because of this it is disabled by default. At the moment it does not take the class configuration file into account and does not work for beamer standalone files.

**extension**=*<.extension>*

The image file extension (with leading dot) used for `mode=image` can be selected using this option. By default the target output file extension of the used  $\TeX$  compiler is used, i.e. ‘.pdf’ for `pdflatex`, `lualatex` and `xelatex` and ‘.eps’ (converted from DVI) for `latex`.

`build={\langle build options \rangle}`

This option allows to set the options used for building images from standalone files. See [section 3.4](#), especially [Table 3](#) for further details.

### 3.3 Macros

The following user macros are provided by the `standalone` package. Further macros are listed in [section 4](#) which are defined by both the class and package and can be used in standalone files but also in the main document.

`\standaloneconfig{\langle options \rangle}`

This configuration macro accepts some of the package options described in [section 3.2](#). These options are `group`, `mode`, `extension` and `build`, which can be changed for different included standalone files.

If both the `standalone` class and package is used together this macro can also be used to set the class options as described in [section 2.3](#).

`\includestandalone[\langle options \rangle]{\langle file \rangle}`

This sophisticated macro can be used instead of `\input` to include standalone files. Its behaviour is controlled by the `mode` package option. This macro can either include the source code in the same way as `\input` (`mode=tex`), include the output file (PDF, EPS) using `\includegraphics` (`mode=image`), try first the output file and use the source file if it is available (`mode=image|tex`), build the output file from the source file either always (`mode=build`), only if the image files does not exist (`mode=buildmissing`) or only if the source file is newer (`mode=buildnew`). See also the [section 3.4](#) for further details.

The `\langle file \rangle` argument must be the file name of the standalone source file *without* the extension. The macro accepts the same `\langle options \rangle` as `\includegraphics` as well as any options suitable for `\standaloneconfig`. This means that the source file can also be resized and rotated in ‘tex’ mode like an image. TODO: In this mode the package also tries to extract and apply the class options from the standalone file and apply these to the included source. Unfortunately, it can not be fully guaranteed that the standalone content will be displayed identical in source code and image mode. Some settings might not be applied in the same way and rounding differences may occur.

### 3.4 Building images from standalone files

Using the `\includestandalone` macro standalone files can be either included directly as source files or as vector graphic images which are build from these. The `standalone` package provides the feature to automatically build image files

from given standalone source files. This is controlled by the `mode` options. This was already described in [section 3.2](#) and [3.3](#).

This enables the user to switch easily between including source code or images, either globally or only for selected standalone files. Using images has the benefit that the included material, often complicated pictures, does not have to be recompiled every time with the main document. This leads to significant speed improvements. The drawback is a slight increase in file size, because the material will have its own file headers. Also any settings done in the main document which would affect the source code will not have an effect on the image. This can be positive or negative dependent on the case.

An extended feature is the automatic building of images from the standalone files, either always or only if the source files are newer than the existing image files. In this case the `\includestandalone` macro will call the  $\TeX$  compiler on the standalone files in question to produce the images, then include these using `\includegraphics`. This requires the ‘`-shell-escape`’ compiler option to be set, otherwise the execution of shell commands is disabled for security reasons.

The image files will normally be created in the current directory of the main document, which is not necessarily the same directory where the source files are located. Dependent on the used compiler settings, files in the current directory will be found first before other directories are searched. Using `mode=buildnew` newly build image files placed in the current directory will therefore be taken before older image files potentially located in the directory of the standalone files. Because the exact directory of source files is not accessible within  $\TeX$  documents, it is not possible to create the image files always in the same directories as the source files. Compiler options like ‘`-output-directory`’ can be useful to influence the output directory of the build images. However, these options must be used with the internal compiler run, i.e. by setting `build={\latexoptions={\dots}}` appropriately, not (only) on the main  $\TeX$  compiler run.

If the build process fails a warning is issued and the source code will be included instead. It should be noted that failure detection is not perfect and might lead to false positives or negatives.

## 4 Common macros

The following conditional macros are defined by both the `standalone` class and package, but react differently when the code is compiled standalone or as part of a main document.

`\ifstandalone`

Both the class and the package provide the if-switch `\ifstandalone`, which can be used to only include code if the file is compiled standalone. The switch is set to `\iftrue` by the class and to `\iffalse` by the package.



Table 3: Build settings

Build setting	Description	Default value
<code>latex</code>	TeX compiler to be used	Same as main compiler
<code>latexoptions</code>	Command line options for compiler	<code>-interaction=batchmode -shell-escape -jobname '\buildjobname '</code>
<code>jobname</code>	Jobname for build compiler run	<code>\file</code>
<code>command</code>	Full build shell command	<code>\latex \space \latexoptions \space \file</code>
<code>postcommand</code>	Command executed after main command, to produce final output file	<code>dvips -o '\file.eps' '\file.dvi' (DVI mode only)</code>

Note: the settings (except ‘`command`’ and ‘`postcommand`’) can also be used as macros in other settings. The given file name is available (without extension) as `\file`.

The additional file `standalone.tex` also defines this switch by checking if `\documentclass` was already used. It can be included with `\input{standalone}` and is intended for specialised files which do not use the `standalone` class.

`\IfStandalone{<code for standalone mode>}{<code for main document>}`

This is the macro version of the `\ifstandalone` if-switch. It executes the first argument only in `standalone` mode, i.e. when the file is compiled on its own. When included in the main document the second argument is executed instead. As mentioned in [section 3.2](#) it can also be used to hide `\usepackage` and similar macros from the extraction scanner of the `sort` option. The macro and its arguments is not printed into the `.stp` file.

`\onlyifstandalone{<code>}`

This macro is similar to `\IfStandalone` but only has takes one argument which is executed only in `standalone` mode, but ignored when compiled as part of a main document. As mentioned in [section 3.2](#) it can also be used to hide `\usepackage` and similar macros from the extraction scanner of the `sort` option. The macro and its argument is not printed into the `.stp` file.

## 5 Usage Examples

Example 1: Use of *standalone* package.

---

```
% Main file
% Real document class:
\documentclass{article}

% Use the 'standalone' package:
\usepackage{standalone}

% Load all packages needed for all sub-files:
\usepackage{tikz}

% Inside the real 'document' environment
% read the sub-file with '\input'
\begin{document}
% ...
\begin{figure}
  \input{subfile}
  \caption{A subfile}
\end{figure}
% ...
\end{document}
```

---

Example 2: Use of *standalone* class.

---

```
% A sub-file (e.g. picture) using the 'standalone' class:
% Use 'standalone' as document class:
\documentclass{standalone}

% Load packages needed for this TeX file:
\usepackage{tikz}

% Surround TeX code with 'document' environment as usually:
\begin{document}
% Add your TeX code, e.g. a picture:
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0) rectangle (2,1) node [midway] {Example};
\end{tikzpicture}
\end{document}
```

---

Example 3: Effective code if compiled standalone.

---

```
\documentclass{article}

\newenvironment{standalone}{\begin{preview}}{\end{preview}}
\input{standalone.cfg}
% which by defaults loads:
% \PassOptionsToPackage{active,tightpage}{preview}
\usepackage{preview}

\usepackage{tikz}

\begin{document}
\begin{standalone}
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0) rectangle (2,1) node [midway] {Example};
\end{tikzpicture}
\end{standalone}
\end{document}
```

---

Example 4: Effective code if included in a main document.

---

```
\begingroup
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0) rectangle (2,1) node [midway] {Example};
\end{tikzpicture}
\endgroup
\endinput
```

---

## 6 Implementation

### 6.1 The Class File

```
7 %<!COPYRIGHT>
8 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
9 \ProvidesClass{standalone}[%
10 %<!DATE>
11 %<!VERSION>
12 %<*DRIVER>
13     2099/01/01 develop
14 %</DRIVER>
15     Class to compile TeX sub-files standalone]
```

#### 6.1.1 If-Switches

##### `\ifstandalone`

This if-switch is defined by both the class and package. This class sets it to true while the package (loaded by the main document) sets it to false.

```
16 \newif\ifstandalone
17 \standalonetrue
```

##### `\ifstandalonebeamer`

This if-switch is defined by both the class and package. This class sets it to true only if the beamer option was given. The package (loaded by the main document) sets it always to false.

```
18 \newif\ifstandalonebeamer
19 \standalonebeamerfalse
```

##### `\onlyifstandalone`

Macro version of `\ifstandalone`. The `{ }` around the argument protects the content from the package etc. scanners.

```
20 \let\onlyifstandalone\@firstofone
```

`\IfStandalone`

#1: true clause

#2: false clause

Macro version of `\ifstandalone .. \else .. \fi`. The `{ }` around the argument protects the content from the package etc. scanners.

```
21 \let\IfStandalone\@firstoftwo
```

### 6.1.2 Code for border values

The following macros are used to parse the `border` option.

`\sa@border@left`

`\sa@border@right`

`\sa@border@top`

`\sa@border@margin`

```
22 \def\sa@border@left{0.50001bp}  
23 \let\sa@border@right\sa@border@left  
24 \let\sa@border@top\sa@border@left  
25 \let\sa@border@bottom\sa@border@left
```

`\rem@bp`

```
26 \def\rem@bp#1bp\relax#2\@nnil{#1}%
```

`\default@bp`

```
27 \def\default@bp#1#2{%  
28   \begingroup  
29   \afterassignment\remove@to@nnil  
30   \dimen@ #2bp\relax\@nnil  
31   \expandafter
```

```

32 \endgroup
33 \expandafter
34 \def\expandafter#1\expandafter{\the\dimen@}%
35 }

```

`\sa@readborder`

```

36 \def\sa@readborder#1 #2 #3 #4 #5\@nnil{%
37 \ifx\#2#3#4\%
38 \default@bp\sa@border@left{#1}%
39 \let\sa@border@right\sa@border@left
40 \let\sa@border@top\sa@border@left
41 \let\sa@border@bottom\sa@border@left
42 \else
43 \ifx\#4\%
44 \default@bp\sa@border@left{#1}%
45 \let\sa@border@right\sa@border@left
46 \default@bp\sa@border@top{#2}%
47 \let\sa@border@bottom\sa@border@top
48 \else
49 \default@bp\sa@border@left{#1}%
50 \default@bp\sa@border@bottom{#2}%
51 \default@bp\sa@border@right{#3}%
52 \default@bp\sa@border@top{#4}%
53 \fi\fi
54 }%

```

Define if-switches for TeX formats. This loads the corresponding packages if available, but falls back to some own code if they are not installed.

```

55 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifluatex\endcsname\relax
56 \IfFileExists{ifluatex.sty}{\@firstoftwo}{\@secondoftwo}{%
57 \RequirePackage{ifluatex}
58 }{
59 \begingroup
60 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
61 \endgroup
62 \expandafter\let\csname ifluatex\expandafter\relax
63 \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
64 \else
65 \endgroup
66 \expandafter\let\csname ifluatex\expandafter\relax
67 \endcsname\csname iftrue\endcsname
68 \fi

```

```

67     }
68 \fi
69 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifpdf\endcsname\relax
70   \IfFileExists{ifpdf.sty}{\@firstoftwo}{\@secondoftwo}{%
71     \RequirePackage{ifpdf}
72   }{
73     \begingroup
74     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfoutput\endcsname\relax
75       \endgroup
76       \expandafter\let\csname ifpdf\expandafter\
77         \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
78     \else
79       \endgroup
80       \ifnum\pdfoutput<1
81         \expandafter\let\csname ifpdf\expandafter\
82           \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
83       \else
84         \expandafter\let\csname ifpdf\expandafter\
85           \endcsname\csname iftrue\endcsname
86       \fi
87     \fi
88   }
89 \fi
90 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifxetex\endcsname\relax
91   \IfFileExists{ifxetex.sty}{\@firstoftwo}{\@secondoftwo}{%
92     \RequirePackage{ifxetex}
93   }{
94     \begingroup
95     \expandafter\ifx\csname XeTeXrevision\endcsname\relax
96       \endgroup
97       \expandafter\let\csname ifxetex\expandafter\
98         \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
99     \else
100       \endgroup
101       \expandafter\let\csname ifxetex\expandafter\
102         \endcsname\csname iftrue\endcsname
103     \fi
104   }
105 \fi

```

### 6.1.3 Options

```

101 \let\saclassoptionslist\@classoptionslist

```

```

102 \RequirePackage{xkeyval}
103 \newif\ifsa@preview
104 \newif\ifsa@crop
105 \newif\ifsa@multi
106 \newif\ifsa@varwidth
107 \newif\ifsa@ignorereset
108 \newif\ifsa@ignoreempty
109 \newif\ifsa@tikz
110 \newif\ifsa@pstricks
111 \newif\ifsa@convert
112 \newif\ifsa@float
113 \newif\ifsa@math

```

The `\ifstandalonebeamer` switch is in the user-level. Wire the setter macros to the internal naming scheme, so that `\sa@boolean` can be used with it.

```

114 \let\sa@beamertrue\standalonebeamertrue
115 \let\sa@beamerfalse\standalonebeamerfalse

```

#### `\sa@clsoption`

Wrapper macro to define options.

```

116 \def\sa@clsoption{%
117   \define@key{standalone.cls}%
118 }

```

#### `KV@standalone.cls@border`

Sets the border around the content.

```

119 \sa@clsoption{border}{%
120   \sa@readborder#1 {} {} {} {} \@nnil
121 }

```

#### `KV@standalone.cls@margin`

Alias for `border`.

```

122 \sa@clsoption{margin}{%
123   \sa@readborder#1 {} {} {} {} \@nnil
124 }

```



### **\sa@boolean**

#1: name of if-switch  
#2: 'true' or 'false'  
Sets if-switches.

```
125 \def\s@boolean#1#2{%
126   \sa@boolorvalue{#1}{#2}%
127   {\ClassError{standalone}{Invalid value '#2' for /
        boolean key '#1'}{}}%
128 }
```

### **\sa@boolorvalue**

#1: name of if-switch  
#2: 'true', 'false' or a value  
code to be executed if it is a value. Sets if-switches.

```
129 \def\s@boolorvalue#1#2{%
130   \begingroup
131   \edef\@tempa{#2}%
132   \def\@tempb{true}%
133   \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
134     \endgroup
135     \csname sa@#1true\endcsname
136     \expandafter\@gobble
137   \else
138     \def\@tempb{false}%
139     \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
140       \endgroup
141       \csname sa@#1false\endcsname
142       \expandafter\expandafter
143       \expandafter\@gobble
144     \else
145       \endgroup
146       \expandafter\expandafter
147       \expandafter\@firstofone
148     \fi\fi
149 }
```

### **KV@standalone.cls@preview**

Boolean to control if preview package should be used.

```

150 \sa@clsoption{preview}[true]{%
151     \sa@boolean{preview}{#1}%
152     \ifsa@preview
153         \setkeys{standalone.cls}{crop=false,float=false}%
154     \fi
155 }
156 \sa@previewtrue

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@crop

Boolean to control if own code should be used. That code boxes the content and resizes the page to match the box dimensions.

```

157 \sa@clsoption{crop}[true]{%
158     \sa@boolean{crop}{#1}%
159     \ifsa@crop
160         \setkeys{standalone.cls}{preview=false,float=false}%
161     \fi
162 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@ignorereset

Boolean to control if all other code outside of specified environments should be explicit ignored. That code boxes the outside content and then than discards it.

```

163 \sa@clsoption{ignorereset}[true]{%
164     \sa@boolean{ignorereset}{#1}%
165 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@ignoreempty

Boolean to control if empty boxes/pages should be ignored. This is intended mostly for the **multi** option and currently only works with **crop** but not with **preview**.

```

166 \sa@clsoption{ignoreempty}[true]{%
167     \sa@boolean{ignoreempty}{#1}%
168 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@multi

Boolean to control if multiple pages are used.

```

169 \sa@clsoption{multi}[true]{%
170     \sa@booleanvalue{multi}{#1}{\sa@multitrue\AtBeginDocument{\%
        standaloneenv{#1}}}%
171 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@math

Boolean to control if multiple pages are used.

```

172 \sa@clsoption{math}[true]{%
173     \sa@boolean{math}{#1}%
174     \ifsa@math
175         \setkeys{standalone.cls}{multi=true,ignoreempty=true,%
            border=0.50001bp}%
176     \fi
177 }
178 \AtBeginDocument{\ifsa@math\sa@math\fi}

```

#### \sa@math

Enables a simple support for multiple math equations. Displaymath is typeset as in-text math but with `\displaystyle` in effect. This allows `\(`, `\)`, `\[` and `\]` as well as `math` and `displaymath`. To simply typeset multiple equations two environments `multimath` and `multidisplaymath` are defined which use `\|` as a delimiter. Every equation will be placed on a tight page on its own. To allow a trailing `\|` the `ignoreempty` is automatically enabled.

```

179 \def\sa@math{%
180     \standaloneenv{math}%
181     \def\({\begingroup\math}%
182     \def\){\endmath\endgroup}%
183     \def\[{\(\displaystyle}%
184     \def\]{\)}%
185     \def\displaymath{\math\displaystyle}%
186     \def\enddisplaymath{\endmath}%
187     \newcommand*\multimathsep{%
188         \endmath
189         \math
190         \let\\\multimathsep
191     }%
192     \newenvironment{multimath}{%
193         \math
194         \let\\\multimathsep
195     }{%

```

```

196         \endmath
197     }%
198     \newcommand*\multidisplaysmathsep{%
199         \endmath
200         \math\displaystyle
201         \let\\\multidisplaysmathsep
202     }%
203     \newenvironment{multidisplaysmath}{%
204         \math\displaystyle
205         \let\\\multidisplaysmathsep
206     }{%
207         \endmath
208     }%
209 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@varwidth

Boolean to control if varwidth package should be used. If so the content will be placed in a varwidth environment to avoid extending it to the full line width if a paragraph break is inserted.

The option is by default set to true if the varwidth package is available.

```

210 \sa@clsoption{varwidth}[true]{%
211     \sa@boolean{varwidth}{#1}{\sa@varwidthtrue\def\
212         sa@width{#1}}%
213     \ifsa@varwidth
214         \def\sa@varwidth{\varwidth{\sa@width}}%
215         \def\sa@endvarwidth{\endvarwidth}%
216     \else
217         \let\sa@varwidth\@empty
218         \let\sa@endvarwidth\@empty
219     \fi
220 }
221 \let\sa@varwidth\@empty
222 \let\sa@endvarwidth\@empty

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@tikz

```

222 \sa@clsoption{tikz}[true]{%
223     \sa@boolean{tikz}{#1}%
224     \ifsa@tikz
225         \setkeys{standalone.cls}{multi=tikzpicture,varwidth=
226             false}%

```

```

226 \fi
227 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@pstricks

```

228 \sa@clsoption{pstricks}[true]{%
229 \sa@boolean{pstricks}{#1}%
230 \ifsa@pstricks
231 \setkeys{standalone.cls}{multi=pspicture,varwidth=,
false}%
232 \fi
233 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@beamer

Boolean to control if the beamer class is used.

If true sets the class to beamer and switches **preview** off. If false the default class is restored if the current class was beamer.

```

234 \sa@clsoption{beamer}[true]{%
235 \sa@boolean{beamer}{#1}%
236 \ifstandalonebeamer
237 \def\sa@class{beamer}%
238 \setkeys{standalone.cls}{preview=false,crop=false,
varwidth=false}%
239 \else
240 \begingroup
241 \def\@tempa{beamer}%
242 \ifx\@tempa\sa@class
243 \endgroup
244 \def\sa@class{article}%
245 \else
246 \endgroup
247 \fi
248 \fi
249 }

```

#### KV@standalone.cls@class

```

250 \sa@clsoption{class}{%
251 \def\sa@class{#1}%

```

```

252 }
253 \def\saclass{article}

```

KV@standalone.cls@float

```

254 \sa@clsoption{float}[true]{%
255     \sa@boolean{float}{#1}%
256     \ifsa@float
257         \let\@float\s@origfloat
258         \let\end@float\s@origendfloat
259     \else
260         \ifx\@float\s@nofloat\else
261             \let\s@origfloat\@float
262         \fi
263         \ifx\end@float\s@endnofloat\else
264             \let\s@origendfloat\end@float
265         \fi
266         \let\@float\s@nofloat
267         \let\end@float\s@endnofloat
268     \fi
269 }
270 \def\s@nofloat#1{%
271     \def\@capytype{#1}%
272     \trivlist\item[]%
273     \@ifnextchar[{%
274         \begingroup
275         \def\@tempa[####1]{%
276             \endgroup
277         }\@tempa
278     }{}%
279 }
280 \def\s@endnofloat{%
281     \endtrivlist
282 }

```

KV@standalone.cls@convert

```

283 \sa@clsoption{convert}[]{%
284     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{true,#1}%
285 }

```

**KV@standalone.cls@disable@convert**

```
286 \sa@clsoption{disable@convert}[]{%  
287     \typeout{Disable conversion}  
288     \sa@convertfalse  
289     \let\sa@converttrue\relax  
290 }
```

**\sa@convertoption**

Wrapper to define **convert** options.

```
291 \def\s@convertoption{%  
292     \define@key{standalone.cls/convert}%  
293 }
```

**\sa@convertvar**

#1: name

#2: initial value

Wrapper to define **convert** variables.

```
294 \def\s@convertvar#1#2{%  
295     \define@key{standalone.cls/convert}{#1}{%  
296         \@namedef{sa@convert@#1}{##1}%  
297     }%  
298     \@namedef{sa@convert@#1}{#2}%  
299 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls/convert@true**

```
300 \sa@convertoption{true}[]{%  
301     \sa@converttrue  
302 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls/convert@false**

```
303 \sa@convertoption{false}[]{%  
304     \sa@convertfalse  
305 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls/convert@png**

```
306 \sa@convertoption{png}[] {%  
307     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{true,outext={.png}}%  
308 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls@png**

```
309 \sa@clsoption{png}[] {%  
310     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{png,#1}%  
311 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls/convert@realmainfile**

```
312 \sa@convertoption{realmainfile}[] {%  
313     \RequirePackage{currfile-abspath}%  
314     \getmainfile  
315     \let\sa@convert@mainfile\thefile  
316 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls/convert@jpg**

```
317 \sa@convertoption{jpg}[] {%  
318     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{true,outext={.jpg}}%  
319 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls@jpg**

```
320 \sa@clsoption{jpg}[] {%  
321     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{jpg,#1}%  
322 }
```

**KV@standalone.cls/convert@gif**

```
323 \sa@convertoption{gif}[] {%  
324     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{true,outext={.gif}}%  
325 }
```



KV@standalone.cls@gif

```
326 \sa@clsoption{gif}[]{%  
327   \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{gif,#1}%  
328 }
```

KV@standalone.cls/convert@onfailure

```
329 \sa@convertoption{onfailure}{%  
330   \begingroup  
331   \edef\@tempa{#1}%  
332   \def\@tempb{error}%  
333   \ifx\@tempa\@tempb  
334     \endgroup  
335     \let\sa@convert@failuremsg\ClassError  
336   \else  
337     \def\@tempb{warning}%  
338     \ifx\@tempa\@tempb  
339       \endgroup  
340       \let\sa@convert@failuremsg\ClassWarning  
341     \else  
342       \def\@tempb{info}%  
343       \ifx\@tempa\@tempb  
344         \endgroup  
345         \let\sa@convert@failuremsg\ClassInfo  
346       \else  
347         \def\@tempb{ignore}%  
348         \ifx\@tempa\@tempb  
349           \endgroup  
350           \def\sa@convert@failuremsg##1##2##3{%  
351             \let\sa@convert@notfoundmsg\@gobbletwo  
352           \else  
353             \let\on@line\@empty  
354             \ClassError{standalone}{Invalid value '\@tempa' for /  
               the 'onfailure' option.\MessageBreak  
355               Valid values: 'error', 'warning/  
               ', 'info', 'ignore'}{}}%  
356           \endgroup  
357           \fi\fi\fi\fi  
358 }  
359 \let\sa@convert@failuremsg\ClassWarning  
360 \let\sa@convert@notfoundmsg\ClassWarning
```

#### KV@standalone.cls/convert@gsdevice

```
361 \sa@convertoption{defgsdevice}{%  
362     \sa@defgsdevice#1\relax\relax  
363 }  
364 \def\sa@defgsdevice#1#2{%  
365     \@namedef{sa@gsdevice@#1}{#2}%  
366 }  
367 \@namedef{sa@gsdevice@.jpg}{jpeg}%  
368 \@namedef{sa@gsdevice@.png}{png16m}%
```

#### KV@standalone.cls/convert@command

```
369 \sa@convertoption{command}{%  
370     \def\sa@convert@command{#1}%  
371 }
```

#### KV@standalone.cls/convert@pdf2svg

```
372 \sa@convertoption{pdf2svg}[]{%  
373     \def\sa@convert@command{pdf2svg \infile\space\outfile}%  
374     \sa@convertvar{outext}{.svg}  
375 }
```

#### KV@standalone.cls/convert@imagemagick

```
376 \sa@convertoption{imagemagick}[]{%  
377     \def\sa@convert@command{\convertexe\space -density \  
        density\space \infile\space \ifx\size\empty\else -/  
        resize \size\fi\space -quality 90 \outfile}%  
378 }
```

#### KV@standalone.cls/convert@ghostscript

```
379 \sa@convertoption{ghostscript}[]{%  
380     \def\sa@convert@command{\gsexec\space -dSAFER -dBATCH -/  
        dNOPAUSE -sDEVICE=gsdevice\space -r\density\space -/  
        sOutputFile=\outfile\space \infile}%  
381 }
```

```

382 \sa@convertvar{latexoptions}{ -shell-escape }
383 \sa@convertvar{subjobname}{\jobname}
384 \sa@convertvar{mainfile}{\jobname}
385 \sa@convertvar{quote}{}
386 \let\sa@convert@quote\relax
387 \sa@convertvar{size}{}
388 \sa@convertvar{iname}{\subjobname}
389 \sa@convertvar{infile}{\iname\inext}
390 \sa@convertvar{outext}{.png}
391 \sa@convertvar{outname}{\iname}
392 \sa@convertvar{outfile}{\outname\ifsa@multi-\@percentchar d\
    fi\outext}
393 \sa@convertvar{density}{300}
394 \sa@convertvar{gsdevice}{%
395     \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@gsdevice@\outext\endcsname\
        relax
396     \expandafter\@gobble\outext
397     \else
398     \csname sa@gsdevice@\outext\endcsname
399     \fi
400 }
401 \ifluatex
402     \sa@convertvar{latex}{lualatex}
403     \sa@convertvar{inext}{.pdf}
404     \sa@convertvar{precommand}{}
405     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{imagemagick}
406 \else
407 \ifpdf
408     \sa@convertvar{latex}{pdflatex}
409     \sa@convertvar{inext}{.pdf}
410     \sa@convertvar{precommand}{}
411     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{imagemagick}
412 \else
413 \ifxetex
414     \sa@convertvar{latex}{xelatex}
415     \sa@convertvar{inext}{.pdf}
416     \sa@convertvar{precommand}{}
417     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{imagemagick}
418 \else
419     \sa@convertvar{latex}{latex}
420     \sa@convertvar{inext}{.ps}
421     \sa@convertvar{precommand}{dvips \jobname.dvi}
422     \setkeys{standalone.cls/convert}{ghostscript}
423 \fi\fi\fi

```

Test for windows to avoid using the 'convert' executable there. It is also the FAT-to-NTFS conversion tool!

```

424 \begingroup
425 \ifluatex
426   \csname @tempwa\directlua{
427     if os.type == "windows" then
428       tex.sprint("true")
429     else
430       tex.sprint("false")
431     end
432   }\endcsname
433 \else
434   \IfFileExists{/dev/null}{\@tempwafalse}{\@tempwattrue}%
435 \fi
436 \if@tempwa
437   \endgroup
438   \sa@convertvar{convertexe}{imgconvert}
439   \sa@convertvar{gsexex}{gswin32c}
440 \else
441   \endgroup
442   \sa@convertvar{convertexe}{convert}
443   \sa@convertvar{gsexex}{gs}
444 \fi

```

#### 6.1.4 General macros

`\standaloneenv`

#1: comma separated list of environment names

Loops over all environment names and calls `\@standaloneenv` on them.

```

445 \newcommand*\standaloneenv[1]{%
446   \begingroup
447   \edef\@tempa{\endgroup\noexpand\@for\noexpand\@tempa:=\
448     zap@space#1 \@empty}%
449   \@tempa\do{\expandafter\@standaloneenv\expandafter{\@tempa\
450     }}%
451   \setkeys{standalone.cls}{multi}%
452 }
453 \@onlypreamble\standaloneenv

```

`\standaloneconfig`

User level configuration macro.

```
452 \newcommand*{\standaloneconfig}{\setkeys{standalone.cls}}
```

`\@standaloneenv`

Default no-op version.

```
453 \let\@standaloneenv\@gobble
```

Counter to indicate if currently inside a standaloneenv.

```
454 \newcount\sa@internal
```

`standalone`

The standalone environment is defined by default to be without effect. The `\endstandalone` macro is set to `\relax`, so a redefinition with `\renewenvironment` in the configuration file is possible and also can later be detected.

```
455 \let\standalone\empty
```

```
456 \let\endstandalone\relax
```

`\sa@width`

Default value for varwidth width.

```
457 \def\sa@width{\linewidth}
```

### 6.1.5 Load config file, process options and load class

Load configuration file.

```
458 \InputIfFileExists{standalone.cfg}{-}{-}
```

Process options as normal keys. Only unknown keys are set as global options.

```
459 \begingroup
```

```
460 \def\@tempa{\endgroup\setkeys*{standalone.cls}}
```

```
461 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\@tempa
```

```
462 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\csname opt@standalone./
    cls\endcsname}
```

```
463 \let\@classoptionslist\XKV@rm
```

Disable keys which are only allowed as class options. The **multi** option is still allowed inside the preamble.

```

464 \disable@keys{standalone.cls}{crop,preview,class,beamer,/
    ignorerest}
465 \AtBeginDocument{%
466     \disable@keys{standalone.cls}{multi}%
467 }

    Set correct quoting character for conversion option if none was set.

468 \ifsa@convert
469 \ifx\sa@convert@quote\relax
470 \begingroup
471 \@tempswafalse

    If \pdftexbanner is not defined (XeLaTeX) the distribution can not be deter-
    mined and double quotes are set to ensure proper operation under MiKTeX.

472 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdftexbanner\endcsname\relax
473     \@tempswatrue
474 \else

    Test if there is a 'MiKTeX' in \pdftexbanner.

475 \def\MiKTeX{MiKTeX}
476 \@onelevel@sanitize\MiKTeX
477 \expandafter\def\expandafter\testmiktex\expandafter#\relax{
    \expandafter\ifx\empty#2\empty
478     \ifx\empty#2\empty
479     \@tempswafalse
480     \else
481     \@tempswatrue
482     \fi
483 }
484 \expandafter\expandafter
485 \expandafter\testmiktex\expandafter\pdftexbanner\MiKTeX\relax/
    \relax

486
487 \fi
488 \expandafter
489 \endgroup
490 \if@tempswa
491 \def\sa@convert@quote{"}
492 \else
493 \def\sa@convert@quote{' }
494 \fi
495 \fi
496 \fi

    Loads the class given by the class option with the rest of the options.

```

```

497 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LoadClass
498 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter[%
499 \expandafter\@classoptionslist
500 \expandafter]\expandafter{\sa@class}

```

### 6.1.6 Varwidth Option

```

501 \ifsa@varwidth
502     \RequirePackage{varwidth}
503 \fi

```

### 6.1.7 TikZ Option

```

504 \ifsa@tikz
505     \RequirePackage{tikz}
506 \fi

```

### 6.1.8 pstricks Option

```

507 \ifsa@pstricks
508     \RequirePackage{pstricks}
509 \fi

```

### 6.1.9 Preview Option

The standalone environment is redefined to use the preview environment as long it was not redefined in the configuration file.

```

510 \ifsa@preview
    Note: The used options are in the config file.
511 \RequirePackage{preview}
512 \ifsa@multi\else
513     \@ifundefined{endstandalone}{%
514         \renewenvironment{standalone}
515             {\preview\sa@varwidth}
516             {\sa@endvarwidth\endpreview}
517     }{}% TODO: Add info message?
518 \fi

    Set Border

519 \def\PreviewBbAdjust{-\sa@border@left\space -\sa@border@bottom\space \sa@border@right\space \sa@border@top}%

```

`\@standaloneenv`

Preview version. Wrappes a preview environment around the original environment. Also adds the varwidth macros, which can be empty. These varwidth macros are the reason why `\PreviewEnvironment` is not used directly.

```

520 \def\@standaloneenv#1{%
521     \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@orig@#1\endcsname\relax
522         \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@#1\expandafter\
            endcsname\csname #1\endcsname
523     \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@end#1\expandafter\
            endcsname\csname end#1\endcsname
524     \fi
525     \expandafter\def\csname #1\endcsname{%
526         \ifnum\sa@internal=0
527             \preview
528             \sa@varwidth
529         \fi
530         \advance\sa@internal\@ne
531         \csname sa@orig@#1\endcsname
532     }%
533     \expandafter\def\csname end#1\endcsname{%
534         \csname sa@orig@end#1\endcsname
535         \advance\sa@internal\m@ne
536         \ifnum\sa@internal=0
537             \sa@endvarwidth
538             \endpreview
539         \fi
540     }%
541 }%
542 \fi

```

### 6.1.10 Crop Option

```

543 \ifsa@crop

```

Box register to save the content.

`\sa@box`

```

544 \newbox\sa@box

```

Set all normal page margins etc. to zero.



```

545 \pagestyle{empty}
546 \hoffset=-72.27pt
547 \voffset=-72.27pt
548 \topmargin=0pt
549 \headheight=0pt
550 \headsep=0pt
551 \marginparsep=0pt
552 \marginparwidth=0pt
553 \footskip=0pt
554 \marginparpush=0pt
555 \oddsidemargin=0pt
556 \evensidemargin=0pt
557 \topskip=0pt
558 \textheight=\maxdimen

```

`\sa@boxit`

```

559 \def\s@boxit{%
560   \setbox\s@box\hbox\bgroup\color@setgroup\s@varwidth
561 }%

```

`\endsa@boxit`

```

562 \def\endsa@boxit{%
563   \sa@endvarwidth\color@endgroup\egroup
564 }%

```

`standalone`

Redefine the standalone environment to box the content if **multi** is off, in order to use the whole content as single page. If **multi** and **ignorere** are on the content is also boxed, but later discarded. If only **multi** is on the environment doesn't have to do anything.

```

565 \renewenvironment{standalone}{%
566   \ifsa@multi
567     \ifsa@ignorere
568       \sa@boxit
569     \fi
570   \else
571     \sa@boxit
572   \fi

```

```

573 }{ %
574   \ifsa@multi
575     \ifsa@ignorereset
576       \endsa@boxit
577     \fi
578   \else
579     \endsa@boxit
580     \sa@handlebox
581   \fi
582 }

```

### \@standaloneenv

If the `ignorereset` option is used all content outside of `\standaloneenv` -ironments is boxed and discarded. This requires such environments to close the box first and reopen it afterwards.

```

583 \ifsa@multi\else
584   \sa@ignoreresetfalse
585 \fi
586 \ifsa@ignorereset
587   \def\@standaloneenv#1{%
588     \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@orig@#1\endcsname\relax
589       \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@#1\expandafter\
590         \endcsname\csname #1\endcsname
591       \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@end#1\expandafter\
592         \endcsname\csname end#1\endcsname
593     \fi
594     \expandafter\def\csname #1\endcsname{%
595       \ifnum\sa@internal=0
596         \edef\@tempa{\endgroup
597           \noexpand\endsa@boxit
598           \beginingroup
599           \def\noexpand\@currenvir{\@currenvir}%
600           \def\noexpand\@currenvline{\@currenvline}%
601         }%
602         \@tempa
603         \sa@boxit
604       \fi
605       \advance\sa@internal\@ne
606       \csname sa@orig@#1\endcsname
607     }%
608     \expandafter\def\csname end#1\endcsname{%
609       \csname sa@orig@end#1\endcsname

```

```

608         \advance\sa@internal\m@ne
609         \ifnum\sa@internal=0
610             \endsa@boxit
611             \sa@handlebox
612             \aftergroup\sa@boxit
613         \fi
614     }%
615 }%
616 \else
617     \def\@standaloneenv#1{%
618         \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@orig@#1\endcsname\relax
619             \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@#1\expandafter\
620                 endcsname\csname #1\endcsname
621             \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@end#1\expandafter\
622                 endcsname\csname end#1\endcsname
623         \fi
624         \expandafter\def\csname #1\endcsname{%
625             \ifnum\sa@internal=0
626                 \sa@boxit
627             \fi
628             \advance\sa@internal\@ne
629             \csname sa@orig@#1\endcsname
630         }%
631         \expandafter\def\csname end#1\endcsname{%
632             \csname sa@orig@end#1\endcsname
633             \advance\sa@internal\m@ne
634             \ifnum\sa@internal=0
635                 \endsa@boxit
636                 \sa@handlebox
637             \fi
638         }%
639     }%
640 }%
641 \fi

```

`\sa@handlebox`

Adds the border as part of the box dimensions and places the result using the output format dependent `\sa@placebox` macro.

```

639 \def\s@handlebox{%
640     \ifcase
641         0%
642         \ifsa@ignoreempty
643             \ifdim\wd\s@box=\z@

```

```

644         \ifdim\ht\sa@box=\z@
645         \ifdim\dp\sa@box=\z@
646             1%
647         \fi\fi\fi
648     \fi
649     \relax
650     \sbox\sa@box{%
add left border
651         \hskip\sa@border@left
add top border
652         \@tempdima=\ht\sa@box
653         \advance\@tempdima\sa@border@top\relax
654         \ht\sa@box=\@tempdima
add bottom border
655         \@tempdima=\dp\sa@box
656         \advance\@tempdima\sa@border@bottom\relax
657         \dp\sa@box=\@tempdima
Remove all depth, so that height=totalheight
658         \raise\dp\sa@box
659         \box\sa@box
add right border
660         \hskip\sa@border@right
661     }%
662     \sa@placebox
663     \fi
664 }

```

`\sa@placebox`

Define output dependent macro to place the content box together with the required resizing of the page.

PDFLaTeX, LuaLaTeX and XeLaTeX can use all the same definition. DVI/PS Output requires a different definition.

```

665 \ifcase0%
666     \ifpdf\else\ifluatex\else\ifxetex\else 1\fi\fi\fi
667     \relax
668     \def\sa@placebox{%
669         \newpage

```

```

670 \global\pdfpagewidth=\wd\sa@box
671 \global\pdfpageheight=\ht\sa@box
672 \global\paperwidth=\wd\sa@box
673 \global\paperheight=\ht\sa@box
674 \global\hsize=\wd\sa@box
675 \global\vsize=\ht\sa@box
676 \global\@colht=\ht\sa@box
677 \global\@colroom=\ht\sa@box
678 \noindent\usebox\sa@box
679 \newpage
680 }
681 \else
682 \def\sa@placebox{%
683 \global\paperwidth=\wd\sa@box
684 \global\paperheight=\ht\sa@box
685 \global\@colht=\maxdimen
686 \global\@colroom=\maxdimen
687 \global\hsize=\maxdimen
688 \global\vsize=\maxdimen
689 \sa@papersize
690 \ifsa@multi
691 \begingroup
692 \@tempdima0.99626\paperwidth
693 \@tempdimb0.99626\paperheight
694 \edef\@tempc{\strip@pt\@tempdima}%
695 \edef\@tempd{\strip@pt\@tempdimb}%
696 \advance\@tempdima by .998pt
697 \advance\@tempdimb by .998pt
698 \def\strip@float##1.##2\relax{##1}%
699 \edef\@tempa{\expandafter\strip@float\the\@tempdima\relax}%
700 \edef\@tempb{\expandafter\strip@float\the\@tempdimb\relax}%
701 \special{ps:}%
702 \@percentchar\@percentchar PageBoundingBox: 0 0 \relax
703 \@tempa\space\@tempb^^J%
704 \@percentchar\@percentchar HiResPageBoundingBox: 0 0 \relax
705 \@tempc\space\@tempd^^J%
706 \@percentchar\@percentchar BeginPageSetup^^J%
707 << /PageSize [\@tempc\space\@tempd]
708 >> setpagedevice^^J%<<
709 0 0 bop^^J%
710 \@percentchar\@percentchar EndPageSetup}%
711 \endgroup

```

```

710     \fi
711     \topskip=0pt
712     \noindent\sa@ps@content
713     \newpage
714 }

```

Other macros required for PostScript output. They will redefine themselves to act differently for the very first page than for the remaining ones.

#### **\sa@ps@content**

Simply place the box of the first page. Further pages need to be vertically adjusted because the reference point is still for the size of the first page.

```

715 \def\sa@ps@content{%
716     \noindent\usebox\sa@box
717     \global\def\sa@ps@content{%
718         \@tempdima\sa@yoffset
719         \advance\@tempdima-\topskip
720         \dp\sa@box\z@
721         \ht\sa@box\z@
722         \noindent\lower\@tempdima\copy\sa@box
723     }%
724 }

```

#### **\sa@papersize**

Declare official papersize as the size of the first page. Store offset and disable this macro for all further pages.

```

725 \def\sa@papersize{%
726     \global\let\sa@papersize\relax
727     \special{papersize=\the\paperwidth,\the\paperheight}%
728     \global\sa@yoffset=\paperheight
729     \special{ps:;%
730         \@percentchar\@percentchar HiResBoundingBox: 0 0 \the\
            paperwidth\space\the\paperheight^^J%
731     }%
732 }

```

#### **\sa@yoffset**

Offset required to vertical adjust all further pages according to the first page.

```

733 \newlength\sa@yoffset

```

End of 'latex' clause

734 `\fi`

End of `crop` option code.

735 `\fi`

### 6.1.11 Beamer code

736 `\ifstandalonebeamer`

#### `standaloneframe`

Front-end for the beamer frame environment. Parses all arguments the same way and calls it with an added option.

```
737 \newenvironment{standaloneframe}{%
738   \@ifnextchar<%
739     {\@standaloneframe}%
740     {\@@standaloneframe{}}}%
741 }{\end{frame}}%
742 \def\@standaloneframe<#1>{%
743   \@@standaloneframe{<#1>}%
744 }
745 \def\@@standaloneframe#1{%
746   \@ifnextchar[%]
747     {\@@@standaloneframe{#1}}%
748     {\@@@standaloneframe{#1}[]}%
749 }%
750 \def\@@@standaloneframe#1[ {%
751   \@ifnextchar<%
752     {\@@@standaloneframe{#1}[]}%
753     {\@@@@standaloneframe{#1}[]}%
754 }%
755 \def\@@@@standaloneframe#1[#2]{%
756   \@ifnextchar[%]
757     {\@@@@standaloneframe{#1}{#2}}%
758     {\begin{frame}#1[#2][environment=standaloneframe]}%
759 }%
760 \def\@@@@standaloneframe#1#2[#3]{%
761   \begin{frame}#1[#2][environment=standaloneframe,#3]%
762 }%
763 \def\@@@@standaloneframe#1[#2]{%
764   \begin{frame}#1[environment=standaloneframe,#2]%
765 }%
```

766 \fi

### 6.1.12 Conversion code

```

767 \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@internal@run\endcsname\relax\else
768   \sa@convertfalse
769 \fi
770 \ifsa@convert

771 \begingroup
772 \let\on@line\@gobble

```

\sa@convert

#1: error message on failure  
Conversion macro.

```

773 \def\sa@convert#1{%
774   \IfFileExists{\outfile}{%
775     \edef\filemodbefore{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\%
776       outfile}}%
777   }{%
778     \IfFileExists{\outname\outtext}{%
779       \edef\filemodbefore{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\%
780         outname\outtext}}%
781     }{%
782       \IfFileExists{\outname-0\outtext}{%
783         \edef\filemodbefore{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\%
784           outname-0\outtext}}%
785       }{%
786         \IfFileExists{\outname-1\outtext}{%
787           \edef\filemodbefore{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\%
788             outname-1\outtext}}%
789         }{%
790           \def\filemodbefore{}%
791         }%
792       }%
793     }%
794   }%
795   \immediate\write18{\sa@convert@latex\space\%
796     sa@convert@latexoptions\space
797     -jobname \sa@convert@quote\sa@convert@subjobname\%
798     sa@convert@quote\space
799     \sa@convert@quote\string\expandafter\string\def\string\%
800     \csname\space

```



```

791      sa@internal@run\string\endcsname{1}\string\input{\
      sa@convert@mainfile}\sa@convert@quote}%
792 \edef\sa@convert@precommand{\sa@convert@precommand}%
793 \ifx\sa@convert@precommand\@empty\else
794   \immediate\write18{\sa@convert@precommand}%
795 \fi
796 \immediate\write18{\sa@convert@command}%
797 \@tempswafalse
798 \IfFileExists{\outfile}{%
799   \@tempswatrue
800 }{%
801 \IfFileExists{\outname\outtext}{%
802   \@tempswatrue
803   \def\outfile{\outname\outtext}%
804 }{%
805 \IfFileExists{\outname-0\outtext}{%
806   \@tempswatrue
807   \def\outfile{\outname-0\outtext}%
808 }{%
809 \IfFileExists{\outname-1\outtext}{%
810   \@tempswatrue
811   \def\outfile{\outname-1\outtext}%
812 }{%
813 }}}}%
814 \if@tempswa
815   \edef\filemodafter{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\
      outfile}}%
816   \ifx\filemodbefore\filemodafter
817     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname\
      relax\else
818       \sa@convert@failuremsg{standalone}{#1}{}%
819     \fi
820   \else
821     \typeout{Class standalone:^^JOutput written on \
      outfile.}%
822   \fi
823 \else
824   \sa@convert@failuremsg{standalone}{#1}{}%
825 \fi
826 }

```

Provide the internal macros to the user level.

```

827 \let\subjobname\sa@convert@subjobname
828 \let\mainfile\sa@convert@mainfile

```

```

829 \let\infile\sa@convert@infile
830 \let\inext\sa@convert@inext
831 \let\inname\sa@convert@inname
832 \let\gsdevice\sa@convert@gsdevice
833 \let\convertexe\sa@convert@convertexe
834 \let\gsexex\sa@convert@gsexex
835 \let\density\sa@convert@density
836 \let\size\sa@convert@size
837 \let\outext\sa@convert@outext
838 \let\outname\sa@convert@outname
839 \let\outfile\sa@convert@outfile
840 \let\percent\@percentchar
841 \let\quote\sa@convert@quote

842 \ifcase0%
843     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfshellescape\endcsname\relax
844     \ifof18 \else 3\fi
845     \else\the\pdfshellescape\fi
846 \relax% 0
847     \sa@convert@failuremsg
848         {standalone}{Shell escape disabled! Cannot convert /
            file '\infile'.}{}%
849 \or% 1
850     \sa@convert{Conversion unsuccessful!\MessageBreak
851                 There might be something wrong with your\
            MessageBreak
852                 conversation software or the file permissions!}\
            %
853 \else% 2 or 3
854     \sa@convert{Conversion failed! Please ensure that shell /
            escape\MessageBreak is enabled (e.g. use '-shell-
            escape').}%
855 \fi
856 \endgroup
857 \expandafter\stop

858 \fi

```

### 6.1.13 Document Environment in Sub-Files

This is done at the very end so that all used packages are already loaded. Just in case these files also to redefine the document environment.

document

Adds own ‘after begin document’ and ‘before end document’ hooks.

```
859 \begingroup
860 \toks@\expandafter{%
861     \document
862     \sa@cls@afterbegindocument
863 }
864 \xdef\document{\the\toks@}%
865 \toks@\expandafter{%
866     \expandafter
867     \sa@cls@beforeenddocument
868     \enddocument
869 }
870 \xdef\enddocument{\the\toks@}%
871 \endgroup
```

`\sa@cls@afterbegindocument`

`\sa@cls@beforeenddocument`

Hooks which add the standalone environment. Surrounding spaces are removed. These hooks are used (instead of calling the content directly in the above macros) to add the possibility to fine tune this later, e.g. in the configuration file.

```
872 \def\sa@cls@afterbegindocument{\standalone\ignorespaces}
873 \def\sa@cls@beforeenddocument{\ifhmode\unskip\fi\endstandalone}
```

## 6.2 The Package File

```
874 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
875 \ProvidesPackage{standalone}[%
876     %<!DATE>
877     %<!VERSION>
878     %<*DRIVER>
879     2099/01/01 develop
880     %</DRIVER>
881     Package to include TeX sub-files with preambles]
```

The package file is to be loaded by a main document which includes standalone sub-files. It is also loaded by the standalone class to share code. The class then redefines certain macros.

### 6.2.1 If-Switches

#### `\ifstandalone`

Declare `standalone` if-switch and set it to false. The class will set it to true. The `\csname` trickery is used to avoid issues if the switch was already defined.

```
882 \@ifundefined{ifstandalone}{%  
883     \expandafter\newif\csname ifstandalone\endcsname  
884     \standalonefalse  
885 }{}
```

#### `\ifstandalonebeamer`

Make sure that `standalonebeamer` if-switch is defined and set it to false. If the class was loaded beforehand with the `beamer` option it is already defined as true. The `\csname` trickery is used to avoid issues if the switch was already defined.

```
886 \@ifundefined{ifstandalonebeamer}{%  
887     \expandafter\newif\csname ifstandalonebeamer\endcsname  
888     \standalonebeamerfalse  
889 }{}
```

#### `\onlyifstandalone`

Macro version of `\ifstandalone`. The `{ }` around the argument protects the content from the package etc. scanners. Only defined if not already defined by the class, in the case of a `standalone` file included other `standalone` files.

```
890 \@ifundefined{onlyifstandalone}{%  
891     \let\onlyifstandalone\@gobble  
892 }{}
```

#### `\IfStandalone`

#1: true clause

#2: false clause

Macro version of `\ifstandalone .. \else .. \fi`. The `{ }` around the argument protects the content from the package etc. scanners.

```
893 \@ifundefined{IfStandalone}{%  
894     \let\IfStandalone\@secondoftwo  
895 }{}
```

Define if-switches for TeX formats. This loads the corresponding packages if available, but falls back to some own code if they are not installed.

```

896 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifluatex\endcsname\relax
897   \IfFileExists{ifluatex.sty}{\@firstoftwo}{\@secondoftwo}{%
898     \RequirePackage{ifluatex}
899   }{
900     \begingroup
901     \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
902       \endgroup
903       \expandafter\let\csname ifluatex\expandafter\
904         \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
905     \else
906       \endgroup
907       \expandafter\let\csname ifluatex\expandafter\
908         \endcsname\csname iftrue\endcsname
909     \fi
910   }
911 \fi
912 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifpdf\endcsname\relax
913   \IfFileExists{ifpdf.sty}{\@firstoftwo}{\@secondoftwo}{%
914     \RequirePackage{ifpdf}
915   }{
916     \begingroup
917     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfoutput\endcsname\relax
918       \endgroup
919       \expandafter\let\csname ifpdf\expandafter\
920         \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
921     \else
922       \endgroup
923       \ifnum\pdfoutput<1
924         \expandafter\let\csname ifpdf\expandafter\
925           \endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
926       \else
927         \expandafter\let\csname ifpdf\expandafter\
928           \endcsname\csname iftrue\endcsname
929       \fi
930     \fi
931   }
932 \fi
933 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifxetex\endcsname\relax
934   \IfFileExists{ifxetex.sty}{\@firstoftwo}{\@secondoftwo}{%
935     \RequirePackage{ifxetex}
936   }{
937   }
938 \fi

```

```

932     \begingroup
933     \expandafter\ifx\csname XeTeXrevision\endcsname\relax
934         \endgroup
935         \expandafter\let\csname ifxetex\expandafter\
            endcsname\csname iffalse\endcsname
936     \else
937         \endgroup
938         \expandafter\let\csname ifxetex\expandafter\
            endcsname\csname iftrue\endcsname
939     \fi
940 }
941 \fi

```

`\ifsa@subpreambles`

`\ifsa@sortsubpreambles`

`\ifsa@printsubpreambles`

`\ifsa@group`

`\ifsa@obeyclassoptions`

`\ifsa@comments`

The if-switches for the options.

```

942 \newif\ifsa@subpreambles
943 \newif\ifsa@sortsubpreambles
944 \newif\ifsa@printsubpreambles
945 \newif\ifsa@group
946 \newif\ifsa@obeyclassoptions
947 \newif\ifsa@multi
948 \newif\ifsa@tikz
949 \newif\ifsa@varwidth
950 \newif\ifsa@comments

```

## 6.2.2 Options

951 `\RequirePackage{xkeyval}`

### `\sa@pkgoption`

Wrapper macro to define options.

```
952 \def\sapkgoption{%
953     \define@key{standalone.sty}%
954 }
```

### `\sa@boolean`

#1: name of if-switch

#2: 'true' or 'false'

Sets if-switches.

```
955 \def\sboolean#1#2{%
956     \sa@boolorvalue{#1}{#2}%
957     {\ClassError{standalone}{Invalid value '#2' for /
          boolean key '#1'}{}}}%
958 }
```

### `\sa@boolorvalue`

#1: name of if-switch

#2: 'true', 'false' or a value

code to be executed if it is a value. Sets if-switches.

```
959 \def\sboolorvalue#1#2{%
960     \begingroup
961     \edef\@tempa{#2}%
962     \def\@tempb{true}%
963     \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
964         \endgroup
965         \csname sa@#1true\endcsname
966         \expandafter\@gobble
967     \else
968     \def\@tempb{false}%
969     \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
970         \endgroup
971         \csname sa@#1false\endcsname
```

```

972         \expandafter\expandafter
973         \expandafter\@gobble
974     \else
975         \endgroup
976         \expandafter\expandafter
977         \expandafter\@firstofone
978     \fi\fi
979 }

```

#### KV@standalone.sty@sort

```

980 \sa@pkgoption{sort}[true]{%
981     \sa@boolean{sortsubpreambles}{#1}%
982     \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
983         \sa@subpreambletrue
984     \fi
985 }

```

#### KV@standalone.sty@print

```

986 \sa@pkgoption{print}[true]{%
987     \sa@boolean{printsubpreambles}{#1}%
988     \ifsa@printsubpreambles
989         \sa@subpreambletrue
990     \fi
991 }

```

#### KV@standalone.sty@subpreambles

```

992 \sa@pkgoption{subpreambles}[true]{%
993     \sa@boolean{subpreambles}{#1}%
994 }

```

#### KV@standalone.sty@group

```

995 \sa@pkgoption{group}[true]{%
996     \sa@boolean{group}{#1}%
997 }
998 \sa@grouptrue

```



KV@standalone.sty@comments

```
999 \sa@pkgoption{comments}[true]{%
1000 \sa@boolean{comments}{#1}%
1001 \ifsa@comments
1002 \def\sa@percent{\@makeother\}%
1003 \else
1004 \def\sa@percent{\catcode'\%=14\relax}%
1005 \fi
1006 }
```

KV@standalone.sty@nocomments

```
1007 \sa@pkgoption{nocomments}[]{%
1008 \begingroup
1009 \def\@tempa{#1}%
1010 \ifx\@tempa\@empty\else
1011 \PackageWarning{standalone}{Unwanted value of '
    nocomments' was ignored}{A}
1012 \fi
1013 \endgroup
1014 \setkeys{standalone.sty}{comments=false}%
1015 }
```

KV@standalone.sty@mode

```
1016 \sa@pkgoption{mode}{%
1017 \begingroup
1018 \expandafter\let\expandafter\@tempa\csname sa@mode@#1\
    endcsname
1019 \ifx\@tempa\relax
1020 \endgroup
1021 \PackageError{standalone}{Wrong value for option 'mode
    '}{}%
1022 \else
1023 \expandafter
1024 \endgroup
1025 \@tempa
1026 \fi
1027 }
```

```

1028 \def\sa@mode@none{%
1029     \let\sa@mode\relax%
1030 }
1031 \def\sa@mode@tex{%
1032     \def\sa@mode{1}%
1033 }
1034 \def\sa@mode@image{%
1035     \def\sa@mode{2}%
1036 }
1037 \@namedef{sa@mode@image|tex}{%
1038     \def\sa@mode{0}%
1039 }
1040 \def\sa@mode@build{%
1041     \def\sa@mode{3}%
1042 }
1043 \def\sa@mode@buildmissing{%
1044     \def\sa@mode{4}%
1045 }
1046 \def\sa@mode@buildnew{%
1047     \ifxetex
1048         \PackageWarning{standalone}{The 'mode=buildnew' option
            is not available for XeTeX.\MessageBreak
            Therefore 'mode=build' will /
            be used instead}%
1049
1050         \def\sa@mode{3}%
1051     \else
1052         \def\sa@mode{5}%
1053     \fi
1054 }
1055 \sa@mode@tex

```

<b>KV@standalone.sty@obeyclassoptions</b>
---

```

1056 \sa@pkgoption{obeyclassoptions}[true]{%
1057     \sa@boolean{obeyclassoptions}{#1}%
1058 }

```

<b>KV@standalone.sty@extension</b>
------------------------------------

```

1059 \sa@pkgoption{extension}{%
1060     \def\sa@graphicext{#1}%
1061 }

```

`\sa@buildvar`

#1: name

#2: initial value

Wrapper to define **build** variables.

```
1062 \def\sa@buildvar#1#2{%  
1063     \define@key{standalone.sty/build}{#1}{%  
1064         \@namedef{sa@build@#1}{##1}%  
1065     }%  
1066     \@namedef{sa@build@#1}{#2}%  
1067 }
```

`KV@standalone.sty/build@jobname`

```
1068 \sa@buildvar{jobname}{\file}
```

`KV@standalone.sty/build@latex`

```
1069 \sa@buildvar{latex}{}%
```

`KV@standalone.sty/build@latexoptions`

```
1070 \sa@buildvar{latexoptions}{%  
1071     -interaction=batchmode -shell-escape -jobname '\/  
        buildjobname'  
1072 }
```

`KV@standalone.sty/build@command`

```
1073 \sa@buildvar{command}{%  
1074     \latex\space\latexoptions\space\file  
1075 }  
1076 %% '\string\PassOptionsToClass{border=0pt}{standalone}\string/  
        \input{\image}'
```

Set default values depending on the used compiler.

```

1077 \def\sa@build@postcommand{}
1078 \ifpdf
1079     \def\sa@graphicext{.pdf}
1080     \ifluatex
1081         \def\sa@build@latex{lualatex}
1082     \else
1083         \def\sa@build@latex{pdflatex}
1084     \fi
1085 \else
1086 \ifxetex
1087     \def\sa@graphicext{.pdf}
1088     \def\sa@build@latex{xelatex}
1089 \else
1090     \def\sa@graphicext{.eps}
1091     \def\sa@build@latex{latex}
1092     \def\sa@build@postcommand{dvips -o '\file.eps' '\file.dvi'
1093         '}
1094 \fi\fi

1094 \ProcessOptionsX*<standalone.sty>\relax
1095 \disable@keys{standalone.sty}{subpreambles,print,sort}

    In non-sorted print mode comments are preserved by default.

1096 \ifsa@printssubpreambles
1097     \ifsa@sortsubpreambles\else
1098         \@ifundefined{sa@percent}{%
1099             \setkeys{standalone.sty}{comments=true}%
1100         }{}%
1101     \fi
1102 \fi

```

`\standaloneconfig`

```

1103 \@ifclassloaded{standalone}{%
1104     \def\standaloneconfig{%
1105         \setkeys{standalone.sty,standalone.cls}%
1106     }%
1107 }{%
1108     \newcommand*\standaloneconfig{%
1109         \setkeys{standalone.sty}%
1110     }%
1111 }

```

The currfile package is used to get the file paths of the included sub-files.

```
1112 \RequirePackage{currfile}
```

### 6.2.3 Processing of Sub-Preambles

```
1113 \ifsa@subpreambles
```

`\sa@out`

Write handle.

```
1114 \newwrite\sa@out
```

`\sa@write`

Helper macro for file output.

```
1115 \def\sa@write{\immediate\write\sa@out}%
```

```
1116 \ifsa@printssubpreambles
```

`\sa@removeonlyifstandalone`

Scans for `\onlyifstandalone` and removes it argument.

```
1117 \long\def\sa@removeonlyifstandalone#1\onlyifstandalone{%
1118   \g@addto@macro\sa@preamble{#1}%
1119   \@ifnextchar\sa@endmarker
1120     {\@gobble}%
1121     {\expandafter\sa@gobbleeol\expandafter\
      sa@removeonlyifstandalone\expandafter^^J\@gobble}%
1122 }

1123 \fi
```

### 6.2.4 Sorting of package options

Macros only needed for this mode are defined inside the `\if...` to save memory otherwise.

```
1124 \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
```

### `\sa@usepackagewithoutoptions`

Simply calls the original `\usepackage` while skipping the optional argument with potential package options.

```
1125 \newcommand{\sa@usepackagewithoutoptions}[2] [] {%
1126   \sa@orig@usepackage{#2}%
1127 }
```

### `\sa@endmarker`

Unique end marker. Will not be expanded.

```
1128 \def\sa@endmarker{%
1129   \@gobble{\sa@endmarker}%
1130 }
```

```
1131 \ifsa@printsubpreambles
```

In sorted print mode all collected package etc. information is printed into the output file, followed by the reduced sub-preambles.

```
1132 \AtEndDocument{%
1133   \sa@write{\@percentchar\space Packages required by sub-
1134     files:}%
1135   \expandafter\@for\expandafter\pkg\expandafter:\expandafter
1136     =\sa@collpkgs\do{%
1137     \ifx\pkg\empty\else
1138       \sa@write{%
1139         \string\usepackage%
1140         \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@pkgopts@\pkg\endcsname\
1141           empty\else%
1142             [\csname sa@pkgopts@\pkg\endcsname]%
1143           \fi
1144           {\pkg}%
1145           \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@pkgdate@\pkg\endcsname\
1146             relax\else%
1147               [\csname sa@pkgdate@\pkg\endcsname]%
1148             \fi
1149           }%
1150       \fi
1151     }%
1152   \ifx\sa@collpgflibs\empty\else
1153     \sa@write{^^J\@percentchar\space PGF libraries required by
1154       sub-files:}%
1155   }
```

```

1150 \expandafter\@for\expandafter\lib\expandafter:\expandafter/
      =\sa@collpgflibs\do{%
1151 \ifx\lib\empty\else
1152 \sa@write{\string\usepgflibrary{\lib}}%
1153 \fi
1154 }%
1155 \fi
1156 \ifx\sa@colltikzlibs\empty\else
1157 \sa@write{^^J\@percentchar\space TikZ libraries required by/
      sub-files:}%
1158 \expandafter\@for\expandafter\lib\expandafter:\expandafter/
      =\sa@colltikzlibs\do{%
1159 \ifx\lib\empty\else
1160 \sa@write{\string\usetikzlibrary{\lib}}%
1161 \fi
1162 }%
1163 \fi
1164 \ifx\sa@colltikztiminglibs\empty\else
1165 \sa@write{^^J\@percentchar\space TikZ-Timing libraries /
      required by sub-files:}%
1166 \expandafter\@for\expandafter\lib\expandafter:\expandafter/
      =\sa@colltikztiminglibs\do{%
1167 \ifx\lib\empty\else
1168 \sa@write{%
1169 \string\usetikztiminglibrary%
1170 \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@tikztimingopts@\lib\
      endcsname\empty\else%
1171 [\csname sa@tikztimingopts@\lib\endcsname]%
1172 \fi
1173 {\lib}%
1174 \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@tikztimingdate@\lib\
      endcsname\relax\else%
1175 [\csname sa@tikztimingdate@\lib\endcsname]%
1176 \fi
1177 }%
1178 \fi
1179 }%
1180 \fi
1181 \sa@write{\expandafter\unexpanded\expandafter{\sa@preamble/
      }}%
1182 \message{^^JPackage 'standalone' INFO: See file '\jobname./
      stp' for list of sub-preambles.^^J}%
1183 \immediate\closeout\sa@out
1184 }

```

### `\sa@removepackages`

Scans for `\usepackage`.

```
1185 \long\def\s@removepackages#1\usepackage{%
1186   \sa@removepgflibs#1\usepgflibrary\s@endmarker
1187   \@ifnextchar\s@endmarker
1188     {\@gobble}%
1189     {\sa@sortpackages}%
1190 }
```

### `\sa@removepgflibs`

Scans for `\usepgflibrary`.

```
1191 \long\def\s@removepgflibs#1\usepgflibrary{%
1192   \sa@removetikzlibs#1\usetikzlibrary\s@endmarker
1193   \@ifnextchar\s@endmarker
1194     {\@gobble}%
1195     {\sa@sortpgflibs}%
1196 }
```

### `\sa@removetikzlibs`

Scans for `\usetikzlibrary`.

```
1197 \long\def\s@removetikzlibs#1\usetikzlibrary{%
1198   \sa@removetikztiminglibs#1\usetikztiminglibrary\
1199   sa@endmarker
1199   \@ifnextchar\s@endmarker
1200     {\@gobble}%
1201     {\sa@sorttikzlibs}%
1202 }
```

### `\sa@removetikztiminglibs`

Scans for `\usetikztiminglibrary`.

```
1203 \long\def\s@removetikztiminglibs#1\usetikztiminglibrary{%
1204   \sa@removeonlyifstandalone#1\onlyifstandalone\s@endmarker
1205   \@ifnextchar\s@endmarker
1206     {\@gobble}%
1207     {\sa@sorttikztiminglibs}%
1208 }
```



## `\sa@sortpackage`

Reads `\usepackage` arguments and stores them away. A list of all packages is compiled. Every package is only added once and has also a list of options used, also only saved once. If package dates are requested then the highest one is stored. Trailing newlines are removed.

```
1209 \def\sa@collpkgs{}%
1210 \newcommand\sa@sortpackages[2][{}]{%
1211   \@ifnextchar[%]
1212     {\sa@sortpackages{#1}{#2}}%
1213     {\sa@sortpackages{#1}{#2}[]}%
1214 }
1215 \def\sa@sortpackages#1#2[#3]{%
1216   \@for\pkg:=#2\do {%
1217     \@ifundefined{sa@pkgopts@\pkg}%
1218     {%
1219       \expandafter\g@addto@macro\expandafter\sa@collpkgs\
1220         \expandafter{\expandafter,\pkg}%
1221       \global\@namedef{sa@pkgopts@\pkg}{#1}%
1222       \global\@namedef{sa@pkgopt@\pkg @}{}%
1223       \ifx\relax#1\relax\else
1224         \@for\opt:=#1\do{\global\@namedef{sa@pkgopt@\pkg @\
1225           opt}{}}%
1226       \fi
1227     }%
1228     {%
1229       \ifx\relax#1\relax\else
1230         \@for\opt:=#1\do{%
1231           \@ifundefined{sa@pkgopt@\pkg @\opt}%
1232           {%
1233             \expandafter\g@addto@macro\csname sa@pkgopts@\
1234               pkg\expandafter\endcsname\expandafter{\
1235                 \expandafter,\opt}%
1236             \global\@namedef{sa@pkgopt@\pkg @\opt}{}%
1237           }{}%
1238         }%
1239       \fi
1240     }%
1241     \@ifundefined{sa@pkgdate@\pkg}%
1242     {\global\@namedef{sa@pkgdate@\pkg}{#3}}%
1243     {%
1244       \ifnum\expandafter\expandafter
```

```

1242      \expandafter\sa@@getdate\csize sa@pkgdate@\pkg\
      endcsize//00\relax<\sa@@getdate#3//00\relax
1243      \global\@namedef{sa@pkgdate@\pkg}{#3}%
1244      \fi
1245      }%
1246      \fi
1247      }%
1248      \sa@gobbleeol\sa@removepackages^^J%
1249      }
1250      \def\sa@@getdate#1/#2/#3#4#5\relax{#1#2#3#4}

```

### **\sa@sortpgflibs**

Reads the \usepgflibrary argument and stores it away. Trailing newlines are removed.

```

1251      \def\sa@collpgflibs{}%
1252      \def\sa@sortpgflibs#1{%
1253        \@for\lib:=#1\do {%
1254          \@ifundefined{sa@pgflib@\lib}%
1255            {%
1256              \expandafter\g@addto@macro\expandafter\sa@collpgflibs\
              \expandafter{\expandafter,\lib}%
1257              \global\@namedef{sa@pgflib@\lib}{}%
1258            }%
1259          }%
1260        }%
1261        \sa@gobbleeol\sa@removepgflibs^^J%
1262      }

```

### **\sa@sorttikzlibs**

Reads the \usetikzlibrary argument and stores it away. Trailing newlines are removed.

```

1263      \def\sa@colltikzlibs{}%
1264      \def\sa@sorttikzlibs#1{%
1265        \@for\lib:=#1\do {%
1266          \@ifundefined{sa@tikzlib@\lib}%
1267            {%
1268              \expandafter\g@addto@macro\expandafter\sa@colltikzlibs\
              \expandafter{\expandafter,\lib}%
1269              \global\@namedef{sa@tikzlib@\lib}{}%
1270            }%

```

```

1271     {}%
1272 }%
1273 \sa@gobbleeol\sa@removetikzlibs^^J%
1274 }

```

### \sa@sorttikztiminglibs

Reads \usetikztiminglibrary arguments and stores them away. Trailing newlines are removed.

```

1275 \def\sa@colltikztiminglibs{}%
1276 \newcommand\sa@sorttikztiminglibs[2] [] {%
1277   \@ifnextchar [%]
1278     {\sa@@sorttikztiminglibs{#1}{#2}}%
1279     {\sa@@sorttikztiminglibs{#1}{#2} []}%
1280 }
1281 \def\sa@@sorttikztiminglibs#1#2[#3] {%
1282   \@for\lib:=#2\do {%
1283     \@ifundefined{sa@tikztimingopts@\lib}%
1284     {%
1285       \expandafter\g@addto@macro\expandafter\
1286         sa@colltikztiminglibs\expandafter{\expandafter,\
1287         lib}%
1288       \global\@namedef{sa@tikztimingopts@\lib}{#1}%
1289       \global\@namedef{sa@tikztimingopt@\lib @}{}%
1290       \ifx\relax#1\relax\else
1291         \@for\opt:=#1\do{\global\@namedef{sa@tikztimingopt@\
1292           lib @\opt}{}}%
1293       \fi
1294     }%
1295     {%
1296       \ifx\relax#1\relax\else
1297         \@for\opt:=#1\do{%
1298           \@ifundefined{sa@tikztimingopt@\lib @\opt}%
1299           {%
1300             \expandafter\g@addto@macro\csname /
1301               sa@tikztimingopts@\lib\expandafter\
1302               endcsname\expandafter{\expandafter,\opt}%
1303             \global\@namedef{sa@tikztimingopt@\lib @\opt}{}/
1304             %
1305           }{}%
1306         }%
1307       \fi
1308     }%

```

```

1303 \ifx\relax#3\relax\else
1304 \@ifundefined{sa@tikztimingdate@\lib}%
1305 {\global\@namedef{sa@tikztimingdate@\lib}{#3}}%
1306 {%
1307 \begingroup
1308 \edef\@tempa{{\csname sa@tikztimingdate@\lib\endcsname/
1309 }}{#3}}%
1309 \expandafter\sa@getlargerdate\@tempa
1310 \expandafter\xdef\csname sa@tikztimingdate@\lib\endcsname{\sa@thedata}%
1311 \endgroup
1312 }%
1313 \fi
1314 }%
1315 \sa@gobbleeol\sa@removetikztiminglibs^^J%
1316 }

```

#### **\sa@gobbleopt**

Gobbles an optional argument and a potential line endings and then executes the command given by #1.

```

1317 \def\sagobbleopt#1[#2]{%
1318 \@ifnextchar^^J%
1319 {\sagobbleeol{#1}}{#1}%
1320 }
1321 \else

```

#### **\sa@scanpackages**

Scans for \usepackage.

```

1322 \def\sascanpackages#1\usepackage{%
1323 \@ifnextchar\s@endmarker
1324 {\sagobble}%
1325 {\sa@collectpackage}
1326 }

```

#### **\sa@collectpackage**

Reads \usepackage arguments (ignores optional date) and stores it away. The options are later passed to the package to avoid option clashes.

```

1327 \newcommand\sa@collectpackage[2] [] {%
1328   \ifx\relax#1\relax\else
1329     \g@addto@macro\sa@collopts{\PassOptionsToPackage{#1}{#2}}%
1330   \fi
1331   \sa@scanpackages
1332 }
1333 \fi

```

### **\sa@collopts**

Accumulator for collected options. Is executed and cleared at the end of this package.

```

1334 \def\sa@collopts{}
1335 \AtEndOfPackage{\sa@collopts\let\sa@collopts\relax}

      End of \ifsa@sortsubpreambles.

1336 \fi

```

### **standalonepreambles**

This environment simply adds a group and sets the endline character to a printed newline and the argument character # as a normal character. The first suppresses \par's in the stored sub-preambles while preserving newlines. The latter is required to permit macro arguments in the preambles. Otherwise a # is doubled to ## causing compile errors when the sub-preambles are used. The .sta file is closed after this environment.

```

1337 \def\standalonepreambles{%
1338   \begingroup
1339   \endlinechar=\m@ne
1340   \@makeother\#%
1341 }
1342 \def\endstandalonepreambles{%
1343   \endgroup
1344   \endinput
1345 }

```

### **subpreambles**

This environment rereads the sub-preambles from the .sta files and stores it globally under the name “\prevsubpreamble@*(file name)*”. If sorting is enabled the sub-preambles are also scanned for loaded packages.

```

1346 \long\gdef\subpreamble#1#2\endsubpreamble{%
1347 \expandafter\gdef\csname prevsubpreamble@#1\endcsname{#2}%
1348 \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
1349 \sa@scanpackages#2\usepackage\sa@endmarker
1350 \fi
1351 }
1352 \def\endsubpreamble{}%

    If in print mode open the .stp file.

1353 \ifsa@printssubpreambles
1354 \immediate\openout\sa@out=\jobname.stp\relax
1355 \else

    otherwise:

    Process .sta file from last run. All changes must be made by own macros
    which define the value globally. Therefore the input is wrapped in a group. Some
    spaces or special line endings could process typeset content, which causes errors
    inside the preamble. To be on the save side the input 'content' is stored in a temp
    box.

1356 \begingroup
1357 \setbox\@tempboxa\hbox{%
1358 \InputIfFileExists{\jobname.sta}{\PackageInfo{standalone/
    }{STA file not found!}}{}%
1359 }%
1360 \endgroup

```

### \AtBeginDocument

At begin of the document the .sta file is read again. This time the sub-preamble macros are executed as normal. The standalone macros are defined to be without effect. If 'sorting' is enabled \usepackage is temporarily redefined to ignore any given options, which were already passed (\PassOptionsToPackage) beforehand.

```

1361 \AtBeginDocument{%
1362 \let\subpreamble\@gobble
1363 \let\endsubpreamble\relax
1364 \let\standalonepreambles\relax
1365 \let\endstandalonepreambles\relax
1366 \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
1367 \let\sa@orig@usepackage\usepackage
1368 \let\usepackage\sa@usepackagewithoutoptions
1369 \fi
1370 \InputIfFileExists{\jobname.sta}{\PackageInfo{standalone/

```

```

1371 \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
1372 \let\usepackage\sa@orig@usepackage
1373 \fi
1374 \immediate\openout\sa@out=\jobname.sta\relax
1375 \immediate\write\sa@out{\string\standalonepreambles}%
1376 }

```

#### **\AtEndDocument**

At end of the document write end macro to and close .sta file.

```

1377 \AtEndDocument{%
1378 \sa@write{\string\endstandalonepreambles}%
1379 \immediate\closeout\sa@out
1380 }

```

End of \ifsa@printssubpreambles.

```

1381 \fi
      End of \ifsa@subpreambles.
1382 \fi

```

## **6.2.5 Skipping of Sub-Preambles in Main Mode**

This macros make the main document skip all preambles in sub-files.

#### **\sa@gobbleeol**

Gobbles all following line endings (i.e. empty lines) and then executes the command given by #1. Because \@ifnextchar ignores spaces this also removes lines with only spaces.

```

1383 \def\sagobbleeol#1^^J{%
1384 \@ifnextchar^^J%
1385 {\sagobbleeol{#1}}{#1}%
1386 }

```

#### **\sa@endinput**

Ends the input file and discards all remaining material on the same line. The comment character is disabled to ensure that there is always a end-of-line character present.

```

1387 \def\sa@endinput{%
1388     \@makeother\%%
1389     \@makeother\^^A%
1390     \sa@@endinput
1391 }%
1392 \def\sa@@endinput#1^^J{%
1393     \endgroup
1394     \endinput
1395 }

```

#### `\sa@substbox`

The substitute for the content if skipped. Having no content at all can lead to errors caused by e.g. an outer `\resizebox`.

```

1396 \def\sa@substbox{%
1397     \leavevmode\hbox to 1pt{\vbox to 1pt{}}}%
1398 }%

```

#### `\standaloneignore`

This macro must only be used in a sub-file before a `\documentclass`. It gobbles everything up to this macro and then executes the standalone definition of it shown further below. It should be written as `\csname standaloneignore\endcsname` to ignore errors in standalone mode. The second definition allows the user to also write `\csname standaloneignore \endcsname` (note the extra space) without errors.

```

1399 \long\def\standaloneignore#1\documentclass{%
1400     \sa@documentclass
1401 }
1402 \@namedef{standaloneignore\space}{\standaloneignore}

```

#### `\sa@documentclass`

The standalone definition of `\documentclass`. If the sub-preambles are to be processed then the starting content is written into the output file etc., but only for the first time this sub-file is included. Some input related settings are set-up (line endings, macro argument and comments). Finally `\sa@gobble` is called to process the preamble.

```

1403 \newcommand{\sa@documentclass}[2][]{%
1404     \let\document\sa@document

```



```

1405 \let\sa@subfile@options\@empty
1406 \ifsa@obeyclassoptions
1407   \begingroup
1408   \edef\@tempa{#2}%
1409   \edef\@tempb{standalone}%
1410   \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
1411     \endgroup
1412     \def\sa@subfile@options{#1}%
1413   \else
1414     \endgroup
1415   \fi
1416 \fi
1417 \begingroup
1418 \ifsa@subpreambles
1419   \@ifundefined{sa@written@\currfilepath}%
1420   {%
1421     \ifsa@printssubpreambles
1422     \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
1423     \begingroup
1424       \edef\@tempa{^^J\@percentchar\space Preamble from /
1425         file '\currfilepath'^^J}%
1426       \expandafter\g@addto@macro\expandafter\
1427         sa@preamble\expandafter{\@tempa}%
1428     \endgroup
1429   \else
1430     \sa@write{^^J\@percentchar\space Preamble from /
1431       file '\currfilepath'}%
1432   \fi
1433   \sa@write{\string\subpreamble{\currfilepath}}%
1434   \fi
1435   \global\@namedef{subpreamble@\currfilepath}{}%
1436   \ifsa@printssubpreambles
1437     \endlinechar='^^J%
1438   \else
1439     \endlinechar=\m@ne
1440   \fi
1441   \@makeother\#%
1442   \@nameuse{sa@percent}%
1443 \fi
1444 \def\sa@gobbleto{document}%
1445 \sa@gobbleeol\sa@gobble^^J%
1446 }

```

`\sa@gobble`

Gobbles everything to the next `\begin`, then checks if it was a `\begin{document}`. If sub-preamble extraction is activated it accumulates the skipped content in macros named “`\subpreamble@(file name)`”. Every sub-file is remembered and its preamble is only saved once. In print mode the file body is ignored and a appropriate warning is printed, otherwise the current and previous sub-preamble of the current processed file are compared. If different the file body is also ignored to avoid errors due to possible newly required but not loaded packages. The user is warned again about this and is asked to rerun  $\LaTeX$ .

```

1446 \def\sapreamble{}%
1447 \long\def\sagobble#1\begin#2{%
1448   \def\@tempa{#2}%
1449   \ifx\@tempa\sagobbleto
1450     \ifsa@subpreambles
1451       \expandafter\g@addto@macro\csname subpreamble@\currfilepath\endcsname{#1}%
1452       \@ifundefined{sa@written@\currfilepath}{%
1453         {%
1454           \ifsa@printsubpreambles
1455             \ifsa@sortsubpreambles
1456               \sa@removepackages#1\usepackage\s@endmarker
1457             \else
1458               \begingroup
1459               \let\sapreamble\empty
1460               \sa@removeonlyifstandalone#1\onlyifstandalone\s@endmarker
1461               \expandafter\sawrite\expandafter{\expandafter\unexpanded\expandafter{\sapreamble}}%
1462             \endgroup
1463           \fi
1464         \else
1465           \sa@write{\unexpanded{#1}}%
1466           \sa@write{\string\endsubpreamble}%
1467         \fi
1468       }{}%
1469       \global\@namedef{sa@written@\currfilepath}{}%
1470       \ifsa@printsubpreambles
1471         \def\next{%
1472           \PackageWarning{standalone}{Running 'standalone' /
            package in sub-preamble print mode. All body /
            content of file '\currfilepath' is ignored!}{}{}%
1473         \sa@substbox

```

```

1474     \sa@endinput
1475   }%
1476   \else
1477   \expandafter
1478   \ifx
1479   \csname prevsubpreamble@\currfilepath\expandafter\
    endcsname
1480   \csname subpreamble@\currfilepath\endcsname
1481   \def\next{\expandafter\endgroup\expandafter\begin\
    expandafter{\sa@gobbleto}}%
1482   \else
1483   %\expandafter\show\csname prevsubpreamble@\
    currfilepath\endcsname
1484   %\expandafter\show\csname subpreamble@\currfilepath\
    endcsname
1485   \def\next{%
1486     \PackageWarning{standalone}{Sub-preamble of file '\
      currfilepath' has changed. Content will be /
      ignored. Please rerun LaTeX!}{\}%
1487     \immediate\write\@mainaux{%
1488       \@percentchar\space standalone package info: Rerun\
        LaTeX!
1489     }%
1490     \sa@substbox
1491     \sa@endinput
1492   }%
1493   \fi
1494   \fi
1495   \else
1496   \def\next{\expandafter\endgroup\expandafter\begin\
    expandafter{\sa@gobbleto}}%
1497   \fi
1498   \else
1499   \ifsa@subpreambles
1500   \expandafter\g@addto@macro\csname subpreamble@\
    currfilepath\endcsname{#1\begin{#2}}%
1501   \@ifundefined{sa@written@\currfilepath}%
1502   {\sa@write{\unexpanded{#1\begin{#2}}}{\}%
1503   \fi
1504   \def\next{\sa@gobble}%
1505   \fi
1506   \next
1507 }

```

### `standalone`

Provide an empty definition of the standalone environment. The class is defining it with the code required in standalone mode.

```
1508 \ifundefined{standalone}
1509   {\newenvironment{standalone}[1] [] {}{}}
1510   {}
```

### `standalone`

Provide an ‘empty’ definition of the standaloneframe environment. It only gobbles all arguments: `<...>[<...>][...]{...}{...}`. Please note that the last two `{ }` arguments are also optional. The class is defining it with the code required in standalone mode.

```
1511 \ifundefined{standaloneframe}
1512   {\ifundefined{beamer@newenv}
1513     {\newenvironment{standaloneframe}[1] [] {%
1514       \@ifnextchar[%]
1515         {\sa@framegobbleopt}{\sa@framegobbleargs}}{}}%
1516     }
1517     {\newenvironment<>{standaloneframe}[1] [] {%
1518       \@ifnextchar[%]
1519         {\sa@framegobbleopt}{\sa@framegobbleargs}}{}}%
1520     }
1521     \def\sa@framegobbleopt[#1]{\sa@framegobbleargs}
1522     \def\sa@framegobbleargs{%
1523       \@ifnextchar\bgroup
1524         {\sa@framegobbleargs@}%
1525         {}%
1526     }
1527     \def\sa@framegobbleargs@#1{%
1528       \@ifnextchar\bgroup
1529         {\@gobble}%
1530         {}%
1531     }
1532   }
1533   {}
```

`\sa@orig@document`

**\sa@orig@enddocument**

Store original document environment.

```
1534 \let\sa@orig@document\document
1535 \let\sa@orig@enddocument\enddocument
```

**\document**

Redefine the `\begin{document}` of the main file to redefine `\documentclass`. This can not be done using `\AtBeginDocument` because the original redefines `\documentclass` itself after executing the hook.

```
1536 \begingroup
1537 \toks@{\expandafter{%
1538     \document
1539     \let\documentclass\sa@documentclass
1540     \ignorespaces
1541 }}
1542 \xdef\document{\the\toks@}%
1543 \endgroup

1544 \ifsa@obeyclassoptions

1545 \IfFileExists{varwidth.sty}{%
1546     \RequirePackage{varwidth}%
1547 }{}
```

**KV@standalone.sty/class@12pt**

```
1548 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{12pt}[] {%
1549     \def\sa@subfile@size{12}%
1550 }
```

**KV@standalone.sty/class@11pt**

```
1551 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{11pt}[] {%
1552     \def\sa@subfile@size{11}%
1553 }
```

KV@standalone.sty/class@10pt

```

1554 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{10pt}[]{%
1555     \def\sa@subfile@size{10}%
1556 }

```

KV@standalone.sty/class@class

```

1557 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{class}{%
1558     \def\sa@subfile@class{#1}%
1559 }

```

KV@standalone.sty/class@multi

```

1560 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{multi}[true]{%
1561     \sa@boolorvalue{multi}{#1}{%
1562         \sa@multitruel\AtEndOfClass{\standaloneenv{#1}}}%
1563     }%
1564     \ifsa@multi
1565         \def\sa@requestedpage{1}%
1566         \def\standaloneenv##1{%
1567             \begingroup
1568             \edef\@tempa{\endgroup\noexpand\@for\noexpand\
1569                 @tempa:=\zap@space##1 \@empty}%
1570             \@tempa\do{\expandafter\@standaloneenv\expandafter\
1571                 {\@tempa}}%
1572             }%
1573             \def\@standaloneenv##1{%
1574                 \expandafter\ifx\csname sa@orig@##1\endcsname\
1575                     relax
1576                 \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@##1\expandafter\
1577                     \endcsname\csname ##1\endcsname
1578                 \expandafter\let\csname sa@orig@end##1\
1579                     \expandafter\endcsname\csname end##1\
1580                     \endcsname
1581             \fi
1582             \expandafter\def\csname ##1\endcsname{%
1583                 \ifnum\sa@internal=0
1584                     \global\advance\sa@pagenum\@ne
1585                     \sa@boxit

```

```

1580         \fi
1581         \advance\sa@internal\@ne
1582         \csname sa@orig@##1\endcsname
1583     }%
1584     \expandafter\def\csname end##1\endcsname{%
1585         \csname sa@orig@end##1\endcsname
1586         \advance\sa@internal\m@ne
1587         \ifnum\sa@internal=0
1588             \endsa@boxit
1589             \ifx\sa@requestedpage\sa@allpages
1590                 \usebox\sa@box
1591             \else
1592                 \ifnum\sa@requestedpage=\sa@pagenum
1593                     \usebox\sa@box
1594                 \fi\fi
1595         \fi
1596         \@ignoretrue
1597     }%
1598 }%
1599 \else
1600     \let\standaloneenv\@gobble
1601 \fi
1602 }
1603 \newcount\sa@internal
1604 \newcount\sa@pagenum
1605 \def\sa@allpages{-1}%
1606 \let\sa@box\@tempboxa



\sa@boxit



1607 \def\sa@boxit{%
1608     \setbox\sa@box\hbox\bgroup\color@setgroup\sa@varwidth
1609 }%



\endsa@boxit



1610 \def\endsa@boxit{%
1611     \sa@endvarwidth\color@endgroup\egroup
1612 }%

```

KV@standalone.sty/class@tikz

```

1613 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{tikz}[true]{%
1614     \sa@boolean{tikz}{#1}%
1615     \ifsa@tikz
1616         \setkeys*{standalone.sty/class}{multi=tikzpicture,/
            varwidth=false}%
1617     \fi
1618 }

```

KV@standalone.sty/class@varwidth

```

1619 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{varwidth}[true]{%
1620     \sa@boolean{varwidth}{#1}{\sa@varwidthtrue\def\
        sa@width{#1}}%
1621     \ifsa@varwidth
1622         \expandafter\ifx\csname ver@varwidth.sty\endcsname\
            relax
1623             \PackageWarning{standalone}{A standalone file /
                which uses the varwidth package\MessageBreak
1624                                     has been encountered /
                while obeyclassoptions\
                =true.\MessageBreak
1625                                     Please load this package /
                in the preamble.\
                MessageBreak
1626                                     The file in question is /
                loaded}%
            \sa@varwidthfalse
1627         \fi
1628     \fi
1629     \ifsa@varwidth
1630         \def\sa@varwidth{\varwidth{\sa@width}}%
1631         \def\sa@endvarwidth{\endvarwidth}%
1632     \else
1633         \let\sa@varwidth\@empty
1634         \let\sa@endvarwidth\@empty
1635     \fi
1636 }
1637
1638 \let\sa@varwidth\@empty
1639 \let\sa@endvarwidth\@empty
1640 \def\sa@width{\linewidth}

```



**KV@standalone.sty/class@beamer**

The if-switch is always set the ‘false’ afterwards, because we are not in standalone mode.

```
1641 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{beamer}[true]{%
1642     \sa@boolean{beamer}{#1}%
1643     \ifstandalonebeamer
1644         \setkeys*{standalone.sty/class}{class=beamer,preview=
            false,crop=false,varwidth=false}%
1645     \fi
1646     \standalonebeamerfalse
1647 }
1648 \let\sa@beamertrue\standalonebeamertrue
1649 \let\sa@beamerfalse\standalonebeamerfalse
```

**KV@standalone.sty/class@border**

```
1650 \define@key{standalone.sty/class}{border}{%
1651     \sa@readborder#1 {} {} {} {} \@nnil
1652 }
```

**\sa@border@left**

**\sa@border@right**

**\sa@border@top**

**\sa@border@margin**

```
1653 \def\sa@border@left{0.50001bp}
1654 \let\sa@border@right\sa@border@left
1655 \let\sa@border@top\sa@border@left
1656 \let\sa@border@bottom\sa@border@left
```

`\rem@bp`

```
1657 \def\rem@bp#1bp\relax#2\@nnil{#1}%
```

`\default@bp`

```
1658 \def\default@bp#1#2{%
1659     \begingroup
1660     \afterassignment\remove@to@nnil
1661     \dimen@ #2bp\relax\@nnil
1662     \expandafter
1663     \endgroup
1664     \expandafter
1665     \def\expandafter#1\expandafter{\the\dimen@}%
1666 }
```

`\sa@readborder`

```
1667 \def\s@readborder#1 #2 #3 #4 #5\@nnil{%
1668     \ifx\#2#3#4\%
1669         \default@bp\s@border@left{#1}%
1670         \let\s@border@right\s@border@left
1671         \let\s@border@top\s@border@left
1672         \let\s@border@bottom\s@border@left
1673     \else
1674     \ifx\#4\%
1675         \default@bp\s@border@left{#1}%
1676         \let\s@border@right\s@border@left
1677         \default@bp\s@border@top{#2}%
1678         \let\s@border@bottom\s@border@top
1679     \else
1680         \default@bp\s@border@left{#1}%
1681         \default@bp\s@border@bottom{#2}%
1682         \default@bp\s@border@right{#3}%
1683         \default@bp\s@border@top{#4}%
1684     \fi\fi
1685 }%

1686 \IfFileExists{adjustbox.sty}{%
1687     \IfFileExists{trimclip.sty}{%
1688         \RequirePackage{trimclip}%
```

```

1689 }{%
1690     \RequirePackage{adjustbox}%
1691 }%
1692 \def\sa@beginbox{%
1693     \ifcase0%
1694         \ifdim\sa@border@left<\z@ 1\fi
1695         \ifdim\sa@border@right<\z@ 1\fi
1696         \ifdim\sa@border@top<\z@ 1\fi
1697         \ifdim\sa@border@bottom<\z@ 1\fi
1698     \relax
1699     \marginbox{{\sa@border@left} {\sa@border@bottom} /
1700               {\sa@border@right} {\sa@border@top}}\bgroup
1701 \else
1702     \clipbox{{-\sa@border@left} {-\sa@border@bottom} /
1703             {-\sa@border@right} {-\sa@border@top}}\bgroup
1704 \fi
1705 }%
1706 \let\sa@endbox\egroup
1707 }{%
1708 \PackageInfo{standalone}{The 'adjustbox' bundle was not /
1709 found. Negative borders will not be clipped.}%
1710 \def\sa@beginbox{%
1711     \setbox\@tempboxa\color@hbox
1712 }%
1713 \def\sa@endbox{%
1714     \color@endbox
1715     \sbox\@tempboxa{%
1716         \setlength\@tempdima{\sa@border@left}%
1717         \hskip\@tempdima
1718         \setlength\@tempdima{\sa@border@right}%
1719         \setlength\@tempdimb{\sa@border@bottom}%
1720         \setlength\@tempdimc{\sa@border@top}%
1721         \advance\@tempdima\wd\@tempboxa
1722         \wd\@tempboxa\@tempdima
1723         \advance\@tempdimb\dp\@tempboxa
1724         \dp\@tempboxa\@tempdimb
1725         \advance\@tempdimc\ht\@tempboxa
1726         \ht\@tempboxa\@tempdimc
1727         \raise\dp\@tempboxa\box\@tempboxa
1728     }%
1729     \usebox\@tempboxa
1730 }%
1731 }

```

1729 `\fi`

`\sa@document`

This is the `\begin{document}` of the sub files. It does nothing except of redefining `\end{document}` and calling our own `atbegindocument` hook.

```
1730 \def\sa@document{%
1731     \ifsa@group
1732         \let\enddocument\sa@enddocument
1733         \ifx\sa@subfile@options\@empty\else
1734 % Process class options
1735         \def\sa@subfile@size{10}%
1736         \def\sa@subfile@class{article}%
1737         \let\NeedsTeXFormat\@gobble
1738         \let\sa@atendofclass\@empty
1739         \def\AtEndOfClass{\g@addto@macro\sa@atendofclass}%
1740         \def\standaloneconfig{\setkeys*{standalone.sty//
            class}}}%
1741         \let\sa@@latex@error\@latex@error
1742         \let\@latex@error\@gobbletwo
1743         \let\sa@selectfont\selectfont
1744         \let\selectfont\relax
1745         \makeatletter
1746         \nullfont
1747         \InputIfFileExists{standalone.cfg}{\}{\}%
1748         \begingroup
1749         \def\@tempa{\setkeys*{standalone.sty/class}}%
1750         \expandafter\expandafter
1751         \expandafter\endgroup
1752         \expandafter\@tempa\expandafter{\%
            sa@subfile@options}%
1753         \sa@atendofclass
1754         \ifpdf
1755             \ifx\GPT@page\@empty\else
1756                 \let\sa@requestedpage\GPT@page
1757             \fi
1758         \else
1759         \ifxetex
1760             \ifx\Gin@XeTeX@page\@empty\else
1761                 \let\sa@requestedpage\Gin@XeTeX@page
1762             \fi
1763         \fi\fi
1764         \sa@pagenum\z@
```

```

1765         \sa@beginbox
1766 % Determinate required size files (normal classes or KOMA /
      Script).
1767 % If the main file does not use a KOMA class itself, the KOMA/
      size files
1768 % can't be used.
1769         \ifundefined{KOMAClassName}{%
1770             \def\@tempa{size}%
1771         }{%
1772             \def\@tempa##1##2##3##4\relax{\def\@tempa/
              {##1##2##3}}%
1773             \expandafter\@tempa\sa@subfile@class{}{}{}%
              relax
1774             \def\@tempb{scr}%
1775             \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
1776                 \def\@tempa##1{scrsz##1pt}%
1777             \else
1778                 \def\@tempa{size}%
1779             \fi
1780         }%
1781 % Load size file. Redefine macros to avoid errors and spaces /
      be introduced.
1782         \let\sa@newcommand\newcommand
1783         \let\sa@ifundefined@ifundefined
1784         \let\newcommand\renewcommand
1785         \let\@ifundefined\@thirdofthree
1786         \edef\@tempa{%
1787             \noexpand\input{\@tempa\sa@subfile@size.clo}%
1788             \catcode'\noexpand\@=\the\catcode'\@
1789         }\@tempa
1790         \let\newcommand\sa@newcommand
1791         \let\@latex@error\sa@@latex@error
1792         \let\@ifundefined\sa@ifundefined
1793         \let\selectfont\sa@selectfont
1794         \normalsize
1795     \fi
1796 \else
1797     \endgroup
1798     \global\let\enddocument\sa@enddocument
1799 \fi
1800 \sa@atbegindocument
1801 }

```

### `\sa@endddocument`

This is the `\end{document}` of the sub files. It does nothing except of calling our own `atendddocument` hook and then the ‘after end document’ handler. Also spaces after the environment are ignored. Otherwise a following line break will cause a space even if `\endinput` follows directly.

```
1802 \def\sas@endddocument{%
1803     \sas@atendddocument
1804     \ifsa@group
1805         \ifx\sas@subfile@options\@empty\else
1806             \sas@endbox
1807         \fi
1808     \else
1809         \global\let\document\sas@orig@document
1810         \global\let\endddocument\sas@orig@endddocument
1811         \begingroup
1812         \def\@currenvir{document}%
1813     \fi
1814     \@ignoretrue
1815     \aftergroup\endinput
1816 }
```

### `\sas@@endddocument`

This is a ‘after end document’ handler for the sub-files. It restores macros and ends the input of the file.

```
1817 %\def\sas@@endddocument{%
1818 % %\let\document\sas@orig@document
1819 % \let\endddocument\sas@orig@endddocument
1820 % \endinput
1821 %}
```

### `\sas@atbegindocument`

This hook simply ignores all spaces after `\begin{document}` in the sub files.

```
1822 \def\sas@atbegindocument{%
1823     \ignorespaces
1824 }
```

`\sa@atenddocument`

This hook simply ignores the last skip (normally the spaces) before `\end{document}` in the sub files.

```
1825 \def\sa@atenddocument{%
1826   \ifhmode\unskip\fi
1827 }%
```

## 6.2.6 Include Standalone

`\includestandalone`

```
1828 \IfFileExists{gincrltex.sty}{%
1829   \RequirePackage{gincrltex}
1830   \newcommand*\includestandalone[2][{}]{%
1831     \begingroup
1832     \setkeys*{standalone.sty}{##1}%
1833     \edef\@tempa{{##2\sa@graphicext}}%
1834     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\
1835       includestandalone@
1836     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\expandafter\
1837       XKV@rm\expandafter}\@tempa{##2}%
1838   }%
1839   \begingroup
1840   \let\on@line\@gobble
1841   \PackageWarning{standalone}{Required package 'gincrltex' /
1842     not found.\MessageBreak
1843     The \string\includestandalone\
1844     space feature is disabled.}
1845   \endgroup
1846   \newcommand*\includestandalone[2][{}]{%
1847     \begingroup
1848     \input{##2}%
1849     \endgroup
1850   }
1851 }

1850 \ifxetex\else
1851   \RequirePackage{filemod-expmin}
1852 \fi
```

```
1853 \newif\ifsa@buildsuccess
```

```
\includestandalone@
```

```
    #1: <options>
```

```
    #2: <filename>.<graphic ext>
```

```
    #3: <filename>
```

0 = PDF if exists, TEX otherwise 1 = force TEX 2 = force PDF 3 = build PDF if not exists 4 = build PDF if older than TEX

```
1854 \def\includestandalone@#1#2#3{%
1855     \ifcase\sa@mode
1856     \relax% 0
1857         \IfFileExists{#2}%
1858             {\includegraphics[#1]{#2}}%
1859             {\includegraphics[#1]{#3.tex}}%
1860     \or% 1
1861         \includegraphics[#1]{#3.tex}%
1862     \or% 2
1863         \includegraphics[#1]{#2}%
1864     \or% 3
1865         \sa@buildgraphic{#3}%
1866         \ifsa@buildsuccess
1867             \includegraphics[#1]{#2}%
1868         \else
1869             \PackageWarning{standalone}%
1870                 {Graphic '#2' could not be build.^^J%
1871                 Shell escape activated?}%
1872             \includegraphics[#1]{#3.tex}%
1873     \fi
1874     \or% 4
1875         \IfFileExists{#2}%
1876             {\includegraphics[#1]{#2}}%
1877             {\sa@buildgraphic{#3}%
1878             \ifsa@buildsuccess
1879                 \includegraphics[#1]{#2}%
1880             \else
1881                 \PackageWarning{standalone}%
1882                 {Graphic '#2' could not be build.^^J%
1883                 Shell escape activated?}%
1884                 \includegraphics[#1]{#3.tex}%
1885             \fi
1886         }%
1887     \or% 5
```



```

1888 \filemodCmp{#3.tex}{#2}%
1889 {\sa@buildgraphic{#3}%
1890 \ifsa@buildsuccess
1891 \includegraphics[#1]{#2}%
1892 \else
1893 \PackageWarning{standalone}%
1894 {Graphic '#2' could not be build.^^J%
1895 Shell escape activated?}%
1896 \includegraphics[#1]{#3.tex}%
1897 \fi
1898 }%
1899 {%
1900 \PackageInfo{standalone}%
1901 {#3.tex file newer then #2}%
1902 \includegraphics[#1]{#2}%
1903 }%
1904 \fi
1905 }

```

`\sa@buildgraphic`

Compiles the given external file. The state of the shell escape is checked.

```

1906 \def\sa@buildgraphic#1{%
1907 \ifeof18
1908 \PackageError{standalone}{Shell escape needed to /
1909 create graphic! Use the '-shell-escape' option.}{}%
1910 %
1911 \else
1912 \begin{group}
1913 \edef\file{#1}%
1914 \edef\outfile{\file\sa@graphicext}%
1915 \edef\filemodbefore{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\file\outfile}}%
1916 \let\latex\sa@build@latex
1917 \let\latexoptions\sa@build@latexoptions
1918 \let\buildjobname\sa@build@jobname
1919 \immediate\write18{\sa@build@command}%
1920 \ifx\sa@build@postcommand\@empty\else
1921 \immediate\write18{\sa@build@postcommand}%
1922 \fi
1923 \IfFileExists{\outfile}{%
1924 \edef\filemodafter{\csname pdffilemoddate\endcsname{\outfile}}%

```

```

1923         \ifx\filemodbefore\filemodafter
1924         \expandafter\ifx\csname pdffilemoddate\
            endcsname\relax
1925         \global\sa@buildsuccessstrue
1926     \else
1927         \global\sa@buildsuccessfalse
1928     \fi
1929 \else
1930     \global\sa@buildsuccessstrue
1931 \fi
1932 }{%
1933     \global\sa@buildsuccessfalse
1934 }%
1935 \endgroup
1936 \fi
1937 }

```

### 6.3 Simple TeX File

```

1938 %%\ProvidesFile{standalone.tex}[2010/02/28 v0.4 Provides if-
    switch to show if file is compiled standalone]%

```

#### **\ifstandalone**

Provides `\ifstandalone` switch which is `\iftrue` if the normal `\documentclass` was not yet executed (and subsequently redefined to be `\@twoclasseserror`).

```

1939 \expandafter\ifx\csname ifstandalone\endcsname\relax
1940 \expandafter\newif\csname ifstandalone\endcsname
1941 \expandafter\ifx\csname @twoclasseserror\endcsname\
    documentclass
1942 \else
1943     \standalonetrue
1944 \fi
1945 \fi

```

### 6.4 Config File

Default content of the configuration file. Users can override this by placing an own `standalone.cfg` file somewhere where  $\TeX$  can find it (user `texmf` directory or local directory). This user file can load the default config file using using `\InputIfFileExists{standalone/standalone.cfg}{-}{-}`. By default only the preview package option are set and the navigation symbols of beamer standalones are disabled.

```

1946 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
1947 \ProvidesFile{standalone.cfg}[%
1948 %<!DATE>
1949 %<!VERSION>
1950 %<*DRIVER>
1951     2099/01/01 develop
1952 %</DRIVER>
1953     Default configuration file for 'standalone' class]%
1954 % \begin{macrocode}

1955 %% Enabled the "varwidth" option if the "varwidth" package is/
1956 %% available:
1957 %%\IfFileExists{varwidth.sty}{%
1958 %% \standaloneconfig{varwidth}%
1959 %%}{}%
1960 %% Default options:
1961 \standaloneconfig{crop}
1962
1963 %% Option which 'preview' should be loaded with
1964 \PassOptionsToPackage{active,tightpage}{preview}%
1965
1966 %% Enable 'preview' option by default:
1967 %%\standaloneconfig{preview}
1968
1969 %% Remove the border:
1970 \standaloneconfig{border=0pt}
1971
1972 %% Default preview border (used by standalone v0.x):
1973 %%\standaloneconfig{border=0.50001bp}
1974
1975 %% Disable navigation symbols in beamer.
1976 %% This must be done AtEndOfClass because the options are not/
1977 %% processed yet,
1978 %% so "beamer" mode is not enabled yet.
1979 \AtEndOfClass{%
1980 \ifstandalonebeamer
1981     \setbeamertemplate{navigation symbols}{}%
1982 \fi
}

```