minimalist, write your articles or books in a simple and clear way

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Abstract

minimalist is a series of styles and classes for you to typeset your articles or books in a simple and clear manner. My original intention in designing this series was to write drafts and notes that look simple yet not shabby.

The entire collection includes minimalist.sty, which is the main style shared by all of the following classes; minimart.cls for typesetting articles and minimbook.cls for typesetting books. They compile with any major TFX engine, with native support to English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese (European and Brazilian) and Spanish typesetting via \UseLanguage (see the instruction below for detail).

You can also found einfart and simplivre on CTAN. They are the enhanced version of minimart and minimbook with unicode support. With this, they can access to more beautiful fonts, and also have native support for Chinese, Japanese and Russian typesetting. On the other hand, they need to be compiled with X₂IAT_EX or LuaIAT_EX (not pdfIAT_EX).

This documentation is typeset using minimart. You can think of it as a short introduction and demonstration.

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TIP

Multi-language support, theorem-like environments, draft marks and some other features are provided by the ProjLib toolkit. Here we only briefly discuss how to use it with this document class. For more detailed information, you can refer to the documentation of ProjLib.

/ 1 / Initialization

1.1 How to load it

You can directly use minimart or minimbook as your document class. In this way, you can directly begin writing your document, without having to worry about the configurations.

\documentclass{minimart} or \documentclass{minimbook}

And of course, you can also use the default classes article or book, and load the minimalist package. This way, only the basic styles are set, and you can thus use your preferred fonts and page layout. All the features mentioned in this article are provided.

\usepackage{minimalist}

1.2 Options

minimalist offers the following options:

- The language options EN / english / English, FR / french / French, etc.
 - For the option names of a specific language, please refer to $\langle language name \rangle$ in the next section. The first specified language will be used as the default language.
- draft or fast
 - The option fast enables a faster but slightly rougher style, main differences are:
 - * Use simpler math font configuration;
 - * Do not use hyperref;
 - * Enable the fast mode of ProjLib toolkit.

During the draft stage, it is recommended to use the fast option to speed up compilation. When in fast mode, there will be a watermark "DRAFT" to indicate that you are currently in the draft mode.

- allowbf
 - Allow boldface. When this option is enabled, the main title, the titles of all levels and the names of theorem-like environments will be bolded.
- classical
 - Classic mode. When this option is enabled, the style will become more regular: paragraphs are indented, the use of underlines are reduced, heading styles are changed, and the theorem styles will be much closer to common styles.

allowbf + classical is probably a good choice if you prefer traditional style.

- runin
 - Use the "runin" style for \subsubsection
- puretext or nothms
 - Pure text mode. Does not load theorem-like environments.

- nothmnum
 - Theorem-like environments will not be numbered.

Additionally, minimart and minimbook offers the following options:

- a4paper or b5paper
 - Optional paper size. The default paper size is $7 \text{in} \times 10 \text{in}$.
- palatino, times, garamond, biolinum | useosf
 - Font options. As the name suggest, font with corresponding name will be loaded.
 - The useosf option is used to enable the old-style figures.
- useindent
 - Use paragraph indentation instead of inter-paragraph spacing.

/ 2 / Instructions

Many of the features described next are provided by the ProjLib toolkit. Only the basic usage is mentioned here. For more details, please refer to its user documentation.

2.1 | Language configuration

minimart has multi-language support, including English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese (European and Brazilian) and Spanish. The language can be selected by the following macros:

- \UseLanguage \{\language name\}\} is used to specify the language. The corresponding setting of the language will be applied after it. It can be used either in the preamble or in the main body. When no language is specified, "English" is selected by default.
- \Use0therLanguage $\{\langle language name \rangle\}$ {\language settings to typeset (content). Compared with \UseLanguage, it will not modify the line spacing, so line spacing would remain stable when CJK and Western texts are mixed.

(language name) can be (it is not case sensitive, for example, French and french have the same effect):

- Simplified Chinese: CN, Chinese, SChinese or SimplifiedChinese
- Traditional Chinese: TC, TChinese or TraditionalChinese
- English: EN or English
 - French: FR or French
- German: DE, German or ngerman
- Italian: IT or Italian
 - Portuguese: PT or Portuguese
- Portuguese (Brazilian): BR or Brazilian
- Spanish: ES or Spanish Japanese: JP or Japanese Russian: RU or Russian

In addition, you can also add new settings to selected language:

- \AddLanguageSetting{\languageSettings\rangle}
 - Add (settings) to all supported languages.

- \AddLanguageSetting(\language name\rangle) \{\language settings\rangle\}
- Add $\langle settings \rangle$ to the selected language $\langle language name \rangle$.
- For example, \AddLanguageSetting(German) {\color{orange}} can make all German text
- displayed in orange (of course, one then need to add \AddLanguageSetting{\color{black}}
- }} in order to correct the color of the text in other languages).

2.2 | Theorems and how to reference them

- Environments such as definition and theorem have been pre-defined and can be used directly.
- More specifically, preset environments include: assumption, axiom, conjecture, convention,
- corollary, definition, definition-proposition, definition-theorem, example, exercise,
- fact, hypothesis, lemma, notation, observation, problem, property, proposition, question,
- remark, theorem, and the corresponding unnumbered version with an asterisk * in the name.
- The titles will change with the current language. For example, theorem will be displayed as
- "Theorem" in English mode and "Théorème" in French mode.
- When referencing a theorem-like environment, it is recommended to use $\cref{\langle label \rangle}$. In this way, there is no need to explicitly write down the name of the corresponding environment every time.

EXAMPLE

\begin{definition}[Strange things] \label{def: strange} ...

will produce

Definition 2.1 (Strange things) This is the definition of some strange objects. There is approximately an one-line space before and after the theorem environment, and there will be a symbol to mark the end of the environment.

\cref{def: strange} will be displayed as: Definition 2.1. After using \UseLanguage {French}, a theorem will be displayed as:

Тне́окѐме 2.1 | (Inutile) Un théorème en français.

By default, when referenced, the name of the theorem always matches the language of the context in which the theorem is located. For example, the definition above is still displayed in English in the current French mode: Definition 2.1 and Théorème 2.1. If you want the name of the theorem to match the current context when referencing, you can add regionalref to the global options.

2.3 Define a new theorem-like environment

If you need to define a new theorem-like environment, you must first define the name of the environment in the language to use:

• \NameTheorem[\language name\rangle] \{\language name\rangle}\} \language name\rangle \]

For \(\language\) name\(\rangle\), please refer to the section on language configuration. When \(\language\) name is not specified, the name will be set for all supported languages. In addition, environments with or without asterisk share the same name, therefore, \NameTheorem{ envname*}{...} has the same effect as \NameTheorem{envname}{...}. And then define this environment in one of following five ways: \CreateTheorem*{\((name of environment \) \)} Define an unnumbered environment ⟨name of environment⟩ \CreateTheorem{\(\lambda \) ame of environment \\ \\} – Define a numbered environment ⟨*name of environment*⟩, numbered in order 1,2,3,... • \CreateTheorem{\(\text{name of environment} \) \] [\(\text{numbered like} \)] - Define a numbered environment ⟨name of environment⟩, which shares the counter (numbered like) • \CreateTheorem{\(\text{name of environment} \) \(\text{numbered within} \) > - Define a numbered environment (name of environment), numbered within the counter *(numbered within)* • \CreateTheorem{\(\lame\) of environment\)}(\(\lame\) existed environment\)) \CreateTheorem*{\(\text{name of environment} \) \(\langle \) (\(\langle \) existed environment \(\rangle \)) - Identify $\langle name\ of\ environment \rangle$ with $\langle existed\ environment \rangle$ or $\langle existed\ environment \rangle^*$. – This method is usually useful in the following two situations: 1. To use a more concise name. For example, with \CreateTheorem{thm}(theorem), one can then use the name thm to write theorem. 2. To remove the numbering of some environments. For example, one can remove the numbering of the remark environment with \CreateTheorem{remark}(remark*). TIP This macro utilizes the feature of amsthm internally, so the traditional theoremstyle is also applicable to it. One only needs declare the style before the relevant definitions. Here is an example. The following code: \NameTheorem[EN]{proofidea}{Idea} \CreateTheorem*{proofidea*} \CreateTheorem{proofidea}<subsection> defines an unnumbered environment proofidea* and a numbered environment proofidea (numbered within subsection) respectively. They can be used in English context. The effect is as follows: Idea | The proofidea* environment. Idea 2.3.1 | The proofidea environment.

2.4 | Draft mark

You can use \dnf to mark the unfinished part. For example:

```
• \dnf or \dnf<...>. The effect is: To be finished #1 or To be finished #2:
  The prompt text changes according to the current language. For example, it will be
  displayed as Pas encore fini #3 in French mode.
Similarly, there is \needgraph:
\needgraph or \needgraph<...>. The effect is:
                               A graph is needed here #1
  or
                           A graph is needed here #2: ...
  The prompt text changes according to the current language. For example, in French mode,
  it will be displayed as
                              Il manque une image ici #3
```

2.5 On the title, abstract and keywords

- minimart has both the features of standard classes and that of the $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}\mathcal{S}$ classes.
- Therefore, the title part can either be written in the usual way, in accordance with the standard class article:

```
\title{\langle title \rangle}
\author{\langle author \rangle \land thanks{\langle text \rangle}}
\forall date \{\langle date \rangle\}
\maketitle
\begin{abstract}
       (abstract)
\end{abstract}
\begin{keyword}
       (keywords)
\end{keyword}
```

or written in the way of AMS classes:

```
\title{\langle title \rangle}
\author{\author\}
\t \text{thanks} \{\langle text \rangle\}
\address{\address\}
\ensuremath{\mbox{email}}{\mbox{email}}
\date{\date\}
\keywords{\keywords\}
\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\langle} subjclass \langle \langle subjclass \rangle \rangle}
\begin{abstract}
       ⟨abstract⟩
\end{abstract}
\maketitle
```

The author information can contain multiple groups, written as:

```
\operatorname{author}\{\langle author\ 1\rangle\}
\address{\langle address 1 \rangle}
\ensuremath{\backslash} \operatorname{email} \{\langle email 1 \rangle\}
\author{\langle author 2 \rangle}
\address{\langle address 2\rangle}
\ensuremath{\backslash} email \{\langle email\ 2\rangle\}
```

Among them, the mutual order of \address, \curraddr, \email is not important.

2.6 On the line numbers

- Line numbers can be turned on and off at any time. \linenumbers is used to enable the
- line numbers, and \nolinenumbers is used to disable them. For the sake of beauty, the title,
- table of contents, index and some other elements are not numbered.

2.7 On the footnotes in the title

- In \section or \subsection, if you wish to add footnotes, you can only:
- first write \mbox{\protect\footnotemark},
- then add \footnotetext{...} afterwards.
- This is a disadvantage brought about by the underline decoration of the title.

2.8 On the QED symbols

Since the font in the theorem-like environments is the same as that of the main text, in order to indicate where the environments end, a hollow QED symbol \square is placed at the end of the theorem-like environments. However, if your theorem ends with an equation or list (itemize, enumerate, description, etc.), this symbol cannot be automatically placed in the correct position. In this case, you need to manually add a \quad \quad edhere at the end of your equation or the last entry of your list to make the QED symbol appear at the end of the line.

/ 3 / Known issues

- The font settings are still not perfect.
- Since many features are based on the ProjLib toolkit, minimalist (and hence minimart and minimbook) inherits all its problems. For details, please refer to the "Known Issues" section of the ProjLib documentation.
- The error handling mechanism is incomplete: there is no corresponding error prompt when some problems occur.
- There are still many things that can be optimized in the code.

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Document templates

4.1 | The standard way

If you want to write in the standard way, you can refer to the following example:

```
\documentclass{minimart}
\usepackage{ProjLib} % Load ProjLib toolkit
\UseLanguage{French} % Use French from here
\begin{document}
\title{Le Titre}
\author{Auteur}
\date{\PLdate{2022-04-01}}
\maketitle
\begin{abstract}
    Ceci est un résumé. \dnf<Plus de contenu est nécessaire.>
\end{abstract}
\begin{keyword}
    AAA, BBB, CCC, DDD, EEE
\end{keyword}
\section{Un théorème}
%% Theorem-like environments can be used directly
\begin{theorem}\label{thm:abc}
    Ceci est un théorème.
\end{theorem}
Référence du théorème: \cref{thm:abc}
    % It is recommended to use clever reference
\end{document}
```

If you wish to switch to the standard class later, just replace the first two lines with:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[a4paper,margin=1in]{geometry}
\usepackage[hidelinks]{hyperref}
\usepackage[palatino]{ProjLib} % Load ProjLib toolkit
```

$4.2 \mid \text{The } \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S} \text{ way}$

If you intend to switch to the journal template in the future and thus want to use the writing style as in the AMS classes, you can refer to the following example:

```
\documentclass{minimart}
\usepackage{ProjLib} % Load ProjLib toolkit
\UseLanguage{French} % Use French from here
\begin{document}
\title{Le Titre}
\author{Auteur 1}
\address{Adresse 1}
\email{\href{Courriel 1}{Courriel 1}}
\author{Auteur 1}
\address{Adresse 1}
\email{\href{Courriel 2}{Courriel 2}}
\date{\PLdate{2022-04-01}}
\subjclass{*****}
\keywords{...}
\begin{abstract}
    Ceci est un résumé. \dnf<Plus de contenu est nécessaire.>
\end{abstract}
\maketitle
\section{Première section}
%% Theorem-like environments can be used directly
\begin{theorem}\label{thm:abc}
    Ceci est un théorème.
\end{theorem}
Référence du théorème: \cref{thm:abc}
    % It is recommended to use clever reference
\end{document}
In this way, if you wish to switch to \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}\mathcal{S} class later, just replace the first two lines with:
\documentclass{amsart}
\usepackage[a4paper,margin=1in]{geometry}
\usepackage[hidelinks]{hyperref}
```

\usepackage[palatino]{ProjLib} % Load ProjLib toolkit