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Some More Commands for Lists of Tokens

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Abstract

domore.sty is a package that enhances dowith.sty's `\DoWith` (without assignments) and `\setdo` commands for applying something (e.g., `\do`) to each item of an "arglist". Each item may consist of two or more arguments for a macro, and some "separator" material may be inserted between the applications to items. A practiced application has been generating inline lists of links that are separated by ' | '. domore.sty is (to some extent) format-independent by means of the plainpkg and stacklet packages.

Related Packages: cf. `dowith.pdf`.

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1 Making domore.sty Available

The domore package is a "plainpkg package" in the sense of the plainpkg [1] documentation that exhibits details of what is summarized here. Therefore:

- It is required that TEX finds `plainpkg.tex` as well as `stackrel.sty` from the catcodes [2] bundle.
- In order to load `domore.sty`, type

  `\usepackage{domore}` within a LATEX document preamble,

  `\RequirePackage{domore}` in a "plainpkg package", or

  `\input␣domore.sty`

  ... or perhaps `\input{`⟨*domore*⟩`.sty}`?

2 Remark on the Style of Code Documentation

In `dowith.pdf`, the documentation of the dowith package, in the section about "TEX's tokens," I have tried to explain the difference between TEX input code and the tokens that arise from it. In order to really understand what packages in the dowith bundle do, one should think of the behaviour of the *tokens*. For convenience however, I may rather fall back into the usual confusion here. After reading the documentation `dowith.pdf` of `dowith.sty`, you may be able to guess successfully what is meant below.

3 Overview of Commands

domore.sty provides a more powerful version of dowith.sty's

`\DoWith{`⟨*repeat*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing`

acting on an "arglist" ⟨*args*⟩ where ⟨*repeat*⟩ may be more complex than with dowith.sty. Based on this, another variant `\DoWithMore` of `\DoWith` is provided where ⟨*repeat*⟩ may be a macro with more than one argument. With LATEX e.g., ⟨*repeat*⟩ may be `\do` defined by

`\setdo[`⟨*digit*⟩`]`⟨*opt*⟩`{`⟨*replace*⟩`}`

an extension of dowith.sty's `\setdo`. Further,

`\DoSeparateWith{`⟨*repeat*⟩`}{`⟨*sep*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing`

inserts "separator material" ⟨*sep*⟩ between the applications of ⟨*repeat*⟩ to the items in ⟨*args*⟩. Another `\DoSeparateWithMore` combines the features of the

[1] `ctan.org/pkg/plainpkg`
[2] `ctan.org/pkg/catcodes`

two previous macros. I have used this with blog.sty from the morehype bundle for generating inline lists of links, separated by something like ‘ | ’, in HTML documents.

As auxiliaries, variants `\@firstsecondoftwo` and `\@secondfirstoftwo` of LaTeX's `\@firstofone` are introduced.

For details, see the comments to the package's code below.

4 Contents of domore.sty

4.1 Package File Header—plainpkg and Legalese

```
1                                                    \input plainpkg
2   \ProvidesPackage{domore}[2012/11/19 v0.3 dowith extended (UL)]
3   %% Copyright (C) 2012 Uwe Lueck,
4   %% http://www.contact-ednotes.sty.de.vu
5   %% -- author-maintained in the sense of LPPL below --
6   %%
7   %% This file can be redistributed and/or modified under
8   %% the terms of the LaTeX Project Public License; either
9   %% version 1.3c of the License, or any later version.
10  %% The latest version of this license is in
11  %%     http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
12  %% We did our best to help you, but there is NO WARRANTY.
13  %%
14  %% Please report bugs, problems, and suggestions via
15  %%
16  %%   http://www.contact-ednotes.sty.de.vu
17  %%
```

4.2 With LaTeX, extend dowith's `\setdo`

The original dowith offers `\setdo{`⟨*do*⟩`}` for defining a one-parameter macro `\do` expanding to ⟨*do*⟩. The present package allows applying a ⟨*digit*⟩-parameter macro (maybe `\do`, ⟨*digit*⟩ being 2, 3, or ...) to a list of "brace groups" where each brace group contains ⟨*digit*⟩ arguments. If LaTeX is present ...

```
18  \ifltx
```

... the following extension

`\setdo[`⟨*digit*⟩`]{`⟨*do*⟩`}]`

of the basic dowith version can be used to define a ⟨*digit*⟩-parameter macro `\do`. You also can equip `\do` with an initial optional argument by

`\setdo[`⟨*digit*⟩`][`⟨*default*⟩`]{`⟨*do*⟩`}]`

The next two moves allow loading the package independently of dowith (overriding its definition of `\setdo`) as well as using the package with a format that has not defined `\do` before. The first parameter of `\do` may even be *optional*.

```
19    \let\setdo\relax \let\do\empty
20    \newcommand*{\setdo}[1][1]{\renewcommand\do[#1]}
21  \fi
```

4.3 Auxiliaries

`\@firstsecondoftwo{`⟨*balanced-1*⟩`}{`⟨*balanced-2*⟩`}` is a variant of LaTeX's `\@firstofone{`⟨*balanced*⟩`}` for *two* arguments. It just removes outer braces from each of the two arguments (provided it has outer braces), resulting in

⟨*balanced-1*⟩⟨*balanced-2*⟩

```
22  \long\def\@firstsecondoftwo#1#2{#1#2}
```

`\@secondfirstoftwo{`⟨*balanced-1*⟩`}{`⟨*balanced-2*⟩`}` *additionally* interchanges the two arguments (after removing braces):

```
23  \long\def\@secondfirstoftwo#1#2{#2#1}
```

Our main application is using it as an extended `\expandafter` before `\fi`:

`\@secondfirstoftwo{`⟨*do*⟩`}\fi`

will expand to

`\fi`⟨*do*⟩

This won't work with `\else` in place of `\fi`.

4.4 Enhanced `\DoWith`

Here comes a more powerful variant of dowith's `\DoWith`. Instead of iterating a single "command" ⟨*cmd*⟩ on an arglist ⟨*args*⟩ by

`\DoWith{`⟨*cmd*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing`

(cf. `dowith.pdf`), the present `\DoWith` can have a more complex first argument. If ⟨*args*⟩ consists of some brace groups the first of which is ⟨*farg*⟩ so that ⟨*args*⟩ is

`{`⟨*farg*⟩`}`⟨*rgs*⟩

—⟨*rgs*⟩ being the remaining arglist—

`\DoWith{`⟨*repeat*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing`

works like

⟨*repeat*⟩`{`⟨*farg*⟩`}\DoWith{`⟨*repeat*⟩`}`⟨*rgs*⟩`\StopDoing`

and so on—a recursive explanation. Or if ⟨*args*⟩ is

`{`⟨*arg-1*⟩`}{`⟨*arg-2*⟩`}`...`{`⟨*arg-n*⟩`}`

(*n* items), the result is like

⟨*repeat*⟩`{`⟨*arg-1*⟩`}`⟨*repeat*⟩`{`⟨*arg-2*⟩`}`...⟨*repeat*⟩`{`⟨*arg-n*⟩`}`

The actual definition is:

```
\def\DoWith#1#2{%
    \ifx\StopDoing#2\empty      %% not \@empty for Plain 2012/11/05
        \else\@secondfirstoftwo{#1{#2}\DoWith{#1}}\fi}
```

In order to **use** the remaining definitions from **dowith together with the present package**, load `dowith.sty` before `domore.sty`.

4.5 Applications of `\DoWith`

`\DoWith` still is somewhat auxiliary. What I have used in practice, are the following definitions.

`\DoMore{`⟨*repeat*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing` with ⟨*args*⟩ as above "unpacks" each arglist item so that ⟨*repeat*⟩ may be a macro with more than one argument—say, ⟨*digit*⟩ arguments. Then ⟨*f-arg*⟩ or ⟨*arg-1*⟩, as well as ⟨*arg-2*⟩ . . . ⟨*arg-n*⟩, should provide an arglist consisting of ⟨*digit*⟩ items.

```
\def\DoWithMore#1{\DoWith{\@firstsecondoftwo{#1}}}
```

Now I use metavariable ⟨*do*⟩ instead of ⟨*repeat*⟩. We consider some "separator" material ⟨*sep*⟩ to be inserted between instances of applying ⟨*do*⟩ to an item of ⟨*args*⟩. We want to get

⟨*do*⟩`{`⟨*arg-1*⟩`}`⟨*sep*⟩⟨*do*⟩`{`⟨*arg-2*⟩`}`⟨*sep*⟩ . . . ⟨*sep*⟩⟨*do*⟩`{`⟨*arg-n*⟩`}`

This is achieved simply by starting with

⟨*do*⟩`{`⟨*farg*⟩`}`

and then proceeding as with

`\DoWith{`⟨*sep*⟩⟨*do*⟩`}`⟨*rgs*⟩`\StopDoing`

And that's what `\DoSeparateWith{`⟨*do*⟩`}{`⟨*sep*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing` does:

```
\def\DoSeparateWith#1#2#3{#1{#3}\DoWith{#2#1}}
```

`\DoSeparateWithMore{`⟨*do*⟩`}{`⟨*sep*⟩`}`⟨*args*⟩`\StopDoing` combines the two previous things, inserting separator material ⟨*sep*⟩ and unpacking the nested arglists:

```
\def\DoSeparateWithMore#1#2{%               %% wieder 2012/06/05
    \DoSeparateWith{\@firstsecondoftwo{#1}}{#2}}
```

My main application is that ⟨*do*⟩ is a link macro with arguments ⟨*target*⟩ and ⟨*text*⟩ and that ⟨*sep*⟩ is ' | ' (or some tie variant) to get a horizontal list of links like

⟨*text-1*⟩ | ⟨*text-2*⟩ | . . . | ⟨*text-n*⟩

4.6 Leaving and History

```
\PopLetterCatAt
\endinput

VERSION HISTORY
v0.1    2012/01/17  developed in ‘texblog.fdf’
                    (using \[re]newcommand*)
v0.2    2012/08/07  own file ‘domore.sty’, \def’s only
        2012/08/08  dealing with "more" \setdo
v0.3    2012/11/05  using ‘plainpkg’; removing old % code
                    (see stored v0.2); auxiliaries \long
        2012/11/06  doc.: more on \setdo (<digit>, opt. arg.),
                    usage with ‘dowith’ \strong
        2012/11/18  doc.: adjusted for ‘catchdq’; reworking for
                    \DoWith; \DoWithMore, \DoSeparateWith
        2012/11/19  doc.: \DoSeparateWithMore

```