
CTAN CD-ROM series, compliments of DANTE

Editor's note: With this issue of *TUGboat* is included a 3 CD-ROM collection compiled and contributed by DANTE e.V., the German T_EX users group.

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Important information concerning the CTAN CD-ROM series

The CTAN CD-ROM series, consisting of 3 CD-ROMs, is a “nearly complete” copy of the CTAN (Comprehensive T_EX Archive Network) server of DANTE e.V. The copy was made on January 25th

1998. “Nearly” means that a few parts of the archive (containing nearly 3 GB of software) have not been copied because of lack of space.

On each CD-ROM of this series one can find a file named `FILES.cd` in the root directory. It contains the table of contents of all three CD-ROMs. This `README` and the `COPYRIGHT` are located there too. On the first CD-ROM [CD-1] additionally the file `CTAN.ori` can be found, which contains the complete list of all files on the CTAN server (the result of the command `ls -r`).

Almost all software can be installed directly as described in the various packages. Only a few subdirectories have been compressed by the program `infozip`, which is compatible to the well-known `pkzip` program. The `infozip` program can be found in the subdirectory `/tools/zip/info-zip` on the second CD-ROM [CD-2]. The source code as well as binaries for several operating systems are stored there.

The three CD-ROMs do not contain the whole CTAN. Some software packages which have no relation to T_EX, which are old versions or where copyright prohibits a distribution via CD-ROM, have not been copied.

The packages are distributed on the CD-ROMs as follows:

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CD-1  /biblio
      /digests
      /dviware
      /fonts [zipped]
      /graphics
      /indexing
      /info
      /language
      /macros

CD-2  /help
      /support
      /systems [only acorn, e-tex and
                unix subdirectories]

      /tds
      /tools
      /usergrps
      /web

CD-3  /systems [without acorn, e-tex and
                unix subdirectories]
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All directories which have not been included will be listed at the end of the [copyright] file.

The CD-ROMs have been mastered under Linux (thanks to Linus Torvald!) to the ISO9660 standard with Rock Ridge extensions. They should therefore be readable under all systems which supports ISO9660. The (sometimes very long) directory or file names have been automatically converted into

the ISO9660 format. For reference to the original names a file named `TRANS.TBL` is stored in every directory. The file contains the original names and the name in ISO format. Operating systems with Rock Ridge support can still see and use the original names.

There exist symbolic links in the CTAN directory structure. Such symbolic links are supported only from relatively few operating systems and with the distribution on three CD-ROMs many of the links would be out of order. For that reason *all* symbolic links has been deleted. In order to help searching for distinct files, all symbolic links have been stored in the file `SYMLINKS.ori` in the root directory of the first CD-ROM [CD-1].

Have fun and success while using \TeX and Co.

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