

Test the Greek support for Babel

The babel option “greek” activates the support for the Greek language defined in the file “greek.ldf” (source “greek.dtx”).

1 Language Switch

The declaration `\selectlanguage` switches between languages.

Τί φήκες; Ιδών ἐνθέδει ποιῶν ἑλευθέρων τὰς πλησίους Νύμφας στεφανούσσαν, Σώστρατε, ἐρών απῆλθες εὐθύνς·

The macro `\foreignlanguage` sets its second argument in the specified language. This is intended for short text parts like `Βιβλιοθήκη`.

2 Font Encoding

In Greek text parts, the font encoding is automatically set to LGR if an 8-bit TeX engine is used. (See `test-unicode-greek.tex` for usage of `babel-greek` with XeTeX or LuaTeX.)

LGR has Greek characters in the slots reserved in a TeX *standard text font encoding*. This means you need an explicit font encoding change for every Latin letter and some other symbols if the current font encoding is LGR.

The Babel core defines the declaration `\latintext` and the command `\textlatin` to switch to the T1 or OT1 font encoding or typeset the argument using this encoding.

Switching to a font encoding supporting the Greek script is possible without switching the Babel language using the declarations `\greekscript` or `\greektext` (always LGR) and the macros `\ensuregreek` or `\textgreek`. These commands do not start a new paragraph:

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“greek.ldf” has some workarounds, so that macros relying on Latin characters in the “right” positions keep working. We test, that these definitions do not overwrite the selection of pre-composed characters for “copyright” and “registered trade mark” by “textcomp” (try copy and paste from the PDF output):

Greek (LGR): A & Ω, © ® ™, © ® ™
Latin: A & O.

To prevent Roman numerals being typeset in Greek letters we need to adopt the internal LaTeX commands. Note that this may cause errors when roman numerals are used in a situation where the macros need to be expanded:

Greek: i, ii, iii, iv, ..., mcmlxxv I, II, III, IV, ..., MCMLXXV
Latin: i, ii, iii, iv, ..., mcmlxxv I, II, III, IV, ..., MCMLXXV

3 MakeUppercase, MakeLowercase

Capital Greek letters have diacritics (except the dialytika and sub-iota) to the left (instead of above) and drop them in uppercase, e.g. μαΐστρος → ΜΑΪΣΤΡΟΣ.

Upcased letters with diacritics keep the dialytika. This is implemented for all input variants of diacritics with dialytika. (Babel has “composite command” definitions to ensure this also works for accent characters “upcased” to the character No 159.)

Tonos and dasia mark a *hiatus* (break-up of a diphthong) if placed on the first vowel of a diphthong (άι, ἀυ, εί, ἕι, ἄυ, ἔυ, εἴ). A dialytika must be placed on the second vowel if they are dropped: (ΑΪ, ΑΫ, ΕΪ, ΑΪ, ΑΫ, ΕΪ).

άνωλος \mapsto ΑΓΛΟΣ, άνωλος \mapsto ΑΓΛΟΣ, μάινα \mapsto ΜΑΪΝΑ, κέικ, \mapsto ΚΕΪΚ άυπνία \mapsto ΑΓΠΝΙΑ

There are several alternative styles for the capitalized sub-iota.

The following subsections test MakeUppercase and MakeLowercase with all characters defined in lgrenc.dfu:

3.1 Greek and Coptic

Characters of the Greek and Coptic Unicode Block:

„Α. ΕΗΤΟΥΩΝΑΒΓΔΕΖΗΘΙΚΛΜΝΞΟΠΡΣΤΥΦΧΨΩΙΓΩΔΦΛ
Δέξιήναθγδεζηθικλμνξοπρςτυφχψωιτύρδώργτειη

MakeUppercase:

΄. Α· ΕΗΙΟΥΤΩΙΑΒΓΔΕΖΗΘΙΚΛΜΝΞΟΠΡΣΤΥΦΧΨΩΪΫΩΓΔΦΛΑΕΗΙΫΑΒΓΔΕΖΗΘΙΚΛΜΝΞΟΠΡΣΣΤΥΦΧΨΩΪΫΤΩΓΩΓΔΦΛΑ

Letters and sub-iota upcased, other diacritics except dialytika dropped.

There is no capital Koppa in LGR, therefore 'ѣ' is left unchanged with MakeUp-percase.

MakeLowercase:

‘; ’ά·έήίόύώ·αβγδεζηθικλμνξοπρστυφχψωϊϋօՒՓԴՂ
ά·έήինաբγδեզηթիկլմնչոպրստւփχψωϊϋօՒ՞ՓԿՂ

The lowercase of Σ is the «auto-sigma» (`\textautosigma`): $\Sigma\Sigma \mapsto \sigma\varsigma$. Add a ZWNJ or use the `\noboundary` macro to prevent conversion to final sigma: $\sigma\sigma$. The lowercase of GREEK LETTER STIGMA Γ is τ not `\textvarstigma` (ς).

3.2 Greek extended

Characters of the Greek extended Unicode block:

MakeUppercase:

MakeLowercase:

4 Babel Strings

Babel defines macros for several autogenerated strings so that they may appear in the chosen language. babel-greek uses LCRs in order to let the string macros work independent of the font encoding, in both 8-bit and Unicode-aware TeX.

4.1 Captions

Προοίμιον, Ἀναφοραὶ, Περίληψις, Βιβλιογραφία, Κεφάλαιον, Παράρτημα, Περιεχόμενα, Κατάλογος σχημάτων, Κατάλογος πινάκων, Εύρετήριον, Σχῆμα, Πίναξ, Μέρος, Συνημμένως, Κοινοποίησις, Πρὸς, Σελὶς, δρα, δρα ώσαύτως, Ἀπόδειξις, Γλωσσάριον,

4.2 Months

4 Ιανουαρίου 2014
4 Φεβρουαρίου 2014
4 Μαρτίου 2014
4 Απριλίου 2014
4 Μαΐου 2014
4 Τουνίου 2014
4 Ιουλίου 2014
4 Αύγούστου 2014
4 Σεπτεμβρίου 2014
4 Οκτωβρίου 2014
4 Νοεμβρίου 2014
4 Δεκεμβρίου 2014

5 Greek Numerals

See greek.pdf for the formation rules of Greek numerals. Some examples:

α', β', γ', δ', ε', ς', ζ', η', θ', ι', υ', ρ', ς', τμε', φ', αλφζ', βιγ',
Α', Β', Γ', Δ', Ε', Γτ', Ζ', Η', Θ', Ι', ΙΑ', ΙΒ', Κ', ΤΜΕ', Φ', ΑλφΖ', ΒιΓ',
Enumerated lists use Greek numerals in the second and fourth level:

1. Item 1
 - (α') Item 1.1
 - i. Item 1.1.1
 - A'. Item 1.1.1.1
 - B'. Item 1.1.1.2
 - ii. Item 1.1.2