The package piton*

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Abstract

The package piton provides tools to typeset computer listings, with syntactic highlighting, by using the Lua library LPEG. It requires LuaLaTeX.

1 Presentation

The package piton uses the Lua library LPEG¹ for parsing computer listings and typesets them with syntactic highlighting. Since it uses the Lua of LuaLaTeX, it works with lualatex only (and won't work with the other engines: latex, pdflatex and xelatex). It does not use external program and the compilation does not require --shell-escape. The compilation is very fast since all the parsing is done by the library LPEG, written in C.

Here is an example of code typeset by piton, with the environment {Piton}.

```
from math import pi

def \operatorname{arctan}(x,n:\operatorname{int}=10):

"""Compute the mathematical value of \operatorname{arctan}(x)

n is the number of terms in the sum

"""

if x < 0:

return \operatorname{-arctan}(-x) # recursive call

elif x > 1:

return \operatorname{pi}/2 - \operatorname{arctan}(1/x)

(we have used that \operatorname{arctan}(x) + \operatorname{arctan}(1/x) = \frac{\pi}{2} for x > 0)<sup>2</sup>

else:

s = 0

for k in range(n):

s += (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1)

return s
```

The main alternatives to the package piton are probably the packages listings and minted.

The name of this extension (piton) has been chosen arbitrarily by reference to the pitons used by the climbers in mountaineering.

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¹LPEG is a pattern-matching library for Lua, written in C, based on *parsing expression grammars*: http://www.inf.puc-rio.br/~roberto/lpeg/

²This LaTeX escape has been done by beginning the comment by #>.

2 Installation

The package piton is contained in two files: piton.sty and piton.lua (the LaTeX file piton.sty loaded by \usepackage will load the Lua file piton.lua). Both files must be in a repertory where LaTeX will be able to find them, for instance in a texmf tree. However, the best is to install piton with a TeX distribution such as MiKTeX, TeX Live or MacTeX.

Note that the character quote~U+0027: ' is never transformed by piton in an apostrophe U+2019. There is no point loading upquote.

3 Use of the package

The package piton must be used with LuaLaTeX exclusively: if another LaTeX engine (latex, pdflatex, xelatex,...) is used, a fatal error will be raised.

3.1 Loading the package

The package piton should be loaded by: \usepackage{piton}.

The package piton uses and loads the package xcolor. It does not use any exterior program.

3.2 Choice of the computer language

The package piton supports two kinds of languages:

- the languages natively supported by piton, which are Python, OCaml, C (in fact C++), SQL and two special languages called minimal and verbatim;
- the languages defined by the end user by using the built-in command \NewPitonLanguage described p. 10 (the parsers of those languages can't be as precise as those of the languages supported natively by piton).

By default, the language used is Python.

It's possible to change the current language with the command \PitonOptions and its key language: \PitonOptions{language = OCaml}.

In fact, for piton, the names of the computer languages are always **case-insensitive**. In this example, we might have written Ocaml or ocaml.

For the developers, let's say that the name of the current language is stored (in lower case) in the L3 public variable \l_piton_language_str.

In what follows, we will speak of Python, but the features described also apply to the other languages.

3.3 The tools provided to the user

The package piton provides several tools to typeset computer listings: the command \piton, the environment {Piton} and the command \PitonInputFile.

• The command \piton should be used to typeset small pieces of code inside a paragraph. For example:

```
\piton{def square(x): return x*x} def square(x): return x*x
```

The syntax and particularities of the command \piton are detailed below.

- The environment {Piton} should be used to typeset multi-lines code. Since it takes its argument in a verbatim mode, it can't be used within the argument of a LaTeX command. For sake of customization, it's possible to define new environments similar to the environment {Piton} with the command \NewPitonEnvironment or its friends: cf. 4.3 p. 9.
- The command \PitonInputFile is used to insert and typeset an external file: cf. 6.1 p. 12.

3.4 The double syntax of the command \piton

In fact, the command \piton is provided with a double syntax. It may be used as a standard command of LaTeX taking its argument between curly braces (\piton{...}) but it may also be used with a syntax similar to the syntax of the LaTeX command \verb, that is to say with the argument delimited by two identical characters (e.g.: \piton|...| or \piton+...+).

• Syntax \piton{...}

When its argument is given between curly braces, the command **\piton** does not take its argument in verbatim mode. In particular:

- several consecutive spaces will be replaced by only one space (and also the character of end of line),

but the command _ is provided to force the insertion of a space;

- it's not possible to use % inside the argument,
 but the command \% is provided to insert a %;
- the braces must be appear by pairs correctly nested but the commands \{ and \} are provided for individual braces;
- the LaTeX commands³ of the argument are fully expanded (in the TeX meaning) and not executed,

so, it's possible to use \\ to insert a backslash.

The other characters (including #, ^, _, &, \$ and @) must be inserted without backslash.

Examples:

```
\piton{MyString = '\n' \
\piton{def even(n): return n\%2==0} \
\piton{c="#"  # an affectation } \
\piton{c="#"  \  # an affectation } \
\piton{MyDict = {'a': 3, 'b': 4 }} \
\text{MyString = '\n' \
def even(n): return n\%2==0 \
\text{c="#" # an affectation \
\text{c="#" # an affectation \
\text{MyDict = {'a': 3, 'b': 4 }} \\
\text{MyDict = {'a': 3, 'b': 4 }} \]
```

It's possible to use the command \rightarrow ton with that syntax in the arguments of a LaTeX command.

However, since the argument is expanded (in the TeX sens), one should take care not using in its argument *fragile* commands (that is to say commands which are neither *protected* nor *fully expandable*).

• Syntax \piton|...|

When the argument of the command \piton is provided between two identical characters (all the characters are allowed except %, \, #, {, } and the space), that argument is taken in a *verbatim mode*. Therefore, with that syntax, the command \piton can't be used within the argument of another command.

Examples:

```
\piton|MyString = '\n' \
\piton!def even(n): return n%2==0! \
\piton+c="#"  # an affectation + \
\piton?MyDict = {'a': 3, 'b': 4}? \
MyString = '\n' \
def even(n): return n%2==0 \
c="#"  # an affectation \
MyDict = {'a': 3, 'b': 4}
```

³That concerns the commands beginning with a backslash but also the active characters (with catcode equal to 13).

⁴For example, it's possible to use the command \piton in a footnote. Example: s = 123.

4 Customization

4.1 The keys of the command \PitonOptions

The command \PitonOptions takes in as argument a comma-separated list of key=value pairs. The scope of the settings done by that command is the current TeX group.⁵

These keys may also be applied to an individual environment {Piton} (between square brackets).

• The key language specifies which computer language is considered (that key is case-insensitive). It's possible to use the name of the six built-in languages (Python, OCaml, C, SQL, minimal and verbatim) or the name of a language defined by the user with \NewPitonLanguage (cf. part 5, p. 10).

The initial value is Python.

• The key **font-command** contains instructions of font which will be inserted at the beginning of all the elements composed by **piton** (without surprise, these instructions are not used for the so-called "LaTeX comments").

The initial value is \ttfamily and, thus, piton uses by default the current monospace font.

• The key gobble takes in as value a positive integer n: the first n characters are discarded (before the process of highlighting of the code) for each line of the environment {Piton}. These characters are not necessarily spaces.

When the key gobble is used without value, it is equivalent to the key auto-gobble, that we describe now.

- When the key auto-gobble is in force, the extension piton computes the minimal value n of the number of consecutive spaces beginning each (non empty) line of the environment {Piton} and applies gobble with that value of n.
- When the key env-gobble is in force, piton analyzes the last line of the environment {Piton}, that is to say the line which contains \end{Piton} and determines whether that line contains only spaces followed by the \end{Piton}. If we are in that situation, piton computes the number n of spaces on that line and applies gobble with that value of n. The name of that key comes from environment gobble: the effect of gobble is set by the position of the commands \begin{Piton} and \end{Piton} which delimit the current environment.
- The key line-numbers activates the line numbering in the environments {Piton} and in the listings resulting from the use of \PitonInputFile.

In fact, the key line-numbers has several subkeys.

- With the key line-numbers/skip-empty-lines, the empty lines (which contains only spaces) are considered as non existent for the line numbering (if the key /absolute, described below, is in force, the key /skip-empty-lines is no-op in \PitonInputFile). The initial value of that key is true (and not false).⁶
- With the key line-numbers/label-empty-lines, the labels (that is to say the numbers) of the empty lines are displayed. If the key /skip-empty-line is in force, the clé /label-empty-lines is no-op. The initial value of that key is true.
- With the key line-numbers/absolute, in the listings generated in \PitonInputFile, the numbers of the lines displayed are absolute (that is to say: they are the numbers of the lines in the file). That key may be useful when \PitonInputFile is used to insert only a part of the file (cf. part 6.1.2, p. 12). The key /absolute is no-op in the environments {Piton} and those created by \NewPitonEnvironment.
- The key line-numbers/start requires that the line numbering begins to the value of the key.

⁵We remind that a LaTeX environment is, in particular, a TeX group.

⁶For the language Python, the empty lines in the docstrings are taken into account (by design).

⁷When the key split-on-empty-lines is in force, the labels of the empty lines are never printed.

- With the key line-numbers/resume, the counter of lines is not set to zero at the beginning of each environment {Piton} or use of \PitonInputFile as it is otherwise. That allows a numbering of the lines across several environments.
- The key line-numbers/sep is the horizontal distance between the numbers of lines (inserted by line-numbers) and the beginning of the lines of code. The initial value is 0.7 em.
- The key line-numbers/format is a list of tokens which are inserted before the number of line in order to format it. It's possible to put, at the end of the list, a LaTeX command with one argument, such as, for example, \fbox.

The initial value is \footnotesize\color{gray}.

For convenience, a mechanism of factorisation of the prefix line-numbers is provided. That means that it is possible, for instance, to write:

```
\PitonOptions
{
    line-numbers =
      {
        skip-empty-lines = false ,
        label-empty-lines = false ,
        sep = 1 em ,
        format = \footnotesize \color{blue}
    }
}
```

Be careful: the previous code is not enough to print the numbers of lines. For that, one also has to use the key line-numbers is a absolute way, that is to say without value.

• The key left-margin corresponds to a margin on the left. That key may be useful in conjunction with the key line-numbers if one does not want the numbers in an overlapping position on the left.

It's possible to use the key left-margin with the special value auto. With that value, if the key line-numbers is in force, a margin will be automatically inserted to fit the numbers of lines. See an example part 9.2 on page 34.

• The key background-color sets the background color of the environments {Piton} and the listings produced by \PitonInputFile (it's possible to fix the width of that background with the key width or the key max-width described below).

The key background-color accepts a color defined «on the fly». For example, it's possible to write background-color = [cmyk]{0.1,0.05,0,0}.

The key background-color supports also as value a *list* of colors. In this case, the successive rows are colored by using the colors of the list in a cyclic way.

In that list, the special color none may be used to specify no color at all.

Example : \PitonOptions{background-color = {gray!15,none}}

• It's possible to use the key rounded-corners to require rounded corners for the colored panels drawn by the key background-color The initial value of that is 0 pt, which means that the corners are not rounded. If the key rounded-corners is used, the extension tikz must be loaded because those rounded corners are drawn by using tikz. If tikz is not loaded, an error will be raised at the first use of the key rounded-corners.

The default value of the key rounded-corners is 4 pt.8

• With the key prompt-background-color, piton adds a color background to the lines beginning with the prompt ">>>" (and its continuation "...") characteristic of the Python consoles with REPL (read-eval-print loop).

The initial value is: gray!15

 $^{^8{}m This}$ value is the initial value of the $rounded\ corners$ of TikZ.

• The key width fixes the width of the listing in the PDF. The initial value of that parameter is the current value of \linewidth (LaTeX parameter which corresponds to the width of the lines of text).

That parameter is used for:

- the breaking the lines which are too long (except, of course, when the key break-lines is set to false: cf. p. 20);
- the width of the backgrounds specified by the keys background-color and promptbackground-color described below;
- the width fo the colored backgrounds added by \rowcolor (cf. p. 8);
- the width of the LaTeX box created by the key box (cf. p. 15);
- the width of the graphical box created by the key tcolorbox (cf. p. 16).
- The key max-width is similar to the key width but it fixes the *maximal* width of the lines. If all the lines of the listing are shorter than the value provided to max-width, the parameter width will be equal to the maximal length of the lines of the listing, that is to say the natural width of the listing.

For legibility of the code, width=min is a shortcut for max-width=\linewidth.

• When the key show-spaces-in-strings is activated, the spaces in the strings of characters are replaced by the character \sqcup (U+2423: OPEN BOX). Of course, that character U+2423 must be present in the monospace font which is used. 10

```
Example: my_string = 'Very_good_answer'
```

With the key **show-spaces**, all the spaces are replaced by U+2423 (and no line break can occur on those "visible spaces", even when the key **break-lines**¹¹ is in force). By the way, one should remark that all the trailing spaces (at the end of a line) are deleted by piton — and, therefore, won't be represented by $_{\square}$. Moreover, when the key **show-spaces** is in force, the tabulations at the beginning of the lines are represented by arrows.

```
\begin{Piton}[language=C,line-numbers,gobble,background-color=gray!15
             rounded-corners,width=min,splittable=4]
   void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n) {
       int temp;
       int swapped;
       for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++) {
            swapped = 0;
           for (int j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) {
                if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1]) {
                   temp = arr[j];
                   arr[j] = arr[j + 1];
                   arr[j + 1] = temp;
                   swapped = 1;
           }
            if (!swapped) break;
       }
   }
\end{Piton}
void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n) {
     int temp;
     int swapped;
     for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++) {
```

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⁹With the language Python that feature applies only to the short strings (delimited by ' or ") and, in particular, it does not apply for the *doc strings*. In OCaml, that feature does not apply to the *quoted strings*.

¹⁰The initial value of font-command is \ttfamily and, thus, by default, piton merely uses the current monospace font.

¹¹cf. 7.3.1 p. 20

```
5
             swapped = 0;
             for (int j = 0; j < n - i - 1; j++) {
6
                 if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1]) {
7
                      temp = arr[j];
8
                      arr[j] = arr[j + 1];
9
                      arr[j + 1] = temp;
10
                      swapped = 1;
11
                 }
12
             }
13
             if (!swapped) break;
14
        }
15
    }
16
```

The command \PitonOptions provides in fact several other keys which will be described further (see in particular the "Pages breaks and line breaks" p. 20).

4.2 The styles

4.2.1 Notion of style

The package piton provides the command \SetPitonStyle to customize the different styles used to format the syntactic elements of the computer listings. The customizations done by that command are limited to the current TeX group.¹²

The command \SetPitonStyle takes in as argument a comma-separated list of key=value pairs. The keys are names of styles and the value are LaTeX formatting instructions.

These LaTeX instructions must be formatting instructions such as \color{}, \bfseries, \slshape, etc. (the commands of this kind are sometimes called *semi-global* commands). It's also possible to put, at the end of the list of instructions, a LaTeX command taking exactly one argument.

Here an example which changes the style used to highlight, in the definition of a Python function, the name of the function which is defined. That code uses the command \highLight of lua-ul (that package requires also the package luacolor).

```
\SetPitonStyle{ Name.Function = \bfseries \highLight[red!30] }
```

In that example, \highLight[red!30] must be considered as the name of a LaTeX command which takes in exactly one argument, since, usually, it is used with \highLight[red!30]{...}.

```
With that setting, we will have : def cube(x) : return x * x * x
```

The different styles, and their use by piton in the different languages which it supports (Python, OCaml, C, SQL, "minimal" and "verbatim"), are described in the part 10, starting at the page 43.

The command **\PitonStyle** takes in as argument the name of a style and allows to retrieve the value (as a list of LaTeX instructions) of that style. That command is *fully expandable* (in the TeX sens). For example, it's possible to write **\PitonStyle{Keyword}{function}**} and we will have the word **function** formatted as a keyword.

The syntax ${\PitonStyle\{style\}\{...\}}$ is mandatory in order to be able to deal both with the semi-global commands and the commands with arguments which may be present in the definition of the style style.

 $^{^{12}\}mathrm{We}$ remind that a LaTeX environment is, in particular, a TeX group.

4.2.2 Global styles and local styles

A style may be defined globally with the command \SetPitonStyle. That means that it will apply to all the computer languages that use that style.

For example, with the command

```
\SetPitonStyle{Comment = \color{gray}}
```

all the comments will be composed in gray in all the listings, whatever computer language they use (Python, C, OCaml, etc. or a language defined by the command \NewPitonLanguage).

But it's also possible to define a style locally for a given computer language by providing the name of that language as optional argument (between square brackets) to the command \SetPitonStyle. 13

For example, with the command

```
\SetPitonStyle[SQL]{Keyword = \color[HTML]{006699} \bfseries \MakeUppercase}
```

the keywords in the SQL listings will be composed in capital letters, even if they appear in lower case in the LaTeX source (we recall that, in SQL, the keywords are case-insensitive).

As expected, if a computer language uses a given style and if that style has no local definition for that language, the global version is used. That notion of "global style" has no link with the notion of global definition in TeX (the notion of group in TeX).¹⁴

The package piton itself (that is to say the file piton.sty) defines all the styles globally.

4.2.3 The command \rowcolor

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The extension piton provides the command \rowcolor which adds a colored background to the current line (the *whole* line and not only the part with text) which may be used in the styles.

The command \rowcolor has a syntax similar to the classical command \color. For example, it's possible to write \rowcolor[rgb]{0.9,1,0.9}.

The command \rowcolor is protected against the TeX expansions.

Here is an example for the language Python where we modify the style String.Doc of the "documentation strings" in order to have a colored background.

```
\SetPitonStyle{String.Doc = \rowcolor{gray!15}\color{black!80}}
\begin{Piton} [width=min]

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x
        Second line of the documentation"""
    return x*x
\end{Piton}

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x
        Second line of the documentation"""
    return x*x
```

If the command \rowcolor appears (through a style of piton) inside a command \piton, it is no-op (as expected).

¹³We recall, that, in the package piton, the names of the computer languages are case-insensitive.

¹⁴As regards the TeX groups, the definitions done by \SetPitonStyle are always local.

4.2.4 The style UserFunction

The extension piton provides a special style called UserFunction. That style applies to the names of the functions previously defined by the user (for example, in Python, these names are those following the keyword def in a previous listing). The initial value of that style \PitonStyle{Identifier} and, therefore, the names of the functions are formatted like the other identifiers (that is to say, by default, with no special formatting except the features provided in font-command). However, it's possible to change the value of that style, as any other style, with the command \SetPitonStyle.

In the following example, we tune the styles Name. Function and UserFunction so as to have clickable names of functions linked to the definition of the function.

Of course, the list of the names of Python functions previously défined is kept in the memory of LuaLaTeX (in a global way, that is to say independently of the TeX groups). The extension piton provides a command to clear that list: it's the command \PitonClearUserFunctions. When it is used without argument, that command is applied to all the computer languages used by the user but it's also possible to use it with an optional argument (between square brackets) which is a list of computer languages to which the command will be applied.¹⁵

4.3 Creation of new environments

Since the environment {Piton} has to catch its body in a special way (more or less as verbatim text), it's not possible to construct new environments directly over the environment {Piton} with the classical commands \newenvironment (of standard LaTeX) or \NewDocumentEnvironment (of LaTeX3).

With a LaTeX kernel newer than 2025-06-01, it's possible to use \NewEnvironmentCopy on the environment {Piton} but it's not very powerful.

That's why piton provides a command \NewPitonEnvironment. That command takes in three mandatory arguments.

That command has the same syntax as the classical environment \NewDocumentEnvironment. 16

There also exist three other commands \RenewPitonEnvironment, \DeclarePitonEnvironment and \ProvidePitonEnvironment, similar to the corresponding commands of L3.

With the following instruction, a new environment {Python} will be constructed with the same behaviour as {Piton}:

\NewPitonEnvironment{Python}{O{}}{\PitonOptions{#1}}{}}

 $^{^{15}\}mathrm{We}$ remind that, in $\mathsf{piton},$ the name of the computer languages are case-insensitive.

¹⁶However, the specifier of argument **b** (used to catch the body of the environment as a LaTeX argument) is not allowed (of course)

If one wishes to format Python code in a box of mdframed, it's possible to define an environment {Python} with the following code.

```
\usepackage[framemethod=tikz]{mdframed} % in the preamble
\NewPitonEnvironment{Python}{}
    {\begin{mdframed}[roundcorner=3mm]}
    {\end{mdframed}}
```

With this new environment {Python}, it's possible to write:

```
begin{Python}
def square(x):
    """Compute the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Python}

def square(x):
    """Compute the square of x"""
    return x*x
```

It's possible to a similar construction with an environment of tcolorbox. However, for a better cooperation between piton and tcolorbox, the extension piton provides a key tcolorbox: cf. p. 16.

5 Definition of new languages with the syntax of listings

The package listings is a famous LaTeX package to format computer listings.

That package provides a command \lstdefinelanguage which allows the user to define new languages. That command is also used by listings itself to provide the definition of the predefined languages in listings (in fact, for this task, listings uses a command called \lst@definelanguage but that command has the same syntax as \lstdefinelanguage).

The package piton provides a command \NewPitonLanguage to define new languages (available in \piton, {Piton}, etc.) with a syntax which is almost the same as the syntax of \lstdefinelanguage. Let's precise that piton does *not* use that command to define the languages provided natively (Python, OCaml, C, SQL, minimal and verbatim), which allows more powerful parsers.

For example, in the file lstlang1.sty, which is one of the definition files of listings, we find the following instructions (in version 1.10a).

In order to define a language called Java for piton, one has only to write the following code where the last argument of \lst@definelanguage, between square brackets, has been discarded (in fact, the symbols % may be deleted without any problem).

It's possible to use the language Java like any other language defined by piton. Here is an example of code formatted in an environment {Piton} with the key language=Java.¹⁷

```
public class Cipher { // Caesar cipher
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "The quick brown fox Jumped over the lazy Dog";
        System.out.println( Cipher.encode( str, 12 ));
        System.out.println( Cipher.decode( Cipher.encode( str, 12), 12 ));
    }
    public static String decode(String enc, int offset) {
        return encode(enc, 26-offset);
    public static String encode(String enc, int offset) {
        offset = offset \% 26 + 26;
        StringBuilder encoded = new StringBuilder();
        for (char i : enc.toCharArray()) {
            if (Character.isLetter(i)) {
                if (Character.isUpperCase(i)) {
                    encoded.append((char) ('A' + (i - 'A' + offset) \% 26 ));
                    encoded.append((char) ('a' + (i - 'a' + offset) % 26 ));
                }
            } else {
                encoded.append(i);
        }
        return encoded.toString();
   }
}
```

The keys of the command \lstdefinelanguage of listings supported by \NewPitonLanguage are: morekeywords, otherkeywords, sensitive, keywordsprefix, moretexcs, morestring (with the letters b, d, s and m), morecomment (with the letters i, l, s and n), moredelim (with the letters i, l, s, * and **), moredirectives, tag, also digit, also letter and also other.

For the description of those keys, we redirect the reader to the documentation of the package listings (type texdoc listings in a terminal).

For example, here is a language called "LaTeX" to format LaTeX chunks of codes:

```
\NewPitonLanguage{LaTeX}{keywordsprefix = \ , alsoother = _ }
```

Initially, the characters @ and _ are considered as letters because, in many computer languages, they are allowed in the keywords and the names of the identifiers. With alsoother = @_, we retrieve them from the category of the letters.

¹⁷We recall that, for piton, the names of the computer languages are case-insensitive. Hence, it's possible to write, for instance, language=java.

6 Import and export

6.1 Importation of a listing

6.1.1 The command \PitonInputFile

The command \PitonInputFile includes the content of the file specified in argument (or only a part of that file: see below). The extension piton also provides the commands \PitonInputFileT, \PitonInputFileF and \PitonInputFileTF with supplementary arguments corresponding to the letters T and F. Those arguments will be executed if the file to include has been found (letter T) or not found (letter F).

The syntax for the paths (absolute or relative) is the following one:

• The paths beginning by / are absolute.

```
Example : \PitonInputFile{/Users/joe/Documents/program.py}
```

• The paths which do not begin with / are relative to the current repertory.

```
Example : \PitonInputFile{my listings/program.py}
```

The key path of the command \PitonOptions specifies a *list* of paths where the files included by \PitonInputFile will be searched. That list is comma separated.

As previously, the absolute paths must begin with /.

6.1.2 Insertion of a part of a file

The command \PitonInputFile inserts (with formatting) the content of a file. In fact, it's possible to insert only a part of that file. Two mechanisms are provided in this aim.

- It's possible to specify the part that we want to insert by the numbers of the lines (in the original file).
- It's also possible to specify the part to insert with textual markers.

In both cases, if we want to number the lines with the numbers of the lines in the file, we have to use the key line-numbers/absolute.

With line numbers

The command \PitonInputFile supports the keys first-line and last-line in order to insert only the part of file between the corresponding lines. Not to be confused with the key line-numbers/start which fixes the first line number for the line numbering. In one sense, line-numbers/start deals with the output whereas first-line and last-line deal with the input.

With textual markers

In order to use that feature, we first have to specify the format of the markers (for the beginning and the end of the part to include) with the keys marker-beginning and marker-end (usually with the command \PitonOptions).

Let us take a practical example.

We assume that the file to include contains solutions to exercises of programming on the following model.

```
#[Exercise 1] Iterative version
def fibo(n):
    if n==0: return 0
    else:
        u=0
        v=1
        for i in range(n-1):
            w = u+v
            u = v
            v = w
    return v
#<Exercise 1>
```

The markers of the beginning and the end are the strings #[Exercise 1] and #<Exercise 1>. The string "Exercise 1" will be called the *label* of the exercise (or of the part of the file to be included). In order to specify such markers in piton, we will use the keys marker/beginning and marker/end with the following instruction (the character # of the comments of Python must be inserted with the protected form \#).

```
\PitonOptions{ marker/beginning = \#[#1] , marker/end = \#<#1> }
```

As one can see, marker/beginning is an expression corresponding to the mathematical function which transforms the label (here Exercise 1) into the the beginning marker (here #[Exercise 1]). The string #1 corresponds to the occurrences of the argument of that function, which the classical syntax in TeX. Idem for marker/end.¹⁸

Now, you only have to use the key range of \PitonInputFile to insert a marked content of the file.

```
\PitonInputFile[range = Exercise 1]{file_name}

def fibo(n):
    if n==0: return 0
    else:
        u=0
        v=1
        for i in range(n-1):
            w = u+v
            u = v
            v = w
        return v
```

The key marker/include-lines requires the insertion of the lines containing the markers.

\PitonInputFile[marker/include-lines,range = Exercise 1]{file_name}

```
#[Exercise 1] Iterative version
def fibo(n):
    if n==0: return 0
    else:
        u=0
        v=1
        for i in range(n-1):
        w = u+v
        u = v
        v = w
    return v
#<Exercise 1>
```

In fact, there exist also the keys <code>begin-range</code> and <code>end-range</code> to insert several marked contents at the same time.

For example, in order to insert the solutions of the exercises 3 to 5, we will write (if the file has the correct structure!):

```
\PitonInputFile[begin-range = Exercise 3, end-range = Exercise 5]{file_name}
```

¹⁸In regard to LaTeX, both functions must be fully expandable.

6.2 Exportation of a listing

Alongside the command \PitonInputFile which allows the final user to import a listing from an external file, piton provides tools to export some listings included in the PDF file to an external file or as joined files embedded in PDF generated by LuaLaTeX.

• The key write takes in as argument a name of file (with its extension) and write the content of the current environment in that file. At the first use of a file by piton (during a given compilation done by LuaLaTeX), it is erased. In fact, the file is written once at the end of the compilation of the file by LuaLaTeX.

For legibility, piton provides the key no-write (without value) as alias for write={}.

- The key path-write specifies a path where the files written by the key write will be written.
- The key join is similar to the key write but the files which are created are joined (as *joined files*) in the PDF. Be careful: Some PDF readers don't provide any tool to access to these joined files

For legibility, piton provides the key no-join (without value) as alias for join={}.

• The key print controls whether the content of the environment is actually printed (with the syntactic formating) in the PDF. Of course, the initial value of print is true. However, it may be useful to use print=false in some circumstancies (for example, when the key write or the key join is used).

• New 4.9

The key paperclip will, for each environment {Piton}, add in the right margin a PDF annotation linked with a file joined in the PDF corresponding to the listing of the environment.

The value provided to the key paperclip is the name that will be given to the embedded file. If no value is provided, the file will have the name listing_i.txt where i is a counter incremented by piton each time that a new file is created by use of paperclip without value.

```
\begin{Piton}[\emph{paperclip},background-color=gray!15]

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Piton}

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
```

• New 4.9

The key **annotation** will, for each environment {Piton}, add in the right margin a PDF annotation whose content is directly the body of the environment {Piton}.

```
\begin{Piton}[\emph{annotation}, background-color=gray!15]
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
```

```
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
```



¹⁹In fact, it's not exactly the body of the environment but the value of piton.get_last_code() which is the body without the overwritten LaTeX formatting instructions (cf. the part 8, p. 32).

7 Advanced features

7.1 The key "box"

If one wishes to compose a listing in a box of LaTeX, he should use the key box. That key takes in as value c, t or b corresponding to the parameter of vertical position (as for the envionment {minipage} of LaTeX which creates also a LaTeX box). The default value is c (as for {minipage}).

When the key box is used, width=min is activated (except, of course, when the key width or the key max-width is explicitly used). For the keys width and max-width, cf. p. 6.

```
\begin{center}
\PitonOptions{box,background-color=gray!15}
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
\hspace{1cm}
\begin{Piton}
def cube(x):
    return x*x*x
\end{Piton}
\end{center}
                      def square(x):
                                              def cube(x):
                           return x*x
                                                  return x*x*x
```

It's possible to use the key box with a numerical value for the key width.

```
\begin{center}
\PitonOptions{box, width=5cm, background-color=gray!15}
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
\hspace{1cm}
\begin{Piton}
def cube(x):
    return x*x*x
\end{Piton}
\end{center}
             def square(x):
                                                def cube(x):
                 return x*x
                                                    return x*x*x
```

Here is an exemple with the key max-width, equal to 7 cm for both listings.

```
\begin{center}
\PitonOptions{box=t,max-width=7cm,background-color=gray!15}
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
\hspace{1cm}
\begin{Piton}
def P(x):
```

7.2 The key "tcolorbox"

The extension piton provides a key tcolorbox in order to ease the use of the extension tcolorbox in conjunction with the extension piton. However, the extension piton does not load tcolorbox and the end user should have loaded it. Moreover, he must load the library breakable of tcolorbox with \tcbuselibrary{breakable} in the preamble of the LaTeX document. If this is not the case, an error will be raised at the first use of the key tcolorbox.

When the key tcolorbox is used, the listing formated by piton is included in an environment {tcolorbox}. That applies both to the command \PitonInputFile and the environment {Piton} (or, more generally, an environment created by the dedicated command \NewPitonEnvironment: cf. p. 9). If the key splittable of piton is used (cf. p. 21), the graphical box created by tcolorbox will be splittable by a change of page.

In the present document, we have loaded, besides tcolorbox and its library breakable, the library skins of tcolorbox and we have activated the "skin" enhanced, in order to have a better appearance at the page break.

```
\tcbuselibrary{skins,breakable} % in the preamble
\tcbset{enhanced} % in the preamble
\begin{Piton}[tcolorbox,splittable=3]

def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
...

def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
```

```
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
```

```
"""Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
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    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
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    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
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    return x*x
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    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def carré(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
```

Of course, if we want to change the color of the background, we won't use the key background-color of piton but the tools provided by tcolorbox (the key colback for the color of the background).

If we want to adjust the width of the graphical box to its content, we only have to use the key width=min provided by piton (cf. p. 6). It's also possible to use width or max-width with a numerical value. The environment is splittable if the key splittable is used (cf. p. 21).

```
\begin{Piton}[tcolorbox,width=min,splittable=3]
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
...
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
```

```
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
```

```
return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
   return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
```

If we want an output composed in a LaTeX box (despites its name, an environment of tcolorbox does not always create a LaTeX box), we only have to use, in conjunction with the key tcolorbox, the key box provided by piton (cf. p. 15). Of course, such LaTeX box, as all the LaTeX boxes, can't be broken by a change of page, even if the key splittable (cf. p. 21) is in force.

We recall that, when the key box is used, width=min is activated (except, when the key width or the key max-width is explicitly used).

```
\begin{center}
\PitonOptions{tcolorbox,box=t}
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    return x*x
\end{Piton}
\hspace{1cm}
\begin{Piton}
def cube(x):
    """The cube of x"""
    return x*x*x
\end{Piton}
\end{center}
```

```
def square(x):
    return x*x
```

```
def cube(x):
    """The cube of x"""
    return x*x*x
```

For a more sophisticated example of use of the key tcolorbox, see the example given at the page 36.

7.3 Page breaks and line breaks

7.3.1 Line breaks

There are keys to control the line breaks (the possible breaking points are the spaces, even the spaces which appear in the strings of the computer languages).

- With the key break-lines-in-piton, the line breaks are allowed in the command \piton{...} (but not in the command \piton|...|, that is to say the command \piton in verbatim mode).
- With the key break-lines-in-Piton, the line breaks are allowed in the environment {Piton} (hence the capital letter P in the name) and in the listings produced by \PitonInputFile. The initial value of that parameter is true (and not false).
- The key break-lines is a conjunction of the two previous keys.

The package piton provides also several keys to control the appearance on the line breaks allowed by break-lines-in-Piton.

- With the key indent-broken-lines, the indentation of a broken line is respected at carriage return (on the condition that the used font is a monospace font and this is the case by default since the initial value of font-command is \ttfamily).
- The key end-of-broken-line corresponds to the symbol placed at the end of a broken line. The initial value is: \hspace*{0.5em}\textbackslash.
- The key continuation-symbol corresponds to the symbol placed at each carriage return. The initial value is: +\; (the command \; inserts a small horizontal space).
- The key continuation-symbol-on-indentation corresponds to the symbol placed at each carriage return, on the position of the indentation (only when the key indent-broken-line is in force). The initial value is: \$\hookrightarrow\;\$.

The following code has been composed with the following tuning:

\PitonOptions{width=12cm,break-lines,indent-broken-lines,background-color=gray!15}

With the key break-strings-anywhere, the strings may be broken anywhere (and not only on the spaces).

With the key break-numbers-anywhere, the numbers may be broken anywhere.

7.3.2 Page breaks

By default, the listings produced by the environment {Piton} and the command \PitonInputFile are not breakable.

However, piton provides the keys splittable-on-empty-lines and splittable to allow such breaks.

- The key splittable-on-empty-lines allows breaks on the empty lines. The "empty lines" are in fact the lines which contains only spaces.
- Of course, the key splittable-on-empty-lines may not be sufficient and that's why piton provides the key splittable.

When the key splittable is used with the numeric value n (which must be a positive integer) the listing, or each part of the listing delimited by empty lines (when split-on-empty-lines is in force) may be broken anywhere with the restriction that no break will occur within the n first lines of the listing or within the n last lines.²⁰

For example, a tuning with splittable = 4 may be a good choice.

When used without value, the key splittable is equivalent to splittable = 1 and the listings may be broken anywhere (it's probably not recommandable).

The initial value of the key **splittable** is equal to 100 (by default, the listings are not breakable at all).

Even with a background color (set by the key background-color), the pages breaks are allowed, as soon as the key split-on-empty-lines or the key splittable is in force.

With the key splittable, the environments $\{Piton\}$ are breakable, even within a (breakable) environment of tcolorbox. Remind that an environment of tcolorbox included in another environment of tcolorbox is not breakable, even when both environments use the key breakable of tcolorbox.

We illustrate that point with the following code (the current environment {tcolorbox} uses the key breakable).

```
\begin{Piton}[background-color=gray!30,rounded-corners,width=min,splittable=4]
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
...
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Piton}

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
```

²⁰Remark that we speak of the lines of the original computer listing and such line may be composed on several lines in the final PDF when the key break-lines-in-Piton is in force.

```
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
```

7.4 Splitting of a listing in sub-listings

The extension piton provides the key split-on-empty-lines, which should not be confused with the key splittable-on-empty-lines previously defined.

In order to understand the behaviour of the key split-on-empty-lines, one should imagine that he has to compose an computer listing which contains several definitions of computer functions. Usually, in the computer languages, those definitions of functions are separated by empty lines.

The key split-on-empty-lines splits the listings on the empty lines. Several empty lines are deleted and replaced by the content of the parameter corresponding to the key split-separation.

- That parameter must contain elements allowed to be inserted in *vertical mode* of TeX. For example, it's possible to put the TeX primitive \hrule.
- The initial value of this parameter is \vspace{\baselineskip}\vspace{-1.25pt} which corresponds eventually to an empty line in the final PDF (this vertical space is deleted if it occurs on a page break). If the key background-color is in force, no background color is added to that empty line.
- In fact, the extension piton provides also the key add-to-split-separation to add elements on the right of the parameter split-separation.

Each chunk of the computer listing is composed in an environment whose name is given by the key env-used-by-split. The initial value of that parameter is, not surprisingly, Piton and, hence, the different chunks are composed in several environments {Piton}. If one decides to change the value of env-used-by-split, he should use the name of an environment created by \NewPitonEnvironment (cf. part 4.3, p. 9).

Each chunk of the computer listing is formated in its own environment. Therefore, it has its own line numbering (if the key line-numbers is in force) and its own colored background (when the key background-color is in force), separated from the background color of the other chunks. When used, the key splittable applies in each chunk (independently of the other chunks). Of course, a page break may occur between the chunks of code, regardless of the value of splittable.

```
\begin{Piton} [split-on-empty-lines, background-color=gray!15, line-numbers]
  def square(x):
      """Computes the square of x"""
      return x*x
  def cube(x):
      """Calcule the cube of x"""
      return x*x*x
  \end{Piton}
   def square(x):
1
2
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
3
   def cube(x):
1
       """Calcule the cube of x"""
2
       return x*x*x
```

If we wish to have a continuity of the line numbers between the sublistings it's possible to add \PitonOptions{resume} to the parameter split-separation.

```
\begin{Piton}[
     split-on-empty-lines,
     add-to-split-separation = \PitonOptions{resume} ,
     background-color=gray!15,
     line-numbers
   def carré(x):
      """Calcule le carré de x"""
      return x*x
  def cube(x):
      """Calcule le cube de x"""
      return x*x*x
  \end{Piton}
   def carré(x):
       """Calcule le carré de x"""
2
3
       return x*x
   def cube(x):
4
       """Calcule le cube de x"""
5
       return x*x*x
```

Caution: Since each chunk is treated independently of the others, the commands specified by detected-commands or raw-detected-commands (cf. p. 26) and the commands and environments of Beamer automatically detected by piton must not cross the empty lines of the original listing.

7.5 Highlighting some identifiers

The command \SetPitonIdentifier allows to automatically change the formatting of some identifiers. That change is only based on the name of those indentifiers.

That command takes in three arguments:

- The optional argument (within square brackets) specifies the computer language. If this argument is not present, the tunings done by \SetPitonIdentifier will apply to all the computer languages of piton.²¹
- The first mandatory argument is a comma-separated list of names of identifiers.
- The second mandatory argument is a list of LaTeX instructions of the same type as piton "styles" previously presented (cf. 4.2 p. 7).

Caution: Only the identifiers may be concerned by that key. The keywords and the built-in functions won't be affected, even if their name appear in the first argument of \SetPitonIdentifier.

```
\SetPitonIdentifier{11,12}{\color{red}}
\begin{Piton}
def tri(1):
    """Segmentation sort"""
   if len(1) <= 1:
        return 1
   else:
        a = 1[0]
        11 = [ x for x in l[1:] if x < a ]</pre>
        12 = [ x for x in 1[1:] if x >= a ]
        return tri(11) + [a] + tri(12)
\end{Piton}
def tri(1):
    """Segmentation sort"""
    if len(1) <= 1:</pre>
        return 1
    else:
        a = 1[0]
        11 = [ x for x in 1[1:] if x < a ]</pre>
        12 = [x for x in 1[1:] if x >= a]
        return tri(11) + [a] + tri(12)
```

By using the command \SetPitonIdentifier, it's possible to add other built-in functions (or other new keywords, etc.) that will be detected by piton.

```
\SetPitonIdentifier[Python]
  {cos, sin, tan, floor, ceil, trunc, pow, exp, ln, factorial}
  {\PitonStyle{Name.Builtin}}

\begin{Piton}
from math import *
cos(pi/2)
factorial(5)
ceil(-2.3)
floor(5.4)
\end{Piton}

from math import *
cos(pi/2)
factorial(5)
ceil(-2.3)
floor(5.4)
```

 $^{^{21}}$ We recall, that, in the package piton, the names of the computer languages are case-insensitive.

Mechanisms to escape to LaTeX 7.6

The package piton provides several mechanisms for escaping to LaTeX:

- It's possible to compose comments entirely in LaTeX.
- It's possible to have the elements between \$ in the comments composed in LateX mathematical mode.
- It's possible to ask piton to detect automatically some LaTeX commands, thanks to the keys detected-commands, raw-detected-commands and vertical-detected-commands.
- It's also possible to insert LaTeX code almost everywhere in a Python listing.

One should also remark that, when the extension piton is used with the class beamer, piton detects in {Piton} many commands and environments of Beamer: cf. 7.7 p. 29.

7.6.1 The "LaTeX comments"

In this document, we call "LaTeX comments" the comments which begins by #>. The code following those characters, until the end of the line, will be composed as standard LaTeX code. There is two tools to customize those comments.

• It's possible to change the syntactic mark (which, by default, is #>). For this purpose, there is a key comment-latex available only in the preamble of the document, allows to choice the characters which, preceded by #, will be the syntactic marker.

For example, if the preamble contains the following instruction:

\PitonOptions{comment-latex = LaTeX}

the LaTeX comments will begin by #LaTeX.

If the key comment-latex is used with the empty value, all the Python comments (which begins by #) will, in fact, be "LaTeX comments".

• It's possible to change the formatting of the LaTeX comment itself by changing the piton style Comment.LaTeX.

For example, with \SetPitonStyle{Comment.LaTeX = \normalfont\color{blue}}, the La-TeX comments will be composed in blue.

If you want to have a character # at the beginning of the LaTeX comment in the PDF, you can use set Comment.LaTeX as follows:

```
\SetPitonStyle{Comment.LaTeX = \color{gray}\#\normalfont\space }
```

For other examples of customization of the LaTeX comments, see the part 9.3 p. 34

If the user has required line numbers (with the key line-numbers), it's possible to refer to a number of line with the command \label used in a LaTeX comment.²² The same goes for the \label label command from the zref package.²³

7.6.2 The key "label-as-zlabel"

The key label-as-zlabel will be used to indicate if the user wants \label inside Piton environments to be replaced by a \zlabel-compatible command (which is the default behavior of zref outside of such environments).

That feature is activated by the key label-as-zlabel, which is available only in the preamble of the document.

 $^{^{22}} That \ feature \ is \ implemented \ by \ using \ a \ redefinition \ of \ the \ standard \ command \ \ \ label \ in \ the \ environments \ \{Piton\}.$ Therefore, incompatibilities may occur with extensions which redefine (globally) that command \label (for example: varioref, refcheck, showlabels, etc.). 23 Using the command \zcref command from zref-clever is also supported.

7.6.3 The key "math-comments"

It's possible to request that, in the standard Python comments (that is to say those beginning by # and not #>), the elements between \$ be composed in LaTeX mathematical mode (the other elements of the comment being composed verbatim).

That feature is activated by the key math-comments, which is available only in the preamble of the document.

```
\PitonOptions{math-comment} % in the preamble
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    return x*x # compute $x^2$
\end{Piton}

def square(x):
    return x*x # compute x²
```

7.6.4 The key "detected-commands" and its variants

The key detected-commands of \PitonOptions allows to specify a (comma-separated) list of names of LaTeX commands that will be detected directly by piton.

- The key detected-commands must be used in the preamble of the LaTeX document.
- The names of the LaTeX commands must appear without the leading backslash (eg. detected-commands = { emph, textbf }).
- These commands must be LaTeX commands with only one (mandatory) argument between braces (and these braces must appear explicitly in the computer listing).
- These commands must be **protected**²⁴ against expansion in the TeX sens (because the command \piton expands its arguments before throwing it to Lua for syntactic analysis).

In the following example, which is a recursive programming in C of the factorial function, we decide to highlight the recursive call. The command \highLight of lua-ul²⁵ directly does the job.

```
\PitonOptions{detected-commands = highLight} % in the preamble
\begin{Piton}[language=C]
int factorielle(int n)
    {
      if (n > 0) \highLight{return n * factorielle(n - 1)} ;
      else return 1;
    }
\end{Piton}
int factorielle(int n)
    {
      if (n > 0) return n * factorielle(n - 1) ;
      else return 1;
    }
```

The key raw-detected-commands is similar to the key detected-commands but piton won't do any syntactic analysis of the arguments of the LaTeX commands which are detected.

If there is a line break within the argument of a command detected by the mean of raw-detected-commands, that line break is replaced by a space (as does LaTeX by default).

²⁴We recall that the command \NewDocumentCommand creates protected commands, unlike the historical LaTeX command \newcommand (and unlike the command \def of TeX).

²⁵The package lua-ul requires itself the package luacolor.

Imagine, for example, that we wish, in the main text of a document about databases, introduce some specifications of tables of the language SQL by the name of the table, followed, between brackets, by the names of its fields (ex. : client(name,town)).

If we insert that element in a command \piton, the word *client* won't be recognized as a name of table but as a name of field. It's possible to define a personal command \NomTable which we will apply by hand to the names of the tables. In that aim, we declare that command with raw-detected-commands and, thus, its argument won't be re-analyzed by piton (that second analysis would format it as a name of field).

In the preamble of the LaTeX document, we insert the following lines:

```
\NewDocumentCommand{\NameTable}{m}{{\PitonStyle{Name.Table}{#1}}}
\PitonOptions{language=SQL, raw-detected-commands = NameTable}
In the main document, the instruction:

Exemple : \piton{\NameTable{client} (name, town)}
```

produces the following output:

Exemple: client (nom, prénom)

The key vertical-detected-commands is similar to the key raw-detected-commands but the commands which are detected by this key must be LaTeX commands (with one argument) which are executed in *vertical* mode between the lines of the code.

For example, it's possible to detect the command \newpage by

```
\PitonOptions{vertical-detected-commands = newpage}
```

and ask in a listing a mandatory break of page with \newpage{} (the pair of braces {} is mandatory because the commands detected by piton are meant to be LaTeX commands with one mandatory argument).

```
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    return x*x \emph{\textbackslash{}newpage{}}
def cube(x):
    return x*x*x
\end{Piton}
```

It would also be possible to require the detection of the command \vspace.

7.6.5 The mechanism "escape"

It's also possible to overwrite the computer listings to insert LaTeX code almost everywhere (but between lexical units, of course). By default, piton does not fix any delimiters for that kind of escape. In order to use this mechanism, it's necessary to specify the delimiters which will delimit the escape (one for the beginning and one for the end) by using the keys begin-escape and end-escape, available only in the preamble of the document.

We consider once again the previous example of a recursive programming of the factorial. We want to highlight in pink the instruction containing the recursive call. With the package lua-ul, we can use the syntax \highLight[LightPink]{...}. Because of the optional argument between square brackets, it's not possible to use the key detected-commands but it's possible to achieve our goal with the more general mechanism "escape".

We assume that the preamble of the document contains the following instruction:

```
\PitonOptions{begin-escape=!,end-escape=!}
```

Then, it's possible to write:

```
\begin{Piton}
def fact(n):
   if n==0:
       return 1
   else:
        !\highLight[LightPink]{!return n*fact(n-1)!}!
\end{Piton}
def fact(n):
   if n==0:
       return 1
   else:
        return n*fact(n-1)
```

Caution: The mechanism "escape" is not active in the strings nor in the comments (however, it's possible to have a whole Python comment composed in LaTeX by beginning it with #>; such comments are merely called "LaTeX comments" in this document).

7.6.6 The mechanism "escape-math"

The mechanism "escape-math" is very similar to the mechanism "escape" since the only difference is that the elements sent to LaTeX are composed in the math mode of LaTeX.

This mechanism is activated with the keys begin-escape-math and end-escape-math (which are available only in the preamble of the document).

Despite the technical similarity, the use of the the mechanism "escape-math" is in fact rather different from that of the mechanism "escape". Indeed, since the elements are composed in a mathematical mode of LaTeX, they are, in particular, composed within a TeX group and, therefore, they can't be used to change the formatting of other lexical units.

In the languages where the character \$ does not play a important role, it's possible to activate that mechanism "escape-math" with the character \$:

```
\PitonOptions{begin-escape-math=$,end-escape-math=$}
```

Note: the character \$ must not be protected by a backslash.

However, it's probably more prudent to use \((et \), which are delimiters of the mathematical mode provided by LaTeX.

```
\PitonOptions{begin-escape-math=\(,end-escape-math=\)}
```

Here is an example of use.

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3

```
\begin{Piton}[line-numbers]
  def arctan(x,n=10):
      if \langle (x < 0 \rangle) :
           return \(-\arctan(-x)\)
      elif (x > 1):
           return (\pi/2 - \arctan(1/x))
           s = \setminus (0 \setminus)
           for \(k\) in range(\(n\)): s += \(\sum_{(-1)^k}{2k+1} x^{2k+1})\)
  \end{Piton}
1 def arctan(x,n=10):
      if x < 0:
          return -\arctan(-x)
      elif x > 1:
```

```
5 return \pi/2 - \arctan(1/x)

6 else:

7 s = 0

8 for k in range(n): s += \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1}x^{2k+1}
```

7.7 Behaviour in the class Beamer

First remark

Since the environment {Piton} catches its body with a verbatim mode, it's necessary to use the environments {Piton} within environments {frame} of Beamer protected by the key fragile, i.e. beginning with \begin{frame}[fragile].²⁶

Note that, if the frame contains only one slide, it's recommended to write \begin{frame}[fragile=singleslide].

When the package piton is used within the class beamer²⁷, the behaviour of piton is slightly modified, as described now. This is done via an environment {actionenv} of Beamer.

7.7.1 {Piton} and \PitonInputFile are "overlay-aware"

When piton is used in the class beamer, the command \PitonInputFile and the environment {Piton} (but not the environments created by \NewPitonEnvironment) accept the optional argument <...> of Beamer for the overlays which are involved.

For example, it's possible to write:

```
\begin{Piton}<2-5>
...
\end{Piton}
and
\PitonInputFile<2-5>{my_file.py}
```

7.7.2 Commands of Beamer allowed in {Piton} and \PitonInputFile

When piton is used in the class beamer, the following commands of beamer (classified upon their number of arguments) are automatically detected in the environments {Piton} (and in the listings processed by \PitonInputFile):

- no mandatory argument : $\parbox{\color{log}{28}}$. ;
- one mandatory argument: \action, \alert, \invisible, \only, \uncover and \visible; detected-beamer-commands (the names of the commands must *not* be preceded by a back-slash).
- two mandatory arguments : \arrangle ;
- three mandatory arguments: \temporal.

These commands must be used preceded and following by a space. In the mandatory arguments of these commands, the braces must be balanced. However, the braces included in short strings²⁹ of Python are not considered.

²⁶Remind that for an environment {frame} of Beamer using the key fragile, the instruction \end{frame} must be alone on a single line (except for any leading whitespace).

²⁷The extension piton detects the class beamer and the package beamerarticle if it is loaded previously but, if needed, it's also possible to activate that mechanism with the key beamer provided by piton at load-time: \usepackage[beamer]{piton}

²⁸One should remark that it's also possible to use the command \pause in a "LaTeX comment", that is to say by writing #> \pause. By this way, if the code is copied, it's still executable

²⁹The short strings of Python are the strings delimited by characters ' or the characters " and not ''' nor """. In Python, the short strings can't extend on several lines.

Regarding the functions **\alt** and **\temporal** there should be no carriage returns in the mandatory arguments of these functions.

Here is a complete example of file:

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usepackage{piton}
\begin{document}
\begin{frame}[fragile]
\begin{Piton}
def string_of_list(1):
    """Convert a list of numbers in string"""
    \emph{\only<2->{s = "{" + str(1[0])}}
    \emph{\only<3->{for x in 1[1:]: s = s + "," + str(x)}}
    \emph{\only<4->{s = s + "}"}}
    return s
\end{Piton}
\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

In the previous example, the braces in the Python strings "{" and "}" are correctly interpreted (without any escape character).

7.7.3 Environments of Beamer allowed in {Piton} and \PitonInputFile

When piton is used in the class beamer, the following environments of Beamer are directly detected in the environments {Piton} (and in the listings processed by \PitonInputFile): {actionenv}, {alertenv}, {invisibleenv}, {onlyenv}, {uncoverenv} and {visibleenv}.

It's possible to add new environments to that list with the key detected-beamer-environments.

However, there is a restriction: these environments must contain only whole lines of code in their body. The instructions \begin{...} and \end{...} must be alone on their lines.

Here is an example:

```
\documentclass{beamer}
\usepackage{piton}
\begin{document}
\begin{frame}[fragile]
\begin{Piton}
def square(x):
    """Compute the square of its argument"""
\emph{\begin{uncoverenv}<2>}
    return x*x
\emph{\end{uncoverenv}}
\end{Piton}
\end{frame}
\end{document}
```

Remark concerning the command \alert and the environment {alertenv} of Beamer

Beamer provides an easy way to change the color used by the environment {alertenv} (and by the command \alert which relies upon it) to highlight its argument. Here is an example:

```
\setbeamercolor{alerted text}{fg=blue}
```

However, when used inside an environment {Piton}, such tuning will probably not be the best choice because piton will, by design, change (most of the time) the color the different elements of text. One may prefer an environment {alertenv} that will change the background color for the elements to be highlighted.

Here is a code that will do that job and add a yellow background. That code uses the command \OhighLight of lua-ul (that extension requires also the package luacolor).

```
\setbeamercolor{alerted text}{bg=yellow!50}
\makeatletter
\AddToHook{env/Piton/begin}
   {\renewenvironment<>{alertenv}{\only#1{\@highLight[alerted text.bg]}}{}}
\makeatother
```

That code redefines locally the environment {alertenv} within the environments {Piton} (we recall that the command \alert relies upon that environment {alertenv}).

7.8 Footnotes in the environments of piton

If you want to put footnotes in an environment {Piton} or (or, more unlikely, in a listing produced by \PitonInputFile), you can use a pair \footnotemark-\footnotetext.

However, it's also possible to extract the footnotes with the help of the package footnote or the package footnotehyper.

If piton is loaded with the option footnote (with \usepackage[footnote]{piton}), the package footnote is loaded (if it is not yet loaded) and it is used to extract the footnotes.

If piton is loaded with the option footnotehyper, the package footnotehyper is loaded (if it is not yet loaded) ant it is used to extract footnotes.

Caution: The packages footnote and footnotehyper are incompatible. The package footnotehyper is the successor of the package footnote and should be used preferably. The package footnote has some drawbacks, in particular: it must be loaded after the package xcolor and it is not perfectly compatible with hyperref.

Important remark: If you use Beamer, you should know that Beamer has its own system to extract the footnotes. Therefore, piton must be loaded in that class without the option footnote nor the option footnotehyper.

By default, in an environment {Piton}, a command \footnote may appear only within a "La-TeX comment". But it's also possible to add the command \footnote to the list of the "detected-commands" (cf. part 7.6.4, p. 26).

In this document, the package piton has been loaded with the option footnotehyper dans we added the command \footnote to the list of the "detected-commands" with the following instruction in the preamble of the LaTeX document.

\PitonOptions{detected-commands = footnote}

```
\PitonOptions{background-color=gray!15}
\begin{Piton}
def arctan(x,n=10):
    if x < 0:
        return -arctan(-x)\footnote{First recursive call.}]
    elif x > 1:
        return pi/2 - arctan(1/x)\footnote{Second recursive call.}
    else:
        return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
\end{Piton}

def arctan(x,n=10):
    if x < 0:
        return -arctan(-x)^{30}
    elif x > 1:
        return pi/2 - arctan(1/x)^{31}
    else:
```

return sum((-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n))

 $^{^{30}}$ First recursive call.

³¹Second recursive call.

If an environment {Piton} is used in an environment {minipage} of LaTeX, the notes are composed, of course, at the foot of the environment {minipage}. Recall that such {minipage} can't be broken by a page break.

```
\PitonOptions{background-color=gray!15}
\begin{minipage}{\linewidth}
\begin{Piton}
def arctan(x,n=10):
   if x < 0:
       return -arctan(-x)\footnote{First recursive call.}
   elif x > 1:
       return pi/2 - arctan(1/x)\footnote{Second recursive call.}
   else:
       return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
\end{Piton}
\end{minipage}
def arctan(x,n=10):
     if x < 0:
         return -arctan(-x)<sup>a</sup>
     elif x > 1:
         return pi/2 - arctan(1/x)^b
     else:
         return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
```

7.9 Tabulations

Even though it's probably recommended to indent the computers listings with spaces and not tabulations³², piton accepts the characters of tabulation (that is to say the characters U+0009) at the beginning of the lines. Each character U+0009 is replaced by n spaces. The initial value of n is 4 but it's possible to change it with the key tab-size of \PitonOptions.

There exists also a key tabs-auto-gobble which computes the minimal value n of the number of consecutive characters U+0009 beginning each (non empty) line of the environment {Piton} and applies gobble with that value of n (before replacement of the tabulations by spaces, of course). Hence, that key is similar to the key auto-gobble but acts on U+0009 instead of U+0020 (spaces). The key env-gobble is not compatible with the tabulations.

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The L3 variable \l_piton_language_str contains the name of the current language of piton (in lower case).

The extension piton provides a Lua function piton.get_last_code without argument which returns the code in the latest environment of piton.

- The carriage returns (which are present in the initial environment) appears as characters \r (i.e. U+000D).
- The code returned by piton.get_last_code() takes into account the potential application of a key gobble, auto-gobble or env-gobble (cf. p. 4).
- The extra formatting elements added in the code are deleted by piton.get_last_code(). That concerns the LaTeX commands declared by the key detected-commands and its variants (cf. part 7.6.4) and the elements inserted by the mechanism "escape" (cf. part 7.6.5).

^aFirst recursive call.

 $[^]b$ Second recursive call.

 $^{^{32} \}mathrm{For}$ the language Python, see the note PEP 8.

• piton.get_last_code is a Lua function and not a Lua string: the treatments outlined above are executed when the function is called. Therefore, it might be judicious to store the value returned by piton.get_last_code() in a variable of Lua if it will be used several times.

For an example of use, see the part concerning pyluatex, part 9.6.1, p. 39.

9 Examples

9.1 An example of tuning of the styles

The graphical styles have been presented in the section 4.2, p. 7.

We present now an example of tuning of these styles adapted to the documents in black and white. That tuning uses the command \highLight of lua-ul (that package requires itself the package luacolor).

```
\SetPitonStyle
 {
   Number = ,
   String = \itshape ,
   String.Doc = \color{gray} \slshape ,
   Operator = ,
   Operator.Word = \bfseries ,
   Name.Builtin = ,
   Name.Function = \bfseries \highLight[gray!20] ,
   Comment = \color{gray} ,
   Comment.LaTeX = \normalfont \color{gray},
   Keyword = \bfseries ,
   Name.Namespace = ,
   Name.Class = ,
   Name.Type = ,
   InitialValues = \color{gray}
```

In that tuning, many values given to the keys are empty: that means that the corresponding style won't insert any formatting instruction, except those in the value of the parameter font-command, whose initial value is \ttfamily (the element will be composed in the standard color, usually in black, etc.). Nevertheless, those entries are mandatory because the initial value of those keys in piton is not empty.

```
from math import pi
```

```
def arctan(x,n=10):
    """Compute the mathematical value of arctan(x)

    n is the number of terms in the sum
    """
    if x < 0:
        return -arctan(-x) # recursive call
    elif x > 1:
        return pi/2 - arctan(1/x)
        (we have used that arctan(x) + arctan(1/x) = \pi/2 for x > 0)
    else:
        s = 0
        for k in range(n):
            s += (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1)
        return s
```

9.2 Line numbering

We remind that it's possible to have an automatic numbering of the lines in the computer listings by using the key line-numbers (used without value).

By default, the numbers of the lines are composed by piton in an overlapping position on the left (by using internally the command \lap of LaTeX).

```
\PitonOptions{background-color=gray!15, line-numbers}
  \begin{Piton}
  def arctan(x,n=10):
      if x < 0:
          return -arctan(-x)
                                    #> (recursive call)
      elif x > 1:
          return pi/2 - arctan(1/x) #> (other recursive call)
          return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
  \end{Piton}
   def arctan(x,n=10):
1
2
        if x < 0:
            return -arctan(-x)
                                         (recursive call)
3
4
        elif x > 1:
            return pi/2 - arctan(1/x) (other recursive call)
5
6
        else:
            return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
```

In order to avoid that overlapping, it's possible to use the option left-margin=auto which will insert automatically a margin adapted to the numbers of lines that will be written (that margin is larger when the numbers are greater than 10).

```
\PitonOptions{background-color=gray!15, left-margin = auto, line-numbers}
\begin{Piton}
def arctan(x,n=10):
   if x < 0:
       return -arctan(-x)
                                 #> (recursive call)
   elif x > 1:
       return pi/2 - arctan(1/x) #> (other recursive call)
       return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
\end{Piton}
1 def arctan(x,n=10):
      if x < 0:
2
3
           return -arctan(-x)
                                        (recursive call)
4
       elif x > 1:
           return pi/2 - arctan(1/x) (other recursive call)
5
6
       else:
           return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
```

9.3 Formatting of the LaTeX comments

It's possible to modify the style Comment.LaTeX (with \SetPitonStyle) in order to display the LaTeX comments (which begin with #>) aligned on the right margin.

```
\PitonOptions{background-color=gray!15}
\SetPitonStyle{Comment.LaTeX = \hfill \normalfont\color{gray}}
\begin{Piton}
def arctan(x,n=10):
    if x < 0:
        return -arctan(-x)  #> recursive call
    elif x > 1:
        return pi/2 - arctan(1/x) #> other recursive call
    else:
        return sum( (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1) for k in range(n) )
\end{Piton}
```

It's also possible to display these LaTeX comments in a kind of second column by limiting the width of the listing with the key width.

```
\PitonOptions{background-color=gray!15, width=9cm}
\NewDocumentCommand{\MyLaTeXCommand}{m}{\hfill \normalfont\itshape\rlap{\quad #1}}
\SetPitonStyle{Comment.LaTeX = \MyLaTeXCommand}
\begin{Piton}
def arctan(x,n=10):
   if x < 0:
       return -arctan(-x) #> recursive call
   elif x > 1:
       return pi/2 - arctan(1/x) #> another recursive call
   else:
       s = 0
       for k in range(n):
            s += (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1)
       return s
\end{Piton}
def arctan(x,n=10):
     if x < 0:
         return -arctan(-x)
                                                       recursive call
     elif x > 1:
         return pi/2 - arctan(1/x)
                                                       another recursive call
     else:
         s = 0
         for k in range(n):
               s += (-1)**k/(2*k+1)*x**(2*k+1)
         return s
```

9.4 The command \rowcolor

The command \rowcolor has been presented in the part 4.2.3, at the page 8. We recall that this command adds a colored background to the current line (the *whole* line, and not only the part with text).

It's possible to use that command in a style of piton, as shown in p. 8, but maybe we wish to use it directly in a listing. In that aim, it's mandatory to use one of the mechanisms to escape to LaTeX provided by piton. In the following example, we use the key raw-detected-commands (cf. p. 26). Since the "detected commands" are commands with only one argument, it won't be possible to write (for example) \rowcolor[rgb]{0.9,1,0.9} but the syntax \rowcolor{[rgb]{0.9,1,0.9}} will be allowed.

```
\PitonOptions{raw-detected-commands = rowcolor} % in the preamble
\begin{Piton} [width=min]
def fact(n):
    if n==0:
        return 1 \rowcolor{yellow!50}
    else:
        return n*fact(n-1)
\end{Piton}

def fact(n):
    if n==0:
        return 1
    else:
    return n*fact(n-1)

    return n*fact(n-1)
```

Here is now the same example with the join use of the key background-color (cf. p. 5).

```
\begin{Piton} [width=min,background-color=gray!15]

def fact(n):
    if n==0:
        return 1 \rowcolor{yellow!50}
    else:
        return n*fact(n-1)

\end{Piton}

def fact(n):
    if n==0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n*fact(n-1)
```

As you can see, a margin has been added on both sides of the code by the key background-color. If you wish those margins without general background, you should use background-color with the special value none.

```
\begin{Piton} [width=min,background-color=none]

def fact(n):
    if n==0:
        return 1 \rowcolor{yellow!50}
    else:
        return n*fact(n-1)
        return n*fact(n-1)

    def fact(n):
        if n==0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n*fact(n-1)
        return n*fact(n-1)
```

9.5 Use with tcolorbox

The key tcolorbox of piton has been presented at the page 16.

If, when that key is used, we wish to customize the graphical box created by tcolorbox (with the keys provided by tcolorbox), we should use the command \tcbset provided by tcolorbox. In order to limit the scope of the settings done by that command, the best way is to create a new environment with the dedicated command \NewPitonEnvironment (cf. p. 9). That environment with contain the settings done by piton (with \PitonOptions) and those done by tcolorbox (with \tcbset).

Here is an example of such environment {Python} with a colored column on the left for the numbers of lines. That example requires the library skins of tcolorbox to be loaded in the preamble of the LaTeX document with the instruction \tcbuselibrary{skins} (in order to be able to use the key enhanced).

```
\NewPitonEnvironment{Python}{m}
  {%
    \PitonOptions
      {
        tcolorbox,
        splittable=3,
        width=min,
        line-numbers,
                             % activate the numbers of lines
        line-numbers =
                             % tuning for the numbers of lines
           format = \footnotesize\color{white}\sffamily ,
           sep = 2.5mm
      }%
    \tcbset
      {
        enhanced,
        title=#1,
        fonttitle=\sffamilv.
        left = 6mm,
        top = Omm,
        bottom = Omm,
        overlay=
            \begin{tcbclipinterior}%
```

In the following example of use, we have illustrated the fact that it is possible to impose a break of page in such environment with \newpage{} if we have required the detection of the LaTeX command \newpage with the key vertical-detected-commands (cf. p. 26) in the preamble of the LaTeX document.

Remark that we must use \newpage{} and not \newpage because the LaTeX commands detected by piton are meant to be commands with one argument (between curly braces).

\PitonOptions{vertical-detected-commands = newpage} % in the preamble

```
\begin{Python}{My example}
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x \newpage{}
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of \mathbf{x}""
    return x*x
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
\end{Python}
```

```
My example

1 def square(x):
2 """Computes the square of x"""
3 return x*x
4 def square(x):
5 """Computes the square of x"""
6 return x*x
7 def square(x):
8 """Computes the square of x"""
9 return x*x
10 def square(x):
11 """Computes the square of x"""
12 return x*x
```

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```
def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
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       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
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   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
   def square(x):
       """Computes the square of x"""
       return x*x
```

```
def square(x):

"""Computes the square of x"""

return x*x

def square(x):

"""Computes the square of x"""

return x*x

def square(x):

"""Computes the square of x"""

return x*x

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def square(x):

"""Computes the square of x"""

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def square(x):

"""Computes the square of x"""

return x*x

def square(x):

"""Computes the square of x"""

return x*x
```

9.6 Use with pyluatex

9.6.1 Standard use of pyluatex

The package pyluatex is an extension which allows the execution of some Python code from lualatex (as long as Python is installed on the machine and that the compilation is done with lualatex and --shell-escape).

Here is, for example, an environment {PitonExecute} which formats a Python listing (with piton) but also displays the output of the execution of the code with Python.

```
\NewPitonEnvironment{\emph{PitonExecute}}{0{}}
   {\PitonOptions{~#1}}
   {\begin{center}
    \directlua{pyluatex.execute(piton.get_last_code(), false, true, false, true)}%
   \end{center}}
```

We have used the Lua function piton.get_last_code provided in the API of piton: cf. part 8, p. 32.

This environment {PitonExecute} takes in as optional argument (between square brackets) the options of the command \PitonOptions.

```
begin{PitonExecute} [background-color=gray!15]
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
print(f'The square of x is {square(12)}.')
\end{PitonExecute}

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
print(f'The square of x is {square(12)}.')
```

The square of x is 144.

It's also possible to use, in that environment, the mechanims for escapint to LaTeX as previously (cf. p. 25).

```
begin{PitonExecute} [background-color=gray!15]
def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    highLight{return x*x}
print(f'The square of 12 is {square(12)}.')
\end{PitonExecute}

def square(x):
    """Computes the square of x"""
    return x*x
print(f'The square of 12 is {square(12)}.')
```

The square of 12 is 144.

9.6.2 Use of the environment {pythonrepl} of pyluatex

The environment {pythonrepl} of pyluatex submit its content to Python and return what we obtain when we submit that code to a REPL (read-eval-print loop) of Python. We obtain a succession of instructions preceded by the prompt >>> of Python and values returned by Python (and the outputs of potential commands print of Python).

It's possible to give that to an environment {Piton} which will do the usual formatting and put on a colored background the lignes corresponding to the instructions provided to the Python interpreter (the color of that background may be changed with the key prompt-background-color whose inital value is gray!15).

Here a programmation of environment {PitonREPL} which does that job (for technical reasons, the ! is here mandatory in the signature of the environment). It's not possible to process as previously (in the "standard" use of pyluatex) because, of course, the output of {pythonrepla} must be treated by piton. Therefore, it's not possible to use the escaping tools (detected-commands, begin-escape, etc.) in the code.

```
\ExplSyntaxOn
\NewDocumentEnvironment { PitonREPL } { ! 0 { } } % le ! est obligatoire
{
   \PitonOptions
    {
      prompt-background-color=blue!15 ,
      background-color=none, % pour avoir des petites marges
    }
   \PyLTVerbatimEnv
   \begin{pythonrepl}
}
   \end{pythonrepl}
   \lua now:n
       tex.print("\\begin{Piton}")
      tex.print(pyluatex.get_last_output())
      tex.print("\\end{Piton}")
      tex.print("")
   \ignorespacesafterend
\ExplSyntaxOff
```

Here is an example of use of that new environment {PitonREPL}.

```
\emph{\begin{PitonREPL}}
    def valeur absolue(x):
        """Renvoie la valeur absolue de x"""
        if x > 0:
           return x
        else:
           return -x
    valeur_absolue(-3)
    valeur_absolue(0)
    valeur_absolue(5)
\emph{\end{PitonREPL}}
>>> def absolute_value(x):
         """Computes the absolute value of x"""
         if x > 0:
 . . .
            return x
 . . .
         else:
 . . .
            return -x
 . . .
 . . .
>>> absolute_value(-3)
>>> absolute_value(0)
0
>>> absolute value(5)
```

In fact, it's possible to avoid the display of the prompts themselves (that is to say the strings >>> and ...). Indeed, piton provides a style for those elements, called Prompt. The initial value of that style is empty, and that's why no action is done for those elements and they are displayed as they are. By using a value which is a function which gobbles its argument, it's possible to require that these prompts are not displayed.

```
\label{localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localized-localiz
```

L'exemple précédent donne alors :

```
\begin{PitonREPL}
  def absolute_value(x):
    """Computes the absolute value of x"""
    if x > 0:
        return x
    else:
        return -x

  absolute_value(-3)
  absolute_value(0)
  absolute_value(5)
\end{PitonREPL}
```

 $^{^{33}}$ Here we have defined a function \Gobe but, in fact, it already exists in L3 with the name \use_none:n.

```
def absolute_value(x):
    """Computes the absolute value of x"""
    if x > 0:
        return x
    else:
        return -x

absolute_value(-3)
3
absolute_value(0)
0
absolute_value(5)
```

10 The styles for the different computer languages

10.1 The language Python

In piton, the default language is Python. If necessary, it's possible to come back to the language Python with \PitonOptions{language=Python}.

The initial settings done by piton in piton.sty are inspired by the style manni of Pygments, as applied by Pygments to the language Python.³⁴

Style	Use
Number	the numbers
String.Short	the short strings (entre ' ou ")
String.Long	the long strings (entre ''' ou """) excepted the doc-strings (governed by
	String.Doc)
String	that key fixes both String. Short et String. Long
String.Doc	the doc-strings (only with """ following PEP 257)
String.Interpol	the syntactic elements of the fields of the f-strings (that is to say the
	characters { et }); that style inherits for the styles String.Short and
	String.Long (according the kind of string where the interpolation appears)
Interpol.Inside	the content of the interpolations in the f-strings (that is to say the elements
	between { and }); if the final user has not set that key, those elements will be
	formatted by piton as done for any Python code.
Operator	the following operators: $!===<<>>+/*\%=<>&. @$
Operator.Word	the following operators: in, is, and, or et not
Name.Builtin	almost all the functions predefined by Python
Name.Decorator	the decorators (instructions beginning by $@$)
Name.Namespace	the name of the modules
Name.Class	the name of the Python classes defined by the user at their point of definition
	(with the keyword class)
Name.Function	the name of the Python functions defined by the user at their point of
	definition (with the keyword def)
UserFunction	the name of the Python functions previously defined by the user (the initial
	value of that parameter is \PitonStyle{Identifier} and, therefore, the
	names of that functions are formatted like the identifiers).
Exception	les exceptions prédéfinies (ex.: SyntaxError)
InitialValues	the initial values (and the preceding symbol =) of the optional arguments in
	the definitions of functions; if the final user has not set that key, those
a .	elements will be formatted by piton as done for any Python code.
Comment	the comments beginning with #
Comment.LaTeX	the comments beginning with #>, which are composed by piton as LaTeX code (merely named "LaTeX comments" in this document)
Keyword.Constant	True, False et None
Keyword	the following keywords: assert, break, case, continue, del, elif,
j	else, except, exec, finally, for, from, global, if, import, in,
	lambda, non local, pass, raise, return, try, while, with, yield
	et yield from.
Identifier	the identifiers.

³⁴See: https://pygments.org/styles/. Remark that, by default, Pygments provides for its style manni a colored background whose color is the HTML color #F0F3F3. It's possible to have the same color in {Piton} with the instruction \PitonOptions{background-color = [HTML] {F0F3F3}}.

10.2 The language OCaml

It's possible to switch to the language <code>OCaml</code> with the key <code>language</code>: <code>language</code> = <code>OCaml</code>.

Style	Use
Number	the numbers
String.Short	the characters (between ')
String.Long	the strings, between " but also the quoted-strings
String	that key fixes both String.Short and String.Long
Operator	the oporators, in particular: $+$, $-$, $/$, $*$, $@$, $!=$, $==$, &&
Operator.Word	the following operators: asr, land, lor, lsl, lxor, mod et or
Name.Builtin	the functions not, incr, decr, fst et snd
Name.Type	the name of a type of OCaml
Name.Field	the name of a field of a module
Name.Constructor	the name of the constructors of types (which begins by a capital)
Name.Module	the name of the modules
Name.Function	the name of the Python functions defined by the user at their
	point of definition (with the keyword let)
UserFunction	the name of the Python functions previously defined by the user (the initial value of that parameter is \PitonStyle{Identifier} and, therefore, the names of that functions are formatted like the identifiers).
Exception	the predefined exceptions (eg : End_of_File)
TypeParameter	the parameters of the types
Comment	the comments, between (* et *); these comments may be nested
Keyword.Constant	true et false
Keyword	the following keywords: assert, as, done, downto, do, else, exception, for, function, fun, if, lazy, match, mutable, new, of, private, raise, then, to, try, virtual, when, while and with
Keyword.Governing	the following keywords: and, begin, class, constraint, end, external, functor, include, inherit, initializer, in, let, method, module, object, open, rec, sig, struct, type and val.
Identifier	the identifiers.

Here is an example:

```
let rec quick_sort lst = (* Quick sort *)
match lst with
| [] -> []
| pivot :: rest ->
    let left = List.filter (fun x -> x < pivot) rest in
    let right = List.filter (fun x -> x >= pivot) rest in
    quick_sort left @ [pivot] @ quick_sort right
```

10.3 The language C (and C^{++})

It's possible to switch to the language C with the key language: language = C.

Style	Use
Number	the numbers
String.Short	the characters (between ')
String.Long	the strings (between ")
String.Interpol	the elements %d, %i, %f, %c, etc. in the strings; that style inherits from the style String.Long
Operator	the following operators : != == $<< >> - ~ + / * % = < > & . @$
Name.Type	the following predefined types: bool, char, char16_t, char32_t, double, float, int, int8_t, int16_t, int32_t, int64_t, uint8_t, uint16_t, uint32_t, uint64_t, long, short, signed, unsigned, void et wchar_t
Name.Builtin	the following predefined functions: printf, scanf, malloc, sizeof and alignof
Name.Class	the names of the classes when they are defined, that is to say after the keyword class
Name.Function	the name of the Python functions defined by the user at their point of definition (with the keyword let)
UserFunction	the name of the Python functions previously defined by the user (the initial value of that parameter is \PitonStyle{Identifier} and, therefore, the names of that functions are formatted like the identifiers).
Preproc	the instructions of the preprocessor (beginning par #)
Comment	the comments (beginning by $//$ or between $/*$ and $*/$)
Comment.LaTeX	the comments beginning by //> which are composed by piton as LaTeX code (merely named "LaTeX comments" in this document)
Keyword.Constant	default, false, NULL, nullptr and true
Keyword	the following keywords: alignas, asm, auto, break, case, catch, class, constexpr, const, continue, decltype, do, else, enum, extern, for, goto, if, nexcept, private, public, register, restricted, try, return, static, static_assert, struct, switch, thread_local, throw, typedef, union, using, virtual, volatile and while
Identifier	the identifiers.

10.4 The language SQL

It's possible to switch to the language SQL with the key language: language = SQL.

Style	Use
Number	the numbers
String.Long	the strings (between ' and not " because the elements between " are names of fields and formatted with Name.Field)
Operator	the following operators : = $!= <> >= > < <= * + /$
Name.Table	the names of the tables
Name.Field	the names of the fields of the tables
Name.Builtin	the following built-in functions (their names are <i>not</i> case-sensitive):
	<pre>avg, count, char_length, concat, curdate, current_date,</pre>
	date_format, day, lower, ltrim, max, min, month, now, rank, round,
	rtrim, substring, sum, upper and year.
Comment	the comments (beginning by $$ or between $/*$ and $*/$)
Comment.LaTeX	the comments beginning by> which are composed by piton as LaTeX code (merely named "LaTeX comments" in this document)
Keyword	the following keywords (their names are not case-sensitive): abort,
	action, add, after, all, alter, always, analyze, and, as, asc,
	attach, autoincrement, before, begin, between, by, cascade, case,
	cast, check, collate, column, commit, conflict, constraint,
	<pre>create, cross, current, current_date, current_time,</pre>
	current_timestamp, database, default, deferrable, deferred,
	delete, desc, detach, distinct, do, drop, each, else, end, escape,
	except, exclude, exclusive, exists, explain, fail, filter, first,
	following, for, foreign, from, full, generated, glob, group,
	groups, having, if, ignore, immediate, in, index, indexed,
	initially, inner, insert, instead, intersect, into, is, isnull,
	join, key, last, left, like, limit, match, materialized, natural,
	no, not, nothing, notnull, null, nulls, of, offset, on, or, order,
	others, outer, over, partition, plan, pragma, preceding, primary,
	query, raise, range, recursive, references, regexp, reindex,
	release, rename, replace, restrict, returning, right, rollback,
	row, rows, savepoint, select, set, table, temp, temporary, then,
	ties, to, transaction, trigger, unbounded, union, unique, update,
	using, vacuum, values, view, virtual, when, where, window, with, without

It's possible to automatically capitalize the keywords by modifying locally for the language SQL the style Keywords.

\SetPitonStyle[SQL]{Keywords = \bfseries \MakeUppercase}

10.5 The languages defined by \NewPitonLanguage

The command \NewPitonLanguage, which defines new computer languages with the syntax of the extension listings, has been described p. 10.

All the languages defined by the command \NewPitonLanguage use the same styles.

Style	Use
Number	the numbers
String.Long	the strings defined in \NewPitonLanguage by the key morestring
Comment	the comments defined in \NewPitonLanguage by the key morecomment
Comment.LaTeX	the comments which are composed by piton as LaTeX code (merely
	named "LaTeX comments" in this document)
Keyword	the keywords defined in \NewPitonLanguage by the keys morekeywords
	and moretexcs (and also the key sensitive which specifies whether
	the keywords are case-sensitive or not)
Directive	the directives defined in \NewPitonLanguage by the key
	moredirectives
Tag	the "tags" defined by the key tag (the lexical units detected within the
	tag will also be formatted with their own style)
Identifier	the identifiers.

Here is for example a definition for the language HTML, obtained with a slight adaptation of the definition done by listings (file lstlang1.sty).

```
\NewPitonLanguage{HTML}%
{morekeywords={A,ABBR,ACRONYM,ADDRESS,APPLET,AREA,B,BASE,BASEFONT,%
```

```
BDO, BIG, BLOCKQUOTE, BODY, BR, BUTTON, CAPTION, CENTER, CITE, CODE, COL, %
   COLGROUP, DD, DEL, DFN, DIR, DIV, DL, DOCTYPE, DT, EM, FIELDSET, FONT, FORM, %
   FRAME, FRAMESET, HEAD, HR, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, HTML, I, IFRAME, IMG, INPUT, %
   INS, ISINDEX, KBD, LABEL, LEGEND, LH, LI, LINK, LISTING, MAP, META, MENU, %
   NOFRAMES, NOSCRIPT, OBJECT, OPTGROUP, OPTION, P, PARAM, PLAINTEXT, PRE, %
   OL,Q,S,SAMP,SCRIPT,SELECT,SMALL,SPAN,STRIKE,STRING,STRONG,STYLE,%
   SUB, SUP, TABLE, TBODY, TD, TEXTAREA, TFOOT, TH, THEAD, TITLE, TR, TT, U, UL, %
   VAR, XMP, %
   accesskey, action, align, alink, alt, archive, axis, background, bgcolor, %
   border, cellpadding, cellspacing, charset, checked, cite, class, classid, %
   code,codebase,codetype,color,cols,colspan,content,coords,data,%
   datetime, defer, disabled, dir, event, error, for, frameborder, headers, %
   height, href, hreflang, hspace, http-equiv, id, ismap, label, lang, link, %
   longdesc, marginwidth, marginheight, maxlength, media, method, multiple, %
   name, nohref, noresize, noshade, nowrap, onblur, onchange, onclick, %
   ondblclick,onfocus,onkeydown,onkeypress,onkeyup,onload,onmousedown,%
   profile, readonly, onmousemove, onmouseout, onmouseover, onmouseup, %
   onselect, onunload, rel, rev, rows, rowspan, scheme, scope, scrolling, %
   selected, shape, size, src, standby, style, tabindex, text, title, type, %
   units, usemap, valign, value, valuetype, vlink, vspace, width, xmlns}, %
tag=<>,%
alsoletter = - ,%
sensitive=f,%
morestring=[d]",
```

10.6 The language "minimal"

It's possible to switch to the language "minimal" with the key language: language = minimal.

Style	Usage
Number	the numbers
String	the strings (between ")
Comment	the comments (which begin with #)
Comment.LaTeX	the comments beginning with #>, which are composed by piton as
	LaTeX code (merely named "LaTeX comments" in this document)
Identifier	the identifiers.

That language is provided for the end user who might wish to add keywords in that language (with the command \SetPitonIdentifier: cf. 7.5, p. 23) in order to create, for example, a language for pseudo-code.

10.7 The language "verbatim"

It's possible to switch to the language "verbatim" with the key language: language = verbatim.

Style	Usage
None	

The language verbatim doesn't provide any style and, thus, does not do any syntactic formating. However, it's possible to use the mechanism detected-commands (cf. part 7.6.4, p. 26) and the detection of the commands and environments of Beamer.

11 History

The development of the extension piton is done on the following GitHub repository: https://github.com/fpantigny/piton

The successive versions of the file piton.sty provided by TeX Live are also available on the SVN server of TeX Live:

https://tug.org/svn/texlive/trunk/Master/texmf-dist/tex/lualatex/piton/piton.sty

Changes between versions 4.8 and 4.9

New keys paperclip and annotations.

The package piton is now provided with three TeX files: piton-code.dtx (for the code), piton.tex (the documentation in English) and piton-french.tex (the documentation in French).

Changes between versions 4.7 and 4.8

New key \rowcolor

The command \label redefined by piton is now compatible with hyperref (thanks to P. Le Scornet). New key label-as-zlabel.

Changes between versions 4.6 and 4.7

New key rounded-corners

Changes between versions 4.5 and 4.6

New keys tcolorbox, box, max-width and vertical-detected-commands New special color: none

Changes between versions 4.4 and 4.5

New key print

 $\verb|\RenewPitonEnvironment| And \verb|\ProvidePitonEnvironment| and \verb|\ProvidePitonEnvironment| have been added |$

Changes between versions 4.3 and 4.4

New key join which generates files embedded in the PDF as joined files.

Changes between versions 4.2 and 4.3

New key raw-detected-commands

The key old-PitonInputFile has been deleted.

Changes between versions 4.1 and 4.2

New key break-numbers-anywhere.

Changes between versions 4.0 and 4.1

New language verbatim.

New key break-strings-anywhere.

Changes between versions 3.1 and 4.0

The syntax for the relative and absolute paths in \PitonInputFile and the key path has been changed to be conform to usual conventions.

New keys font-command, splittable-on-empty-lines and env-used-by-split.

Changes between versions 3.0 and 3.1

Keys line-numbers/format, detected-beamer-commands and detected-beamer-environments.

Changes between versions 2.8 and 3.0

New command \NewPitonLanguage. Thanks to that command, it's now possible to define new computer languages with the syntax used by listings. Therefore, it's possible to say that virtually all the computer languages are now supported by piton.

Changes between versions 2.7 and 2.8

The key path now accepts a *list* of paths where the files to include will be searched. New commands \PitonInputFileT, \PitonInputFileT and \PitonInputFileTF.

Changes between versions 2.6 and 2.7

New keys split-on-empty-lines and split-separation

Changes between versions 2.5 and 2.6

API: piton.last_code and \g_piton_last_code_tl are provided.

Changes between versions 2.4 and 2.5

New key path-write

Changes between versions 2.3 and 2.4

The key identifiers of the command \PitonOptions is now deprecated and replaced by the new command \SetPitonIdentifier.

A new special language called "minimal" has been added.

New key detected-commands.

Changes between versions 2.2 and 2.3

 $New\ key\ {\tt detected-commands}$

The variable $\l_{piton_language_str}$ is now public.

New key write.

Changes between versions 2.1 and 2.2

New key path for \PitonOptions.

New language SQL.

It's now possible to define styles locally to a given language.

Changes between versions 2.0 and 2.1

The key line-numbers has now subkeys line-numbers/skip-empty-lines, line-numbers/label-empty-lines, etc.

The key all-line-numbers is deprecated: use line-numbers/skip-empty-lines=false.

New system to import, with \PitonInputFile, only a part (of the file) delimited by textual markers.

New keys begin-escape, end-escape, begin-escape-math and end-escape-math.

The key escape-inside is deprecated: use begin-escape and end-escape.

Other documentation

The document piton-french.pdf (provided by the extension piton) contains a French translation of the current documentation. The file piton-code.pdf describes the implementation of the package piton (both L3 and Lua parts).

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