

## General Delivery

### From the President

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### TeX Collection 2005

In November 2005, another edition of the TeX Collection software, a major joint effort by many TeX user groups, was released. A high-level summary is posted at <http://tug.org/texcollection>. All TUG members for 2005 should have received it by now; if not, please contact the TUG office.

As with last year, this year's collection includes:

- TeX Live (<http://tug.org/texlive>) — A comprehensive TeX system supporting most Unix architectures, including GNU/Linux and Mac OS X, and Windows.
- proTeXt (<http://tug.org/protext>) — An easy-to-install Windows distribution based on MiKTeX.
- CTAN (<http://www.ctan.org>) — A snapshot of [dante.ctan.org](http://dante.ctan.org), the German node of the Comprehensive TeX Archive Network, with duplications elided.

This year also has one new major distribution:

- MacTeX (<http://tug.org/mactex>) — An easy-to-install TeX system for Mac OS X, based on gwTeX, and also including TeXShop and X<sub>Y</sub>TeX, among other applications. (An article with more information about MacTeX is in this issue of *TUGboat*.)

### Lucida available again

In the previous installment of this column, I reported that TUG had negotiated the right to redistribute the Lucida fonts previously distributed by the (now sadly defunct) TeX vendor Y&Y. The technical update is complete, with thanks to Walter Schmidt and Morten Høgholm, and the distribution has been available at <http://tug.org/lucida> since early December, along with documentation, sample files, and macro support.

The Lucida support on CTAN has also been updated — it includes all the support files, lacking only the outlines, for the sake of those who previously acquired them from Y&Y. The fonts are also available through PCTeX, which sponsored Walter's work.

There is an active mailing list for users of Lucida and TeX; for archives and subscription information, please see <http://lists.tug.org/lucida>.

### TUG membership renewals

TUG membership and renewal forms (both online and printed) for 2006 are available at <http://tug.org/join.html>. Thanks to those who have already renewed; if you haven't, please do when you can. The basic membership structure remains the same, but there are a few changes this year. (Joint members, you will get more information from your local group later in the year as usual.)

Membership dues have increased in 2006. The last change in dues was in 1998 (and not by much), thus the TUG board approved a \$10 increase to offset some rising expenses and the slow decline in membership we have experienced the last few years. With your support, and additional outreach efforts, we're hoping to reverse the latter. Ideas for membership publicity and additional benefits are always welcome; please email [tug-membership@tug.org](mailto:tug-membership@tug.org).

At the request of several members, we've also instituted an option to automatically renew memberships for future years. This saves TUG a little overhead and you a little time, so please consider selecting it.

Another new option is to omit shipping of physical benefits (namely printed *TUGboat* issues and software discs), with a consequent reduction (of \$20) in the fee. Again, some members requested this, preferring to access everything online. As mentioned in the previous column and elsewhere, current *TUGboat* issues (beginning with this 2005 volume) are immediately available online to members only; see <http://tug.org/memberaccess.html>.

### Board resignation

In December 2005, Lance Carnes decided to resign from the TUG board. We thank him for the ideas he brought forth and the ensuing lively discussions, and all his efforts, past and continuing, on behalf of TeX and TUG. Happily, he continues as editor of TUG's online publication, *The PracTeX Journal* (<http://tug.org/pracjournal>).

A last bit of administrivia: the TUG fax number has changed: it's now +1 206-203-3960.

TUG is always striving to advance the use and understanding of (L<sup>A</sup>)TeX and friends in the wider community. If you have suggestions about how we can further these efforts, please don't hesitate to contact me or the entire board ([board@tug.org](mailto:board@tug.org)). Thanks for your support, and happy TeXing.

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