

# The everyhook package<sup>\*</sup>

Stephen Checkoway  
s@cs.ucsd.edu

September 27, 2010

## Abstract

The everyhook package takes control of the six  $\TeX$  token parameters `\everypar`, `\everymath`, `\everydisplay`, `\everyhbox`, `\everyvbox`, and `\everycr`. Real hooks for each of these can be installed using a stack like interface. For compatibility with  $\LaTeX$  standard classes and packages, each of the `\everyX` token lists can be set without interfering with the hooks.

## Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Usage</b>	<b>2</b>
2.1	Manipulating hooks . . . . .	3
<b>3</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Potential pitfalls</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Change History</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>9</b>

## 1 Introduction

$\TeX$  contains nine token parameters, seven of which are inserted into the current list at various times. Quoting from *The  $\TeX$ book*, the seven token parameters of interest are<sup>1</sup>

`\everypar` tokens to insert when a paragraph begins,  
`\everymath` tokens to insert when math in text begins,  
`\everydisplay` tokens to insert when display math begins,

---

<sup>\*</sup>This document corresponds to everyhook v1.0, dated 2010/09/27.

<sup>1</sup>The remaining two token parameters are `\output` and `\errhelp`.

`\everyhbox` tokens to insert when an hbox begins,  
`\everyvbox` tokens to insert when a vbox begins,  
`\everyjob` tokens to insert when the job begins, and  
`\everycr` tokens to insert after every `\cr` or nonredundant `\crr`.

Of these, `\everyjob` is not very useful outside of INITEX and so it won't be considered further.

The remaining six token parameters can be used to great effect. For example, the `\everypar` is used in `\paragraph` to set the title of the paragraph inline allowing constructions like

<pre><code>\paragraph{Paragraph title.}</code></pre> <p>A blank line followed by the rest of the paragraph.</p>	<p><b>Paragraph title.</b> A blank line followed by the rest of the paragraph.</p>
---	--

which work properly rather than starting a new paragraph due to the blank line.

Similarly, `\everymath` and `\everydisplay` are used by the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel to set up math fonts.

Using the T<sub>E</sub>X primitives directly has the major downside that they cannot be used by multiple packages at the same time. Setting `\everypar` overwrites a prior usage. Even if one package is careful and always uses

```
\everypar=\expandafter{\the\everypar new tokens here}
```

so as not to stomp on another's usage, there's no guarantee that the other package will not later set `\everypar={}`.

To get around this, the `everyhook` package takes control of the six `\everyX` primitives listed above and for each one provides a stack like interface for two additional token lists, one to be expanded before the `\everyX` and one to be expanded after. For example,

```
\PushPreHook{hbox}{1}
\PushPreHook{hbox}{2}
\everyhbox={3}
\PushPostHook{hbox}{4}
\PushPostHook{hbox}{5}
```

will cause the insertion of the tokens 21345 at the start of an `\hbox`. Note that `\PushPreHook` adds tokens to the *left* of the list of tokens to appear before those in `\everyhbox` whereas `\PushPostHook` adds tokens to the *right* of the list of tokens to appear after those in `\everyhbox`.

## 2 Usage

The `everyhook` package has no options and so should be loaded using

```
\usepackage{everyhook}
```

or

```
\RequirePackage{everyhook}
```

as required.

## 2.1 Manipulating hooks

There are 12 hooks, a pre and post hook for each of the six token parameters `par`, `math`, `display`, `hbox`, `vbox`, and `cr`. The first argument to all of the macros described in this section must be one of these six. **All hook manipulation is *global*.**

`\PushPreHook`    **Pre hooks.** Additional tokens  $\langle balanced\ text \rangle$  are prepended to the pre hook  $\langle hook \rangle$  using `\PushPreHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }{ $\langle balanced\ text \rangle$ }`. The most recently pushed tokens can be popped off using `\PopPreHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }`.

`\PushPostHook`    **Post hooks.** Additional tokens  $\langle balanced\ text \rangle$  are appended to the post hook  $\langle hook \rangle$  using `\PushPostHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }{ $\langle balanced\ text \rangle$ }`. The most recently pushed tokens can be popped off using `\PopPostHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }`.

`\SavePreHook`    **Saving, restoring, and clearing hooks.** Each of the 12 pre and post hooks can be saved to a macro, restored from a macro, or cleared independently. To save the pre hook  $\langle hook \rangle$  to the macro `\cs`, use `\SavePreHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }{ $\cs$ }`. Restoring is accomplished by `\RestorePreHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }{ $\cs$ }`. To clear all of the tokens in a pre hook use `\ClearPreHook{ $\langle hook \rangle$ }`. The `\SavePostHook`, `\RestorePostHook`, and `\ClearPostHook` are analogous.

## 3 Example

As a nontrivial example of where this package can be used, consider the following example.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{everyhook}
\usepackage{lipsum}

\begin{document}
\setlength{\parindent}{0pt}
\PushPreHook{par}{\llap{\textbullet\enskip}\null}
\paragraph{Lorem ipsum.}
\lipsum[1-4]
\PopPreHook{par}
\end{document}
```

This code will cause each paragraph of the *lorem ipsum* text to have no indentation and instead to place a bullet in the margin. See Figure 1. If `\everypar` were used instead, the `\paragraph` would replace the command to create the bullet with those needed to typeset the paragraph title.

Note that this package is not a panacea. We had to add a `\null` to the `par` hook because `\paragraph` uses `\lastbox` to remove the indentation box. Without the `\null` it ends up removing the box constructed by `\llap` instead.

Using the post `par` hook solves the `\lastbox` problem, but then the bullet is placed to the right of the `\paragraph` title.

- **Lorem ipsum.** Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Ut purus elit, vestibulum ut, placerat ac, adipiscing vitae, felis. Curabitur dictum gravida mauris. Nam arcu libero, nonummy eget, consectetur id, vulputate a, magna. Donec vehicula augue eu neque. Pellentesque habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac turpis egestas. Mauris ut leo. Cras viverra metus rhoncus sem. Nulla et lectus vestibulum urna fringilla ultrices. Phasellus eu tellus sit amet tortor gravida placerat. Integer sapien est, iaculis in, pretium quis, viverra ac, nunc. Praesent eget sem vel leo ultrices bibendum. Aenean faucibus. Morbi dolor nulla, malesuada eu, pulvinar at, mollis ac, nulla. Curabitur auctor semper nulla. Donec varius orci eget risus. Duis nibh mi, congue eu, accumsan eleifend, sagittis quis, diam. Duis eget orci sit amet orci dignissim rutrum.
- Nam dui ligula, fringilla a, euismod sodales, sollicitudin vel, wisi. Morbi auctor lorem non justo. Nam lacus libero, pretium at, lobortis vitae, ultricies et, tellus. Donec aliquet, tortor sed accumsan bibendum, erat ligula aliquet magna, vitae ornare odio metus a mi. Morbi ac orci et nisl hendrerit mollis. Suspendisse ut massa. Cras nec ante. Pellentesque a nulla. Cum sociis natoque penatibus et magnis dis parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. Aliquam tincidunt urna. Nulla ullamcorper vestibulum turpis. Pellentesque cursus luctus mauris.
- Nulla malesuada porttitor diam. Donec felis erat, congue non, volutpat at, tincidunt tristique, libero. Vivamus viverra fermentum felis. Donec nonummy pellentesque ante. Phasellus adipiscing semper elit. Proin fermentum massa ac quam. Sed diam turpis, molestie vitae, placerat a, molestie nec, leo. Maecenas lacinia. Nam ipsum ligula, eleifend at, accumsan nec, suscipit a, ipsum. Morbi blandit ligula feugiat magna. Nunc eleifend consequat lorem. Sed lacinia nulla vitae enim. Pellentesque tincidunt purus vel magna. Integer non enim. Praesent euismod nunc eu purus. Donec bibendum quam in tellus. Nullam cursus pulvinar lectus. Donec et mi. Nam vulputate metus eu enim. Vestibulum pellentesque felis eu massa.
- Quisque ullamcorper placerat ipsum. Cras nibh. Morbi vel justo vitae lacus tincidunt ultrices. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. In hac habitasse platea dictumst. Integer tempus convallis augue. Etiam facilisis. Nunc elementum fermentum wisi. Aenean placerat. Ut imperdiet, enim sed gravida sollicitudin, felis odio placerat quam, ac pulvinar elit purus eget enim. Nunc vitae tortor. Proin tempus nibh sit amet nisl. Vivamus quis tortor vitae risus porta vehicula.

Figure 1: Example output.

Perhaps a better way to solve this problem is to remove the indentation box first, insert the bullet, and then place the box after. In this way, the bullet is always to the left of the paragraph indentation.

```
\PushPreHook{par}{\setbox0=\lastbox
\llap{\textbullet\enskip}\box0}}
```

## 4 Potential pitfalls

As noted in the previous section, it can be tricky to use the `par` hook correctly. This section contains an (almost certainly) incomplete list of pitfalls to watch out for when using `everyhook`.

1. When using the `par` hooks, be aware that TeX will insert a box with the width of `\parindent` before the tokens in the pre hook. One way to handle this is to propagate the box to the right.
2. It is probably not a good idea to use the `hbox` and `vbox` hooks at any place where TeX's output routine is likely to run.
3. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's kernel takes control of the `\everymath` and `\everydisplay` token parameters to make its own adjustments in much the same way this package does. The `trace` package uses the kernel's private macros to insert its own hooks. It is probably best to only use the `post math` and `display` hooks to ensure that the kernel has done what it needs to do before you start typesetting stuff in math mode.
4. When using the `hbox` and `vbox` hooks, any `hbox` or `vbox` that appears in a `\setbox` will have the `\afterassignment` token inserted *before* the hooks. This is no different from TeX's normal behavior with `\afterassignment` and `\everyhbox`/`\everyvbox`.
5. I'm sure there are others.

## 5 Implementation

The package begins with the usual package identification (not shown) and then it loads the etoolbox package. This is not strictly necessary, but it does simplify some stuff and provides handy macros for dealing with control sequence names.

```
1 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
```

`\eh@definehook` This performs all of the setup work for each hook. First, it takes control of  $\TeX$ 's token parameter given in the second argument. Then it shows the name of the primitive with a normal token register (and copies the current definition). The pre and post hooks are defined to be initially empty.

```
2 \def\eh@definehook#1#2{%
3     \cslet{eh@every#1}#2%
4     \newtoks#2%
5     #2\csuse{eh@every#1}%
6     \csdef{eh@pre#1}{}%
7     \csdef{eh@post#1}{}%
}
```

This is slightly tricky to get right. Basically, we want to set the `\everyfoo` primitive which we have saved as `\eh@everyfoo` like

```
\eh@everyfoo={\eh@prefoo\the\expandafter\everyfoo\eh@postfoo}.
```

The reason for the `\expandafter` is to make sure it is expanded before the the token register `\everyfoo` is expanded. Thus if the post hook is empty, then code in `\everyfoo` sees no additional tokens, in case that is important.

```
8     \csuse{eh@every#1}\expandafter{\csname eh@pre#1\expandafter\endcsname
9         \expandafter\the\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter#2%
10        \csname eh@post#1\endcsname}%
11 }
```

`\everypar` Define the hooks for the par hook.

```
12 \eh@definehook{par}\everypar
```

`\frozen@everymath` Define the math and display hooks. Since the  $\LaTeX$  kernel has already saved `\everymath` and `\everydisplay` into the frozen macros, we take control by redefining the frozen ones instead.

```
13 \eh@definehook{math}\frozen@everymath
14 \eh@definehook{display}\frozen@everydisplay
```

`\everyhbox` Define the hbox, vbox, and cr hooks and free up some used memory.

```
\everyvbox 15 \eh@definehook{hbox}\everyhbox
\everycr    16 \eh@definehook{vbox}\everyvbox
            17 \eh@definehook{cr}\everycr
            18 \undef\eh@definehook
```

`\eh@hookseparator` An separator used to separate tokens in each hook.

```
19 \def\eh@hookseparator{}
```

`\eh@checkhook` Check that the hook is one of the six.

```
20 \def\eh@checkhook#1#2{%
21     \ifcsdef{eh@every#1}{ }\PackageError{everyhook}{Argument #1 to
```

```

22      \protect#2\space is invalid}{There is no hook for
23      \protect\every#1.}}%
24 }

```

`\eh@checkhooknotempty` Check that the hook is both defined and not empty so that we can pop.

```

25 \def\eh@checkhooknotempty#1#2#3{%
26     \eh@checkhook{#2}#3%
27     \ifcseempty{eh@#1#2}{\PackageError{everyhook}{The #1 hook for
28     \protect\every#2\space is empty}{I have seen too many
29     \protect#3{#2}s.}}}%
30 }

```

`\PushPreHook` Prepend tokens to the pre hook, separated via the separator.

```

31 \newrobustcmd\PushPreHook[2]{%
32     \eh@checkhook{#1}\PushPreHook
33     \def\eh@temp{#2}%
34     \letcs\eh@temp{i}{eh@pre#1}%
35     \expandafter\gdef\csname eh@pre#1\expandafter\expandafter
36         \expandafter\endcsname\expandafter\expandafter
37         \expandafter{\expandafter\eh@temp\expandafter
38             \eh@hookseparator\eh@temp}%
39     \undef\eh@temp
40     \undef\eh@temp{i}
41 }

```

`\PopPreHook` Check that the hook is not empty, and then pop off the left tokens and separator. We can  
`\eh@popprehook` use delimited parameters to strip off the first set of tokens.

```

42 \newrobustcmd\PopPreHook[1]{%
43     \eh@checkhooknotempty{pre}{#1}\PopPreHook
44     \expandafter\eh@popprehook\csname eh@pre#1\expandafter
45         \expandafter\expandafter\endcsname
46         \csname eh@pre#1\endcsname\eh@hookend
47 }
48 \def\eh@popprehook#1#2\eh@hookseparator#3\eh@hookend{\gdef#1{#3}}

```

`\PushPostHook` Append a separator and tokens to the post hook.

```

49 \newrobustcmd\PushPostHook[2]{%
50     \eh@checkhook{#1}\PushPostHook
51     \letcs\eh@temp{i}{eh@post#1}%
52     \expandafter\gdef\csname eh@post#1\expandafter\endcsname
53         \expandafter{\eh@temp\eh@hookseparator#2}%
54     \undef\eh@temp
55 }

```

`\PopPostHook` Check that the post hook is not empty. Then, iterate over the tokens in the list until we  
`\eh@popposthook` reach the end and strip that off.

```

\eh@sentinel 56 \newrobustcmd\PopPostHook[1]{%
57     \eh@checkhooknotempty{post}{#1}\PopPostHook
58     \letcs\eh@temp{i}{eh@post#1}%
59     \expandafter\eh@popposthook\csname eh@post#1\expandafter
60         \endcsname\expandafter{\expandafter}\eh@temp
61         \eh@hookend\eh@hookseparator\eh@sentinel\eh@hookend

```

```

62         \undef\eh@temp i
63 }
64 \def\eh@poppo sthook#1#2\eh@hookseparator#3\eh@hookseparator#4\eh@hookend{%
65     \def\eh@temp i{#4}%
66     \ifdefequal\eh@sentinel\eh@temp i%
67         {\gdef#1{#2}\undef\eh@temp i}%
68         {\eh@poppo sthook#1{#2\eh@hookseparator#3}\eh@hookseparator#4\eh@hookend}%
69 }
70 \def\eh@sentinel{\eh@sentinel}

\ClearPreHook Reset the pre/post hook to empty.
\ClearPostHook
71 \newrobustcmd\ClearPreHook[1]{%
72     \eh@checkhook{#1}\ClearPreHook
73     \global\csdef{eh@pre#1}{}%
74 }
75 \newrobustcmd\ClearPostHook[1]{%
76     \eh@checkhook{#1}\ClearPostHook
77     \global\csdef{eh@post#1}{}%
78 }

\SavePreHook \let the hook to the supplied control sequence to save. Perform the \let in the other
\SavePostHook direction to restore.
\RestorePreHook
\RestorePostHook
79 \newrobustcmd\SavePreHook[2]{%
80     \eh@checkhook{#1}\SavePreHook
81     \letcs#2{eh@pre#1}%
82 }
83 \newrobustcmd\SavePostHook[2]{%
84     \eh@checkhook{#1}\SavePostHook
85     \letcs#2{eh@post#1}%
86 }
87 \newrobustcmd\RestorePreHook[2]{%
88     \eh@checkhook{#1}\RestorePreHook
89     \global\cslet{eh@pre#1}#2%
90 }
91 \newrobustcmd\RestorePostHook[2]{%
92     \eh@checkhook{#1}\RestorePostHook
93     \global\cslet{eh@post#1}#2%
94 }
95 \endinput

```

## Change History

v1.0

General: Initial version . . . . . 6