

The Lua-UL package*

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1 User-level interface

Lua-UL uses new capabilities of the LuaTeX engine to provide underlining/strikethrough/highlighting etc. support without breaking ligatures, kerning or restricting input. The predefined user-level commands are `\underline`, `\highLight`, and `\strikeThrough`. (`\highLight` will only work correctly if the `luacolor` package is loaded) They are used as

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{lua-ul}
\begin{document}
This package is \strikeThrough{useless}\underline{awesome}!
\end{document}
```

This package is ~~useless~~awesome!

For limited compatibility with `soul`, the `soul` package option allows you to use the traditional macro names from `soul` instead:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[soul]{lua-ul}
\begin{document}
This package is \st{useless}\ul{awesome}!
\end{document}
```

The `\highLight` command highlights the argument in yellow by default. This color can be changed either by providing a color as optional argument or by changing the default through `\LuaULSetHighLightColor`:

```
\documentclass{article}
```

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```

\usepackage{xcolor,luacolor,lua-ul}
\LuaULSetHighLightColor{green}
\begin{document}
Lots of stuff is \highLight{important enough to be highlighted},
but only few things are dangerous enough to deserve
\highLight[red]{red highlighting.}

\LuaULSetHighLightColor{yellow}
Let's go back to traditional \highLight{highlighting}.
\end{document}

```

Lots of stuff is **important enough to be highlighted**, but only few things are dangerous enough to deserve **red highlighting**.
Let's go back to traditional **highlighting**.

The `\underline` allows an optional argument accepting keyval options to customize the underline. Currently four keys are implemented:

textcolor Active by default. The underline is colored in the current text color.

color Allows setting the color of the underline according to the syntax the xcolor manual documents for PSTricks.

top/bottom/height At most two of these three options should be set. Specifies the height of the upper/lower edge of the underline or the linewidth.

2 Expert interface

`\newunderlinetype` Sometimes, you might try to solve more interesting problems than boring underlining, strikethrough or highlighting. Maybe you always wanted to be your own spell checker, want to demonstrate your love for ducks or you think that the traditional `\strikeThrough` is not visible enough. For all these cases, you can define your own “underlining” command based on a T_EX `\[cwg]leaders` command.

For this, use

```
\newunderlinetype<macro name>[<context specifier>]{<leaders command>}
```

First, you have to pass the name of the command which should enable your new kind of underlining. (If you want to have an additional command which takes an argument and underlines this argument, you will have to define this manually.) The optional argument provides a “context”: This “context” has to expand to a string (something that can appear in a c_sname) which changes if the leaders box should be recalculated. The leader will be cached and reused whenever the context evaluates to the same string. So if your leaders should depend on the fontsize, the expansion of the context should contain the font size. If you leaders contain text in the current font, your context should include

`\fontname`. The default context includes the current size of `1ex` and the current color if `luacolor` is loaded.

The final argument contains the actual leader command. You should omit the final glue normally passed to `\leaders`, so e.g. write `\leaders\hbox{ . }` without appending `\hfill` or `\hskip1pt` etc. In most cases, the height and depth of your underlines is passed on to TeX to ensure that a deep underline does not intercept other lines. On the other hand, running dimensions work fine if you use a rule.

For example, the special underline commands demonstrated above are implemented as

```
\usepackage{luacolor,tikzducks,pict2e}
\newunderlinetype\beginUnderDuck{\cleaders\hbox{%
  \begin{tikzpicture}[x=.5ex,y=.5ex,baseline=.8ex]%
    \duck
  \end{tikzpicture}%
}}
\NewDocumentCommand\underDuck{+m}{\beginUnderDuck#1}
\newunderlinetype\beginUnderWavy[\number\dimexpr1ex]{\cleaders\hbox{%
  \setlength\unitlength{.3ex}%
  \begin{picture}(4,0)(0,1)
    \thicklines
    \color{red}%
    \qbezier(0,0)(1,1)(2,0)
    \qbezier(2,0)(3,-1)(4,0)
  \end{picture}%
}}
\NewDocumentCommand\underWavy{+m}{\beginUnderWavy#1}
\newunderlinetype\beginStrikeThough{\leaders\hbox{%
  \normalfont\bfseries/%
}}
\NewDocumentCommand\StrikeThough{+m}{\beginStrikeThough#1}
```

Here `\underWavy` uses a custom context because it doesn't change depending on the current font color.

If you only want to use `\newunderlinetype` and do not want to use the predefined underline types, you can use the `minimal` package option to disable them.

3 The implementation

3.1 Helper modules

First we need a separate Lua module `pre_append_to_vlist_filter` which provides a variant of the `append_to_vlist_filter` callback which can be used by multiple packages. This ensures that we are compatible with other packages implementing `append_to_vlist_filter`. First check if an equivalent to

`pre_append_to_vlist_filter` already exists. The idea is that this might eventually get added to the kernel directly.

```
if luatexbase.callbacktypes.pre_append_to_vlist_filter then
  return
end

local call_callback = luatexbase.call_callback
local flush_node = node.flush_node
local prepend_prevdepth = node.prepend_prevdepth
local callback_define
```

HACK: Do not do this at home! We need to define the engine callback directly, so we use the debug library to get the “real” `callback.define`:

```
do
  local saved_luatexbase, saved_callback_register = luatexbase, callback.register
  luatexbase.uninstall()
  callback_define = callback.register
  luatexbase, callback.register = saved_luatexbase, saved_callback_register
end

local function filtered_append_to_vlist_filter(box,
                                              locationcode,
                                              prevdepth,
                                              mirrored)
  local current = call_callback("pre_append_to_vlist_filter",
                               box, locationcode, prevdepth,
                               mirrored)

  if not current then
    flush_node(box)
    return
  elseif current == true then
    current = box
  end
  return call_callback("append_to_vlist_filter",
                      current, locationcode, prevdepth, mirrored)
end

callback_define('append_to_vlist_filter',
                filtered_append_to_vlist_filter)
luatexbase.callbacktypes.append_to_vlist_filter = nil
luatexbase.create_callback('append_to_vlist_filter', 'exclusive',
                          function(n, _, prevdepth)
                            return prepend_prevdepth(n, prevdepth)
                          end)
luatexbase.create_callback('pre_append_to_vlist_filter',
                          'list', false)
```

Additionally we have a module `lua-ul-patches-preserve-attr` for patches of external code to make it more compatible with attribute usage.

Currently this only contains redefinitions of kernel commands. First some local definitions

```

local getfont = font.getfont

local direct = node.direct

local getattr = direct.getattributelist
local getid = direct.getid
local getpenalty = direct.getpenalty
local getprev = direct.getprev
local getwidth = direct.getwidth

local setattr = direct.setattributelist
local setkern = direct.setkern

local insert_after = direct.insert_after
local is_glyph = direct.is_glyph
local newnode = direct.new
local todirect = direct.todirect
local tonode = direct.tonode

local glue_id = node.id'glue'
local kern_t = node.id'kern'
local penalty_id = node.id'penalty'

local italcorr_sub
for i, n in next, node.subtypes'kern' do
  if n == 'italiccorrection' then italcorr_sub = i break end
end
assert(italcorr_sub)

local nests = tex.nest

```

Now we come to the interesting part: We redefine `\sw@slant` from the \LaTeX kernel. The original definition uses `\unskip` and `\unpenalty` to remove glue and penalties and then inserts italic correction before them. Then it inserts the removed penalty and skip again. This loses the right subtype, attributes and properties of the removed nodes, so we insert the italic correction kern directly at the right position instead. When the character does not exist we still add a 0pt italic correction to stay as compatible as possible with the `\/` primitive used in the original implementation.

```

local funcid = luatexbase.new_luafunction'sw@slant'
token.set_lua('sw@slant', funcid, 'protected')
lua.get_functions_table()[funcid] = function()
  local nest = nests.top
  local tail, after = todirect(nest.tail), nil
  local id = getid(tail)
  if id == glue_id then

```

```

    if getwidth(tail) == 0 then return end
    tail, after = getprev(tail), tail
    id = getid(tail)
end
if id == penalty_id then
    if getpenalty(tail) == 0 then return end
    tail, after = getprev(tail), tail
end
local cid, fontid = is_glyph(tail)
if not cid then return end
local fontdir = getfont(fontid)
local characters = fontdir and fontdir.characters
local char = characters and characters[cid]
local kern = newnode(kern_t, italcorr_sub)
setkern(kern, char and char.italic or 0)
setattr(kern, getattr(tail))
% We lie about the head and ignore the return value since tail is never nil
insert_after(tail, tail, kern)
if not after then nest.tail = tonode(kern) end
end
end

```

3.2 Lua module

Now we can define our main Lua module:

```

local unset_t = node.id'unset'
local hlist_t = node.id'hlist'
local vlist_t = node.id'vlist'
local kern_t = node.id'kern'
local glue_t = node.id'glue'

local properties = node.direct.get_properties_table()

```

`current_attr` is not `.direct` since it's used in place of a node callback argument.

```

local current_attr = node.current_attr
local has_attribute = node.direct.has_attribute
local set_attribute = node.direct.set_attribute
local dimensions = node.direct.dimensions
local flush_node = node.direct.flush_node
local getattr = node.direct.getattributelist
local getboth = node.direct.getboth
local getfield = node.direct.getfield
local getglue = node.direct.getglue
local getleader = node.direct.getleader
local getlist = node.direct.getlist
local setheight = node.direct.setheight
local setdepth = node.direct.setdepth
local getheight = node.direct.getheight
local getdepth = node.direct.getdepth

```

```

local getnext = node.direct.getnext
local getshift = node.direct.getshift
local insert_after = node.direct.insert_after
local insert_before = node.direct.insert_before
local nodecopy = node.direct.copy
local nodenew = node.direct.new
local setboth = node.direct.setboth
local setlink = node.direct.setlink
local hpack = node.direct.hpack
local setfield = node.direct.setfield
local slide = node.direct.slide
local setattr = node.direct.setattributelist
local setglue = node.direct.setglue
local setnext = node.direct.setnext
local setshift = node.direct.setshift
local todirect = node.direct.todirect
local tonode = node.direct.tonode
local traverse = node.direct.traverse
local traverse_id = node.direct.traverse_id
local traverse_list = node.direct.traverse_list
% The following two are needed to deal with unset nodes
local getList = function(n) return getfield(n, 'list') end
local setList = function(n, h) return setfield(n, 'list', h) end

local tokennew = token.new
local set_lua = token.set_lua
local scan_keyword = token.scan_keyword
local scan_list = token.scan_list
local scan_int = token.scan_int
local scan_toks = token.scan_toks
local put_next = token.put_next
local texerror = tex.error

local functions = lua.get_functions_table()
local char_given = token.command_id'char_given'

local underlineattrs = {}
local underline_types = {}
local underline_strict_flag = {}
local underline_over_flag = {}

local vmode do
  for k, v in pairs(tex.getmodevalues()) do
    if v == "vertical" then
      vmode = k
      break
    end
  end
end
local texnest = tex.nest

```

To avoid influence from `\everyhbox` we reset `\everyhbox` to an empty token list directly before scanning. As an added complication, we need to use a name which is guaranteed to be the primitive tokenlist and we might have to restore it before reading the actual argument (There might be a reason why `\everyhbox` was sat after all. Also we have to ensure that braces swallowed by LuaTeX are balanced, otherwise we get hard to trace errors in alignment contexts.

```

local scan_raw_hlist do
  local create = token.create
  local lbrace, rbrace = token.new(0x7B, 1), token.new(0x7D, 2)
  tex.enableprimitives('luaul@', {'everyhbox'})
  local set_everyhbox do
    local set_toks1, set_toks2 = {create'immediateassignment',
                                create'luaul@everyhbox', lbrace},
                                {rbrace, create'relax'}

    function set_everyhbox(t)
      token.put_next(set_toks2)
      token.put_next(t)
      token.put_next(set_toks1)
      token.scan_token()
    end
  end
  local func = luatexbase.new_luafunction"luaul.restore_everyhbox"
  local everyhbox_saved
  functions[func] = function() set_everyhbox(everyhbox_saved) end
  local toks = {rbrace, -- Housekeeping, only for balance reasons
               lbrace, create'the', create'luaul@everyhbox', rbrace,
               create'hpack', lbrace,
               token.new(func, token.command_id'lua_call')}
  function scan_raw_hlist()
    assert(token.get_next().command == 1)
    put_next(toks)
    token.get_next() -- Scan a corresponding brace to keep TeX's brace tracking happy
    local saved_toks = scan_toks(false, true)
    everyhbox_saved = saved_toks
    set_everyhbox{}
    local list = scan_list()
    set_everyhbox(saved_toks)
    return list
  end
end

local saved_values = {}
local function new_underline_type()
  for i=1,#underlineattrs do
    local attr = underlineattrs[i]
    saved_values[i] = tex.attribute[attr]
    tex.attribute[attr] = -0x7FFFFFFF
  end
end

```



```

local strict_flag = scan_keyword'strict'
local over_flag = scan_keyword'over'
local b = todirect(scan_raw_hlist())
for i=1,#underlineattrs do
    tex.attribute[underlineattrs[i]] = saved_values[i]
end
local lead = getlist(b)
if not getleader(lead) then
    texerror("Leader required", {"An underline type has to \z
        be defined by leader. You should use one of the", "commands \z
        \\leaders, \\cleaders, or \\xleader, or \\gleaders here."})
else
    local after = getnext(lead)
    if after then
        texerror("Too many nodes", {"An underline type can only be \z
            defined by a single leaders specification,", "not by \z
            multiple nodes. Maybe you supplied an additional glue?",
            "Anyway, the additional nodes will be ignored"})
        setnext(lead, nil)
    end
    table.insert(underline_types, lead)
    setList(b, after)
    flush_node(b)
end
put_next(tokennew(#underline_types, char_given))
underline_strict_flag[#underline_types] = strict_flag
underline_over_flag[#underline_types] = over_flag
end

```

In `append_to_vlist_filter` we can not access the list attributes, so we just take the current ones. They might be incorrect if the attribute changes in the vlist, so we record the original value in a property then.

```

local function set_underline()
    local j, props
    for i=texnest.ptr,0,-1 do
        local mode = texnest[i].mode
        if mode == vmode or mode == -vmode then
            local head = todirect(texnest[i].head)
            local head_props = properties[head]
            if not head_props then
                head_props = {}
                properties[head] = head_props
            end
            props = head_props.luaul_attributes
            if not props then
                props = {}
                head_props.luaul_attributes = props
            end
            break
        end
    end
end
end

```

```

end
for i=1,#underlineattrs do
  local attr = underlineattrs[i]
  if tex.attribute[attr] == -0x7FFFFFFF then
    j = attr
    break
  end
end
end
if not j then
  j = luatexbase.new_attribute(
    "luaul" .. tostring(#underlineattrs+1))
  underlineattrs[#underlineattrs+1] = j
end
end
props[j] = props[j] or -0x7FFFFFFF
tex.attribute[j] = scan_int()
end

local function reset_underline()
  local reset_all = scan_keyword'*'
  local j
  for i=1,#underlineattrs do
    local attr = underlineattrs[i]
    if tex.attribute[attr] ~= -0x7FFFFFFF then
      if reset_all then
        tex.attribute[attr] = -0x7FFFFFFF
      else
        j = attr
      end
    end
  end
end
end
if not j then
  if not reset_all then
    texerror("No underline active", {"You tried to disable \z
      underlining but underlining was not active in the first",
      "place. Maybe you wanted to ensure that \z
      no underling can be active anymore?", "Then you should \z
      append a *."})
  end
  return
end
end
tex.attribute[j] = -0x7FFFFFFF
end

local new_underline_type_func =
  luatexbase.new_luafunction"luaul.new_underline_type"
local set_underline_func =
  luatexbase.new_luafunction"luaul.set_underline_func"
local reset_underline_func =
  luatexbase.new_luafunction"luaul.reset_underline_func"
set_lua("LuaULNewUnderlineType", new_underline_type_func)
set_lua("LuaULSetUnderline", set_underline_func, "protected")

```

```

set_lua("LuaULResetUnderline", reset_underline_func, "protected")
functions[new_underline_type_func] = new_underline_type
functions[set_underline_func] = set_underline
functions[reset_underline_func] = reset_underline

```

A little helper to measure box contents and creating a glue node with inverted dimensions.

```

local stretch_fi = {}
local shrink_fi = {}
local function fil_levels(n)
  for i=0,4 do
    stretch_fi[i], shrink_fi[i] = 0, 0
  end
  for n in traverse_id(glue_t, n) do
    local w, st, sh, sto, sho = getglue(n)
    stretch_fi[sto] = stretch_fi[sto] + st
    shrink_fi[sho] = shrink_fi[sho] + sh
  end
  local stretch, shrink = 0, 0
  for i=0,4 do
    if stretch_fi[i] ~= 0 then
      stretch = i
    end
    if shrink_fi[i] ~= 0 then
      shrink = i
    end
  end
  return stretch, shrink
end
local function new_glue_neg_dimensions(n, t,
                                     stretch_order, shrink_order)
  local g = nodenew(glue_t)
  local w = -dimensions(n, t)
  setglue(g, w)
  % setglue(g, -dimensions(n, t), 0, 0, stretch_order, shrink_order)
  setnext(g, n)
  setglue(g, w, -dimensions(1, 1, stretch_order, g, t),
          dimensions(1, 2, shrink_order, g, t),
          stretch_order, shrink_order)
  setnext(g, nil)
  return g
end

```

Now the actual underlining

```

local add_underline_hlist, add_underline_hbox, add_underline_vbox
local function add_underline_vlist(head, attr, outervalue)
  local iter, state, n = traverse_list(head) -- FIXME: unset nodes
  local t

```

```

n, t = iter(state, n)
while n ~= nil do
    local real_new_value = has_attribute(n, attr)
    local new_value = real_new_value ~= outervalue
        and real_new_value or nil
    if underline_strict_flag[new_value] or not new_value then
        if t == hlist_t then
            add_underline_hbox(n, attr, real_new_value)
        elseif t == vlist_t then
            add_underline_vbox(n, attr, real_new_value)
        end
        n, t = iter(state, n)
    elseif real_new_value <= 0 then
        n, t = iter(state, n)
    else
        local nn
        nn, t = iter(state, n)
        local prev, next = getboth(n)
        setboth(n, nil, nil)
        local shift = getshift(n)
        setshift(n, 0)
        local new_list = hpack((add_underline_hlist(n, attr)))
        setheight(new_list, getheight(n))
        setdepth(new_list, getdepth(n))
        setshift(new_list, shift)
        setlink(prev, new_list, next)
        set_attribute(new_list, attr, 0)
        if n == head then
            head = new_list
        end
        n = nn
    end
end
return head
end
function add_underline_vbox(head, attr, outervalue)
    if outervalue and outervalue <= 0 then return end
    setList(head, add_underline_vlist(getList(head), attr, outervalue))
    set_attribute(head, attr, outervalue and -outervalue or 0)
end
function add_underline_hlist(head, attr, outervalue)
    local max_height, max_depth
    slide(head)
    local last_value
    local first
    local shrink_order, stretch_order
    for n, id, subtype in traverse(head) do
        local real_new_value = has_attribute(n, attr)
        local new_value
        if real_new_value then

```

```

    if real_new_value > 0 then
        set_attribute(n, attr, -real_new_value)
        new_value = real_new_value ~= outervalue
                    and real_new_value or nil
    end
else
    set_attribute(n, attr, 0)
end
if id == hlist_t then
    if underline_strict_flag[new_value]
        or subtype == 3 or not new_value then
        add_underline_hbox(n, attr, real_new_value)
        new_value = nil
    end
elseif id == vlist_t then
    if underline_strict_flag[new_value] or not new_value then
        add_underline_vbox(n, attr, real_new_value)
        new_value = nil
    end
elseif id == kern_t and subtype == 0 then
    local after = getnext(n)
    if after then
        local next_value = has_attribute(after, attr)
        if next_value == outervalue or not next_value then
            new_value = nil
        else
            new_value = last_value
        end
    else
        new_value = last_value
    end
elseif id == glue_t and (
    subtype == 8 or
    subtype == 9 or
    subtype == 15 or
false) then
    new_value = nil
end
if last_value ~= new_value then
    if not stretch_order then
        stretch_order, shrink_order = fil_levels(head)
    end
    if last_value then

```

If the value changed and the old one wasn't nil, then we reached the end of the previous underlined segment and therefore know it's length. Therefore we can finally insert the underline.

Currently both the underline and the corresponding negative glue inherit the attributes from when the underline was defined. This makes sure that these nodes get consistent attributes (avoiding e.g. that only one of the nodes being

picked up in a later pass and therefore interfering with the underlining) and that these are as much as possible under use control.

We can't really predict what the most sensible value for attributes we don't control is, but by using this way any issues should be fixable with by adjusting the context argument.

Currently this block gets duplicated a few lines down for the end of the list. This should get refactored into it's own function, but I have to be careful to handle all the special cases there.

```

    local glue = new_glue_neg_dimensions(first, n,
        stretch_order, shrink_order)
    local w, st, sh = getglue(glue)
    local lead = nodecopy(underline_types[last_value])
    setglue(lead, -w, -st, -sh, stretch_order, shrink_order)
    setattr(glue, getattr(lead))
    if underline_over_flag[last_value] then
        head = insert_before(head, n, glue)
        insert_after(head, glue, lead)
    else
        head = insert_before(head, first, lead)
        insert_after(head, lead, glue)
    end
end
end
if new_value then
    first = n
    local box = getleader(underline_types[new_value])
    if not max_height or getheight(box) > max_height then
        max_height = getheight(box)
    end
    if not max_depth or getdepth(box) > max_depth then
        max_depth = getdepth(box)
    end
end
end
last_value = new_value
end
end
if last_value then
    local glue = new_glue_neg_dimensions(first, nil,
        stretch_order, shrink_order)
    local w, st, sh = getglue(glue)
    local lead = nodecopy(underline_types[last_value])
    setglue(lead, -w, -st, -sh, stretch_order, shrink_order)
    setattr(glue, getattr(lead))
    if underline_over_flag[last_value] then
        insert_before(head, nil, glue)
        insert_after(head, glue, lead)
    else
        head = insert_before(head, first, lead)
        insert_after(head, lead, glue)
    end
end
end

```

```

end
return head, max_height, max_depth
end
function add_underline_hbox(head, attr, outervalue, set_height_depth)
if outervalue and outervalue <= 0 then return end
local new_head, new_height, new_depth
= add_underline_hlist(getList(head), attr, outervalue)
setList(head, new_head)
if set_height_depth then
if new_height and getheight(head) < new_height then
setheight(head, new_height)
end
if new_depth and getdepth(head) < new_depth then
setdepth(head, new_depth)
end
end
set_attribute(head, attr, outervalue and -outervalue or 0)
end
require'pre_append_to_vlist_filter'
luatexbase.add_to_callback('pre_append_to_vlist_filter',
function(b, loc, prev, mirror)
local props = properties[todirect(texnest.top.head)]
props = props and props.luaul_attributes
b = todirect(b)
if loc == "post_linebreak" then
for i = 1, #underlineattrs do
local attr = underlineattrs[i]
local current = props and props[attr] or tex.attribute[attr]
if current == -0x7FFFFFFF then
current = nil
end
add_underline_hbox(b, underlineattrs[i], current, true)
end
else
for i = 1, #underlineattrs do
local attr = underlineattrs[i]
local current = props and props[attr] or tex.attribute[attr]
local b_attr = has_attribute(b, attr)
if b_attr and b_attr ~= current then
local shift = getshift(b)
setshift(b, 0)
b = hpack((add_underline_hlist(b, attr)))
setshift(b, shift)
set_attribute(b, attr, 0)
end
end
end
return tonode(b)
end, 'add underlines to list')
luatexbase.add_to_callback('hpack_filter',

```

```
function(head, group, size, pack, dir, attr)
```

When `hpack_filter` is called as part of an alignment, no attributes are passed. It seems like a bug, but we will just substitute with the current attributes. Since the callbacks are called after the group for the cell ended, these should always be right.

```

    if group == 'align_set' or group == 'fin_row' then
        attr = current_attr()
    end
    head = todirect(head)
    for i = 1, #underlineattrs do
        local ulattr = underlineattrs[i]
        local current
        for n in node.traverse(attr) do
            if n.number == ulattr then
                current = n.value
            end
        end
        head = add_underline_hlist(head, ulattr, current)
    end
    return tonode(head)
end, 'add underlines to list')
luatexbase.add_to_callback('vpack_filter',
function(head, group, size, pack, maxdepth, dir, attr)
%
    if true then return head end
    head = todirect(head)
    for i = 1, #underlineattrs do
        local ulattr = underlineattrs[i]
        local current
        for n in node.traverse(attr) do
            if n.number == ulattr then
                current = n.value
            end
        end
        head = add_underline_vlist(head, ulattr, current)
    end
    return tonode(head)
end, 'add underlines to list')
```

Finally load `lua-ul-patches-preserve-attr`.

```
require'lua-ul-patches-preserve-attr'
```

3.3 \TeX support package

Now only some \LaTeX glue code is still needed First define some messages.

```

\msg_new:nnnn {lua-ul} {luatex-required} {LuaLaTeX-required} {
  Lua-UL-requires-LuaLaTeX.-
  Maybe-you-forgot-to-switch-the-engine-in-your-editor?
}
\msg_new:nnnn {lua-ul} {luacolor-required} {
```



```

Color~support~in~lua~ul~requires~luacolor.
}{
This~error~can~be~fixed~by~adding~\token_to_str:N \usepackage{luacolor}~in~your~preamble.
}

```

Only Lua_{La}T_EX is supported. For other engines we show an error.

```

\sys_if_engine luatex:F {
  \msg_error:nn {lua-ul} {luatex-required}
}
\lua_load_module:n {lua-ul}
%

```

We support some options. Especially `minimal` will disable the predefined commands `\underline` and `\strikeThrough` and allow you to define similar commands with your custom settings instead, `soul` tries to replicate names of the `soul` package.

```

\bool_new:N \l__luaul_predefined_bool
\bool_new:N \l__luaul_soulnames_bool
\bool_set_true:N \l__luaul_predefined_bool
\DeclareOption {minimal} { \bool_set_false:N \l__luaul_predefined_bool }
\DeclareOption {soul} { \bool_set_true:N \l__luaul_soulnames_bool }
\ProcessOptions\relax

```

Just one more tiny helper.

```

\cs_new_protected:Npn \__luaul_maybe_define_use:Nx #1#2 {
  \cs_if_free:NT #1 {
    \cs_gset:Npx #1 {#2}
  }
  #1
}
\cs_generate_variant:Nn \__luaul_maybe_define_use:Nx {c}

```

The default for the context argument. Give that most stuff should scale vertically with the font size, we expect most arguments to be given in `ex`. Additionally especially traditional underlines will use the currently active text color, so especially when `luacolor` is loaded we have to include the color attribute too.

```

\cs_new:Npn \__luaul_default_context: {
  \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n {1ex}
  @
  \cs_if_exist:NT \LuaCol@Attribute {
    \int_use:N \LuaCol@Attribute
  }
}

```

The main macro.

```

\NewDocumentCommand \newunderlinetype
  { E{*}{}} m 0{\__luaul_default_context:} m } {
  \cs_new_protected:Npn #2 {
    \__luaul_maybe_define_use:cx {
      __luaul_set_underline_ \cs_to_str:N #2 _ #3 :
    } {

```

```

\LuaULSetUnderline
\LuaULNewUnderlineType #1 { #4 \hskip Opt }
}
}
}

```

```

\bool_if:NT \l__luaul_predefined_bool {
\msg_new:nmmm {lua-ul} {height-inconsistent} {Specified-height-is-inconsistent-with-specified-top-}
\msg_new:nmmm {lua-ul} {deprecated} {Used-deprecated-command~\token_to_str:N #1'.~Please-replace-}
\cs_new:Npn \__luaul_deprecated:NN #1#2 {
\cs_new_protected:Npn #1 {
\msg_warning:nmmm {lua-ul} {deprecated} {#1} {#2}
\cs_gset_eq:NN #1 #2
#1
}
}
}

```

For `\highLight`, the color should be customizable. There are two cases: If `xcolor` is not loaded, we just accept a simple color name. Otherwise, we accept color as documented in `xcolor` for `PSTricks`: Either a color name, a color expression or a combination of `colormodel` and associated values.

```

\tl_new:N \l__luaul_current_color_tl
\cs_new:Npn \__luaul_set_color_stripe:w \xcolor@ #1#2 {}
\cs_new_protected:Npn \luaul_set_color:n #1 {
\cs_if_free:NTF \XC@getcolor {
\tl_set:Nn \l__luaul_current_color_tl {#1}
} {
\group_begin:
\XC@getcolor {#1} \l_tmpa_tl
\use:e { \group_end:
\tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l__luaul_current_color_tl {
\exp_after:wN \__luaul_set_color_stripe:w \l_tmpa_tl
}
}
}
}
\__luaul_deprecated:NN \luaul@setcolor \luaul_set_color:n
\cs_new_protected:Npn \luaul_apply_color: {
\IfPackageLoadedTF {luacolor} {
\cs_if_free:NTF \XC@getcolor {
\color {\l__luaul_current_color_tl}
}{
\exp_after:wN \XC@undeclaredcolor \l__luaul_current_color_tl
}
}{
\msg_error:nn {lua-ul} {luacolor-required}
}
}
\__luaul_deprecated:NN \luaul@applycolor \luaul_apply_color:
\cs_new:Npn \luaul_context_color: {

```

```

    \l__luaul_current_color_tl
  }
  \cs_new:Npn \l__luaul_default_colored_context: {
    \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n {1ex}
    @
    \luaul_context_color:
  }

```

Now a user-level command to set the default color for highlights.

```

\l_new:N \l__luaul_highlight_color_tl
\l_set:Nn \l__luaul_highlight_color_tl {yellow}
\NewDocumentCommand \LuaULSetHighLightColor {om} {
  \l_set:Nx \l__luaul_highlight_color_tl {
    \IfValueTF {#1} {
      [#1]{#2}
    }{
      #2
    }
  }
}

```

The sizes for the predefined commands are stolen from the “soul” default values.

```

\dim_new:N \l__luaul_top_dim
\dim_new:N \l__luaul_bottom_dim
\dim_new:N \l__luaul_height_dim
\bool_new:N \l__luaul_top_set_bool
\bool_new:N \l__luaul_bottom_set_bool
\bool_new:N \l__luaul_height_set_bool
\bool_new:N \l__luaul_color_set_bool

\keys_define:mn {luaul / generic} {
  top .code:n = {
    \bool_set_true:N \l__luaul_top_set_bool
    \dim_set:Nn \l__luaul_top_dim {#1}
  },
  bottom .code:n = {
    \bool_set_true:N \l__luaul_bottom_set_bool
    \dim_set:Nn \l__luaul_bottom_dim {(#1)*-1}
  },
  height .code:n = {
    \bool_set_true:N \l__luaul_height_set_bool
    \dim_set:Nn \l__luaul_height_dim {#1}
  },
  color .code:n = {
    \bool_set_true:N \l__luaul_color_set_bool
    \luaul_set_color:n {#1}
  },
  textcolor .code:n = {
    \bool_set_false:N \l__luaul_color_set_bool
  },
}

```

```

    textcolor .value_forbidden:n = true,
}

\cs_new:Npn \__luaul_parse_generic_keys:n #1 {
  \bool_set_false:N \l__luaul_top_set_bool
  \bool_set_false:N \l__luaul_bottom_set_bool
  \bool_set_false:N \l__luaul_height_set_bool

  \keys_set:nn {luaul / generic} {#1}

  \bool_if:NTF \l__luaul_bottom_set_bool {
    \bool_if:NTF \l__luaul_top_set_bool {
      \bool_if:NTF \l__luaul_height_set_bool {
        \dim_compare:nNnF { \l__luaul_top_dim + \l__luaul_bottom_dim } = { \l__luaul_height_dim } {
          \msg_error:nn {lua-ul} {height-inconsistent}
        }
      } {
        \dim_set:Nn \l__luaul_height_dim { \l__luaul_top_dim + \l__luaul_bottom_dim }
      }
    } {
      \dim_set:Nn \l__luaul_top_dim { \l__luaul_height_dim - \l__luaul_bottom_dim }
    }
  } {
    \dim_set:Nn \l__luaul_bottom_dim { \l__luaul_height_dim - \l__luaul_top_dim }
  }
}

\newunderlinetype \@@underLine [
  \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n { \l__luaul_top_dim }
  @
  \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n { \l__luaul_bottom_dim }
  @
  \bool_if:NTF \l__luaul_color_set_bool {
    colored @ \luaul_context_color:
  } {
    \cs_if_exist:NT \LuaCol@Attribute {
      \int_use:N \LuaCol@Attribute
    }
  }
] {
  \bool_if:NT \l__luaul_color_set_bool {
    \luaul_apply_color:
  }
  \leaders\vrule height \l__luaul_top_dim depth \l__luaul_bottom_dim
}
\newunderlinetype \@basicUnderLine {
  \leaders \vrule height -.65ex depth .75ex
}

\NewDocumentCommand \@underLine {o} {

```

```

\IfValueTF {#1} {
  \__luaul_parse_generic_keys:n {
    top = -.65ex,
    bottom = -.75ex,
  }
  \__luaul_parse_generic_keys:n {
    #1
  }
  \@@underLine
} {
  \@basicUnderLine
}
}
\NewDocumentCommand \underLine {o +m} {
  \group_begin:
  \@underLine [#1] #2
  \group_end:
}

\newunderlinetype \@@strikeThrough {
  \leaders \vrule height .55ex depth -.45ex
}
\newunderlinetype \@colored@strikeThrough [\__luaul_default_colored_context:] {
  \luaul_apply_color:
  \leaders\vrule height .55ex depth -.45ex
}
\NewDocumentCommand \@strikeThrough {o} {
  \IfValueTF {#1} {
    \luaul_set_color:n {#1}
    \@colored@strikeThrough
  }
  \@@strikeThrough
}
\NewDocumentCommand \strikeThrough {o +m} {
  \group_begin:
  \@strikeThrough[#1] #2
  \group_end:
}

\newunderlinetype \@@highLight [\__luaul_default_colored_context:] {
  \luaul_apply_color:
  \leaders\vrule height 1.75ex depth .75ex
}
\NewDocumentCommand \@highLight {0{\l__luaul_highlight_color_tl}} {
  \luaul_set_color:n {#1}
  \@@highLight
}
\NewDocumentCommand \highLight {0{\l__luaul_highlight_color_tl} +m} {
  \group_begin:
  \@highLight [#1] #2
}

```

```

    \group_end:
  }
  \bool_if:NT \l__luaul_soulnames_bool {
    \cs_new_eq:NN \textul \underline \cs_new_eq:NN \ul \textul
    \cs_new_eq:NN \textst \strikeThrough \cs_new_eq:NN \st \textst
    \cs_new_eq:NN \texthl \highLight \cs_new_eq:NN \hl \texthl
  }
}

```

Finally patch `\reset@font` to ensure that underlines do not propagate into unexpected places.

```

\ifx \reset@font \normalfont
  \let \reset@font \relax
  \DeclareRobustCommand \reset@font {%
    \normalfont
    \LuaULResetUnderline*%
  }
\else
  \MakeRobust \reset@font
  \begingroup
  \expandafter \let
    \expandafter \helper
      \csname reset@font \endcsname
  \expandafter \endgroup
  \expandafter \gdef
    \csname reset@font \expandafter \endcsname
  \expandafter {%
    \helper%
    \LuaULResetUnderline*%
  }
\fi

```

In the output routine, the page box is repacked before `\reset@font` is called, so we have to ensure to reset the attributes before that. This will use some awesome output routine hook as soon as that's in the kernel, until then manual patching it is.

At the time I am writing this the remaining code of the package contains exactly ten times `\expandafter`. Interestingly, that's also exactly the number of `\expandafters` we use here.

```

\output\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
  \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LuaULResetUnderline
  \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter*%
  \expandafter\@firstofone\the\output%
}

```

Change History

0.0.1		Set attributes for negative glue node	3	13
	General: Initial release		3	
0.0.2		Use <code>xparse</code> for all user commands		19
	General: Add command to disable active underlining		10	
	Allow <code>\highLight</code> color customization		18	
	Patch <code>\reset@font</code>		22	
0.0.3		0.1.2 General: Allow <code>long</code> arguments (again)		19
	General: Make streight lines over hboxes		11	
	Use glue instead of kern to allow handling unset lists		11	
0.0.4		0.1.3 General: Correctly detect attributes in alignments		16
	General: Consistently respect height and depth		11	
0.1.0		0.1.4 General: Add <code>lua-ul-patches- preserve-attr</code>		4
	General: Ensure that <code>\everyhbox</code> doesn't interfere with hlist scanning		8	
		Load <code>lua-ul-patches- preserve-attr</code>		16
		Patch <code>\sw@slant</code>		4
0.1.1		0.1.5 General: Better error handling if <code>luacolor</code> is not loaded		18
	General: Make color mechanism more generic		18	
	Optionally color <code>\strikeThrough</code>		19	
	Patch <code>\output</code>		22	
		0.2.0 General: Add keyval for		19
		Move to <code>expl3</code>		16
		0.2.1 General: Reimplement callback patching to be TL 2024 compatible		4