a new edition of a known program

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A viewer for PS and PDF documents based on a Ghostscript library

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History:

- 1994 premiere at EuroT_EX (in Sobieszewo)
- 1998 version 2.0 at VI BachoT_EX
- 2004 version 3.99 at XII BachoT_EX
- 2008 version 5.16 at XVI BachoTEX

PostScript Page description language

- device independent
- vector objects, fonts and bitmaps
- advanced prepress features

First and most significant product of Adobe

History:

- 1985 premiere
- 1991 Level 2 (CMYK, filters, ...)
- 1997 Level 3 (CID fonts, color spaces, ...)

PostScript becomes common standard in printing and Open Source systems

PDF (Portable Document Format) File format for documents presentation and exchange

- well-defined, portable layout, good compression
- hypertext and interactive elements
- younger relative of PostScript

Next great achievement of Adobe corporation

History:

- 1993 premiere
- 1999 Acrobat Reader for Linux
- 2007 PDF 1.7 standard

PDF is an unquestionable standard for documents transmition and archiving

Ghostscript

Interpreter of the PostScript (and PDF) language

- Open Source
- accordance with standards
- excellent functionality and efficiency

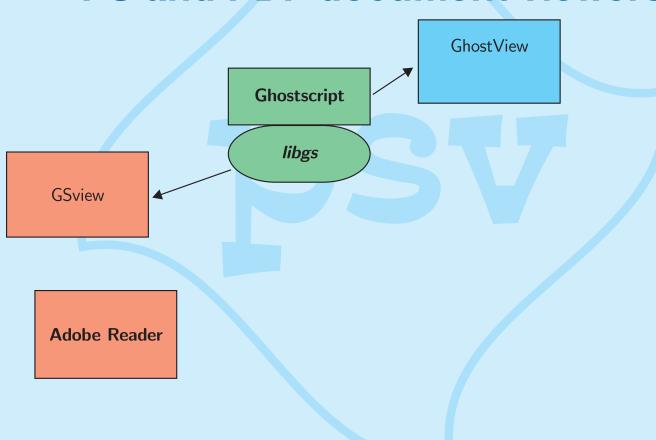
Authors: L Peter Deutsch (Aladdin Software)
Artifex Inc. (Ralph Levien, Ralph Giles, Alex Cherepanov, ...)

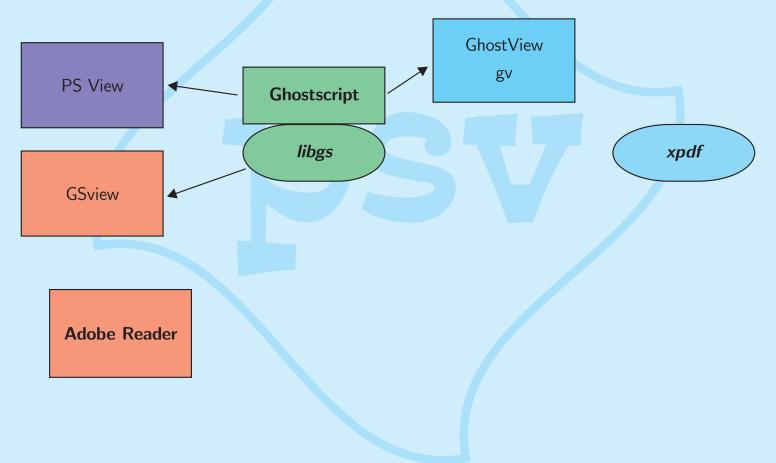
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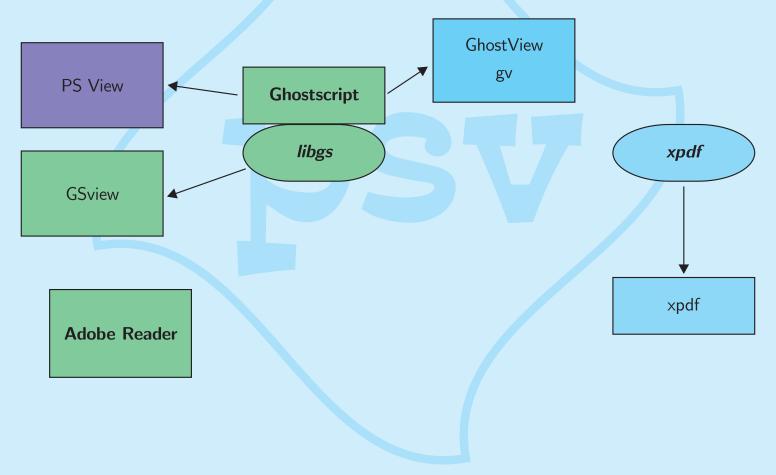
- 1988 version 1.0
- 1995 version 3.3 (PDF)
- now version 8.62

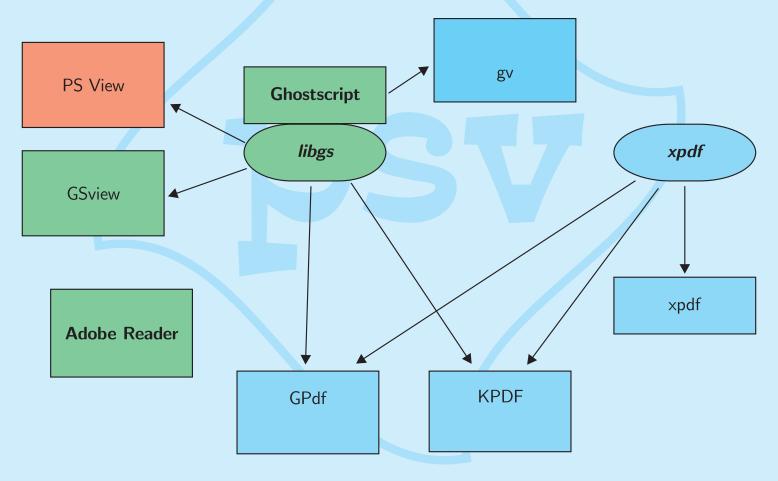
Ghostscript is one of the best PostScript interpreters

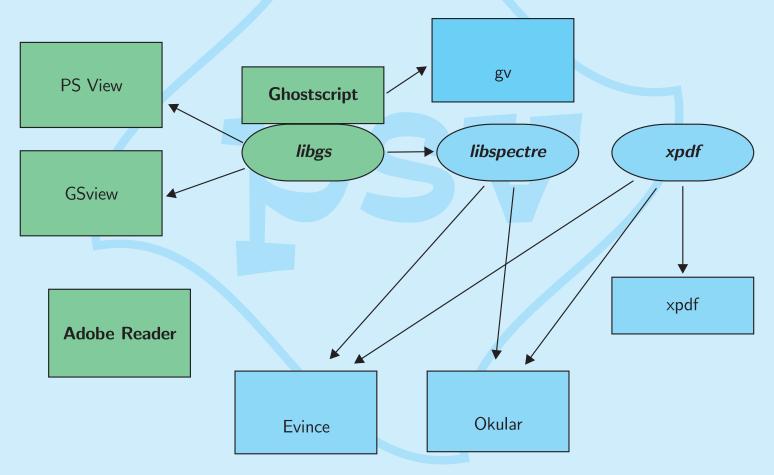
- commonly used (although often behind the scenes)











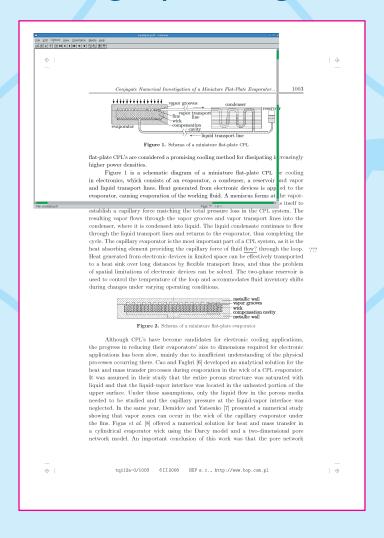
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- large size documents (A2, B1, ...)
- long documents (hundreds of MB)
- Bigg zoom
- precise measurements
- restart (restoring the recent view)

Page paradigm



Frame paradigm



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- very large zoom
- large files
- efficiency

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- complete procedural language
- stack based, Reverse Polish Notation
- advanced data structures (filters, transformations, color spaces, rasters)

/Helvetica 12 selectfont 0 0 moveto (Hello, world!) show showpage

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Third version

(quick reading of long files)

Perl

Fourth version

(Graphical User Interface)

C (Win32 API)

And fifth version

(multi-platform)

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(wxPython, PyGTK, wxPerl, PyQt, ...)

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- + modern
- + object-oriented and modular
- + fashionable
- speed (?)
- interface to Ghostscript

- + efficiency
- + native look and feel
- 'old-fashioned' API

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- system independent, portable
- not open, but freely available and well documented
- interpreted
- efficient (especially in Ghostscript)
- not modular
- illegible code



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Lua

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- really: 'powerful, fast, light-weight'
- platform independent
- simple, but not primitive
- scripting, but very fast
- Open Source, maintained
- robust, gains popularity
- wxLua (http://wxlua.sourceforge.net/)

PS_View psv.wx.lua libgs.so/gsdll32.dll ps_view.ps **PostScript** C Lua Base module wxLua script Ghostscript of PS_View for GUI services C++ wxGhostscript wxLua library library and its modules wxWidgets library gswxluas/gswxlua.exe

PS_View now



PS_View now it works (as you can see)

- aims achieved
- functionality of the previous version
- several new functions added
- more new functions will be added
- many tests still needed

http://psview.sourceforge.net/

PS_View now

Content of package

File name	Description
README	- short info about program
gswxluas	 program which makes interface to Ghostscript and in- terprets wxLua script (Linux wersion, ELF i386)
gswxlua.exe	 program which makes interface to Ghostscript and in- terprets wxLua script (MS Windows version, exe Win32)
psv.wx.lua	 wxLua program, module of GUI
psv_view.ps	 PostScript program, base module
psv	shell script (Linux) which starts PS_View
psv.bat	 batch file (MS Windows) which starts PS_View
psv.exe	 MS Windows EXE file, wrapper equivalent to psv.bat
psv.desktop	 application description for X Window
psv.xpm	program icon for X Window
psvabout.ps	 PostScript file, basic info
psvusage.pdf	– PDF file, manual (only in Polish)
de, en, pl	- translations directories

PS_View now

Instalation and usage

- installation directory: /usr/local/share/PS_View/
- executable file: /usr/local/bin/psv
- translations: /usr/local/share/locale/
- Usage: psv [PS/PDF file]

PS_View tomorrow...

PS_View tomorrow: you're welcome to co-operate

- distribution packages (!)
- programming problems
- documentation and translations
- new functions proposals
- testing (!)
- Open Source
- VC++ compliler



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