

The luakeys package

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```
local result = luakeys.parse(
  'level1={level2={naked,dim=1cm,bool=false,num=-0.001,str="lua,{}}}}',
  { convert_dimensions = true })
luakeys.debug(result)
```

Result:

```
{
  ['level1'] = {
    ['level2'] = {
      ['naked'] = true,
      ['dim'] = 1864679,
      ['bool'] = false,
      ['num'] = -0.001,
      ['str'] = 'lua,{}}',
    }
  }
}
```

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1 Introduction

`luakeys` is a Lua module / Lua^TE_X package that can parse key-value options like the ^TE_X packages `keyval`, `kvsetkeys`, `kvoptions`, `xkeyval`, `pgfkeys` etc. `luakeys`, however, accomplishes this task by using the Lua language and doesn't rely on ^TE_X. Therefore this package can only be used with the ^TE_X engine Lu^A_EX. Since `luakeys` uses LPeg, the parsing mechanism should be pretty robust.

The TUGboat article “[Implementing key–value input: An introduction](#)” (Volume 30 (2009), No. 1) by Joseph Wright and Christian Feuersänger gives a good overview of the available key-value packages. This article is based on a question asked on tex.stackexchange.com by Will Robertson: [A big list of every keyval package](#). CTAN also provides an overview page on the subject of [Key-Val: packages with key-value argument systems](#).

This package would not be possible without the article “[Parsing complex data formats in Lu^A_EX with LPeg](#)” (Volume 40 (2019), No. 2).

1.1 Pros of `luakeys`

- Key-value pairs can be parsed independently of the macro collection (I^AT_EX or ConT_EXt). Even in plain Lu^A_EX keys can be parsed.
- `luakeys` can handle nested lists of key-value pairs, i.e. it can handle a recursive data structure of keys.
- Keys do not have to be defined, but can they can be defined.

1.2 Cons of `luakeys`

- The package works only in combination with Lu^A_EX.
- You need to know two languages: ^TE_X and Lua.

2 How the package is loaded

2.1 Using the Lua module `luakeys.lua`

The core functionality of this package is realized in Lua. So you can use `luakeys` even without using the wrapper files `luakeys.sty` and `luakeys.tex`.

```
\documentclass{article}
\directlua{
    lk = require('luakeys')()
}
\newcommand{\helloworld}[2][]{
    \directlua{
        local keys = lk.parse('\luaescapestring{\unexpanded{#1}}')
        lk.debug(keys)
        local marg = '#2'
        tex.print(keys.greeting .. ', ' .. marg .. keys.punctuation)
    }
}
\begin{document}
\helloworld[greeting=hello,punctuation!=]{world} % hello, world!
\end{document}
```

2.2 Using the Lua^LA_TE_X wrapper luakeys.sty

For example, the MiK^TEX package manager downloads packages only when needed. It has been reported that this automatic download only works with this wrapper files. Probably MiK^TEX is searching for an occurrence of the L^AT_EX macro “\usepackage{luakeys}”. The luakeys.sty file loads the Lua module into the global variable luakeys.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{luakeys}
\begin{document}
\directlua{
    local lk = luakeys.new()
    local keys = lk.parse('one,two,three', { naked_as_value = true })
    tex.print(keys[1])
    tex.print(keys[2])
    tex.print(keys[3])
} % one two three
\end{document}
```

2.3 Using the plain Lua^LA_TE_X wrapper luakeys.tex

The file luakeys.tex does the same as the Lua^LA_TE_X wrapper and loads the Lua module luakeys.lua into the global variable luakeys.

```
\input luakeys.tex
\directlua{
    local lk = luakeys.new()
    local keys = lk.parse('one,two,three', { naked_as_value = true })
    tex.print(keys[1])
    tex.print(keys[2])
    tex.print(keys[3])
} % one two three
\bye
```

3 Lua interface / API

Luakeys exports only one function that must be called to access the public API. This export function returns a table containing the public functions and additional tables:

```
local luakeys = require('luakeys')()
local new = luakeys.new
local version = luakeys.version
local parse = luakeys.parse
local define = luakeys.define
local opts = luakeys.opts
local error_messages = luakeys.error_messages
local render = luakeys.render
```

```

local stringify = luakeys.stringify
local debug = luakeys.debug
local save = luakeys.save
local get = luakeys.get
local is = luakeys.is
local utils = luakeys.utils

```

The project uses a few abbreviations for variable names that are hopefully unambiguous and familiar to external readers.

Abbreviation	Spelled Out	Example
<code>kv_string</code>	Key-value string	<code>'key=value'</code>
<code>opts</code>	Options (for the parse function)	<code>{ no_error = false }</code>
<code>defs</code>	Definitions	
<code>def</code>	Definition	
<code>attr</code>	Attributes (of a definition)	

These unabbreviated variable names are commonly used.

<code>result</code>	The final result of all individual parsing and normalization steps.
<code>unknown</code>	A table with unknown, undefined key-value pairs.
<code>raw</code>	The raw result of the Lpeg grammar parser.

It is recommended to use luakeys together with the github.com/sumneko/lua-language-server when developing in a text editor. luakeys supports the annotation format offered by the server. You should then get warnings if you misuse luakeys' now rather large API.

3.1 Function “`parse(kv_string, opts): result, unknown, raw`”

The function `parse(kv_string, opts)` is the most important function of the package. It converts a key-value string into a Lua table.

```

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{luakeys}
\begin{document}
\newcommand{\mykeyvalcmd}[2][]{%
  \directlua{%
    local lk = luakeys.new()
    local result = lk.parse('#1')
    tex.print('The key "one" has the value ' .. tostring(result.one) .. '.')
  }
  \marg: #2
}
\mykeyvalcmd[one=1]{test}
\end{document}

```

In plain T_EX:

```

\input luakeys.tex
\def\mykeyvalcmd#1{%
  \directlua{%
    local lk = luakeys.new()

```

```

    local result = lk.parse('#1')
    tex.print('The key "one" has the value ' .. tostring(result.one) .. '.')
}
\mykeyvalcmd{one=1}
\bye

```

3.2 Options to configure the parse function

The `parse` function can be called with an options table. This options are supported: `accumulated_result`, `assignment_operator`, `convert_dimensions`, `debug`, `default`, `defaults`, `false_aliases`, `format_keys`, `group_begin`, `group_end`, `hooks`, `invert_flag`, `list_separator`, `naked_as_value`, `no_error`, `quotation_begin`, `quotation_end`, `true_aliases`, `unpack`

```

local opts = {
    -- Result table that is filled with each call of the parse function.
    accumulated_result = accumulated_result,

    -- Configure the delimiter that assigns a value to a key.
    assignment_operator = '=',

    -- Automatically convert dimensions into scaled points (1cm -> 1864679).
    convert_dimensions = false,

    -- Print the result table to the console.
    debug = false,

    -- The default value for naked keys (keys without a value).
    default = true,

    -- A table with some default values. The result table is merged with
    -- this table.
    defaults = { key = 'value' },

    -- Key-value pair definitions.
    defs = { key = { default = 'value' } },

    -- Specify the strings that are recognized as boolean false values.
    false_aliases = { 'false', 'FALSE', 'False' },

    -- lower, snake, upper
    format_keys = { 'snake' },

    -- Configure the delimiter that marks the beginning of a group.
    group_begin = '{',

    -- Configure the delimiter that marks the end of a group.
    group_end = '}',

    -- Listed in the order of execution
    hooks = {
        kv_string = function(kv_string)
            return kv_string
        end,
    }

    -- Visit all key-value pairs recursively.
}

```

```

keys_before_opts = function(key, value, depth, current, result)
    return key, value
end,

-- Visit the result table.
result_before_opts = function(result)
end,

-- Visit all key-value pairs recursively.
keys_before_def = function(key, value, depth, current, result)
    return key, value
end,

-- Visit the result table.
result_before_def = function(result)
end,

-- Visit all key-value pairs recursively.
keys = function(key, value, depth, current, result)
    return key, value
end,

-- Visit the result table.
result = function(result)
end,
),

invert_flag = '!!',

-- Configure the delimiter that separates list items from each other.
list_separator = ',',

-- If true, naked keys are converted to values:
-- { one = true, two = true, three = true } -> { 'one', 'two', 'three' }
naked_as_value = false,

-- Throw no error if there are unknown keys.
no_error = false,

-- Configure the delimiter that marks the beginning of a string.
quotation_begin = "'",

-- Configure the delimiter that marks the end of a string.
quotation_end = '"',

-- Specify the strings that are recognized as boolean true values.
true_aliases = { 'true', 'TRUE', 'True' },

-- { key = { 'value' } } -> { key = 'value' }
unpack = false,
}

```

3.3 Table “opts”

The options can also be set globally using the exported table `opts`:

```
local result = luakeys.parse('dim=1cm') -- { dim = '1cm' }
```

```

luakeys.opts.convert_dimensions = true
local result2 = luakeys.parse('dim=1cm') -- { dim = 1234567 }

```

To avoid interactions with other packages that also use `luakeys` and set the options globally, it is recommended to use the `get_private_instance()` function (??) to load the package.

3.3.1 Option “`accumulated_result`”

Strictly speaking, this is not an option. The `accumulated_result` “option” can be used to specify a result table that is filled with each call of the `parse` function.

```

local result = {}

luakeys.parse('key1=one', { accumulated_result = result })
assert.are.same({ key1 = 'one' }, result)

luakeys.parse('key2=two', { accumulated_result = result })
assert.are.same({ key1 = 'one', key2 = 'two' }, result)

luakeys.parse('key1=1', { accumulated_result = result })
assert.are.same({ key1 = 1, key2 = 'two' }, result)

```

3.3.2 Option “`assignment_operator`”

The option `assignment_operator` configures the delimiter that assigns a value to a key. The default value of this option is “`=`”.

The code example below demonstrates all six delimiter related options.

```

local result = luakeys.parse(
  'level1: ( key1: value1; key2: "A string;" )', {
    assignment_operator = ':',
    group_begin = '(',
    group_end = ')',
    list_separator = ';',
    quotation_begin = '"',
    quotation_end = '"',
  })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { level1 = { key1 = 'value1', key2 = 'A string;' } }

```

Delimiter options	Section
<code>assignment_operator</code>	3.3.2
<code>group_begin</code>	3.3.10
<code>group_end</code>	3.3.11
<code>list_separator</code>	3.3.14
<code>quotation_begin</code>	3.3.17
<code>quotation_end</code>	3.3.18

3.3.3 Option “convert_dimensions”

If you set the option `convert_dimensions` to `true`, `luakeys` detects the TeX dimensions and converts them into scaled points using the function `tex.sp(dim)`.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('dim=1cm', {
    convert_dimensions = true,
})
-- result = { dim = 1864679 }
```

By default the dimensions are not converted into scaled points.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('dim=1cm', {
    convert_dimensions = false,
})
-- or
result = luakeys.parse('dim=1cm')
-- result = { dim = '1cm' }
```

If you want to convert a scaled points number into a dimension string you can use the module `lualibs-util-dim.lua`.

```
require('lualibs')
tex.print(number.todimen(tex.sp('1cm'), 'cm', '%0.0F%s'))
```

The default value of the option “`convert_dimensions`” is: `false`.

3.3.4 Option “debug”

If the option `debug` is set to true, the result table is printed to the console.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{luakeys}
\begin{document}
\directlua{
    lk = luakeys.new()
    lk.parse('one,two,three', { debug = true })
}
Lorem ipsum
\end{document}
```

```
This is LuaHBTex, Version 1.15.0 (TeX Live 2022)
...
(./debug.aux) (/usr/local/texlive/texmf-dist/tex/latex/base/ts1cmr.fd)
{
    ['three'] = true,
    ['two'] = true,
    ['one'] = true,
}
[1{/usr/
local/texlive/2022/texmf-var/fonts/map/pdftex/updmap/pdftex.map}] (./debug.aux)
)
...
Transcript written on debug.log.
```

The default value of the option “debug” is: `false`.

3.3.5 Option “default”

The option `default` can be used to specify which value naked keys (keys without a value) get. This option has no influence on keys with values.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('naked', { default = 1 })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { naked = 1 }
```

By default, naked keys get the value `true`.

```
local result2 = luakeys.parse('naked')
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { naked = true }
```

The default value of the option “default” is: `true`.

3.3.6 Option “defaults”

The option “defaults” can be used to specify not only one default value, but a whole table of default values. The result table is merged into the defaults table. Values in the defaults table are overwritten by values in the result table.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('key1=new', {
  defaults = { key1 = 'default', key2 = 'default' },
})
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key1 = 'new', key2 = 'default' }
```

The default value of the option “defaults” is: `false`.

3.3.7 Option “defs”

For more informations on how keys are defined, see section 3.4. If you use the `defs` option, you don’t need to call the `define` function. Instead of ...

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ one = { default = 1 }, two = { default = 2 } })
local result = parse('one,two') -- { one = 1, two = 2 }
```

we can write ...

```
local result2 = luakeys.parse('one,two', {
  defs = { one = { default = 1 }, two = { default = 2 } },
}) -- { one = 1, two = 2 }
```

The default value of the option “defs” is: `false`.

3.3.8 Option “false_aliases”

The `true_aliases` and `false_aliases` options can be used to specify the strings that will be recognized as boolean values by the parser. The following strings are configured by default.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('key=yes', {
    true_aliases = { 'true', 'TRUE', 'True' },
    false_aliases = { 'false', 'FALSE', 'False' },
})
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'yes' }
```

```
local result2 = luakeys.parse('key=yes', {
    true_aliases = { 'on', 'yes' },
    false_aliases = { 'off', 'no' },
})
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { key = true }
```

```
local result3 = luakeys.parse('key=true', {
    true_aliases = { 'on', 'yes' },
    false_aliases = { 'off', 'no' },
})
luakeys.debug(result3) -- { key = 'true' }
```

See section 3.3.19 for the corresponding option.

3.3.9 Option “format_keys”

With the help of the option `format_keys` the keys can be formatted. The values of this option must be specified in a table.

`lower` To convert all keys to *lowercase*, specify `lower` in the options table.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('KEY=value', { format_keys = { 'lower' } })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'value' }
```

`snake` To make all keys *snake case* (The words are separated by underscores), specify `snake` in the options table.

```
local result2 = luakeys.parse('snake_case=value', { format_keys = { 'snake'
    } })
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { snake_case = 'value' }
```

`upper` To convert all keys to *uppercase*, specify `upper` in the options table.

```
local result3 = luakeys.parse('key=value', { format_keys = { 'upper' } })
luakeys.debug(result3) -- { KEY = 'value' }
```

You can also combine several types of formatting.

```
local result4 = luakeys.parse('Snake Case=value', { format_keys = { 'lower',
↪ 'snake' } })
luakeys.debug(result4) -- { snake_case = 'value' }
```

The default value of the option “format_keys” is: `false`.

3.3.10 Option “group_begin”

The option `group_begin` configures the delimiter that marks the beginning of a group. The default value of this option is “`{`”. A code example can be found in section 3.3.2.

3.3.11 Option “group_end”

The option `group_end` configures the delimiter that marks the end of a group. The default value of this option is “`}`”. A code example can be found in section 3.3.2.

3.3.12 Option “invert_flag”

If a naked key is prefixed with an exclamation mark, its default value is inverted. Instead of `true` the key now takes the value `false`.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('naked1,!naked2')
luakeys.debug(result) -- { naked1 = true, naked2 = false }
```

The `invert_flag` option can be used to change this inversion character.

```
local result2 = luakeys.parse('naked1,~naked2', { invert_flag = '~' })
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { naked1 = true, naked2 = false }
```

For example, if the default value for naked keys is set to `false`, the naked keys prefixed with the invert flat take the value `true`.

```
local result3 = luakeys.parse('naked1,!naked2', { default = false })
luakeys.debug(result3) -- { naked1 = false, naked2 = true }
```

Set the `invert_flag` option to `false` to disable this automatic boolean value inversion.

```
local result4 = luakeys.parse('naked1,!naked2', { invert_flag = false })
luakeys.debug(result4) -- { naked1 = true, ['!naked2'] = true }
```

3.3.13 Option “hooks”

The following hooks or callback functions allow to intervene in the processing of the `parse` function. The functions are listed in processing order. `*_before_opts` means that the hooks are executed after the LPeg syntax analysis and before the options are applied. The `*_before_defs` hooks are executed before applying the key value definitions.

1. `kv_string = function(kv_string): kv_string`
2. `keys_before_opts = function(key, value, depth, current, result): key, value`
3. `result_before_opts = function(result): void`
4. `keys_before_def = function(key, value, depth, current, result): key, value`
5. `result_before_def = function(result): void`
6. (`process`) (has to be defined using `defs`, see [3.5.13](#))
7. `keys = function(key, value, depth, current, result): key, value`
8. `result = function(result): void`

kv_string The `kv_string` hook is called as the first of the hook functions before the LPeg syntax parser is executed.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('key=unknown', {  
    hooks = {  
        kv_string = function(kv_string)  
            return kv_string:gsub('unknown', 'value')  
        end,  
    },  
})  
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'value' }
```

keys_* The hooks `keys_*` are called recursively on each key in the current result table. The hook function must return two values: `key, value`. The following example returns `key` and `value` unchanged, so the result table is not changed.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('l1={l2=1}', {  
    hooks = {  
        keys = function(key, value)  
            return key, value  
        end,  
    },  
})  
luakeys.debug(result) -- { l1 = { l2 = 1 } }
```

The next example demonstrates the third parameter `depth` of the hook function.

```

local result = luakeys.parse('x,d1={x,d2={x}}', {
    naked_as_value = true,
    unpack = false,
    hooks = {
        keys = function(key, value, depth)
            if value == 'x' then
                return key, depth
            end
            return key, value
        end,
    },
})
luakeys.debug(result) -- { 1, d1 = { 2, d2 = { 3 } } }

```

result_* The hooks `result_*` are called once with the current result table as a parameter.

3.3.14 Option “list_separator”

The option `list_separator` configures the delimiter that separates list items from each other. The default value of this option is `" , "`. A code example can be found in section 3.3.2.

3.3.15 Option “naked_as_value”

With the help of the option `naked_as_value`, naked keys are not given a default value, but are stored as values in a Lua table.

```

local result = luakeys.parse('one,two,three')
luakeys.debug(result) -- { one = true, two = true, three = true }

```

If we set the option `naked_as_value` to `true`:

```

local result2 = luakeys.parse('one,two,three', { naked_as_value = true })
luakeys.debug(result2)
-- { [1] = 'one', [2] = 'two', [3] = 'three' }
-- { 'one', 'two', 'three' }

```

The default value of the option “`naked_as_value`” is: `false`.

3.3.16 Option “no_error”

By default the parse function throws an error if there are unknown keys. This can be prevented with the help of the `no_error` option.

```

luakeys.parse('unknown', { defs = { 'key' } })
-- Error message: Unknown keys: unknown,

```

If we set the option `no_error` to `true`:

```
luakeys.parse('unknown', { defs = { 'key' }, no_error = true })
-- No error message
```

The default value of the option “no_error” is: `false`.

3.3.17 Option “quotation_begin”

The option `quotation_begin` configures the delimiter that marks the beginning of a string. The default value of this option is `'''` (double quotes). A code example can be found in section [3.3.2](#).

3.3.18 Option “quotation_end”

The option `quotation_end` configures the delimiter that marks the end of a string. The default value of this option is `'''` (double quotes). A code example can be found in section [3.3.2](#).

3.3.19 Option “true_aliases”

See section [3.3.8](#).

3.3.20 Option “unpack”

With the help of the option `unpack`, all tables that consist of only a single naked key or a single standalone value are unpacked.

```
local result = luakeys.parse('key={string}', { unpack = true })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'string' }
```

```
local result2 = luakeys.parse('key={string}', { unpack = false })
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { key = { string = true } }
```

The default value of the option “unpack” is: `true`.

3.4 Function “`define(defs, opts): parse`”

The `define` function returns a `parse` function (see [3.1](#)). The name of a key can be specified in three ways:

1. as a string.
2. as a key in a Lua table. The definition of the corresponding key-value pair is then stored under this key.
3. by the “name” attribute.

```

-- standalone string values
local defs = { 'key' }

-- keys in a Lua table
local defs = { key = {} }

-- by the "name" attribute
local defs = { { name = 'key' } }

local parse = luakeys.define(defs)
local result, unknown = parse('key=value,unknown=unknown', { no_error = true })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'value' }
luakeys.debug(unknown) -- { unknown = 'unknown' }

```

For nested definitions, only the last two ways of specifying the key names can be used.

```

local parse2 = luakeys.define({
    level1 = {
        sub_keys = { level2 = { sub_keys = { key = { } } } },
    },
}, { no_error = true })
local result2, unknown2 = parse2('level1={level2={key=value,unknown=unknown}}')
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { level1 = { level2 = { key = 'value' } } }
luakeys.debug(unknown2) -- { level1 = { level2 = { unknown = 'unknown' } } }

```

3.5 Attributes to define a key-value pair

The definition of a key-value pair can be made with the help of various attributes. The name “*attribute*” for an option, a key, a property ... (to list just a few naming possibilities) to define keys, was deliberately chosen to distinguish them from the options of the `parse` function. These attributes are allowed: alias, always_present, choices, data_type, default, description, exclusive_group, l3_tl_set, macro, match, name, opposite_keys, pick, process, required, sub_keys. The code example below lists all the attributes that can be used to define key-value pairs.

```

---@type DefinitionCollection
local defs = {
    key = {
        -- Allow different key names.
        -- or a single string: alias = 'k'
        alias = { 'k', 'ke' },

        -- The key is always included in the result. If no default value is
        -- defined, true is taken as the value.
        always_present = false,

        -- Only values listed in the array table are allowed.
        choices = { 'one', 'two', 'three' },

        -- Possible data types:
        -- any, boolean, dimension, integer, number, string, list
        data_type = 'string',
    }
}

```

```

-- To provide a default value for each naked key individually.
default = true,

-- Can serve as a comment.
description = 'Describe your key-value pair.',

-- The key belongs to a mutually exclusive group of keys.
exclusive_group = 'name',

-- > \MacroName
macro = 'MacroName', -- > \MacroName

-- See http://www.lua.org/manual/5.3/manual.html#6.4.1
match = '^%d%d%d%-%d%d%-%d%d$',

-- The name of the key, can be omitted
name = 'key',

-- Convert opposite (naked) keys
-- into a boolean value and store this boolean under a target key:
-- show -> opposite_keys = true
-- hide -> opposite_keys = false
-- Short form: opposite_keys = { 'show', 'hide' }
opposite_keys = { [true] = 'show', [false] = 'hide' },

-- Pick a value by its data type:
-- 'any', 'string', 'number', 'dimension', 'integer', 'boolean'.
pick = false, -- 'false' disables the picking.

-- A function whose return value is passed to the key.
process = function(value, input, result, unknown)
    return value
end,

-- To enforce that a key must be specified.
required = false,

-- To build nested key-value pair definitions.
sub_keys = { key_level_2 = { } },
}

```

3.5.1 Attribute “alias”

With the help of the `alias` attribute, other key names can be used. The value is always stored under the original key name. A single alias name can be specified by a string ...

```

-- a single alias
local parse = luakeys.define({ key = { alias = 'k' } })
local result = parse('k=value')
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'value' }

```

multiple aliases by a list of strings.

```
-- multiple aliases
local parse = luakeys.define({ key = { alias = { 'k', 'ke' } } })
local result = parse('ke=value')
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'value' }
```

3.5.2 Attribute “always_present”

The `default` attribute is used only for naked keys.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ key = { default = 1 } })
local result = parse('') -- { }
```

If the attribute `always_present` is set to true, the key is always included in the result. If no default value is defined, true is taken as the value.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ key = { default = 1, always_present = true } })
local result = parse('') -- { key = 1 }
```

3.5.3 Attribute “choices”

Some key values should be selected from a restricted set of choices. These can be handled by passing an array table containing choices.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ key = { choices = { 'one', 'two', 'three' } } })
local result = parse('key=one') -- { key = 'one' }
```

When the key-value pair is parsed, values will be checked, and an error message will be displayed if the value was not one of the acceptable choices:

```
parse('key=unknown')
-- error message:
--- 'luakeys error [E004]: The value "unknown" does not exist in the choices:
→ "one, two, three"
```

3.5.4 Attribute “data_type”

The `data_type` attribute allows type-checking and type conversions to be performed. The following data types are supported: `'boolean'`, `'dimension'`, `'integer'`, `'number'`, `'string'`, `'list'`. A type conversion can fail with the three data types `'dimension'`, `'integer'`, `'number'`. Then an error message is displayed.

```
local function assert_type(data_type, input_value, expected_value)
    assert.are.same({ key = expected_value },
        luakeys.parse('key=' .. tostring(input_value),
            { defs = { key = { data_type = data_type } } }))
end
```

```

assert_type('boolean', 'true', true)
assert_type('dimension', '1cm', '1cm')
assert_type('integer', '1.23', 1)
assert_type('number', '1.23', 1.23)
assert_type('string', '1.23', '1.23')

```

3.5.5 Attribute “default”

Use the `default` attribute to provide a default value for each naked key individually. With the global `default` attribute (3.3.5) a default value can be specified for all naked keys.

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
  one = {},
  two = { default = 2 },
  three = { default = 3 },
}, { default = 1, defaults = { four = 4 } })
local result = parse('one,two,three') -- { one = 1, two = 2, three = 3, four = 4 }

```

3.5.6 Attribute “description”

This attribute is currently not processed further. It can serve as a comment.

3.5.7 Attribute “exclusive_group”

All keys belonging to the same exclusive group must not be specified together. Only one key from this group is allowed. Any value can be used as a name for this exclusive group.

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
  key1 = { exclusive_group = 'group' },
  key2 = { exclusive_group = 'group' },
})
local result1 = parse('key1') -- { key1 = true }
local result2 = parse('key2') -- { key2 = true }

```

If more than one key of the group is specified, an error message is thrown.

```

parse('key1,key2') -- throws error message:
-- 'The key "key2" belongs to a mutually exclusive group "group"
-- and the key "key1" is already present!'

```

3.5.8 Attribute “macro”

The attribute `macro` stores the value in a `TEX` macro.

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
    key = {
        macro = 'MyMacro'
    }
})
parse('key=value')

\MyMacro % expands to "value"

```

3.5.9 Attribute “match”

The value of the key is first passed to the Lua function `string.match(value, match)` (<http://www.lua.org/manual/5.3/manual.html#pdf-string.match>) before being assigned to the key. You can therefore configure the `match` attribute with a pattern matching string used in Lua. Take a look at the Lua manual on how to write patterns (<http://www.lua.org/manual/5.3/manual.html#6.4.1>).

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
    birthday = { match = '^%d%d%d%-%d%d%-%d%d$' },
})
local result = parse('birthday=1978-12-03') -- { birthday = '1978-12-03' }

```

If the pattern cannot be found in the value, an error message is issued.

```

parse('birthday=1978-12-XX')
-- throws error message:
-- 'luakeys error [E009]: The value "1978-12-XX" of the key "birthday"
-- does not match "%d%d%d%-%d%d%-%d%d$"!'

```

The key receives the result of the function `string.match(value, match)`, which means that the original value may not be stored completely in the key. In the next example, the entire input value is accepted:

```

local parse = luakeys.define({ year = { match = '%d%d%d' } })
local result = parse('year=1978') -- { year = '1978' }

```

The prefix “waste” and the suffix “rubbisch” of the string are discarded.

```

local result2 = parse('year=waste 1978 rubbisch') -- { year = '1978' }

```

Since function `string.match(value, match)` always returns a string, the value of the key is also always a string.

3.5.10 Attribute “name”

The `name` attribute allows an alternative notation of key names. Instead of ...

```

local parse1 = luakeys.define({
    one = { default = 1 },
    two = { default = 2 },
})
local result1 = parse1('one,two') -- { one = 1, two = 2 }

```

... we can write:

```
local parse = luakeys.define({
  { name = 'one', default = 1 },
  { name = 'two', default = 2 },
})
local result = parse('one,two') -- { one = 1, two = 2 }
```

3.5.11 Attribute “opposite_keys”

The `opposite_keys` attribute allows to convert opposite (naked) keys into a boolean value and store this boolean under a target key. Lua allows boolean values to be used as keys in tables. However, the boolean values must be written in square brackets, e. g. `opposite_keys = { [true] = 'show', [false] = 'hide' }`. Examples of opposing keys are: `show` and `hide`, `dark` and `light`, `question` and `solution`. The example below uses the `show` and `hide` keys as the opposite key pair. If the key `show` is parsed by the `parse` function, then the target key `visibility` receives the value `true`.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({
  visibility = { opposite_keys = { [true] = 'show', [false] = 'hide' } },
})
local result = parse('show') -- { visibility = true }
```

If the key `hide` is parsed, then `false`.

```
local result = parse('hide') -- { visibility = false }
```

Opposing key pairs can be specified in a short form, namely as a list: The opposite key, which represents the true value, must be specified first in this list, followed by the false value.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({
  visibility = { opposite_keys = { 'show', 'hide' } },
})
```

3.5.12 Attribute “pick”

The attribute `pick` searches for a value not assigned to a key. The first value found, i.e. the one further to the left, is assigned to a key.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ font_size = { pick = 'dimension' } })
local result = parse('12pt,13pt', { no_error = true })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { font_size = '12pt' }
```

Only the current result table is searched, not other levels in the recursive data structure.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({
    level1 = {
        sub_keys = { level2 = { default = 2 }, key = { pick = 'boolean' } },
    },
}, { no_error = true })
local result, unknown = parse('true,level1={level2,true}')
luakeys.debug(result) -- { level1 = { key = true, level2 = 2 } }
luakeys.debug(unknown) -- { true }
```

The search for values is activated when the attribute `pick` is set to a data type. These data types can be used to search for values: string, number, dimension, integer, boolean, any. Use the data type “any” to accept any value. If a value is already assigned to a key when it is entered, then no further search for values is performed.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ font_size = { pick = 'dimension' } })
local result, unknown =
    parse('font_size=11pt,12pt', { no_error = true })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { font_size = '11pt' }
luakeys.debug(unknown) -- { '12pt' }
```

The `pick` attribute also accepts multiple data types specified in a table.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({
    key = { pick = { 'number', 'dimension' } },
})
local result = parse('string,12pt,42', { no_error = true })
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 42 }
local result2 = parse('string,12pt', { no_error = true })
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { key = '12pt' }
```

3.5.13 Attribute “process”

The `process` attribute can be used to define a function whose return value is passed to the key. Four parameters are passed when the function is called:

1. `value`: The current value associated with the key.
2. `input`: The result table cloned before the time the definitions started to be applied.
3. `result`: The table in which the final result will be saved.
4. `unknown`: The table in which the unknown key-value pairs are stored.

The following example demonstrates the `value` parameter:

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
    key = {
        process = function(value, input, result, unknown)
            if type(value) == 'number' then
                return value + 1
            end
            return value
        end,
    },
})
local result = parse('key=1') -- { key = 2 }

```

The following example demonstrates the `input` parameter:

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
    'one',
    'two',
    key = {
        process = function(value, input, result, unknown)
            value = input.one + input.two
            result.one = nil
            result.two = nil
            return value
        end,
    },
})
local result = parse('key,one=1,two=2') -- { key = 3 }

```

The following example demonstrates the `result` parameter:

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
    key = {
        process = function(value, input, result, unknown)
            result.additional_key = true
            return value
        end,
    },
})
local result = parse('key=1') -- { key = 1, additional_key = true }

```

The following example demonstrates the `unknown` parameter:

```

local parse = luakeys.define({
    key = {
        process = function(value, input, result, unknown)
            unknown.unknown_key = true
            return value
        end,
    },
})

```

```

parse('key=1') -- throws error message: 'luakeys error [E019]: Unknown keys:
→ "unknown_key=true,"'

```

3.5.14 Attribute “required”

The `required` attribute can be used to enforce that a specific key must be specified. In the example below, the key `important` is defined as mandatory.

```
local parse = luakeys.define({ important = { required = true } })
local result = parse('important') -- { important = true }
```

If the key `important` is missing in the input, an error message occurs.

```
parse('unimportant')
-- throws error message: 'luakeys error [E012]: Missing required key
→ "important"!'
```

A recursive example:

```
local parse2 = luakeys.define({
    important1 = {
        required = true,
        sub_keys = { important2 = { required = true } },
    },
})
```

The `important2` key on level 2 is missing.

```
parse2('important1={unimportant}')
-- throws error message: 'luakeys error [E012]: Missing required key
→ "important2"!'
```

The `important1` key at the lowest key level is missing.

```
parse2('unimportant')
-- throws error message: 'luakeys error [E012]: Missing required key
→ "important1"!'
```

3.5.15 Attribute “sub_keys”

The `sub_keys` attribute can be used to build nested key-value pair definitions.

```
local result, unknown = luakeys.parse('level1={level2,unknown}', {
    no_error = true,
    defs = {
        level1 = {
            sub_keys = {
                level2 = { default = 42 }
            }
        }
    }
}),
```

```

})
luakeys.debug(result) -- { level1 = { level2 = 42 } }
luakeys.debug(unknown) -- { level1 = { 'unknown' } }

```

3.6 Function “`render(result): string`”

The function `render(result)` reverses the function `parse(kv_string)`. It takes a Lua table and converts this table into a key-value string. The resulting string usually has a different order as the input table.

```

local result = luakeys.parse('one=1,two=2,three=3')
local kv_string = luakeys.render(result)
--- one=1,two=2,tree=3,
--- or:
--- two=2,one=1,tree=3,
--- or:
--- ...

```

In Lua only tables with 1-based consecutive integer keys (a.k.a. array tables) can be parsed in order.

```

local result2 = luakeys.parse('one,two,three', { naked_as_value = true })
local kv_string2 = luakeys.render(result2) --- one,two,three, (always)

```

3.7 Function “`debug(result): void`”

The function `debug(result)` pretty prints a Lua table to standard output (stdout). It is a utility function that can be used to debug and inspect the resulting Lua table of the function `parse`. You have to compile your T_EX document in a console to see the terminal output.

```

local result = luakeys.parse('level1={level2={key=value}}')
luakeys.debug(result)

```

The output should look like this:

```

{
  ['level1'] = {
    ['level2'] = {
      ['key'] = 'value',
    },
  }
}

```

3.8 Function “`save(identifier, result): void`”

The function `save(identifier, result)` saves a result (a table from a previous run of `parse`) under an identifier. Therefore, it is not necessary to pollute the global namespace to store results for the later usage.

3.9 Function “`get(identifier): result`”

The function `get(identifier)` retrieves a saved result from the result store.

3.10 Class “`DefinitionManager()`”

The `DefinitionManager` class makes it possible to store key-value definitions in a central location. New subsets of definitions can be formed based on the saved definitions using the `include` and `exclude` methods.

```
local DefinitionManager = luakeys.DefinitionManager

local manager = DefinitionManager({
    key1 = { default = 1 },
    key2 = { default = 2 },
    key3 = { default = 3 },
})

local def = manager:get('key1')
luakeys.debug(def) -- { default = 1 }

local defs1 = manager:include({ 'key2' })
luakeys.debug(defs1) -- { key2 = { default = 2 } }

local defs2 = manager:exclude({ 'key2' })
luakeys.debug(defs2) -- { key1 = { default = 1 }, key3 = { default = 3 } }

manager:parse('key3', { 'key3' }) -- { key3 = 3 }
manager:parse('new3', { key3 = 'new3' }) -- { new3 = 3 }
--manager:parse('key1', { 'key3' }) -- 'Unknown keys: "key1,"'
```

3.11 Table “`is`”

In the table `is` some functions are summarized, which check whether an input corresponds to a certain data type. Some functions accept not only the corresponding Lua data types, but also input as strings. For example, the string '`true`' is recognized by the `is.boolean()` function as a boolean value.

3.11.1 Function “`is.boolean(value): boolean`”

```
-- true
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('true'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('True'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('TRUE'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('false'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('False'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('FALSE'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.boolean(true), true)
equal(luakeys.is.boolean(false), true)

-- false
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('xxx'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('trueX'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('1'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.boolean('0'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.boolean(1), false)
```

```
equal(luakeys.is.boolean(0), false)
equal(luakeys.is.boolean(nil), false)
end)
```

3.11.2 Function “is.dimension(value): boolean”

```
-- true
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('1 cm'), true)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('- 1 mm'), true)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('-1.1pt'), true)
-- false
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('1cmX'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('X1cm'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension(1), false)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('1'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension('xxx'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.dimension(nil), false)
```

3.11.3 Function “is.integer(value): boolean”

```
-- true
equal(luakeys.is.integer('42'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.integer(1), true)
-- false
equal(luakeys.is.integer('1.1'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.integer('xxx'), false)
```

3.11.4 Function “is.number(value): boolean”

```
-- true
equal(luakeys.is.number('1'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.number('1.1'), true) -- input: string!
equal(luakeys.is.number(1), true)
equal(luakeys.is.number(1.1), true)
-- false
equal(luakeys.is.number('xxx'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.number('1cm'), false)
```

3.11.5 Function “is.string(value): boolean”

```
-- true
equal(luakeys.is.string('string'), true)
equal(luakeys.is.string(''), true)
-- false
equal(luakeys.is.string(true), false)
```

```
equal(luakeys.is.string(1), false)
equal(luakeys.is.string(nil), false)
```

3.11.6 Function “is.list(value): boolean”

```
-- true
equal(luakeys.is.list({ 'one', 'two', 'three' }), true)
equal(luakeys.is.list({ [1] = 'one', [2] = 'two', [3] = 'three' }), true)

-- false
equal(luakeys.is.list({ one = 'one', two = 'two', three = 'three' }), false)
equal(luakeys.is.list('one,two,three'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.list('list'), false)
equal(luakeys.is.list(nil), false)
```

3.11.7 Function “is.any(value): boolean”

The function `is.any(value)` always returns `true` and therefore accepts any data type.

3.12 Table “utils”

The `utils` table bundles some auxiliary functions.

```
local utils = require('luakeys')().utils

---table
local merge_tables = utils.merge_tables
local clone_table = utils.clone_table
local remove_from_table = utils.remove_from_table
local get_table_keys = utils.get_table_keys
local get_table_size = utils.get_table_size
local get_array_size = utils.get_array_size

local tex_printf = utils.tex_printf

---error
local throw_error_message = utils.throw_error_message
local throw_error_code = utils.throw_error_code

---ansi_color
local colorize = utils.ansi_color.colorize
local red = utils.ansi_color.red
local green = utils.ansi_color.green
local yellow = utils.ansi_color.yellow
local blue = utils.ansi_color.blue
local magenta = utils.ansi_color.magenta
local cyan = utils.ansi_color.cyan

---log
local set = utils.log.set
local get = utils.log.get
```

```

local err = utils.log.error
local warn = utils.log.warn
local info = utils.log.info
local verbose = utils.log.verbose
local debug = utils.log.debug

```

3.12.1 Function “utils.merge_tables(target, source, overwrite): table”

The function `merge_tables` merges two tables into the first specified table. It copies keys from the ‘source’ table into the ‘target’ table. It returns the target table.

If the `overwrite` parameter is set to `true`, values in the target table are overwritten.

```

local result = luakeys.utils.merge_tables({ key = 'target' }, {
    key = 'source',
    key2 = 'new',
}, true)
luakeys.debug(result) -- { key = 'source', key2 = 'new' }

```

Give the parameter `overwrite` the value `false` to overwrite values in the target table.

```

local result2 = luakeys.utils.merge_tables({ key = 'target' }, {
    key = 'source',
    key2 = 'new',
}, false)
luakeys.debug(result2) -- { key = 'target', key2 = 'new' }

```

3.13 Table “version”

The luakeys project uses semantic versioning. The three version numbers of the semantic versioning scheme are stored in a table as integers in the order MAJOR, MINOR, PATCH. This table can be used to check whether the correct version is installed.

```

local v = luakeys.version
local version_string = v[1] .. '.' .. v[2] .. '.' .. v[3]
print(version_string) -- 0.7.0

if v[1] >= 1 and v[2] > 2 then
    print('You are using the right version.')
end

```

3.14 Table “error_messages”

```

local parse = luakeys.define({ key = { required = true } })

it('Default error', function()
    assert.has_error(function()
        parse('unknown')
    end, 'luakeys error [E012]: Missing required key "key"!')
end)

it('Custom error', function()
    luakeys.error_messages.E012 = 'The key @key is missing!'
    assert.has_error(function()
        parse('unknown')
    end, 'luakeys error [E012]: The key "key" is missing!')
end)

```

E001 : Unknown parse option: @unknown!

E002 : Unknown hook: @unknown!

E003 : Duplicate aliases @alias1 and @alias2 for key @key!

E004 : The value @value does not exist in the choices: @choices

E005 : Unknown data type: @unknown

E006 : The value @value of the key @key could not be converted into the data type @data_type!

E007 : The key @key belongs to the mutually exclusive group @exclusive_group and another key of the group named @another_key is already present!

E008 : def.match has to be a string

E009 : The value @value of the key @key does not match @match!

E010 : Usage: opposite_keys = "true_key", "false_key" or [true] = "true_key", [false] = "false_key"

E011 : Wrong data type in the "pick" attribute: @unknown. Allowed are: @data_types.

E012 : Missing required key @key!

E013 : The key definition must be a table! Got @data_type for key @key.

E014 : Unknown definition attribute: @unknown

E015 : Key name couldn't be detected!

E017 : Unknown style to format keys: @unknown! Allowed styles are: @styles

E018 : The option "format_keys" has to be a table not @data_type

E019 : Unknown keys: @unknown

E020 : Both opposite keys were given: @true and @false!

E021 : Opposite key was specified more than once: @key!

E023 : Don't use this function from the global luakeys table. Create a new instance using e. g.: local lk = luakeys.new()

4 Syntax of the recognized key-value format

4.1 An attempt to put the syntax into words

A key-value pair is defined by an equal sign (`key=value`). Several key-value pairs or keys without values (naked keys) are lined up with commas (`key=value,naked`) and build a key-value list. Curly brackets can be used to create a recursive data structure of nested key-value lists (`level1={level2={key=value,naked}}`).

4.2 An (incomplete) attempt to put the syntax into the Extended Backus-Naur Form

```

⟨list⟩ ::= { ⟨list-item⟩ }

⟨list-container⟩ ::= ‘{’ ⟨list⟩ ‘}’

⟨list-item⟩ ::= ( ⟨list-container⟩ | ⟨key-value-pair⟩ | ⟨value⟩ ) [ ‘,’ ]

⟨key-value-pair⟩ ::= ⟨value⟩ ‘=’ ( ⟨list-container⟩ | ⟨value⟩ )

⟨value⟩ ::= ⟨boolean⟩
| ⟨dimension⟩
| ⟨number⟩
| ⟨string-quoted⟩
| ⟨string-unquoted⟩

⟨dimension⟩ ::= ⟨number⟩ ⟨unit⟩

⟨number⟩ ::= ⟨sign⟩ ( ⟨integer⟩ [ ⟨fractional⟩ ] | ⟨fractional⟩ )

⟨fractional⟩ ::= ‘.’ ⟨integer⟩

⟨sign⟩ ::= ‘-’ | ‘+’

⟨integer⟩ ::= ⟨digit⟩ { ⟨digit⟩ }

⟨digit⟩ ::= ‘0’ | ‘1’ | ‘2’ | ‘3’ | ‘4’ | ‘5’ | ‘6’ | ‘7’ | ‘8’ | ‘9’

⟨unit⟩ ::= ‘bp’ | ‘BP’
| ‘cc’ | ‘CC’
| ‘cm’ | ‘CM’
| ‘dd’ | ‘DD’
| ‘em’ | ‘EM’
| ‘ex’ | ‘EX’
| ‘in’ | ‘IN’
| ‘mm’ | ‘MM’
| ‘mu’ | ‘MU’
| ‘nc’ | ‘NC’
| ‘nd’ | ‘ND’
| ‘pc’ | ‘PC’
| ‘pt’ | ‘PT’

```

```

|   'px' | 'PX'
|   'sp' | 'SP'

⟨boolean⟩ ::= ⟨boolean-true⟩ | ⟨boolean-false⟩

⟨boolean-true⟩ ::= 'true' | 'TRUE' | 'True'

⟨boolean-false⟩ ::= 'false' | 'FALSE' | 'False'

```

... to be continued

4.3 Recognized data types

4.3.1 boolean

The strings `true`, `TRUE` and `True` are converted into Lua's boolean type `true`, the strings `false`, `FALSE` and `False` into `false`.

```

\luakeysdebug{
    lower case true = true,
    upper case true = TRUE,
    title case true = True,
    lower case false = false,
    upper case false = FALSE,
    title case false = False,
}
{
    ['lower case true'] = true,
    ['upper case true'] = true,
    ['title case true'] = true,
    ['lower case false'] = false,
    ['upper case false'] = false
    ['title case false'] = false,
}

```

4.3.2 number

```

\luakeysdebug{
    num0 = 042,
    num1 = 42,
    num2 = -42,
    num3 = 4.2,
    num4 = 0.42,
    num5 = .42,
    num6 = 0 . 42,
}
{
    ['num0'] = 42,
    ['num1'] = 42,
    ['num2'] = -42,
    ['num3'] = 4.2,
    ['num4'] = 0.42,
    ['num5'] = 0.42,
    ['num6'] = '0 . 42', -- string
}

```

4.3.3 dimension

`luakeys` tries to recognize all units used in the `TEX` world. According to the `LuaTEX` source code ([source/texk/web2c/luatexdir/lua/ltexlib.c](#)) and the dimension module of the `lualibs` library ([lualibs-util-dim.lua](#)), all units should be recognized.

Description	
bp	big point
cc	cicero
cm	centimeter
dd	didot
em	horizontal measure of M
ex	vertical measure of x
in	inch
mm	millimeter
mu	math unit
nc	new cicero
nd	new didot
pc	pica
pt	point
px	x height current font
sp	scaledpoint

```

\luakeysdebug[convert_dimensions=true]{
    bp = 1bp,
    cc = 1cc,
    cm = 1cm,
    dd = 1dd,
    em = 1em,
}

```

```

ex = 1ex,
in = 1in,
mm = 1mm,
mu = 1mu,
nc = 1nc,
nd = 1nd,
pc = 1pc,
pt = 1pt,
px = 1px,
sp = 1sp,
}
{
['bp'] = 65781,
['cc'] = 841489,
['cm'] = 1864679,
['dd'] = 70124,
['em'] = 655360,
['ex'] = 282460,
['in'] = 4736286,
['mm'] = 1864679,
['mu'] = 65536,
['nc'] = 839105,
['nd'] = 69925,
['pc'] = 786432,

```

The next example illustrates the different notations of the dimensions.

```

\luakeysdebug[convert_dimensions=true]{
upper = 1CM,
lower = 1cm,
space = 1 cm,
plus = + 1cm,
minus = -1cm,
nodim = 1 c m,
}
{
['upper'] = 1864679,
['lower'] = 1864679,
['space'] = 1864679,
['plus'] = 1864679,
['minus'] = -1864679,
['nodim'] = '1 c m', -- string
}
```

4.3.4 string

There are two ways to specify strings: With or without double quotes. If the text have to contain commas, curly braces or equal signs, then double quotes must be used.

```

local kv_string = [
without double quotes = no commas and equal signs are allowed,
with double quotes = ", and = are allowed",
escape quotes = "a quote \" sign",
curly braces = "curly { } braces are allowed",
]
local result = luakeys.parse(kv_string)
luakeys.debug(result)
-- {
-- ['without double quotes'] = 'no commas and equal signs are allowed',
-- ['with double quotes'] = ', and = are allowed',
-- ['escape quotes'] = 'a quote \" sign',
-- ['curly braces'] = 'curly { } braces are allowed',
-- }
```

4.3.5 Naked keys

Naked keys are keys without a value. Using the option `naked_as_value` they can be converted into values and stored into an array. In Lua an array is a table with numeric indexes (The first index is 1).

```
\luakeysdebug[naked_as_value=true]{one,two,three}
% {
%   [1] = 'one',
%   [2] = 'two',
%   [3] = 'three',
% }
% =
% { 'one', 'two', 'three' }
```

All recognized data types can be used as standalone values.

```
\luakeysdebug[naked_as_value=true]{one,2,3cm}
% {
%   [1] = 'one',
%   [2] = 2,
%   [3] = '3cm',
% }
```

5 Examples

5.1 Extend and modify keys of existing macros

Extend the `\includegraphics` macro with a new key named `caption` and change the accepted values of the `width` key. A number between 0 and 1 is allowed and converted into `width=0.5\linewidth`

```
local luakeys = require('luakeys')()

local parse = luakeys.define({
    caption = { alias = 'title' },
    width = {
        process = function(value)
            if type(value) == 'number' and value >= 0 and value <= 1 then
                return tostring(value) .. '\\linewidth'
            end
            return value
        end,
    },
})

local function print_image_macro(image_path, kv_string)
    local caption = ''
    local options = ''
    local keys, unknown = parse(kv_string)
    if keys['caption'] ~= nil then
        caption = '\\ImageCaption' .. keys['caption'] .. ''
    end
    if keys['width'] ~= nil then
        unknown['width'] = keys['width']
    end
    options = luakeys.render(unknown)

    tex.print('\\includegraphics[' .. options .. ']{' .. image_path .. '}'
              .. caption)
end

return print_image_macro
```

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\begin{document}
\newcommand{\ImageCaption}[1]{%
    \par\textit{#1}%
}

\newcommand{\myincludegraphics}[2][]{%
    \directlua{
        print_image_macro = require('extend-keys.lua')
        print_image_macro('#2', '#1')
    }
}

\myincludegraphics{test.png}
\myincludegraphics[width=0.5]{test.png}
```

```
\myincludegraphics[caption=A caption]{test.png}
\end{document}
```

5.2 Process document class options

The options of a L^AT_EX document class can be accessed via the `\LuakeysGetClassOptions` macro. `\LuakeysGetClassOptions` is an alias for

```
\luaescapestring{\@raw@classoptionslist}.
```

```
\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
\ProvidesClass{test-class}[2022/05/26 Test class to access the class options]
\DeclareOption*{} % suppresses the warning: LaTeX Warning: Unused global option(s):
\ProcessOptions\relax
\RequirePackage{luakeys}

\directlua{
lk = luakeys.new()
}

% Using the macro \LuakeysGetClassOptions
\directlua{
lk.debug(lk.parse('\LuakeysGetClassOptions'))
}

% Low level approach
\directlua{
lk.debug(lk.parse('\luaescapestring{\@raw@classoptionslist}'))
}

\LoadClass{article}
```

```
\documentclass[test={key1,key2}]{test-class}
\begin{document}
This document uses the class "test-class".
\end{document}
```

5.3 Process package options

The options of a L^AT_EX package can be accessed via the `\LuakeysGetPackageOptions` macro. `\LuakeysGetPackageOptions` is an alias for

```
\luaescapestring{\@optionlist{\@currname.\@currext}}.
```

```
\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
\ProvidesPackage{test-package}[2022/11/27 Test package to access the package
\hookrightarrow options]
\DeclareOption*{} % suppresses the error message: ! LaTeX Error: Unknown option
```

```

\ProcessOptions\relax
\RequirePackage{luakeys}

\directlua{
  lk = luakeys.new()
}

% Using the macro \LuakeysGetPackageOptions
\directlua{
  lk.debug(lk.parse('\LuakeysGetPackageOptions'))
}

% Low level approach
\directlua{
  lk.debug(lk.parse('\luaescapestring{\@optionlist{\@currname.\@currext}}'))
}

```

```

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[test={key1,key2}]{test-package}
\begin{document}
This document uses the package "test-package".
\end{document}

```

6 Debug packages

Two small debug packages are included in luakeys. One debug package can be used in L^AT_EX (luakeys-debug.sty) and one can be used in plain T_EX (luakeys-debug.tex). Both packages provide only one command: \luakeysdebug{kv-string}

```
\luakeysdebug{one,two,three}
```

Then the following output should appear in the document:

```
{
  ['two'] = true,
  ['one'] = true,
  ['three'] = true,
}
```

6.1 For plain T_EX: luakeys-debug.tex

An example of how to use the command in plain T_EX:

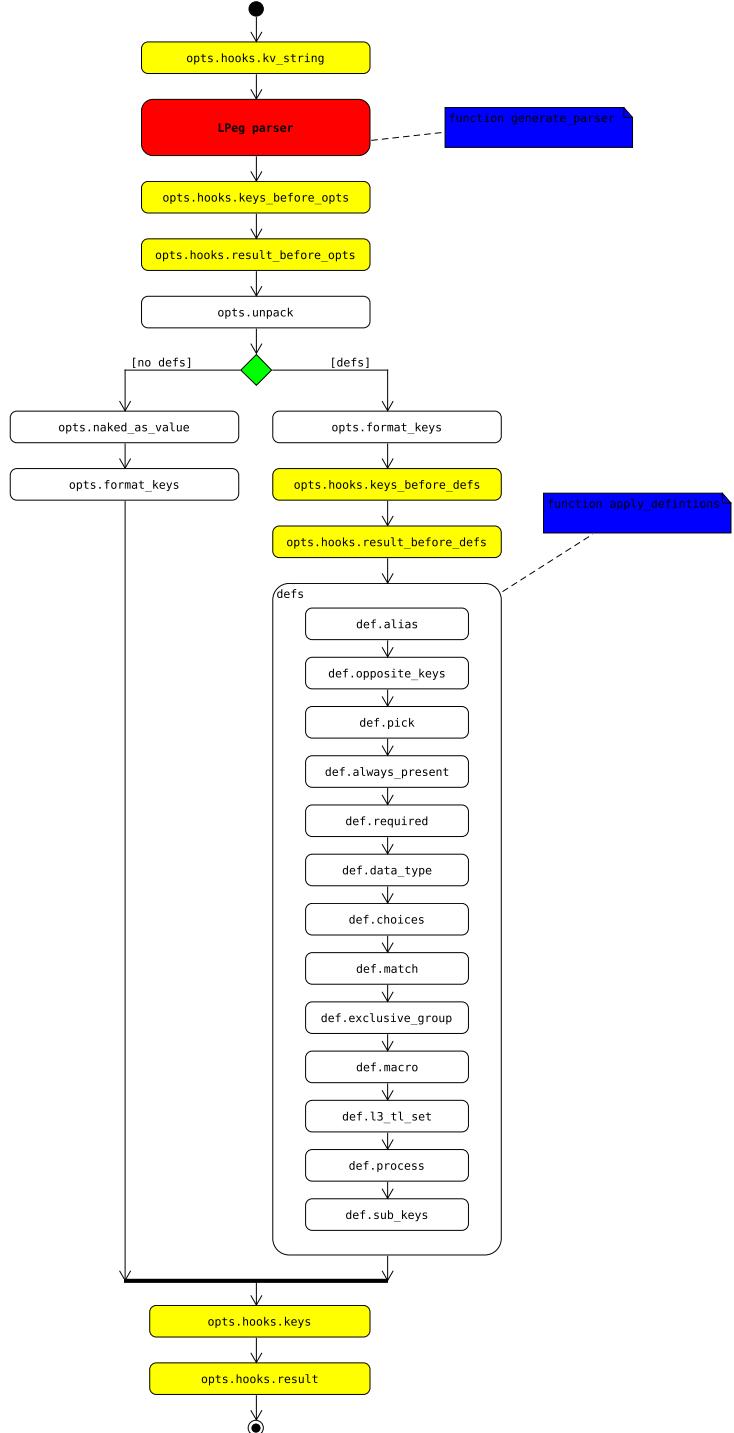
```
\input luakeys-debug.tex
\luakeysdebug{one,two,three}
\bye
```

6.2 For L^AT_EX: luakeys-debug.sty

An example of how to use the command in L^AT_EX:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{luakeys-debug}
\begin{document}
\luakeysdebug[
  unpack=false,
  convert dimensions=false
]{one,two,three}
\end{document}
```

7 Activity diagramm of the parsing process



8 Implementation

8.1 luakeys.lua

```
1 ---luakeys.lua
2 ---Copyright 2021-2024 Josef Friedrich
3 ---
4 ---This work may be distributed and/or modified under the
5 ---conditions of the LaTeX Project Public License, either version 1.3c
6 ---of this license or (at your option) any later version.
7 ---The latest version of this license is in
8 ---http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
9 ---and version 1.3c or later is part of all distributions of LaTeX
10 ---version 2008/05/04 or later.
11 ---
12 ---This work has the LPPL maintenance status 'maintained'.
13 ---
14 ---The Current Maintainer of this work is Josef Friedrich.
15 ---
16 ---This work consists of the files luakeys.lua, luakeys.sty, luakeys.tex
17 ---luakeys-debug.sty and luakeys-debug.tex.
18 ---A key-value parser written with Lpeg.
19 ---
20 local lpeg = require('lpeg')
21
22 if not tex then
23     ---Dummy functions for the tests.
24     tex = {
25         sp = function(input)
26             return 1234567
27         end,
28     }
29
30     token = {
31         set_macro = function(csname, content, global)
32             end,
33     }
34 end
35
36 ---
37 local utils = (function()
38     ---
39     ---Merge two tables into the first specified table.
40     ---The `merge_tables` function copies keys from the `source` table
41     ---to the `target` table. It returns the target table.
42     ---
43     ---https://stackoverflow.com/a/1283608/10193818
44     ---
45     ---@param target table # The target table where all values are copied.
46     ---@param source table # The source table from which all values are copied.
47     ---@param overwrite? boolean # Overwrite the values in the target table if they
48     --> are present (default true).
49     ---
50     ---@return table target The modified target table.
51     local function merge_tables(target, source, overwrite)
52         if overwrite == nil then
53             overwrite = true
54         end
55         for key, value in pairs(source) do
56             if type(value) == 'table' and type(target[key] or false) ==
57                 'table' then
58                 merge_tables(target[key] or {}, source[key] or {}, overwrite)
```

```

58         elseif (not overwrite and target[key] == nil) or
59             (overwrite and target[key] ~= value) then
60                 target[key] = value
61             end
62         end
63     return target
64 end
65
66 ---
67 ---Clone a table, i.e. make a deep copy of the source table.
68 ---
69 ---http://lua-users.org/wiki/CopyTable
70 ---
71 ---@param source table # The source table to be cloned.
72 ---
73 ---@return table # A deep copy of the source table.
74 local function clone_table(source)
75     local copy
76     if type(source) == 'table' then
77         copy = {}
78         for orig_key, orig_value in next, source, nil do
79             copy[clone_table(orig_key)] = clone_table(orig_value)
80         end
81         setmetatable(copy, clone_table(getmetatable(source)))
82     else ---number, string, boolean, etc
83         copy = source
84     end
85     return copy
86 end
87
88 ---
89 ---Remove an element from a table.
90 ---
91 ---@param source table # The source table.
92 ---@param value any # The value to be removed from the table.
93 ---
94 ---@return any"nil # If the value was found, then this value, otherwise nil.
95 local function remove_from_table(source, value)
96     for index, v in pairs(source) do
97         if value == v then
98             source[index] = nil
99             return value
100        end
101    end
102 end
103
104 ---
105 ---Return the keys of a table as a sorted list (array like table).
106 ---
107 ---@param source table # The source table.
108 ---
109 ---@return table # An array table with the sorted key names.
110 local function get_table_keys(source)
111     local keys = {}
112     for key in pairs(source) do
113         table.insert(keys, key)
114     end
115     table.sort(keys)
116     return keys
117 end
118
119 ---

```

```

120   ---Get the size of a table `{ one = 'one', 'two', 'three' }` = 3.
121   ---
122   ---@param value any # A table or any input.
123   ---
124   ---@return number # The size of the array like table. 0 if the input is no table
125   --> or the table is empty.
126   local function get_table_size(value)
127     local count = 0
128     if type(value) == 'table' then
129       for _ in pairs(value) do
130         count = count + 1
131       end
132     return count
133   end
134   ---
135   ---Get the size of an array like table, for example `{'one', 'two',
136   ---'three'}` = 3.
137   ---
138   ---@param value any # A table or any input.
139   ---
140   ---@return number # The size of the array like table. 0 if the input is no table
141   --> or the table is empty.
142   local function get_array_size(value)
143     local count = 0
144     if type(value) == 'table' then
145       for _ in ipairs(value) do
146         count = count + 1
147       end
148     return count
149   end
150   ---
151   ---
152   ---Print a formatted string.
153   ---
154   ---* `%d` or `%i`: Signed decimal integer
155   ---* `%u`: Unsigned decimal integer
156   ---* `%o`: Unsigned octal
157   ---* `%x`: Unsigned hexadecimal integer
158   ---* `%X`: Unsigned hexadecimal integer (uppercase)
159   ---* `%f`: Decimal floating point, lowercase
160   ---* `%e`: Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), lowercase
161   ---* `%E`: Scientific notation (mantissa/exponent), uppercase
162   ---* `%g`: Use the shortest representation: %e or %f
163   ---* `%G`: Use the shortest representation: %E or %F
164   ---* `%a`: Hexadecimal floating point, lowercase
165   ---* `%A`: Hexadecimal floating point, uppercase
166   ---* `%c`: Character
167   ---* `%s`: String of characters
168   ---* `%p`: Pointer address      b8000000
169   ---* `%%`: A `%` followed by another `%` character will write a single `%` to the
170   --> stream.
171   ---* `%q`: formats `booleans`, `nil`, `numbers`, and `strings` in a way that the
172   --> result is a valid constant in Lua source code.
173   ---* `http://www.lua.org/source/5.3/lstrlib.c.html#str_format`
174   ---
175   ---@param format string # A string in the `printf` format
176   ---@param ... any # A sequence of additional arguments, each containing a value to
177   --> be used to replace a format specifier in the format string.

```

```

177 local function tex_printf(format, ...)
178   tex.print(string.format(format, ...))
179 end
180
181 ---
182 ---Throw a single error message.
183 ---
184 ---@param message string
185 ---@param help? table
186 local function throw_error_message(message, help)
187   if type(tex.error) == 'function' then
188     tex.error(message, help)
189   else
190     error(message)
191   end
192 end
193
194 ---
195 ---Throw an error by specifying an error code.
196 ---
197 ---@param error_messages table
198 ---@param error_code string
199 ---@param args? table
200 local function throw_error_code(error_messages,
201   error_code,
202   args)
203   local template = error_messages[error_code]
204
205   ---
206   ---@param message string
207   ---@param a table
208   ---
209   ---@return string
210 local function replace_args(message, a)
211   for key, value in pairs(a) do
212     if type(value) == 'table' then
213       value = table.concat(value, ', ')
214     end
215     message = message:gsub('@" .. key,
216     "" .. tostring(value) .. "")')
217   end
218   return message
219 end
220
221 ---
222 ---@param list table
223 ---@param a table
224 ---
225 ---@return table
226 local function replace_args_in_list(list, a)
227   for index, message in ipairs(list) do
228     list[index] = replace_args(message, a)
229   end
230   return list
231 end
232
233 ---
234 ---@type string
235 local message
236 ---@type table
237 local help = {}
238
```

```

239     if type(template) == 'table' then
240         message = template[1]
241         if args ~= nil then
242             help = replace_args_in_list(template[2], args)
243         else
244             help = template[2]
245         end
246     else
247         message = template
248     end
249
250     if args ~= nil then
251         message = replace_args(message, args)
252     end
253
254     message = 'luakeys error [' .. error_code .. ']: ' .. message
255
256     for _, help_message in ipairs({
257         'You may be able to find more help in the documentation:',
258         'http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/luatex/generic/luakeys/luakeys-doc.pdf',
259         'Or ask a question in the issue tracker on Github:',
260         'https://github.com/Josef-Friedrich/luakeys/issues',
261     }) do
262         table.insert(help, help_message)
263     end
264
265     throw_error_message(message, help)
266 end
267
268 local function visit_tree(tree, callback_func)
269     if type(tree) ~= 'table' then
270         throw_error_message(
271             'Parameter "tree" has to be a table, got: ' ..
272             tostring(tree))
273     end
274     local function visit_tree_recursive(tree,
275                                         current,
276                                         result,
277                                         depth,
278                                         callback_func)
279         for key, value in pairs(current) do
280             if type(value) == 'table' then
281                 value = visit_tree_recursive(tree, value, {}, depth + 1,
282                                              callback_func)
283             end
284
285             key, value = callback_func(key, value, depth, current, tree)
286
287             if key ~= nil and value ~= nil then
288                 result[key] = value
289             end
290         end
291         if next(result) ~= nil then
292             return result
293         end
294     end
295
296     local result =
297         visit_tree_recursive(tree, tree, {}, 1, callback_func)
298
299     if result == nil then
300         return {}

```

```

301     end
302     return result
303   end
304
305   ---@alias ColorName
306   → 'black'/'red'/'green'/'yellow'/'blue'/'magenta'/'cyan'/'white'/'reset'
307   ---@alias ColorMode 'bright'/'dim'
308
309   ---
310   ---Small library to surround strings with ANSI color codes.
311   --
312   ---[SGR (Select Graphic Rendition)
313   → Parameters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI_escape_code#SGR_(Select_Graphic_Rendition)_parameters)
314   ---
315   ---| color      |code|
316   ---|-----|---|
317   ---| reset     | 0 |
318   ---| clear     | 0 |
319   ---| bright    | 1 |
320   ---| dim       | 2 |
321   ---| underscore| 4 |
322   ---| blink     | 5 |
323   ---| reverse   | 7 |
324   ---| hidden    | 8 |
325
326   ---__foreground__
327   ---
328   ---| color      |code|
329   ---|-----|---|
330   ---| black     | 30 |
331   ---| red       | 31 |
332   ---| green     | 32 |
333   ---| yellow    | 33 |
334   ---| blue      | 34 |
335   ---| magenta   | 35 |
336   ---| cyan      | 36 |
337   ---| white     | 37 |
338
339   ---__background__
340   ---
341   ---| color      |code|
342   ---|-----|---|
343   ---| onblack   | 40 |
344   ---| onred     | 41 |
345   ---| ongreen   | 42 |
346   ---| onyellow  | 43 |
347   ---| onblue    | 44 |
348   ---| onmagenta| 45 |
349   ---| oncyan   | 46 |
350   ---| onwhite   | 47 |
351   local ansi_color = (function()
352
353   ---
354   ---@param code integer
355   ---
356   ---@return string
357   local function format_color_code(code)
358     return string.char(27) .. '[' .. tostring(code) .. 'm'
359   end
360

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361      ---
362      ---@private
363      ---
364      ---@param color ColorName # A color name.
365      ---@param mode? ColorMode
366      ---@param background? boolean # Colorize the background not the text.
367      ---
368      ---@return string
369      local function get_color_code(color, mode, background)
370          local output = ''
371          local code
372
373          if mode == 'bright' then
374              output = format_color_code(1)
375          elseif mode == 'dim' then
376              output = format_color_code(2)
377          end
378
379          if not background then
380              if color == 'reset' then
381                  code = 0
382              elseif color == 'black' then
383                  code = 30
384              elseif color == 'red' then
385                  code = 31
386              elseif color == 'green' then
387                  code = 32
388              elseif color == 'yellow' then
389                  code = 33
390              elseif color == 'blue' then
391                  code = 34
392              elseif color == 'magenta' then
393                  code = 35
394              elseif color == 'cyan' then
395                  code = 36
396              elseif color == 'white' then
397                  code = 37
398              else
399                  code = 37
400              end
401          else
402              if color == 'black' then
403                  code = 40
404              elseif color == 'red' then
405                  code = 41
406              elseif color == 'green' then
407                  code = 42
408              elseif color == 'yellow' then
409                  code = 43
410              elseif color == 'blue' then
411                  code = 44
412              elseif color == 'magenta' then
413                  code = 45
414              elseif color == 'cyan' then
415                  code = 46
416              elseif color == 'white' then
417                  code = 47
418              else
419                  code = 40
420              end
421          end
422      return output .. format_color_code(code)

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423     end
424
425     ---
426     ---@param text any
427     ---@param color ColorName # A color name.
428     ---@param mode? ColorMode
429     ---@param background? boolean # Colorize the background not the text.
430     ---
431     ---@return string
432     local function colorize(text, color, mode, background)
433         return string.format('%s%s%s',
434             get_color_code(color, mode, background), text,
435             get_color_code('reset'))
436     end
437
438     return {
439         colorize = colorize,
440
441         ---
442         ---@param text any
443         ---
444         ---@return string
445         red = function(text)
446             return colorize(text, 'red')
447         end,
448
449         ---
450         ---@param text any
451         ---
452         ---@return string
453         green = function(text)
454             return colorize(text, 'green')
455         end,
456
457         ---@return string
458         yellow = function(text)
459             return colorize(text, 'yellow')
460         end,
461
462         ---
463         ---@param text any
464         ---
465         ---@return string
466         blue = function(text)
467             return colorize(text, 'blue')
468         end,
469
470         ---
471         ---@param text any
472         ---
473         ---@return string
474         magenta = function(text)
475             return colorize(text, 'magenta')
476         end,
477
478         ---
479         ---@param text any
480         ---
481         ---@return string
482         cyan = function(text)
483             return colorize(text, 'cyan')
484         end,

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485     }
486   end)()
487
488   ---
489   ---A small logging library.
490   ---
491   ---Log levels:
492   ---
493   ----* 0: silent
494   ----* 1: error (red)
495   ----* 2: warn (yellow)
496   ----* 3: info (green)
497   ----* 4: verbose (blue)
498   ----* 5: debug (magenta)
499   ---
500   local log = (function()
501     ---@private
502     local opts = { level = 0 }
503
504     local function colorize_not(s)
505       return s
506     end
507
508     local colorize = colorize_not
509
510     ---@private
511     local function print_message(message, ...)
512       local args = { ... }
513       for index, value in ipairs(args) do
514         args[index] = colorize(value)
515       end
516       print(string.format(message, table.unpack(args)))
517     end
518
519     ---
520     ---Set the log level.
521     ---
522     ---@param level 0/'silent'/1/'error'/2/'warn'/3/'info'/4/'verbose'/5/'debug'
523     local function set_log_level(level)
524       if type(level) == 'string' then
525         if level == 'silent' then
526           opts.level = 0
527         elseif level == 'error' then
528           opts.level = 1
529         elseif level == 'warn' then
530           opts.level = 2
531         elseif level == 'info' then
532           opts.level = 3
533         elseif level == 'verbose' then
534           opts.level = 4
535         elseif level == 'debug' then
536           opts.level = 5
537         else
538           throw_error_message(string.format('Unknown log level: %s',
539                             level))
540         end
541       else
542         if level > 5 or level < 0 then
543           throw_error_message(string.format(
544             'Log level out of range 0-5: %s', level))
545         end
546       end
547       opts.level = level

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547         end
548     end
549
550     ---
551     ---@return integer
552     local function get_log_level()
553         return opts.level
554     end
555
556     ---
557     ---Log at level 1 (error).
558     ---
559     ---The other log levels are: 0 (silent), 1 (error), 2 (warn), 3 (info), 4
560     --> (verbose), 5 (debug).
561     ---
562     ---@param message string
563     ---@param ... any
564     local function error(message, ...)
565         if opts.level >= 1 then
566             colorize = ansi_color.red
567             print_message(message, ...)
568             colorize = colorize_not
569         end
570     end
571
572     ---
573     ---Log at level 2 (warn).
574     ---
575     ---The other log levels are: 0 (silent), 1 (error), 2 (warn), 3 (info), 4
576     --> (verbose), 5 (debug).
577     ---
578     ---@param message string
579     ---@param ... any
580     local function warn(message, ...)
581         if opts.level >= 2 then
582             colorize = ansi_color.yellow
583             print_message(message, ...)
584             colorize = colorize_not
585         end
586     end
587
588     ---
589     ---Log at level 3 (info).
590     ---
591     ---The other log levels are: 0 (silent), 1 (error), 2 (warn), 3 (info), 4
592     --> (verbose), 5 (debug).
593     ---
594     ---@param message string
595     ---@param ... any
596     local function info(message, ...)
597         if opts.level >= 3 then
598             colorize = ansi_color.green
599             print_message(message, ...)
600             colorize = colorize_not
601         end
602     end
603
604     ---
605     ---Log at level 4 (verbose).
606     ---
607     ---The other log levels are: 0 (silent), 1 (error), 2 (warn), 3 (info), 4
608     --> (verbose), 5 (debug).

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605      ---
606      ---@param message string
607      ---@param ... any
608      local function verbose(message, ...)
609          if opts.level >= 4 then
610              colorize = ansi_color.blue
611              print_message(message, ...)
612              colorize = colorize_not
613          end
614      end
615
616      ---
617      ---Log at level 5 (debug).
618      ---
619      ---The other log levels are: 0 (silent), 1 (error), 2 (warn), 3 (info), 4
620      --> (verbose), 5 (debug).
621      ---
622      ---@param message string
623      ---@param ... any
624      local function debug(message, ...)
625          if opts.level >= 5 then
626              colorize = ansi_color.magenta
627              print_message(message, ...)
628              colorize = colorize_not
629          end
630      end
631
632      return {
633          set = set_log_level,
634          get = get_log_level,
635          error = error,
636          warn = warn,
637          info = info,
638          verbose = verbose,
639          debug = debug,
640      }
641  end)()
642
643  return {
644      merge_tables = merge_tables,
645      clone_table = clone_table,
646      remove_from_table = remove_from_table,
647      get_table_keys = get_table_keys,
648      get_table_size = get_table_size,
649      get_array_size = get_array_size,
650      visit_tree = visit_tree,
651      tex_printf = tex_printf,
652      throw_error_message = throw_error_message,
653      throw_error_code = throw_error_code,
654      ansi_color = ansi_color,
655      log = log,
656  }
657 end)()
658
659 ---Convert back to strings
660 ---@section
661 local visualizers = (function()
662
663     ---
664     ---Reverse the function
665     ---`parse(kv_string)` . It takes a Lua table and converts this table

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666   ---into a key-value string. The resulting string usually has a
667   ---different order as the input table. In Lua only tables with
668   ---1-based consecutive integer keys (a.k.a. array tables) can be
669   ---parsed in order.
670   ---
671   ---@param result table # A table to be converted into a key-value string.
672   ---
673   ---@return string # A key-value string that can be passed to a TeX macro.
674   local function render(result)
675     local function render_inner(result)
676       local output = {}
677       local function add(text)
678         table.insert(output, text)
679       end
680       for key, value in pairs(result) do
681         if (key and type(key) == 'string') then
682           if (type(value) == 'table') then
683             if (next(value)) then
684               add(key .. '={')
685               add(render_inner(value))
686               add('}', '')
687             else
688               add(key .. '={}', '')
689             end
690           else
691             add(key .. ' =' .. tostring(value) .. ',')
692           end
693         else
694           add(tostring(value) .. ',')
695         end
696       end
697       return table.concat(output)
698     end
699     return render_inner(result)
700   end
701   ---
702   ---The function `stringify(tbl, for_tex)` converts a Lua table into a
703   ---printable string. Stringify a table means to convert the table into
704   ---a string. This function is used to realize the `debug` function.
705   ---`stringify(tbl, true)` (`for_tex = true`) generates a string which
706   ---can be embeded into TeX documents. The macro `\\luakeysdebug{}` uses
707   ---this option. `stringify(tbl, false)` or `stringify(tbl)` generate a
708   ---string suitable for the terminal.
709   ---
710   ---see https://stackoverflow.com/a/54593224/10193818
711   ---
712   ---@param result table # A table to stringify.
713   ---@param for_tex? boolean # Stringify the table into a text string that can be
714   --> embeded inside a TeX document via tex.print(). Curly braces and whites spaces
714   --> are escaped.
715   ---
716   ---@return string
717   local function stringify(result, for_tex)
718     local line_break, start_bracket, end_bracket, indent
719
720     if for_tex then
721       line_break = '\\par'
722       start_bracket = '$\\{$'
723       end_bracket = '$\\}$'
724       indent = '\\ \\ '
725     else

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726     line_break = '\n'
727     start_bracket = '{'
728     end_bracket = '}'
729     indent = ' '
730   end
731
732   local function stringify_inner(input, depth)
733     local output = {}
734     depth = depth or 0
735
736     local function add(depth, text)
737       table.insert(output, string.rep(indent, depth) .. text)
738     end
739
740     local function format_key(key)
741       if (type(key) == 'number') then
742         return string.format(' [%s]', key)
743       else
744         return string.format(' [\''%s\']', key)
745       end
746     end
747
748     if type(input) ~= 'table' then
749       return tostring(input)
750     end
751
752     for key, value in pairs(input) do
753       if (key and type(key) == 'number' or type(key) == 'string') then
754         key = format_key(key)
755
756         if (type(value) == 'table') then
757           if (next(value)) then
758             add(depth, key .. ' = ' .. start_bracket)
759             add(0, stringify_inner(value, depth + 1))
760             add(depth, end_bracket .. ',');
761           else
762             add(depth,
763               key .. ' = ' .. start_bracket .. end_bracket .. ',')
764           end
765         else
766           if (type(value) == 'string') then
767             value = string.format('\'%s\'', value)
768           else
769             value = tostring(value)
770           end
771
772           add(depth, key .. ' = ' .. value .. ',')
773         end
774       end
775     end
776
777     return table.concat(output, line_break)
778   end
779
780   return start_bracket .. line_break .. stringify_inner(result, 1) ..
781       line_break .. end_bracket
782 end
783
784 ---
785 ---The function `debug(result)` pretty prints a Lua table to standard
786 ---output (stdout). It is a utility function that can be used to
787 ---debug and inspect the resulting Lua table of the function

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788     ---`parse`. You have to compile your TeX document in a console to
789     ---see the terminal output.
790     ---
791     ---@param result table # A table to be printed to standard output for debugging
792     → purposes.
793     local function debug(result)
794         print('\n' .. stringify(result, false))
795     end
796
797     return { render = render, stringify = stringify, debug = debug }
798 end)()
799
800 ---@class OptionCollection
801 ---@field accumulated_result? table
802 ---@field assignment_operator? string # default `=`
803 ---@field convert_dimensions? boolean # default `false`
804 ---@field debug? boolean # default `false`
805 ---@field default? boolean # default `true`
806 ---@field defaults? table
807 ---@field defs? DefinitionCollection
808 ---@field false_aliases? table default '{ 'false', 'FALSE', 'False' }',
809 ---@field format_keys? boolean # default `false`,
810 ---@field group_begin? string default `{`,
811 ---@field group_end? string default `}`,
812 ---@field hooks? HookCollection
813 ---@field invert_flag? string default `!`
814 ---@field list_separator? string default `;`
815 ---@field naked_as_value? boolean # default `false`
816 ---@field no_error? boolean # default `false`
817 ---@field quotation_begin? string `"`
818 ---@field quotation_end? string `"`
819 ---@field true_aliases? table `{'true', 'TRUE', 'True' }`
820 ---@field unpack? boolean # default `true`
821
822 ---@alias KeysHook fun(key: string, value: any, depth: integer, current: table,
823     → result: table): string, any
824 ---@alias ResultHook fun(result: table): nil
825
826 ---@class HookCollection
827 ---@field kv_string? fun(kv_string: string): string
828 ---@field keys_before_opts? KeysHook
829 ---@field result_before_opts? ResultHook
830 ---@field keys_before_def? KeysHook
831 ---@field result_before_def? ResultHook
832
833 ---@alias ProcessFunction fun(value: any, input: table, result: table, unknown:
834     → table): any
835 ---@alias PickDataType 'string'|'number'|'dimension'|'integer'|'boolean'|'any'
836
837 ---@class Definition
838 ---@field alias? string/table
839 ---@field always_present? boolean
840 ---@field choices? table
841 ---@field data_type? 'boolean'|'dimension'|'integer'|'number'|'string'|'list'
842 ---@field default? any
843 ---@field description? string
844 ---@field exclusive_group? string
845 ---@field l3_tl_set? string
846 ---@field macro? string

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847 ---@field match? string
848 ---@field name? string
849 ---@field opposite_keys? table
850 ---@field pick? PickDataType/PickDataType[]/false
851 ---@field process? ProcessFunction
852 ---@field required? boolean
853 ---@field sub_keys? table<string, Definition>
854
855 ---@alias DefinitionCollection table<string/number, Definition>
856
857 local namespace = {
858     opts = {
859         accumulated_result = false,
860         assignment_operator = '=',
861         convert_dimensions = false,
862         debug = false,
863         default = true,
864         defaults = false,
865         defs = false,
866         false_aliases = { 'false', 'FALSE', 'False' },
867         format_keys = false,
868         group_begin = '{',
869         group_end = '}',
870         hooks = {},
871         invert_flag = '!!',
872         list_separator = ',',
873         naked_as_value = false,
874         no_error = false,
875         quotation_begin = """",
876         quotation_end = """",
877         true_aliases = { 'true', 'TRUE', 'True' },
878         unpack = true,
879     },
880
881     hooks = {
882         kv_string = true,
883         keys_before_opts = true,
884         result_before_opts = true,
885         keys_before_def = true,
886         result_before_def = true,
887         keys = true,
888         result = true,
889     },
890
891     attrs = {
892         alias = true,
893         always_present = true,
894         choices = true,
895         data_type = true,
896         default = true,
897         description = true,
898         exclusive_group = true,
899         l3_tl_set = true,
900         macro = true,
901         match = true,
902         name = true,
903         opposite_keys = true,
904         pick = true,
905         process = true,
906         required = true,
907         sub_keys = true,
908     },

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909     error_messages = {
910         E001 = {
911             'Unknown parse option: @unknown!',
912             { 'The available options are:', '@opt_names' },
913         },
914         E002 = {
915             'Unknown hook: @unknown!',
916             { 'The available hooks are:', '@hook_names' },
917         },
918         E003 = 'Duplicate aliases @alias1 and @alias2 for key @key!',
919         E004 = 'The value @value does not exist in the choices: @choices',
920         E005 = 'Unknown data type: @unknown',
921         E006 = 'The value @value of the key @key could not be converted into the data
922             ← type @data_type!',
923         E007 = 'The key @key belongs to the mutually exclusive group @exclusive_group
924             ← and another key of the group named @another_key is already present!',
925         E008 = 'def.match has to be a string',
926         E009 = 'The value @value of the key @key does not match @match!',
927
928         E011 = 'Wrong data type in the "pick" attribute: @unknown. Allowed are:
929             ← @data_types.',
930         E012 = 'Missing required key @key!',
931         E013 = 'The key definition must be a table! Got @data_type for key @key.',
932         E014 = {
933             'Unknown definition attribute: @unknown',
934             { 'The available attributes are:', '@attr_names' },
935         },
936         E015 = 'Key name couldn't be detected!',
937         E017 = 'Unknown style to format keys: @unknown! Allowed styles are: @styles',
938         E018 = 'The option "format_keys" has to be a table not @data_type',
939         E019 = 'Unknown keys: @unknown',
940
941         ---Input / parsing error
942         E021 = 'Opposite key was specified more than once: @key!',
943         E020 = 'Both opposite keys were given: @true and @false!',
944         ---Config error (wrong configuration of luakeys)
945         E010 = 'Usage: opposite_keys = { "true_key", "false_key" } or { [true] =
946             ← "true_key", [false] = "false_key" } ',
947         E023 = {
948             'Don't use this function from the global luakeys table. Create a new instance
949             ← using e. g.: local lk = luakeys.new(),
950             {
951                 'This functions should not be used from the global luakeys table:',
952                 'parse()',
953                 'save()',
954                 'get()',
955             },
956         },
957     },
958
959     ---Main entry point of the module.
960     ---
961     ---The return value is intentional not documented so the Lua language server can
962     ← figure out the types.
963     local function main()
964
965         ---The default options.
966         ---@type OptionCollection
967         local default_opts = utils.clone_table(namespace.opts)

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965     local error_messages = utils.clone_table(namespace.error_messages)
966
967     ---
968     ---@param error_code string
969     ---@param args? table
970     local function throw_error(error_code, args)
971         utils.throw_error_code(error_messages, error_code, args)
972     end
973
974     ---
975     ---Normalize the parse options.
976     ---
977     ---@param opts? OptionCollection/unknown # Options in a raw format. The table may
978     --> be empty or some keys are not set.
979     ---
980     ---@return OptionCollection
981     local function normalize_opts(opts)
982         if type(opts) ~= 'table' then
983             opts = {}
984         end
985         for key, _ in pairs(opts) do
986             if namespace.opts[key] == nil then
987                 throw_error('E001', {
988                     unknown = key,
989                     opt_names = utils.get_table_keys(namespace.opts),
990                 })
991             end
992         end
993         local old_opts = opts
994         opts = {}
995         for name, _ in pairs(namespace.opts) do
996             if old_opts[name] == nil then
997                 opts[name] = old_opts[name]
998             else
999                 opts[name] = default_opts[name]
1000             end
1001         end
1002
1003         for hook in pairs(opts.hooks) do
1004             if namespace.hooks[hook] == nil then
1005                 throw_error('E002', {
1006                     unknown = hook,
1007                     hook_names = utils.get_table_keys(namespace.hooks),
1008                 })
1009             end
1010         end
1011         return opts
1012     end
1013
1014     local l3_code_cctab = 10
1015
1016     ---
1017     ---Parser / Lpeg related
1018     ---@section
1019
1020     ---Generate the PEG parser using Lpeg.
1021     ---
1022     ---Explanations of some LPeg notation forms:
1023     ---
1024     ---* `patt ^ 0` = `expression *`
1025     ---* `patt ^ 1` = `expression +`
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1026      ---* `patt ^ -1` = `expression ?`
1027      ---* `patt1 * patt2` = `expression1 expression2`: Sequence
1028      ---* `patt1 + patt2` = `expression1 / expression2`: Ordered choice
1029      ---
1030      ---* [TUGboat article: Parsing complex data formats in LuaTEX with
1031           → LPEG](https://tug.org/TUGboat/tb40-2/tb125menke-Patterndf)
1032      ---
1033      ---@param initial_rule string # The name of the first rule of the grammar table
1034           → passed to the `lpeg.Pattern` function (e. g. `list`, `number`).
1035      ---@param opts? table # Whether the dimensions should be converted to scaled
1036           → points (by default `false`).
1037      ---
1038      ---@return userdata # The parser.
1039      local function generate_parser(initial_rule, opts)
1040          if type(opts) ~= 'table' then
1041              opts = normalize_opts(opts)
1042          end
1043
1044          local Variable = lpeg.V
1045          local Pattern = lpeg.P
1046          local Set = lpeg.S
1047          local Range = lpeg.R
1048          local CaptureGroup = lpeg.Cg
1049          local CaptureFolding = lpeg.Cf
1050          local CaptureTable = lpeg.Ct
1051          local CaptureConstant = lpeg.Cc
1052          local CaptureSimple = lpeg.C
1053
1054          ---Optional whitespace
1055          local white_space = Set(' \t\n\r')
1056
1057          ---Match literal string surrounded by whitespace
1058          local ws = function(match)
1059              return white_space ^ 0 * Pattern(match) * white_space ^ 0
1060          end
1061
1062          local line_up_pattern = function(patterns)
1063              local result
1064              for _, pattern in ipairs(patterns) do
1065                  if result == nil then
1066                      result = Pattern(pattern)
1067                  else
1068                      result = result + Pattern(pattern)
1069                  end
1070              end
1071              return result
1072          end
1073
1074          ---Convert a dimension to an normalized dimension string or an
1075          ---integer in the scaled points format.
1076
1077          ---@param input string
1078          local capture_dimension = function(input)
1079              ---Remove all whitespaces
1080              input = input:gsub('%s+', '')
1081              ---Convert the unit string into lowercase.
1082              input = input:lower()
1083              if opts.convert_dimensions then
1084                  return tex.sp(input)

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1085     else
1086         return input
1087     end
1088 end
1089 ---
1090 ---Add values to a table in two modes:
1091 ---
1092 ---Key-value pair:
1093 ---
1094 ---If `arg1` and `arg2` are not nil, then `arg1` is the key and `arg2` is the
1095 ---value of a new table entry.
1096 ---
1097 ---Indexed value:
1098 ---
1099 ---If `arg2` is nil, then `arg1` is the value and is added as an indexed
1100 ---(by an integer) value.
1101 ---
1102 ---
1103 ---@param result table # The result table to which an additional key-value pair
1104 ---or value should be added
1105 ---@param arg1 any # The key or the value.
1106 ---@param arg2? any # Always the value.
1107 ---
1108 ---@return table # The result table to which an additional key-value pair or
1109 ---value has been added.
1110 local add_to_table = function(result, arg1, arg2)
1111     if arg2 == nil then
1112         local index = #result + 1
1113         return rawset(result, index, arg1)
1114     else
1115         return rawset(result, arg1, arg2)
1116     end
1117 end
1118 -- LuaFormatter off
1119 return Pattern({
1120     [1] = initial_rule,
1121     ---list_item*
1122     list = CaptureFolding(
1123         CaptureTable('') * Variable('list_item')^0,
1124         add_to_table
1125     ),
1126     ---'{ list }'
1127     list_container =
1128         ws(opts.group_begin) * Variable('list') * ws(opts.group_end),
1129     ---( list_container / key_value_pair / value ) ','?
1130     list_item =
1131         CaptureGroup(
1132             Variable('list_container') +
1133             Variable('key_value_pair') +
1134             Variable('value')
1135         ) * ws(opts.list_separator)^-1,
1136     ---key '=' (list_container / value)
1137     key_value_pair =
1138         (Variable('key') * ws(opts.assignment_operator)) *
1139         (Variable('list_container') + Variable('value')),
1140     ---number / string_quoted / string_unquoted
1141
1142
1143

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1144     key =
1145         Variable('number') +
1146         Variable('string_quoted') +
1147         Variable('string_unquoted'),
1148
1149     ---boolean !value / dimension !value / number !value / string_quoted !value /
1150     ↪ string_unquoted
1151     ---!value -> Not-predicate -> * -Variable('value')
1152     value =
1153         Variable('boolean') * -Variable('value') +
1154         Variable('dimension') * -Variable('value') +
1155         Variable('number') * -Variable('value') +
1156         Variable('string_quoted') * -Variable('value') +
1157         Variable('string_unquoted'),
1158
1159     ---for is.boolean()
1160     boolean_only = Variable('boolean') * -1,
1161
1162     ---boolean_true / boolean_false
1163     boolean =
1164         (
1165             Variable('boolean_true') * CaptureConstant(true) +
1166             Variable('boolean_false') * CaptureConstant(false)
1167         ),
1168
1169     boolean_true = line_up_pattern(opts.true_aliases),
1170
1171     boolean_false = line_up_pattern(opts.false_aliases),
1172
1173     ---for is.dimension()
1174     dimension_only = Variable('dimension') * -1,
1175
1176     dimension =
1177         Variable('tex_number') * white_space^0 *
1178         Variable('unit')
1179     ) / capture_dimension,
1180
1181     sign = Set('+-'),
1182
1183     digit = Range('09'),
1184
1185     integer = (Variable('sign')^-1) * white_space^0 * (Variable('digit')^1),
1186
1187     fractional = (Pattern('.')) * (Variable('digit')^1),
1188
1189     ---(integer fractional?) / (sign? white_space? fractional)
1190     tex_number = (Variable('integer') * (Variable('fractional')^-1)) +
1191         ((Variable('sign')^-1) * white_space^0 *
1192             ↪ Variable('fractional')),
1193
1194     ---for is.number()
1195     number_only = Variable('number') * -1,
1196
1197     ---capture number
1198     number = Variable('tex_number') / tonumber,
1199
1200     ---'bp' / 'BP' / 'cc' / etc.
1201
1202     ↪ ---https://raw.githubusercontent.com/latex3/lualibs/master/lualibs-util-dim.lua
1203
1204     ↪ ---https://github.com/TeX-Live/luatex/blob/51db1985f5500dafd2393aa2e403fefafa57d3cb76/source/texk/we
1205     unit =

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1202     Pattern('bp') + Pattern('BP') +
1203     Pattern('cc') + Pattern('CC') +
1204     Pattern('cm') + Pattern('CM') +
1205     Pattern('dd') + Pattern('DD') +
1206     Pattern('em') + Pattern('EM') +
1207     Pattern('ex') + Pattern('EX') +
1208     Pattern('in') + Pattern('IN') +
1209     Pattern('mm') + Pattern('MM') +
1210     Pattern('mu') + Pattern('MU') +
1211     Pattern('nc') + Pattern('NC') +
1212     Pattern('nd') + Pattern('ND') +
1213     Pattern('pc') + Pattern('PC') +
1214     Pattern('pt') + Pattern('PT') +
1215     Pattern('px') + Pattern('PX') +
1216     Pattern('sp') + Pattern('SP'),
1217
1218 ---' "' ('\\ "' / ! "'')* ' "''
1219 string_quoted =
1220     white_space^0 * Pattern(opts.quotuation_begin) *
1221     CaptureSimple((Pattern('\\\\' .. opts.quotuation_end) + 1 -
1222     ↳ Pattern(opts.quotuation_end))^0) *
1223     Pattern(opts.quotuation_end) * white_space^0,
1224
1225 string_unquoted =
1226     white_space^0 *
1227     CaptureSimple(
1228         Variable('word_unquoted')^1 *
1229         (Set(' \t')^1 * Variable('word_unquoted')^1)^0) *
1230     white_space^0,
1231
1232 word_unquoted = (1 - white_space - Set(
1233     opts.group_begin ..
1234     opts.group_end ..
1235     opts.assignment_operator ..
1236     opts.list_separator))^1
1237
1238 -- LuaFormatter on
1239 end
1240
1241 local is = {
1242     boolean = function(value)
1243         if value == nil then
1244             return false
1245         end
1246         if type(value) == 'boolean' then
1247             return true
1248         end
1249         local parser = generate_parser('boolean_only')
1250         local result = parser:match(tostring(value))
1251         return result ~= nil
1252     end,
1253
1254     dimension = function(value)
1255         if value == nil then
1256             return false
1257         end
1258         local parser = generate_parser('dimension_only')
1259         local result = parser:match(tostring(value))
1260         return result ~= nil
1261     end,
1262
1263     integer = function(value)

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1263     local n = tonumber(value)
1264     if n == nil then
1265         return false
1266     end
1267     return n == math.floor(n)
1268 end,
1269
1270 number = function(value)
1271     if value == nil then
1272         return false
1273     end
1274     if type(value) == 'number' then
1275         return true
1276     end
1277     local parser = generate_parser('number_only')
1278     local result = parser:match(tostring(value))
1279     return result ~= nil
1280 end,
1281
1282 string = function(value)
1283     return type(value) == 'string'
1284 end,
1285
1286 list = function(value)
1287     if type(value) ~= 'table' then
1288         return false
1289     end
1290
1291     for k, _ in pairs(value) do
1292         if type(k) ~= 'number' then
1293             return false
1294         end
1295     end
1296     return true
1297 end,
1298
1299 any = function(value)
1300     return true
1301 end,
1302 }
1303
1304 ---
1305 ---Apply the key-value-pair definitions (defs) on an input table in a
1306 ---recursive fashion.
1307 ---
1308 ---@param defs table # A table containing all definitions.
1309 ---@param opts table # The parse options table.
1310 ---@param input table # The current input table.
1311 ---@param output table # The current output table.
1312 ---@param unknown table # Always the root unknown table.
1313 ---@param key_path table # An array of key names leading to the current
1314 ---@param input_root table # The root input table input and output table.
1315 local function apply_definitions(defs,
1316     opts,
1317     input,
1318     output,
1319     unknown,
1320     key_path,
1321     input_root)
1322 local exclusive_groups = {}
1323
1324 local function add_to_key_path(key_path, key)

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1325     local new_key_path = {}
1326
1327     for index, value in ipairs(key_path) do
1328         new_key_path[index] = value
1329     end
1330
1331     table.insert(new_key_path, key)
1332     return new_key_path
1333 end
1334
1335 local function get_default_value(def)
1336     if def.default ~= nil then
1337         return def.default
1338     elseif opts ~= nil and opts.default ~= nil then
1339         return opts.default
1340     end
1341     return true
1342 end
1343
1344 local function find_value(search_key, def)
1345     if input[search_key] ~= nil then
1346         local value = input[search_key]
1347         input[search_key] = nil
1348         return value
1349         ---naked keys: values with integer keys
1350     elseif utils.remove_from_table(input, search_key) ~= nil then
1351         return get_default_value(def)
1352     end
1353 end
1354
1355 local apply =
1356     alias = function(value, key, def)
1357         if type(def.alias) == 'string' then
1358             def.alias = { def.alias }
1359         end
1360         local alias_value
1361         local used_alias_key
1362         ---To get an error if the key and an alias is present
1363         if value ~= nil then
1364             alias_value = value
1365             used_alias_key = key
1366         end
1367         for _, alias in ipairs(def.alias) do
1368             local v = find_value(alias, def)
1369             if v ~= nil then
1370                 if alias_value ~= nil then
1371                     throw_error('E003', {
1372                         alias1 = used_alias_key,
1373                         alias2 = alias,
1374                         key = key,
1375                     })
1376                 end
1377                 used_alias_key = alias
1378                 alias_value = v
1379             end
1380         end
1381         if alias_value ~= nil then
1382             return alias_value
1383         end
1384     end,
1385
1386 always_present = function(value, key, def)

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1387     if value == nil and def.always_present then
1388         return get_default_value(def)
1389     end
1390   end,
1391
1392   choices = function(value, key, def)
1393     if value == nil then
1394       return
1395     end
1396     if def.choices ~= nil and type(def.choices) == 'table' then
1397       local is_in_choices = false
1398       for _, choice in ipairs(def.choices) do
1399         if value == choice then
1400           is_in_choices = true
1401         end
1402       end
1403       if not is_in_choices then
1404         throw_error('E004', { value = value, choices = def.choices })
1405       end
1406     end
1407   end,
1408
1409   data_type = function(value, key, def)
1410     if value == nil then
1411       return
1412     end
1413     if def.data_type ~= nil then
1414       local converted
1415       ---boolean
1416       if def.data_type == 'boolean' then
1417         if value == 0 or value == '' or not value then
1418           converted = false
1419         else
1420           converted = true
1421         end
1422         ---dimension
1423       elseif def.data_type == 'dimension' then
1424         if is.dimension(value) then
1425           converted = value
1426         end
1427         ---integer
1428       elseif def.data_type == 'integer' then
1429         if is.number(value) then
1430           local n = tonumber(value)
1431           if type(n) == 'number' and n ~= nil then
1432             converted = math.floor(n)
1433           end
1434         end
1435         ---number
1436       elseif def.data_type == 'number' then
1437         if is.number(value) then
1438           converted = tonumber(value)
1439         end
1440         ---string
1441       elseif def.data_type == 'string' then
1442         converted = tostring(value)
1443         ---list
1444       elseif def.data_type == 'list' then
1445         if is.list(value) then
1446           converted = value
1447         end
1448       else

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1449         throw_error('E005', { data_type = def.data_type })
1450     end
1451     if converted == nil then
1452         throw_error('E006', {
1453             value = value,
1454             key = key,
1455             data_type = def.data_type,
1456         })
1457     else
1458         return converted
1459     end
1460   end
1461 end,
1462
1463 exclusive_group = function(value, key, def)
1464   if value == nil then
1465     return
1466   end
1467   if def.exclusive_group ~= nil then
1468     if exclusive_groups[def.exclusive_group] ~= nil then
1469       throw_error('E007', {
1470           key = key,
1471           exclusive_group = def.exclusive_group,
1472           another_key = exclusive_groups[def.exclusive_group],
1473       })
1474     else
1475       exclusive_groups[def.exclusive_group] = key
1476     end
1477   end
1478 end,
1479
1480 l3_tl_set = function(value, key, def)
1481   if value == nil then
1482     return
1483   end
1484   if def.l3_tl_set ~= nil then
1485     tex.print(l3_code_cctab,
1486             '\\tl_set:Nn \\g_{' .. def.l3_tl_set .. '_tl')
1487     tex.print('{' .. value .. '}')
1488   end
1489 end,
1490
1491 macro = function(value, key, def)
1492   if value == nil then
1493     return
1494   end
1495   if def.macro ~= nil then
1496     token.set_macro(def.macro, value, 'global')
1497   end
1498 end,
1499
1500 match = function(value, key, def)
1501   if value == nil then
1502     return
1503   end
1504   if def.match ~= nil then
1505     if type(def.match) ~= 'string' then
1506       throw_error('E008')
1507     end
1508     local match = string.match(value, def.match)
1509     if match == nil then
1510       throw_error('E009', {

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1511         value = value,
1512         key = key,
1513         match = def.match:gsub('%%', '%%%%'),
1514     })
1515     else
1516     return match
1517   end
1518 end
1519 end,
1520
1521 opposite_keys = function(value, key, def)
1522   if def.opposite_keys ~= nil then
1523     local function get_value(key1, key2)
1524       local opposite_name
1525       if def.opposite_keys[key1] ~= nil then
1526         opposite_name = def.opposite_keys[key1]
1527       elseif def.opposite_keys[key2] ~= nil then
1528         opposite_name = def.opposite_keys[key2]
1529       end
1530       return opposite_name
1531     end
1532     local true_key = get_value(true, 1)
1533     local false_key = get_value(false, 2)
1534     if true_key == nil or false_key == nil then
1535       throw_error('E010')
1536     end
1537
1538 ---@param v string
1539 local function remove_values(v)
1540   local count = 0
1541   while utils.remove_from_table(input, v) do
1542     count = count + 1
1543   end
1544   return count
1545 end
1546
1547 local true_count = remove_values(true_key)
1548 local false_count = remove_values(false_key)
1549
1550 if true_count > 1 then
1551   throw_error('E021', { key = true_key })
1552 end
1553
1554 if false_count > 1 then
1555   throw_error('E021', { key = false_key })
1556 end
1557
1558 if true_count > 0 and false_count > 0 then
1559   throw_error('E020',
1560             { ['true'] = true_key, ['false'] = false_key })
1561 end
1562 if true_count == 0 and false_count == 0 then
1563   return
1564 end
1565 return true_count == 1 or false_count == 0
1566 end
1567
1568 process = function(value, key, def)
1569   if value == nil then
1570     return
1571   end

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1573     if def.process ~= nil and type(def.process) == 'function' then
1574         return def.process(value, input_root, output, unknown)
1575     end
1576 end,
1577
1578 pick = function(value, key, def)
1579     if def.pick then
1580         local pick_types
1581
1582         ---Allow old deprecated attribut pick = true
1583         if def.pick == true then
1584             pick_types = { 'any' }
1585         elseif type(def.pick) == 'table' then
1586             pick_types = def.pick
1587         else
1588             pick_types = { def.pick }
1589         end
1590
1591         ---Check if the pick attribute is valid
1592         for _, pick_type in ipairs(pick_types) do
1593             if type(pick_type) == 'string' and is[pick_type] == nil then
1594                 throw_error('E011', {
1595                     unknown = tostring(pick_type),
1596                     data_types = {
1597                         'any',
1598                         'boolean',
1599                         'dimension',
1600                         'integer',
1601                         'number',
1602                         'string',
1603                     },
1604                 })
1605             end
1606         end
1607
1608         ---The key has already a value. We leave the function at this
1609         ---point to be able to check the pick attribute for errors
1610         ---beforehand.
1611         if value ~= nil then
1612             return value
1613         end
1614
1615         for _, pick_type in ipairs(pick_types) do
1616             for i, v in pairs(input) do
1617                 ---We can not use ipairs here. `ipairs(t)` iterates up to the
1618                 ---first absent index. Values are deleted from the `input`
1619                 ---table.
1620                 if type(i) == 'number' then
1621                     local picked_value = nil
1622                     if is[pick_type](v) then
1623                         picked_value = v
1624                     end
1625
1626                     if picked_value ~= nil then
1627                         input[i] = nil
1628                         return picked_value
1629                     end
1630                 end
1631             end
1632         end
1633     end
1634 end,

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1635
1636     required = function(value, key, def)
1637         if def.required ~= nil and def.required and value == nil then
1638             throw_error('E012', { key = key })
1639         end
1640     end,
1641
1642     sub_keys = function(value, key, def)
1643         if def.sub_keys ~= nil then
1644             local v
1645             ---To get keys defined with always_present
1646             if value == nil then
1647                 v = {}
1648                 elseif type(value) == 'string' then
1649                     v = { value }
1650                 elseif type(value) == 'table' then
1651                     v = value
1652                 end
1653                 v = apply_definitions(def.sub_keys, opts, v, output[key],
1654                     unknown, add_to_key_path(key_path, key), input_root)
1655                 if utils.get_table_size(v) > 0 then
1656                     return v
1657                 end
1658             end
1659         end,
1660     }
1661
1662     ---standalone values are removed.
1663     ---For some callbacks and the third return value of parse, we
1664     ---need an unchanged raw result from the parse function.
1665     input = utils.clone_table(input)
1666     if output == nil then
1667         output = {}
1668     end
1669     if unknown == nil then
1670         unknown = {}
1671     end
1672     if key_path == nil then
1673         key_path = {}
1674     end
1675
1676     for index, def in pairs(defs) do
1677         ---Find key and def
1678         local key
1679         ---`{ key1 = { }, key2 = { } }`*
1680         if type(def) == 'table' and def.name == nil and type(index) ==
1681             'string' then
1682             key = index
1683             ---`{ { name = 'key1' }, { name = 'key2' } }`*
1684             elseif type(def) == 'table' and def.name ~= nil then
1685                 key = def.name
1686                 ---Definitions as strings in an array: `'{ 'key1', 'key2' }`*
1687             elseif type(index) == 'number' and type(def) == 'string' then
1688                 key = def
1689                 def = { default = get_default_value({}) }
1690             end
1691
1692             if type(def) ~= 'table' then
1693                 throw_error('E013', { data_type = tostring(def), key = index }) ---key is
1694                 ↵ nil
1695             end
1696

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1696     for attr, _ in pairs(def) do
1697         if namespace.attrs[attr] == nil then
1698             throw_error('E014', {
1699                 unknown = attr,
1700                 attr_names = utils.get_table_keys(namespace.attrs),
1701             })
1702         end
1703     end
1704
1705     if key == nil then
1706         throw_error('E015')
1707     end
1708
1709     local value = find_value(key, def)
1710
1711     for _, def_opt in ipairs({
1712         'alias',
1713         'opposite_keys',
1714         'pick',
1715         'always_present',
1716         'required',
1717         'data_type',
1718         'choices',
1719         'match',
1720         'exclusive_group',
1721         'macro',
1722         'l3_tl_set',
1723         'process',
1724         'sub_keys',
1725     }) do
1726         if def[def_opt] ~= nil then
1727             local tmp_value = apply[def_opt](value, key, def)
1728             if tmp_value ~= nil then
1729                 value = tmp_value
1730             end
1731         end
1732     end
1733
1734     output[key] = value
1735 end
1736
1737 if utils.get_table_size(input) > 0 then
1738     ---Move to the current unknown table.
1739     local current_unknown = unknown
1740     for _, key in ipairs(key_path) do
1741         if current_unknown[key] == nil then
1742             current_unknown[key] = {}
1743         end
1744         current_unknown = current_unknown[key]
1745     end
1746
1747     ---Copy all unknown key-value-pairs to the current unknown table.
1748     for key, value in pairs(input) do
1749         current_unknown[key] = value
1750     end
1751 end
1752
1753     return output, unknown
1754 end
1755
1756 ---
1757 ---Parse a LaTeX/TeX style key-value string into a Lua table.

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1758      ---
1759      ---@param kv_string string # A string in the TeX/LaTeX style key-value format as
1760      --> described above.
1761      ---@param opts? OptionCollection # A table containing options.
1762      ---
1763      ---@return table result # The final result of all individual parsing and
1764      --> normalization steps.
1765      ---@return table unknown # A table with unknown, undefined key-value pairs.
1766      ---@return table raw # The unprocessed, raw result of the Lpeg parser.
1767      local function parse(kv_string, opts)
1768          opts = normalize_opts(opts)
1769
1770          local function log_result(caption, result)
1771              utils.log
1772                  .debug('%s: \n%s', caption, visualizers.stringify(result))
1773          end
1774
1775          if kv_string == nil then
1776              return {}, {}, {}
1777          end
1778
1779          if opts.debug then
1780              utils.log.set('debug')
1781
1782          utils.log.debug('kv_string: "%s"', kv_string)
1783
1784          if type(opts.hooks.kv_string) == 'function' then
1785              kv_string = opts.hooks.kv_string(kv_string)
1786          end
1787
1788          local result = generate_parser('list', opts):match(kv_string)
1789          local raw = utils.clone_table(result)
1790
1791          log_result('result after Lpeg Parsing', result)
1792
1793          local function apply_hook(name)
1794              if type(opts.hooks[name]) == 'function' then
1795                  if name:match('^keys') then
1796                      result = utils.visit_tree(result, opts.hooks[name])
1797                  else
1798                      opts.hooks[name](result)
1799                  end
1800
1801                  if opts.debug then
1802                      print('After the execution of the hook: ' .. name)
1803                      visualizers.debug(result)
1804                  end
1805              end
1806          end
1807
1808          local function apply_hooks(at)
1809              if at ~= nil then
1810                  at = '_' .. at
1811              else
1812                  at = ''
1813              end
1814              apply_hook('keys' .. at)
1815              apply_hook('result' .. at)
1816          end
1817
1818          apply_hooks('before_opts')

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1818     log_result('after hooks before_opts', result)
1819
1820     ---
1821     ---Normalize the result table of the LPEG parser. This normalization
1822     ---tasks are performed on the raw input table coming directly from
1823     ---the PEG parser:
1824     ---
1825     ---@param result table # The raw input table coming directly from the PEG parser
1826     ---@param opts table # Some options.
1827
1828     local function apply_opts(result, opts)
1829         local callbacks = {
1830             unpack = function(key, value)
1831                 if type(value) == 'table' and utils.get_array_size(value) == 1 and
1832                     utils.get_table_size(value) == 1 and type(value[1]) ~=
1833                         'table' then
1834                     return key, value[1]
1835                 end
1836                 return key, value
1837             end,
1838
1839             process_naked = function(key, value)
1840                 if type(key) == 'number' and type(value) == 'string' then
1841                     return value, opts.default
1842                 end
1843                 return key, value
1844             end,
1845
1846             format_key = function(key, value)
1847                 if type(key) == 'string' then
1848                     for _, style in ipairs(opts.format_keys) do
1849                         if style == 'lower' then
1850                             key = key:lower()
1851                         elseif style == 'snake' then
1852                             key = key:gsub('[%w]+', '_')
1853                         elseif style == 'upper' then
1854                             key = key:upper()
1855                         else
1856                             throw_error('E017', {
1857                                 unknown = style,
1858                                 styles = { 'lower', 'snake', 'upper' },
1859                             })
1860                         end
1861                     end
1862                     return key, value
1863                 end,
1864
1865             apply_invert_flag = function(key, value)
1866                 if type(key) == 'string' and key:find(opts.invert_flag) then
1867                     return key:gsub(opts.invert_flag, ''), not value
1868                 end
1869                 return key, value
1870             end,
1871         end,
1872     }
1873
1874     if opts.unpack then
1875         result = utils.visit_tree(result, callbacks.unpack)
1876     end
1877
1878     if not opts.naked_as_value and opts.defs == false then
1879         result = utils.visit_tree(result, callbacks.process_naked)

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1880     end
1881
1882     if opts.format_keys then
1883         if type(opts.format_keys) == 'table' then
1884             throw_error('E018', { data_type = type(opts.format_keys) })
1885         end
1886         result = utils.visit_tree(result, callbacks.format_key)
1887     end
1888
1889     if opts.invert_flag then
1890         result = utils.visit_tree(result, callbacks.apply_invert_flag)
1891     end
1892
1893     return result
1894 end
1895 result = apply_opts(result, opts)
1896
1897 log_result('after apply opts', result)
1898
1899 ---All unknown keys are stored in this table
1900 local unknown = nil
1901 if type(opts.defs) == 'table' then
1902     apply_hooks('before_defs')
1903     result, unknown = apply_definitions(opts.defs, opts, result, {}, {},
1904     {}, {}, utils.clone_table(result))
1905 end
1906
1907 log_result('after apply_definitions', result)
1908
1909 apply_hooks()
1910
1911 if opts.defaults ~= nil and type(opts.defaults) == 'table' then
1912     utils.merge_tables(result, opts.defaults, false)
1913 end
1914
1915 log_result('End result', result)
1916
1917 if opts.accumulated_result ~= nil and type(opts.accumulated_result) ==
1918     'table' then
1919     utils.merge_tables(opts.accumulated_result, result, true)
1920 end
1921
1922 ---no_error
1923 if not opts.no_error and type(unknown) == 'table' and
1924     utils.get_table_size(unknown) > 0 then
1925     throw_error('E019', { unknown = visualizers.render(unknown) })
1926 end
1927 return result, unknown, raw
1928 end
1929
1930 ---
1931 ---@param defs DefinitionCollection
1932 ---@param opts? OptionCollection
1933 local function define(defs, opts)
1934     return function(kv_string, inner_opts)
1935         local options
1936
1937         if inner_opts ~= nil and opts ~= nil then
1938             options = utils.merge_tables(opts, inner_opts)
1939         elseif inner_opts ~= nil then
1940             options = inner_opts
1941         elseif opts ~= nil then

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1942     options = opts
1943   end
1944
1945   if options == nil then
1946     options = {}
1947   end
1948
1949   options.defs = defs
1950
1951   return parse(kv_string, options)
1952 end
1953
1954 ---@alias KeySpec table<integer/string, string>
1955
1956 local DefinitionManager = (function()
1957   ---@class DefinitionManager
1958   DefinitionManager = {}
1959
1960   ---@private
1961   DefinitionManager.__index = DefinitionManager
1962
1963   ---
1964   ---@param key string
1965   ---
1966   ---@return Definition
1967   function DefinitionManager:get(key)
1968     return self.defs[key]
1969   end
1970
1971   ---
1972   ---@param key_spec KeySpec
1973   ---@param clone? boolean
1974   ---
1975   ---@return DefinitionCollection
1976   function DefinitionManager:include(key_spec, clone)
1977     local selection = {}
1978     for key, value in pairs(key_spec) do
1979       local src
1980       local dest
1981       if type(key) == 'number' then
1982         src = value
1983         dest = value
1984       else
1985         src = key
1986         dest = value
1987       end
1988       if clone then
1989         selection[dest] = utils.clone_table(self.defs[src])
1990       else
1991         selection[dest] = self.defs[src]
1992       end
1993     end
1994     return selection
1995   end
1996
1997   ---
1998   ---@param key_spec KeySpec
1999   ---@param clone? boolean
2000   ---
2001   ---@return DefinitionCollection
2002   function DefinitionManager:exclude(key_spec, clone)
2003

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2004     local spec = {}
2005     for key, value in pairs(key_spec) do
2006         if type(key) == 'number' then
2007             spec[value] = value
2008         else
2009             spec[key] = value
2010         end
2011     end
2012
2013     local selection = {}
2014     for key, def in pairs(self.defs) do
2015         if spec[key] == nil then
2016             if clone then
2017                 selection[key] = utils.clone_table(def)
2018             else
2019                 selection[key] = def
2020             end
2021         end
2022     end
2023     return selection
2024 end
2025
2026 ---
2027 ---@param key_selection KeySpec
2028 function DefinitionManager:parse(kv_string, key_selection)
2029     return parse(kv_string, { defs = self:include(key_selection) })
2030 end
2031
2032 ---
2033 ---@param key_selection KeySpec
2034 function DefinitionManager:define(key_selection)
2035     return define(self:include(key_selection))
2036 end
2037
2038 ---@param defs DefinitionCollection
2039 ---
2040 ---@return DefinitionManager
2041 return function(defs)
2042     local manager = {}
2043
2044     for key, def in pairs(defs) do
2045         if def.name ~= nil and type(key) == 'number' then
2046             defs[def.name] = def
2047             defs[key] = nil
2048         end
2049     end
2050
2051     setmetatable(manager, DefinitionManager)
2052     manager.defs = defs
2053     return manager
2054 end
2055 end)()
2056
2057 ---
2058 ---A table to store parsed key-value results.
2059 local result_store = {}
2060
2061 return {
2062     new = main,
2063
2064     version = { 0, 14, 0 },
2065

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2066     parse = parse,
2067
2068     define = define,
2069
2070     DefinitionManager = DefinitionManager,
2071
2072     ---@see default_opts
2073     opts = default_opts,
2074
2075     error_messages = error_messages,
2076
2077     ---@see visualizers.render
2078     render = visualizers.render,
2079
2080     ---@see visualizers.stringify
2081     stringify = visualizers.stringify,
2082
2083     ---@see visualizers.debug
2084     debug = visualizers.debug,
2085
2086     ---
2087     ---Save a result (a
2088     ---table from a previous run of `parse`) under an identifier.
2089     ---Therefore, it is not necessary to pollute the global namespace to
2090     ---store results for the later usage.
2091
2092     ---@param identifier string # The identifier under which the result is saved.
2093
2094     ---@param result table/any # A result to be stored and that was created by the
2095     --> key-value parser.
2096     save = function(identifier, result)
2097       result_store[identifier] = result
2098     end,
2099
2100     ---
2101     ---The function `get(identifier): table` retrieves a saved result
2102     ---from the result store.
2103
2104     ---@param identifier string # The identifier under which the result was saved.
2105
2106     ---@return table/any
2107     get = function(identifier)
2108       ---if result_store[identifier] == nil then
2109         --- throw_error('No stored result was found for the identifier \'' ..
2110         --> identifier .. '\'')
2111       ---end
2112       return result_store[identifier]
2113     end,
2114
2115     is = is,
2116
2117     ---
2118     ---Exported but intentionally undocumented functions
2119     ---
2120
2121     namespace = utils.clone_table(namespace),
2122
2123     ---
2124     ---This function is used in the documentation.
2125     ---

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2126      ---@param from string # A key in the namespace table, either `opts`, `hook` or
2127      --> `attrs`.
2128      print_names = function(from)
2129          local names = utils.get_table_keys(namespace[from])
2130          tex.print(table.concat(names, ', '))
2131      end,
2132
2133      print_default = function(from, name)
2134          tex.print(tostring(namespace[from][name]))
2135      end,
2136
2137      print_error_messages = function()
2138          local msgs = namespace.error_messages
2139          local keys = utils.get_table_keys(namespace.error_messages)
2140          for _, key in ipairs(keys) do
2141              local msg = msgs[key]
2142              ---@type string
2143              local msg_text
2144              if type(msg) == 'table' then
2145                  msg_text = msg[1]
2146              else
2147                  msg_text = msg
2148              end
2149              utils.tex_printf('\\item[\\texttt{%s}]: \\texttt{%s}', key,
2150                          msg_text)
2151          end
2152      end,
2153
2154      ---@param exported_table table
2155      depublish_functions = function(exported_table)
2156          local function warn_global_import()
2157              throw_error('E023')
2158          end
2159
2160          exported_table.parse = warn_global_import
2161          exported_table.define = warn_global_import
2162          exported_table.save = warn_global_import
2163          exported_table.get = warn_global_import
2164      end,
2165  }
2166
2167 end
2168
2169 return main

```

8.2 luakeys.tex

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18
19 \directlua{
20     if luakeys == nil then
21         luakeys = require('luakeys')()
22         luakeys.depublish_functions(luakeys)
23     end
24 }
```

8.3 luakeys.sty

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18
19 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
20 \ProvidesPackage{luakeys}[2024/04/09 v0.14.0 Parsing key-value options using Lua.]
21 \directlua{
22     if luakeys == nil then
23         luakeys = require('luakeys')()
24         luakeys.depublish_functions(luakeys)
25     end
26 }
27
28 \def\LuakeysGetPackageOptions{\luaescapestring{\@optionlist{\@currname.\@currentext}}}
29
30 \def\LuakeysGetClassOptions{\luaescapestring{\@raw@classoptionslist}}
```

8.4 luakeys-debug.tex

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18
19 \directlua
20 {
21     luakeys = require('luakeys')()
22     if lpars == nil then
23         lpars = require('lpars')
24     end
25 }
26
27 \def\luakeysdebug%
28 {%
29     \directlua%
30     {
31         local oarg, marg = lpars.scan('o v')
32         local opts
33         if oarg then
34             opts = luakeys.parse(oarg, { format_keys = { 'snake', 'lower' } })
35         end
36         local result = luakeys.parse(marg, opts)
37         luakeys.debug(result)
38         tex.print(
39             '{ ..
40             '\string\\tt' ..
41             '\string\\parindent=0pt' ..
42             luakeys.stringify(result, true) ..
43             '}'
44         )
45     }%
46 }
```

8.5 luakeys-debug.sty

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17 % luakeys-debug.sty and luakeys-debug.tex.
18
19 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
20 \ProvidesPackage{luakeys-debug}[2024/04/09 v0.14.0 Debug package for luakeys.]
21
22 \input luakeys-debug.tex
```