

The litetable Package – Colorful Timetable^{*}

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1 Introduction

The litetable package provides a colorful design of timetable, developed by expl3 based on tikz. It supports various compilation methods, such as pdf \LaTeX , X \LaTeX , Ap \LaTeX , Lua \LaTeX , etc. Click to jump to the manual's [[Chinese Version](#)] [[Cantonese Version](#)].

2 Usage

To load this package, write the line

```
\usepackage{litetable}
```

litetable (env) The litetable environment can create a blank timetable frame, and it should be executed after commands `\timelist` and `\weeklist`.

```
\begin{litetable} [<keys>] {<title>} [<keys>] ... \end{litetable}
```

The mandatory argument can set the title of the timetable, and the optional argument accepts the following keys

color = `<string>` can set the background color (Default: gray), this key's name could be omitted.

sem = `<string>` can set the semester information at the northeast corner of the page.

hline = `<string>` can set style of the horizontal lines (Default: solid).

```
\weeklist \weeklist [<keys>] {<list>} [<keys>]
```

The mandatory argument accepts an array to set a list of working days and the width of each column at the top of the timetable. The optional argument accepts the following keys

format = `<format commands>` can set the font for the list of working days (Default: `\bfseries`).

sep = `<dim>` can set the separator of the list of working days.

```
\weeklist [ format = \bfseries \scshape, sep = \textbar ]
{ Mon -> 1.05, Tue -> 1.05, Wed -> 1.1, Thu -> 1.1, Fri -> .9 }
```

^{*}<https://github.com/myhsia/litetable>, <https://ctan.org/pkg/litetable>

[†]Lijun Guo developed an interface to parse `<left>` -> `<right>` data structures.

```
\timelist \timelist [<keys>] {<list>} [<keys>]
```

The mandatory argument accepts an array to set the time list on the left side of the timetable. The optional argument accepts the following keys

numformat = <format commands> can set the font for the sequence number of the time list (Default: `\ttfamily \bfseries`).

timefont = <format commands> can set the font for the time of the time list. (Default: `\ttfamily`).

hidetime = <true | false> hide the time in the time list and only retain the sequence number. The initial value is `false`.

```
\timelist [ numformat = \bfseries, timeformat = \ttfamily ]
{ 08:30 -> 10:00, 10:30 -> 12:00, 13:00 -> 14:30, 15:00 -> 16:30 }
```

```
\course \course [<keys>] {<start>} [<keys>] {<end>} [<keys>]
```

It's used to add course boxes on the current workday, and needs to be executed within the `litetable` environment. The two mandatory arguments can set the start and ends of the course respectively, the optional argument accepts the following keys

color = <string> can set the color of the course box (Default: `teal`), this key's name could be omitted.

subject = <string> can set the name of the course.

location = <string> can set the location of the course.

lecture = <string> can set the lecture of the course.

comment = <string> can add footnote to the course.

TeXhackers note:

- If `<start>` = `<end>` (the height of the course box is 1 unit), then **location** and **lecture** will be outputted in the same line and **comment** will be hidden.
- The template will correct automatically if `<start>` and `<end>` were misplaced.
- If neither **location** nor **lecture** is assigned value, then **subject** will be outputted in the vertical center of the course box.
- Course boxes that exceed the range of the timetable won't display and it will return a warning. The input example refers to Appendix A.

```
\newday \newday [<integral value>]
```

It can move the next course boxes right `<integral value>` working days. The default value of the optional argument is 1.

```
\more \more {<comment>}
```

It can add a comment at the southwest corner of the timetable.

A Working Example

```
\documentclass[svgnames, a4paper]{article}

\usepackage{litetable, twemojis}
\usepackage[mono = false]{libertine}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}

\begin{document}

\weeklist [ format = \bfseries \scshape, sep = \textbar ]
{
    \texttwemoji{1f312} Mon -> 1.05, \texttwemoji{1f525} Tue -> 1.05,
    \texttwemoji{1f30a} Wed -> 1.1, \texttwemoji{1f332} Thu -> .9,
    \texttwemoji{1fa99} Fri -> .9
}
\timelist [ numformat = \ttfamily \bfseries, timeformat = \ttfamily ]
{
    08:05 -> 08:50, 08:55 -> 09:40, 10:00 -> 10:45, 10:50 -> 11:35,
    11:40 -> 12:25, 13:30 -> 14:15, 14:20 -> 15:05, 15:15 -> 16:00,
    16:05 -> 16:50, 18:30 -> 19:15, 19:20 -> 20:05, 20:10 -> 20:55
}
\begin{litetable} [ DarkBlue, sem = SEM 7, hline = dashed ]
{Course Schedule}
\course [ subject = interface3, comment = \TeX\ Live 2025,
            lecture = The \LaTeX\ Project, DarkBlue ] {4} {5}
\newday
\course [ subject = expl3, lecture = The \LaTeX\ Project ] {8} {8}
\newday
\course [ subject = Keep on \TeX ing, lecture = Donald E. Knuth,
            location = Stanford University, Purple ] {10} {11}
\newday
\course [ subject = Ti\textit{k}\Z, lecture = \textsc{pgf},
            Crimson, comment = Version 3.1.10 ] {3} {5}
\more {Programme Duration: 09 / 2021 -- 07 / 2025}
\end{litetable}

\end{document}
```

Course Schedule

SEM 7

● MON

🔥 TUE

⌚ WED

🎄 THU

🏛️ FRI

1

08:05
08:50

2

08:55
09:40

3

10:00
10:45

4

10:50
11:35

interface3

The L^AT_EX Project

TeX Live 2025

5

11:40
12:25

6

13:30
14:15

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14:20
15:05

8

15:15
16:00

expl3

The L^AT_EX Project

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16:05
16:50

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18:30
19:15

Keep on TeXing

Stanford University
Donald E. Knuth

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19:20
20:05

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20:10
20:55

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\litetable	<i>1</i> \timelist
L	T
\litetable(env)	<i>1</i> \weeklist
W	