

codebox: programming code box

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Abstract

codebox is a tcolorbox-based package developed with LATEX3, which provides environments codebox and codeview, and macros \codefile and \cvfile for typesetting programming source code box.

The environments create codebox with it's body and macros is used to read in the source code file and output is in the codebox.

The starred environments and macros are also provided to get codebox with comments at the bottom of box.

All codebox style can be setted by \codeset macro or environment's and macro's key-value [*options*].

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1 introduction

codebox is a LATEX3 package for typesetting programming source code box.

Both codebox and codeview environment are provided with environment body. At the same time, both \codefile and \cvfile macros are created for reading source code file.

The starred environments(codebox* and codeview*) and macros(\codefile* and \cvfile*) are also provided to get codebox with comments at the bottom of box.

^{*}<https://github.com/register/codebox>

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2 interface

2.1 codebox and codebox* environments

```
codebox
codebox*
```

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```
\begin{codebox}[(options)]{<codebox title>}
.....
\end{codebox}
\begin{codebox*}[(options)]{<codebox title>}
.....
\end{codebox*}
```

Typesetting codebox with environment body. You can set the title of the codebox with `{<codebox title>}`.

The appearance of the codebox is set by key-value in `[(options)]`.

The starred environment `codebox*` is used to add comments at the bottom of the codebox, note that this needs to be done with `<comments>=<texts>` in `[(options)]`.

Of course the key-value `[(options)]` can also be set via the comma-separated key-value list of the `\codeset` macro.

```
1 \centering
2 \begin{codebox}{CodeBox Title}
3   #include <stdio.h>
4   #include <stdlib.h>
5
6   int main(void)
7   {
8     printf("Hello World!\n");
9
10    return 0;
11  }
12 \end{codebox}
```



2.2 \codefile and \codefile* macros

```
\codefile
\codefile*
```

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```
\codefile  [(options)] {<codebox title>} {<code file>}
\codefile* [(options)] {<codebox title>} {<code file>}
```

Typesetting codebox from a source code file. You can set the title of the codebox with `{<codebox title>}`.

The appearance of the codebox is set by key-value in `[(options)]`.

The starred environment `\codefile*` is used to add comments at the bottom of the codebox, note that this needs to be done with `<comments>=<texts>` in `[(options)]`.

Of course the key-value `[(options)]` can also be set via the comma-separated key-value list of the `\codeset` macro.

```

1 \centering
2 \codefile{CodeBox Title}{test.c}

```



2.3 codeview and codeview* environments

codeview
codeview*

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```

\begin{codeview}[(options)]{<codeview title>}
.....
\end{codeview}
\begin{codeview*}[(options)]{<codeview title>}
.....
\end{codeview*}

```

Typesetting code viewer with environment body. You can set the title of the code viewer with `{<codeview title>}`.

The appearance of the code viewer is set by key-value in `[(options)]`.

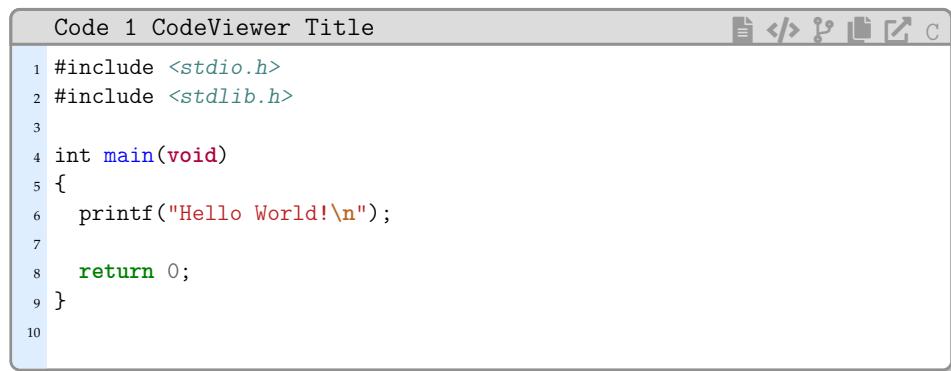
The starred environment `codeview*` is used to add comments at the bottom of the codebox, note that this needs to be done with `<comments> = <texts>` in `[(options)]`.

Of course the key-value `[(options)]` can also be set via the comma-separated key-value list of the `\codeset` macro.

```

1 \centering
2 \begin{codeview}{CodeViewer Title}
3     #include <stdio.h>
4     #include <stdlib.h>
5
6     int main(void)
7     {
8         printf("Hello World!\n");
9
10        return 0;
11    }
12 \end{codeview}

```



2.4 \cvfile and \cvfile* macros

\cvfile
\cvfile*

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Updated: 2021-12-26

\cvfile [*options*] {\codeview title} {\code file}
\cvfile* [*options*] {\codeview title} {\code file}

Typesetting code viewer from a source code file. You can set the title of the code viewer with {\codeview title}.

The appearance of the code viewer is set by key-value in [*options*].

The starred environment \vcfile* is used to add comments at the bottom of the codebox, note that this needs to be done with \comments = \text in [*options*].

Of course the key-value [*options*] can also be set via the comma-separated key-value list of the \codeset macro.

```
1 \centering
2 \cvfile*[comments=this is a simple C code]{CodeViewer Title}{test.c}
```



3 Options

The codebox package provides a number of options to set the style of the codebox. The following options can be set with \codeset macro. Also, these options can be set with the all environment's or command's [*options*].

3.1 code engine

minted

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minted = \true | \false

Init = \true

minted is used to set code highlight engine, if it is \true then the minted package is used, if it is \false then the listings package is used. The default is \true.

3.2 language

lang

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Updated: 2021-12-26

lang = \source code language

Init = \c

lang is used to set source code language. The default is \C.

3.3 title prefix

pretitle

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Updated: 2021-12-26

pretitle = \title prefix

Init = \Code

pretitle is used to set prefix of code counter. The default is \Code.

3.4 code highlight style

codestyle = {{highlight style}} Init = `codeblocks`
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Updated: 2021-12-26

codestyle is used to set code highlight style, valid only for the `minted` engine. The default is **codeblocks**.

3.5 code fontsize

codesize = {{fontsize macro}} Init = `\small`
New: 2021-12-26
Updated: 2021-12-26

codesize is used to set code fontsize, valid only for `minted` engine. The default is `\small`.

3.6 comment contents

comments = {{texts}} Init = `nothing`
New: 2021-12-26
Updated: 2021-12-26

comments is used to set comment contents. The default is **nothing**.

3.7 comment format

commentf = {{format macros}} Init = `\small\sffamily`
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Updated: 2021-12-26

commentf is used to set comment format at codebox bottom. The default is `\small\sffamily`.

3.8 code baseline stretch

codestretch = {{float number}} Init = `1.0`
New: 2021-12-26
Updated: 2021-12-26

codestretch is used to set code baseline stretch, valid only for `minted` engine. The default is `1.0`.

3.9 seperation between line number and code

linenumsep = {{float number}} Init = `1.80`
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Updated: 2022-1-28

linenumsep is used to set the seperation between line number and code, valid only for `minted` engine. Note the unit is mm. The default is `3.0`.

3.10 label

label = {{label name}} Init = `nothing`
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label is used to set `\ref`'s label name, it is for `codeview/codeview*` and `\cvfile/\cvfile*`. The default is **nothing**.

4 The counter

The `codebox` package provides a `cvcnter` counter that can be used to count code boxes with environment `codeview`/`codeview*` and the command `\cvfile`/`\cvfile*`.

By default, if `\thechapter` exists, its parent counter is set to `chapter` otherwise it will be counted uniformly by full text.

You can use `\renewcommand{\thecvcnter}{\thechapter.\arabic{cvcnter}}` or something like this macro to change the numbered output.

5 Examples

The `codebox` package can be used in situations where the highlight programming source code needs to be typeset to avoid the use of screenshots. Code box can be with or without underline comments.

5.1 Java code

The language can be set with \codeset macro.

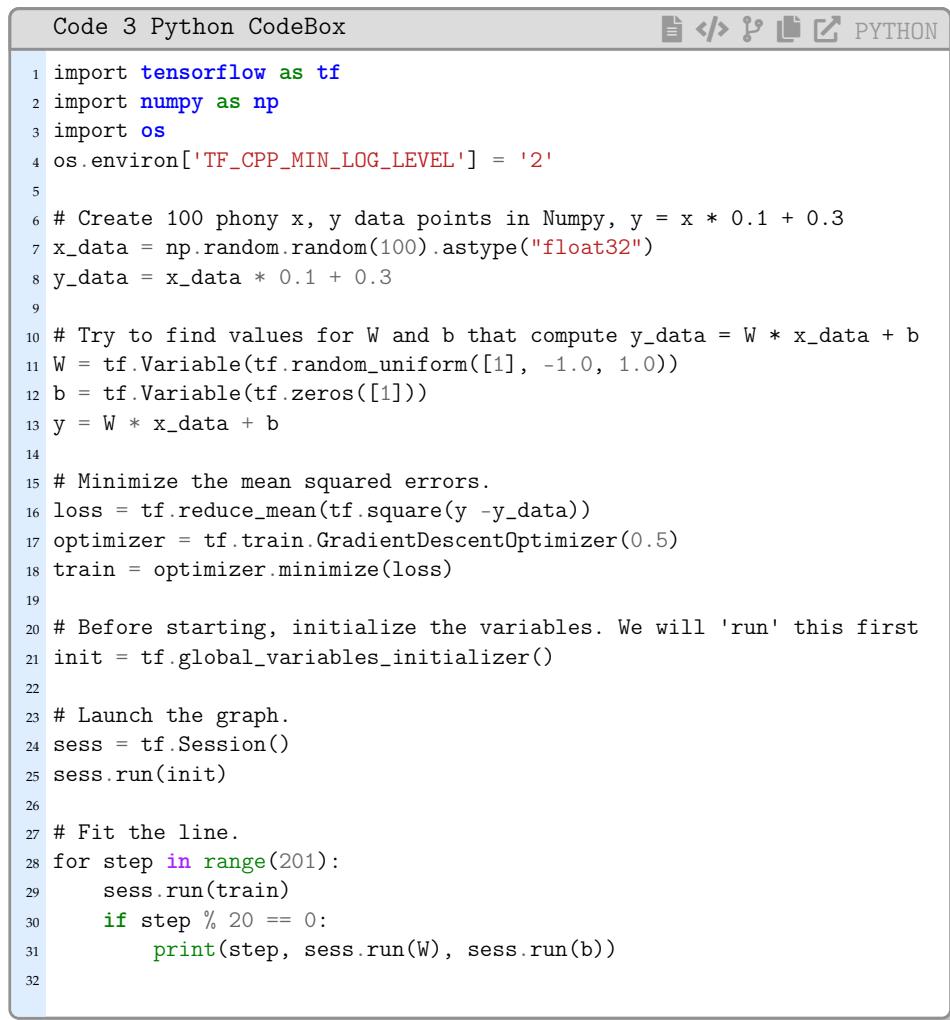
```
1 \centering
2 \codeset{lang=java}
3 \codefile{Java CodeBox}{hellojava.java}
```



5.2 Python code

The language can be set with options, of course you can label and ref it such as code 3.

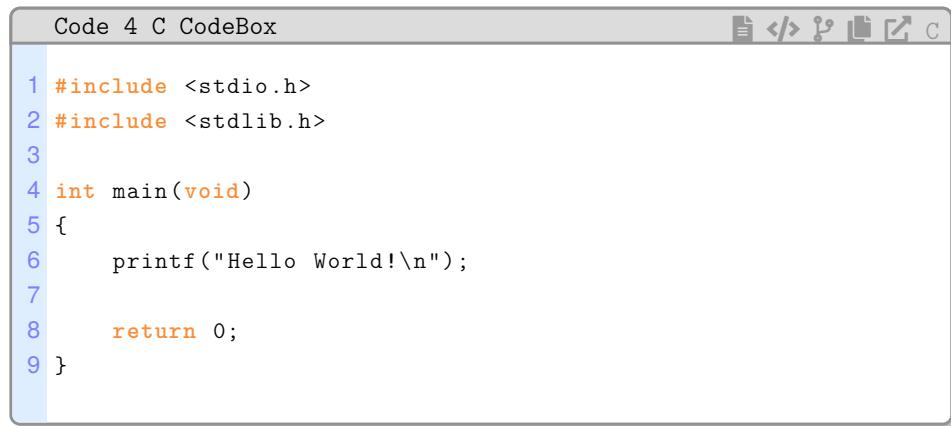
```
1 \centering
2 \cvfile[lang=python,label=code-test]{Python CodeBox}{hellopy.py}
```



5.3 listings engine

listings engine can be set with `\minted=false`.

```
1 \centering
2 \cvfile[minted=false,lang=c]{C CodeBox}{test.c}
```



The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor window titled "Code 4 C CodeBox". The window has a toolbar at the top with icons for file operations. The main area contains the following C code:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 int main(void)
5 {
6     printf("Hello World!\n");
7
8     return 0;
9 }
```