

# glossaries-extra.sty v1.02: an extension to the glossaries package

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## Abstract

The glossaries-extra package is an extension to the glossaries package, providing additional features. Some of the features provided by this package are only available with glossaries version 4.19 (or above). This document assumes familiarity with the glossaries package.

Since glossaries-extra internally loads the glossaries package, you also need to have glossaries installed and all the packages that glossaries depends on (including, but not limited to, tracklang, mfirstuc, etoolbox, xkeyval (at least version dated 2006/11/18), textcase, xfor, datatool-base and amsgen. These packages are all available in the current T<sub>E</sub>X Live and MikT<sub>E</sub>X distributions. If any of them are missing, please update your T<sub>E</sub>X distribution using your update manager. (For help on this see, for example, [How do I update my T<sub>E</sub>X distribution?](#) or [Updating T<sub>E</sub>X on Linux](#).)

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# 1 Introduction

The glossaries package is a flexible package, but it's also a heavy-weight package that uses a lot of resources. As package developer, I'm caught between those users who complain about the drawbacks of a heavy-weight package with a large user manual and those users who want more features (which necessarily adds to the package weight and manual size).

The glossaries-extra package is an attempt to provide a compromise for this conflict. Version 4.22 of the glossaries package is the last version to incorporate new features.<sup>1</sup> Future versions of glossaries will just be bug fixes. New features will instead be added to glossaries-extra. This means that the base glossaries package won't increase in terms of package loading time and allocation of resources, but those users who do want extra features available will have more of a chance of getting their feature requests accepted.

## 1.1 Package Defaults

I'm not happy with some of the default settings assumed by the glossaries package, and, judging from code I've seen, other users also seem unhappy with them, as certain package options are often used in questions posted on various sites. I can't change the default behaviour of glossaries as it would break backward compatibility, but since glossaries-extra is a separate package, I have decided to implement some of these commonly-used options by default. You can switch them back if they're not appropriate.

The new defaults are:

- `toc=true` (add the glossaries to the table of contents). Use `toc=false` to switch this back off.
- `nopostdot=true` (suppress the terminating full stop after the description in the glossary). Use `nopostdot=false` to restore the terminating full stop (period).
- `noredefwarn=true` (suppress warnings when the `theglossary` environment and `\printglossary` are redefined while glossaries is loading). To restore the warnings, use `noredefwarn=false`. Note that this won't have any effect if the glossaries package has already been loaded before you use the glossaries-extra package.
- If `babel` has been loaded, the `translate=babel` option is switched on. To revert to using the translator interface, use `translate=true`. There is no change to the default if `babel` hasn't been loaded.

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<sup>1</sup>4.21 was originally intended as the last release of glossaries to incorporate new features, but a few new minor features slipped in with some bug fixes in v4.21.

Examples:

1. `\documentclass{article}`  
`\usepackage{glossaries-extra}`

This is like:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[toc,nopostdot]{glossaries}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
```

2. `\documentclass[british]{article}`  
`\usepackage{babel}`  
`\usepackage{glossaries-extra}`

This is like:

```
\documentclass[british]{article}
\usepackage{babel}
\usepackage[toc,nopostdot,translate=babel]{glossaries}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
```

3. `\documentclass{memoir}`  
`\usepackage{glossaries-extra}`

This is like:

```
\documentclass{memoir}
\usepackage[toc,nopostdot,noredefwarn]{glossaries}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
```

*However*

```
\documentclass{memoir}
\usepackage{glossaries}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
```

This is like:

```
\documentclass{memoir}
\usepackage[toc,nopostdot]{glossaries}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
```

Since by the time `glossaries-extra` has been loaded, `glossaries` has already redefined `memoir`'s glossary-related commands.

Another noticeable change is that by default `\printglossary` will now display information text in the document if the external glossary file doesn't exist. This is explanatory text to help new users who can't work out what to do next to complete the document build. Once

the document is set up correctly and the external files have been generated, this text will disappear.

This change is mostly likely to be noticed by users with one or more redundant empty glossaries who ignore transcript messages, explicitly use `makeindex/xindy` on just the non-empty glossary (or glossaries) and use the iterative `\printglossaries` command instead of `\printglossary`. For example, consider the following:

```
\documentclass{article}

\usepackage[acronym]{glossaries}

\makeglossaries

\newacronym{laser}{laser}{light amplification by stimulated
emission of radiation}

\begin{document}

\gls{laser}

\printglossaries

\end{document}
```

The above document will only display the list of acronyms at the place where `\printglossaries` occurs. However it will also attempt to input the `.gls` file associated with the main glossary.

If you use `makeglossaries`, you'll get the warning message:

```
Warning: File 'test.glo' is empty.
Have you used any entries defined in glossary 'main'?
Remember to use package option 'nomain' if you
don't want to use the main glossary.
```

(where the original file is called `test.tex`) but if you simply call `makeindex` directly to generate the `.acr` file (without attempting to create the `.gls` file) then the transcript file will always contain the message:

```
No file test.gls.
```

This doesn't occur with `makeglossaries` as it will create the `.gls` file containing the single command `\null`.

If you simply change from `glossaries` to `glossaries-extra` in this document, you'll find a change in the resulting PDF if you don't use `makeglossaries` and you only generate the `.acr` file with `makeindex`.

The transcript file will still contain the message about the missing `.gls`, but now you'll also see information in the actual PDF document. The simplest remedy is to follow the advice inserted into the document at that point, which is to add the `nomain` package option:

```
\documentclass{article}
```

```

\usepackage[nomain,acronym]{glossaries-extra}

\makeglossaries

\newacronym{laser}{laser}{light amplification by stimulated
emission of radiation}

\begin{document}

\gls{laser}

\printglossaries

\end{document}

```

## 1.2 New or Modified Package Options

If you haven't already loaded glossaries, you can use any of the package options provided by glossaries when you load glossaries-extra and they will automatically be passed to glossaries (which glossaries-extra will load). If glossaries has already been loaded, then those options will be passed to `\setupglossaries`, but remember that not all of the glossaries package options may be used in that command.

In addition to those options recognised by glossaries, there are some new ones provided by glossaries-extra:

**accsupp** Load the glossaries-accsupp package (if not already loaded).

If you want to define styles that can interface with the accessibility support provided by glossaries-accsupp use the `\glsaccess<xxx>` type of commands instead of `\glsentry<xxx>` (for example, `\glsaccessstext` instead of `\glsentrytext`). If glossaries-accsupp hasn't been loaded those commands are equivalent (for example, `\glsaccessstext` just does `\glsentrytext`) but if it has been loaded, then the `\glsaccess<xxx>` commands will add the accessibility information. (See Section 8.2 for further details.)

Note that the accsupp option can only be used as a package option (not through `\glossariesextrasetup`) since the glossaries-accsupp package must be loaded before glossaries-extra if it's required.

**stylemods** This is a `<key>=<value>` option used to load the glossaries-extra-stylemods package. The value may be a comma-separated list of options to pass to that package. (Remember to group `<value>` if it contains any commas.) The value may be omitted if no options need to be passed. See Section 1.3.6 for further details.

**undefaction** This is a `<key>=<value>` option, which has two allowed values: warn and error. This indicates what to do if an undefined glossary entry is referenced. The default be-

haviour is `undefaction=error`, which produces an error message (the default for glossaries). You can switch this to a warning message (and `??` appearing in the text) with `undefaction=warn`.

**docdef** This is a boolean option, which indicates whether or not it's permitted for the command `\newglossaryentry` to be used in the document environment. The glossaries package allows `\newglossaryentry` within the document environment (when used with `makeindex` or `xindy`) but the user manual warns against this usage. By default the glossaries-extra package *prohibits* this, only allowing definitions within the preamble. If you are really determined to define entries in the document environment, despite all the associated drawbacks, you can restore this with `docdef=true`. Note that this doesn't change the prohibitions that the glossaries package has in certain circumstances (for example, when using “option 1”). See the glossaries user manual for further details.

This option affects commands that internally use `\newglossaryentry`, such as `\newabbreviation`, but not the “on-the-fly” commands described in Section 7.

**nomissingglstext** This is a boolean option. If true, this will suppress the warning text that will appear in the document if the external glossary files haven't been generated due to an incomplete document build. However, it's probably simpler just to fix whatever has caused the failure to build the external file or files.

**indexcrossrefs** This is a boolean option. If true, this will automatically index any cross-referenced entries that haven't been marked as used at the end of the document. Note that this necessarily adds to the overall document build time, especially if you have defined a large number of entries, so this defaults to false, but it will be automatically switched on if you use the `see` key in any entries. To force it off, even if you use the `see`, you need to explicitly set `indexcrossrefs` to false.

**abbreviations** This option has no value and can't be cancelled. If used, it will automatically create a new glossary with the label `abbreviations` and redefines `\glxtrabbrvtype` to this label. In addition, it defines a shortcut command

`\printabbreviations`

```
\printabbreviations[<options>]
```

which is equivalent to

```
\printglossary[type=\glxtrabbrvtype,<options>]
```

The title of the new glossary is given by

`\abbreviationsname`

```
\abbreviationsname
```



If this command is already defined, it's left unchanged. Otherwise it's defined to “Abbreviations” if babel hasn't been loaded or `\acronymname` if babel has been loaded. However, if you're using babel it's likely you will need to change this. (See Section 10 for further details.)

If you don't use the abbreviations package option, the `\abbreviationsname` command won't be defined (unless it's defined by an included language file).

If the abbreviations option is used and the acronym option provided by the glossaries package hasn't been used, then `\acronymtype` will be set to `\glstrabbrvtype` so that acronyms defined with `\newacronym` can be added to the list of abbreviations. If you want acronyms in the main glossary and other abbreviations in the abbreviations glossary then you will need to redefine `\acronymtype` to main:

```
\renewcommand*{\acronymtype}{main}
```

Note that there are no analogous options to the glossaries package's `acronymlists` option (or associated commands) as the abbreviation mechanism is handled differently with `glossaries-extra`.

**symbols** This is passed to glossaries but will additionally define

`\glstrnewsymbol`

```
\glstrnewsymbol[\langle options \rangle]{\langle label \rangle}{\langle symbol \rangle}
```

which is equivalent to

```
\newglossaryentry{\langle label \rangle}{name={\langle symbol \rangle},  
sort={\langle label \rangle},type=symbols,category=symbol,\langle options \rangle}
```

Note that the sort key is set to the `\langle label \rangle` not the `\langle symbol \rangle` as the symbol will likely contain commands.

**numbers** This is passed to glossaries but will additionally define

`\glstrnewnumber`

```
\glstrnewnumber[\langle options \rangle]{\langle number \rangle}
```

which is equivalent to

```
\newglossaryentry{\langle label \rangle}{name={\langle number \rangle},  
sort={\langle label \rangle},type=numbers,category=number,\langle options \rangle}
```

**shortcuts** Unlike the glossaries package option of the same name, this option isn't boolean but has multiple values:

- `shortcuts=acronyms` (or `shortcuts=acro`): set the shortcuts provided by the glossaries package for acronyms (such as `\ac`).
- `shortcuts=abbreviations` (or `shortcuts=abbr`): set the abbreviation shortcuts provided by glossaries-extra. (See Section 2.3.) These settings don't switch on the acronym shortcuts provided by the glossaries package.
- `shortcuts=other`: set the “other” shortcut commands, but not the shortcut commands for abbreviations or the acronym shortcuts provided by glossaries. The “other” shortcuts are:
  - `\newentry` equivalent to `\newglossaryentry`
  - `\newsym` equivalent to `\glstrnewsymbol` (see the symbols option).
  - `\newnum` equivalent to `\glstrnewnumber` (see the numbers option).
- `shortcuts=all` (or `shortcuts=true`): define all the shortcut commands.
- `shortcuts=none` (or `shortcuts=false`): don't define any of the shortcut commands (default).

Note that multiple invocations of the shortcuts option *within the same option list* will override each other.

After the glossaries-extra package has been loaded, you can set available options using

`\glossariesextrasetup`

`\glossariesextrasetup{<options>}`

The abbreviations option may only be used in the preamble.

## 1.3 Modifications to Existing Commands or Styles

The commands used by glossaries to automatically produce an error if an entry is undefined (such as `\glsdoifexists`) are changed to take the undefaction option into account.

The `\newglossaryentry` command has a new key called `category`, which sets the category label for the given entry. By default this is `general`. See Section 4 for further information about categories.

The `\newterm` command (defined through the index package option) is modified so that the category defaults to `index`. The `\newacronym` command is modified to use the new abbreviation interface provided by glossaries-extra. (See Section 2.)

### 1.3.1 Entry Indexing

The glossaries-extra package provides an extra key for commands like `\gls` and `\glstext` called `noindex`. This is a boolean key. If true, this suppresses the indexing. (That is, it prevents

`\gls` or whatever from adding a line to the external glossary file.) This is more useful than the `indexonlyfirst` package option provided by `glossaries`, as the **first use** might not be the most pertinent use. (If you want to apply `indexonlyfirst` to selected entries, rather than all of them, you can use the `indexonlyfirst` attribute, see Section 4 for further details.) Note that the `noindex` key isn't available for `\glsadd` (and `\glsaddall`) since the whole purpose of that command is to index an entry.

There is a new hook that's used each time indexing information is written to the external glossary files:

`\glstrdowrglossaryhook`

```
\glstrdowrglossaryhook{<label>}
```

where `<label>` is the entry's label. This does nothing by default but may be redefined. (See, for example, the accompanying sample file `sample-indexhook.tex`, which uses this hook to determine which entries haven't been indexed.)

The value of the `see` key is now saved as a field. This isn't the case with `glossaries`, where the `see` attribute is simply used to directly write a line to the corresponding glossary file and is then discarded. This is why the `see` key can't be used before `\makeglossaries` (since the file hasn't been opened yet). It's also the reason why the `see` key doesn't have any effect when used in entries that are defined in the document environment. Since the value isn't saved, it's not available when the `.glsdefs` file is created at the end of the document and so isn't available at the start of the document environment on the next run.

This modification allows `glossaries-extra` to provide

`\glstraddallcrossrefs`

```
\glstraddallcrossrefs
```

which is used at the end of the document to automatically add any unused cross-references unless the package option `indexcrossrefs` was set to `false`.

As a by-product of this enhancement, the `see` key will now work for entries defined in the document environment, but it's still best to define entries in the preamble, and the `see` key still can't work before the file has been opened by `\makeglossaries`.

### 1.3.2 Entry Display Style Modifications

Recall from the `glossaries` package that commands such as `\gls` display text at that point in the document (optionally with a hyperlink to the relevant line in the glossary). This text is referred to as the “**link-text**” regardless of whether or not it actually has a hyperlink. The actual text and the way it's displayed depends on the command used (such as `\gls`) and the entry format.

The default entry format (`\glentryfmt`) used in the link-text by commands like `\gls` (but not commands like `\glstext`) is changed by `glossaries-extra` to test for regular entries, which are determined as follows:

- If an entry is assigned to a category that has the regular attribute set (see Section 4), the entry is considered a regular entry, even if it has a value for the short key. In this case `\glentryfmt` uses `\glsgenentryfmt` (provided by glossaries), which uses the first (or firstplural) value on **first use** and the text (or plural) value on subsequent use.
- An entry that doesn't have a value for the short key is assumed to be a regular entry, even if the regular attribute isn't set to "true" (since it can't be an abbreviation without the short form). In this case `\glentryfmt` uses `\glsgenentryfmt`.
- If an entry does has a value for the short key and hasn't been marked as a regular entry through the regular attribute, it's not considered a regular entry. In this case `\glentryfmt` uses `\glstrgenabbrvfmt` (defined by glossaries-extra) which is governed by the abbreviation style (see Section 2.2).

This means that entries with a short form can be treated as regular entries rather than abbreviations if it's more appropriate for the desired style.

The `\glspostlinkhook` provided by the glossaries package to insert information after the **link-text** produced by commands like `\gls` and `\glstext` is redefined to

`\glstrpostlinkhook`

```
\glstrpostlinkhook
```

This command will discard a following full stop (period) if the `discardperiod` attribute is set to "true" for the current entry's category. It will also do

`\glstrpostlink`

```
\glstrpostlink
```

if a full stop hasn't be discarded and

`\glstrpostlinkendsentence`

```
\glstrpostlinkendsentence
```

if a full stop has been discarded.

By default `\glstrpostlink` just does `\glstrpostlink<category>` if it exists, where `<category>` is the category label for the current entry. (For example, for the general category, `\glstrpostlinkgeneral` if it has been defined.)

The sentence-ending hook is slightly more complicated. If the command `\glstrpostlink<category>` is defined the hook will do that and then insert a full stop with the space factor adjusted to match the end of sentence. If `\glstrpostlink<category>` hasn't been defined, the space factor is adjusted to match the end of sentence. This means that if you have, for example, an entry that ends with a full stop, a redundant following full stop will be discarded and the space factor adjusted (in case the entry is in uppercase) unless the entry is followed by additional material, in which case the following full stop is no longer redundant and needs to be reinserted.

There are some convenient commands you might want to use when customizing the post-link-text category hooks:

`\glxtrpostlinkAddDescOnFirstUse`

```
\glxtrpostlinkAddDescOnFirstUse
```

This will add the description in parentheses on **first use**.

For example, suppose you want to append the description in parentheses on first use for entries in the symbol category:

```
\newcommand*{\glxtrpostlinksymbol}{%  
  \glxtrpostlinkAddDescOnFirstUse  
}
```

`\glxtrpostlinkAddSymbolOnFirstUse`

```
\glxtrpostlinkAddSymbolOnFirstUse
```

This will append the symbol (if defined) in parentheses on first use.

If you want to provide your own custom format be aware that you can't use `\ifglused` within the post-link-text hook as by this point the **first use flag** will have been unset. Instead you can use

`\glxtrifwasfirstuse`

```
\glxtrifwasfirstuse{<true>}{<false>}
```

This will do `<true>` if the last used entry was the first use for that entry, otherwise it will do `<false>`. (Requires at least glossaries v4.19 to work properly.) This command is locally set by commands like `\gls`, so don't rely on it outside of the post-link-text hook.

Note that commands like `\glsfirst` and `\glxtrfull` fake first use for the benefit of the post-link-text hooks by setting `\glxtrifwasfirstuse` to `\@firstoftwo`. (Although, depending on the styles in use, they may not exactly match the text produced by `\gls`-like commands on first use.) However, the `postfootnote` style alters `\glxtrfull` so that it fakes non-first use otherwise the inline full format would include the footnote, which is inappropriate.

For example, if you want to place the description in a footnote after the link-text on first use for the general category:

```
\newcommand*{\glxtrpostlinkgeneral}{%  
  \glxtrifwasfirstuse{\footnote{\glsentrydesc{\glslabel}}}{}%  
}
```

The `postfootnote` abbreviation style uses the post-link-text hook to place the footnote after trailing punctuation characters.

You can set the default options used by `\glslink`, `\gls` etc with:

`\GlsXtrSetDefaultGlsOpts`

```
\GlsXtrSetDefaultGlsOpts{<options>}
```

For example, if you mostly don't want to index entries then you can do:

```
\GlsXtrSetDefaultGlsOpts{noindex}
```

and then use, for example, `\gls[noindex=false]{sample}` when you actually want the location added to the **number list**. These defaults may be overridden by other settings (such as category attributes) in addition to any settings passed in the option argument of commands like `\glslink` and `\gls`.

Note that if you don't want *any* indexing, just omit `\makeglossaries` and `\printglossaries` (or analogous commands).

Commands like `\gls` have star (\*) and plus (+) modifiers as a short cut for `hyper=false` and `hyper=true`. The `glossaries-extra` package provides a way to add a third modifier, if required, using

`\GlsXtrSetAltModifier`

```
\GlsXtrSetAltModifier{<char>}{<options>}
```

where `<char>` is the character used as the modifier and `<options>` is the default set of options (which may be overridden). Note that `<char>` must be a single character (not a UTF-8 character, unless you are using `XYLaTeX` or `LuaXLaTeX`).

When choosing the character `<char>` take care of any changes in category code.

Example:

```
\GlsXtrSetAltModifier{!}{noindex}
```

This means that `\gls!{sample}` will be equivalent to `\gls[noindex]{sample}`. It's not possible to mix modifiers. For example, if you want to do

```
\gls[noindex,hyper=false]{sample}
```

you can use `\gls*[noindex]{sample}` or `\gls![hyper=false]{sample}` but you can't combine the \* and ! modifiers.

### 1.3.3 Entry Counting Modifications

The `\glsenableentrycount` command is modified to allow for the `entrycount` attribute. This means that you not only need to enable entry counting with `\glsenableentrycount`, but you also need to set the appropriate attribute (see Section 4).

For example, instead of just doing:

```
\glsenableentrycount
```

you now need to do:

```
\glsenableentrycount
\glssetcategoryattribute{abbreviation}{entrycount}{1}
```

This will enable the entry counting for entries in the abbreviation category, but any entries assigned to other categories will be unchanged.

Further information about entry counting, including the new per-unit feature, is described in [Section 5](#).

### 1.3.4 Nested Links

Complications arise when you use `\gls` in the value of the name field (or text or first fields, if set). This tends to occur with abbreviations that extend other abbreviations. For example, SHTML is an abbreviation for SSI enabled HTML, where SSI is an abbreviation for Server Side Includes and HTML is an abbreviation for Hypertext Markup Language.

Things can go wrong if we try the following with the glossaries package:

```
\newacronym{ssi}{SSI}{Server Side Includes}
\newacronym{html}{HTML}{Hypertext Markup Language}
\newacronym{shtml}{S\gls{html}}{\gls{ssi} enabled \gls{html}}
```

The main problems are:

1. The first letter upper casing commands, such as `\Gls`, won't work for the `shtml` entry on **first use** if the long form is displayed before the short form (which is the default abbreviation style). This will attempt to do

```
\gls{\uppercase ssi} enabled \gls{html}
```

which just doesn't work. Grouping the `\gls{ssi}` doesn't work either as this will effectively try to do

```
\uppercase{\gls{ssi}} enabled \gls{html}
```

This will upper case the label `ssi` so the entry won't be recognised. This problem will also occur if you use the all capitals version, such as `\GLS`.

2. The long and abbreviated forms accessed through `\glsentrylong` and `\glsentryshort` are no longer expandable and so can't be used in contexts that require this, such as PDF bookmarks.
3. The nested commands may end up in the sort key, which will confuse the indexing.
4. The `shtml` entry produces inconsistent results depending on whether the `ssi` or `html` entries have been used. Suppose both `ssi` and `html` are used before `shtml`. For example:

This section discusses `\gls{ssi}`, `\gls{html}` and `\gls{shtml}`.

This produces:

This section discusses server side includes (SSI), hypertext markup language (HTML) and SSI enabled HTML (SHTML).

So the **first use** of the shtml entry produces “SSI enabled HTML (SHTML)”.

Now let’s suppose the html entry is used before the shtml but the ssi entry is used after the shtml entry, for example:

The sample files are either `\gls{html}` or `\gls{shtml}`, but let’s first discuss `\gls{ssi}`.

This produces:

The sample files are either hypertext markup language (HTML) or server side includes (SSI) enabled HTML (SHTML), but let’s first discuss SSI.

So the first use of the shtml entry now produces “server side includes (SSI) enabled HTML (SHTML)”, which looks a bit strange.

Now let’s suppose the shtml entry is used before (or without) the other two entries:

This article is an introduction to `\gls{shtml}`.

This produces:

This article is an introduction to server side includes (SSI) enabled hypertext markup language (HTML) (SHTML).

So the first use of the shtml entry now produces “server side includes (SSI) enabled hypertext markup language (HTML) (SHTML)”, which is even more strange.

This is all aggravated by setting the style using the glossaries package’s `\setacronymstyle`. For example:

```
\setacronymstyle{long-short}
```

as this references the label through the use of `\glslabel` when displaying the long and short forms, but this value changes with each use of `\gls`, so instead of displaying “(SHTML)” at the end of the first use, it now displays “(HTML)”, since `\glslabel` has been changed to `html` by `\gls{html}`.

Another oddity occurs if you reset the `html` entry between uses of the `shtml` entry. For example:

```
\gls{shtml} ... \glsreset{html}\gls{shtml}
```

The next use of `shtml` produces “Shypertext markup language (HTML)”, which is downright weird.

Even without this, the short form has nested formatting commands, which amount to `\acronymfont{S\acronymfont{HTML}}`. This may not be a problem for some styles, but if you use one of the “sm” styles (that use `\textsmaller`), this will produce an odd result.



5. Each time the `shtml` entry is used, the `html` entry will also be indexed and marked as used, and on first use this will happen to both the `ssi` and `html` entries. This kind of duplication in the location list isn't usually particularly helpful to the reader.
6. If `hyperref` is in use, you'll get nested hyperlinks and there's no consistent way of dealing with this across the available PDF viewers. If on the **first use** case, the user clicks on the "HTML" part of the "SSI enabled HTML (SHTML)" link, they may be directed to the HTML entry in the glossary or they may be directed to the SHTML entry in the glossary.

For these reasons it's better to use the simple expandable commands like `\glsentrytext` or `\glsentryshort` in the definition of other entries (although that doesn't fix the first problem). Alternatively use something like:

```
\newacronym
[description={\acrshort{ssi} enabled \acrshort{html}}]
{shtml}{SHTML}{SSI enabled HTML}
```

with glossaries or:

```
\newabbreviation
[description={\glstrshort{ssi} enabled \glstrshort{html}}]
{shtml}{SHTML}{SSI enabled HTML}
```

with `glossaries-extra`. This fixes all the above listed problems (as long as you don't use `\glsdesc`). Note that replacing `\gls` with `\acrshort` in the original example may fix the first use issue, but it doesn't fix any of the other problems listed above.

If it's simply that you want to use the abbreviation font, you can use `\glsabbrvfont`:

```
\setabbreviationstyle{long-short-sc}

\newabbreviation{ssi}{ssi}{server-side includes}
\newabbreviation{html}{html}{hypertext markup language}
\newabbreviation{shtml}{shtml}{\glsabbrvfont{ssi} enabled
\glsabbrvfont{html}}
```

This will pick up the font style setting of the outer entry (`shtml`, in the above case). This isn't a problem in the above example as all the abbreviations use the same style.

However if you're really determined to use `\gls` in a field that may be included within some **link-text**, `glossaries-extra` patches internals used by the linking commands so that if `\gls` (or plural or case changing variants) occurs in the link-text it will behave as though you used `\glstext[hyper=false,noindex]` instead. Grouping is also added so that, for example, when `\gls{shtml}` is used for the first time the long form

```
\gls{ssi} enabled \gls{html}
```

is treated as

```
{\glstext[hyper=false,noindex]{ssi}} enabled
{\glstext[hyper=false,noindex]{html}}
```

This overcomes the last three problems listed above, but still doesn't fix the first two. Problem 3 usually won't be an issue as most abbreviation styles set the sort key to the short form, so using these commands in the long form but not the short form will only affect entries with a style that sorts according to the long form.

Additionally, any instance of the long form commands, such as `\glxtrlong` or `\acrlong` will be temporarily redefined to just use

```
{\glentrylong{<label>}{insert}}
```

(or case-changing versions). Similarly the short form commands, such as `\glxtrshort` or `\acrshort` will use `\glentryshort` in the argument of either `\glabbrvfont` (for `\glxtrshort`) or `\acronymfont` (for `\acrshort`). So if the `shtml` entry had instead been defined as:

```
\newacronym{shtml}{SHTML}{\acrshort{ssi} enabled \acrshort{html}}
```

then (using the long-short style) the **first use** will be like

```
{\acronymfont{\glentryshort{ssi}}} enabled  
{\acronymfont{\glentryshort{html}}} (SHTML)
```

whereas if the entry is defined as:

```
\newabbreviation{shtml}{SHTML}{\glxtrshort{ssi} enabled  
\glxtrshort{html}}
```

then the first use will be like:

```
{\glabbrvfont{\glentryshort{ssi}}} enabled  
{\glabbrvfont{\glentryshort{html}}} (SHTML)
```

Note that the first optional argument of `\acrshort` or `\glxtrshort` is ignored in this context. (The final optional argument will be inserted, if present.) The abbreviation style that governs `\glabbrvfont` will be set for `\glxtrshort`. Note that `\acrshort` doesn't set the abbreviation style.

If you use any of the case-changing commands, such as `\Gls` or `\Glstext`, (either all caps or first letter upper casing) don't use any of the linking commands, such as `\gls` or `\glstext`, in the definition of entries for any of the fields that may be used by those case-changing commands.

You can, with care, protect against issue 1 by inserting an empty group at the start if the long form starts with a command that breaks the first letter uppercasing commands like `\Gls`, but you still won't be able to use the all caps commands, such as `\GLS`.

### 1.3.5 Acronym Style Modifications

The glossaries-extra package provides a new way of dealing with abbreviations and redefines `\newacronym` to use `\newabbreviation` (see Section 2). If you want to restore the generic acronym function provided by glossaries you need to use

`\RestoreAcronyms`

```
\RestoreAcronyms
```

but be careful using this if you also want abbreviations as they will clash if you attempt to use them in the same glossary as generic acronyms from the glossaries package.

`\glsacspace`

```
\glsacspace{<label>}
```

The space command `\glsacspace` used by the long-sp-short acronym style provided by glossaries is modified so that it uses

`\glsacspacemax`

```
\glsacspacemax
```

instead of the hard-coded 3em. This is a command not a length and so can be changed using `\renewcommand`.

The **first use** acronym font command

```
\firstacronymfont{<text>}
```

is redefined to use the first use abbreviation font command `\glsfirstabbrvfont`. This will be reset if you use `\RestoreAcronyms`.

The subsequent use acronym font command

```
\acronymfont{<text>}
```

is redefined to use the subsequent use abbreviation font command `\glsabbrvfont`. This will be reset if you use `\RestoreAcronyms`.

### 1.3.6 Glossary Style Modifications

The default value of `\glslistdottedwidth` is changed so that it's set at the start of the document (if it hasn't been changed in the preamble). This should take into account situations where `\hsize` isn't set until the start of the document.

The commands `\glossentryname` and `\glossentrydesc` are modified to take into account the `glossname` and `glossdesc` attributes (see Section 4). This means you can make sim-

ple case-changing modifications to the name and description without defining a new glossary style.

There is a hook after `\glossentryname` and `\Glossentryname`:

`\glxtrpostnamehook`

```
\glxtrpostnamehook{<label>}
```

By default this checks the `indexname` attribute. If the attribute exists for the category to which the label belongs, then the name is automatically indexed using

```
\glxtrdoautoindexname{<label>}{indexname}
```

See Section 6 for further details.

The post-description code used within the glossary is modified so that it also does

`\glxtrpostdescription`

```
\glxtrpostdescription
```

This occurs before the original `\glspostdescription`, so if the `nopostdot=false` option is used, it will be inserted before the terminating full stop.

This new command will do `\glxtrpostdesc<category>` if it exists, where `<category>` is the category label associated with the current entry. For example `\glxtrpostdescgeneral` for entries with the category set to `general` or `\glxtrpostdescacronym` for entries with the category set to `acronym`.

Since both `\glossentry` and `\subglossentry` set

`\glscurrententrylabel`

```
\glscurrententrylabel
```

to the label for the current entry, you can use this within the definition of these post-description hooks if you need to reference the label.

For example, suppose you want to insert the plural form in brackets after the description in the glossary, but only for entries in the `general` category, then you could do:

```
\renewcommand{\glxtrpostdescgeneral}{\space  
(plural: \glscurrententrylabel)}
```

This means you don't have to define a custom glossary style, which you may find more complicated. (It also allows more flexibility if you decide to change the underlying glossary style.)

This feature can't be used for glossary styles that ignore `\glspostdescription` or if you redefine `\glspostdescription` without including `\glxtrpostdescription`. (For example, if you redefine `\glspostdescription` to do nothing instead of using the `nopostdot` option to suppress the terminating full stop.)

As from v1.02, glossaries-extra now includes the package glossaries-extra-stylemods that will redefine the predefined styles to include the post-description hook (for those that are missing it). You will need to make sure the styles have already been defined before loading glossaries-extra. For example:

```
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}  
\usepackage{glossary-longragged}  
\usepackage{glossaries-extra-stylemods}
```

Alternatively you can load `glossary-⟨name⟩.sty` at the same time by passing `⟨name⟩` as a package option to `glossaries-extra-stylemods`. For example:

```
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}  
\usepackage[longragged]{glossaries-extra-stylemods}
```

Another option is to use the `stylemods` key when you load `glossaries-extra`. You can omit a value if you only want to use the predefined styles that are automatically loaded by `glossaries` (for example, the `long3col` style):

```
\usepackage[style=long3col,stylemods]{glossaries-extra}
```

Or the value of `stylemods` may be a comma-separated list of the style package identifiers. For example:

```
\usepackage[style=mcoltree,stylemods=mcols]{glossaries-extra}
```

Remember to group the value if it contains any commas:

```
\usepackage[stylemods={mcols,longbooktabs}]{glossaries-extra}
```

Note that the inline style is dealt with slightly differently. The original definition provided by the `glossary-inline` package uses `\glspostdescription` at the end of the glossary (not after each entry description) within the definition of `\glspostinline`. The style modification changes this so that `\glspostinline` just does a full stop followed by space factor adjustment, and the description `\glsinlinedescformat` and sub-entry description formats `\glsinlinesubdescformat` are redefined to include `\glstrpostdescription` (not `\glspostdescription`). This means that the modified inline style isn't affected by the `no-postdot` option, but the post-description category hook can still be used.

## 2 Abbreviations

Abbreviations include acronyms (words formed from initial letters, such as “laser”), initialisms (initial letters of a phrase, such as “html”, that aren’t pronounced as words) and contractions (where parts of words are omitted, often replaced by an apostrophe, such as “don’t”). The “acronym” code provided by the glossaries package is misnamed as it’s more often than not used for initialisms instead. Acronyms tend not to be *expanded* on **first use** (although they may need to be *described* for readers unfamiliar with the term). They are therefore more like a regular term, which may or may not require a description in the glossary.

The glossaries-extra package corrects this misnomer, and provides better abbreviation handling, with

`\newabbreviation`

```
\newabbreviation[<options>]{<label>}{<short>}{<long>}
```

This sets the category key to `abbreviation` by default, but that value may be overridden in *<options>*. The category may have attributes that modify the way abbreviations are defined. For example, the `insertdots` attribute will automatically insert full stops (periods) into *<short>* or the `noshortplural` attribute will set the default value of the `shortplural` key to just *<short>* (without appending the plural suffix). See Section 4 for further details.

See Section 1.3.4 regarding the pitfalls of using commands like `\gls` or `\glsxtrshort` within *<short>* or *<long>*.

Make sure that you set the category attributes before defining new abbreviations or they may not be correctly applied.

The `\newacronym` command provided by the glossaries package is redefined to use `\newabbreviation` with the category set to `acronym`. If you want to restore the original behaviour of acronyms (as implemented by the glossaries package’s `\newacronym`, `\setacronymstyle` and `\newacronymstyle`) you need to use

`\RestoreAcronyms`

```
\RestoreAcronyms
```

However, if you do this take care not to mix acronyms with other types of entries within the same glossary. (You may also need to redefine `\acronymtype`.)

The `\newabbreviation` command is superficially similar to the glossaries package’s `\newacronym` but you can apply different styles to different categories. The default style is `short` for entries in the `acronym` category and `short-long` for entries in the `abbreviation` category. (These aren’t

the same as the acronym styles provided by the glossaries package, although they may produce similar results.)

The short form is displayed within commands like `\gls` using

`\glsfirstabbrvfont`

```
\glsfirstabbrvfont{\short-form}
```

on **first use** and

`\glsabbrvfont`

```
\glsabbrvfont{\short-form}
```

for subsequent use.

These commands (`\glsfirstabbrvfont` and `\glsabbrvfont`) are reset by the abbreviation styles and whenever an abbreviation is used by commands like `\gls` (but not by commands like `\glsentryshort`) so don't try redefining them outside of an abbreviation style.

If you use the long-short style, `\glsabbrvfont` is redefine to use

`\glsabbrvdefaultfont`

```
\glsabbrvdefaultfont{\text}
```

whereas the long-short-sc style redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glxtrscfont`. If you want to use a different font-changing command you can either redefine `\glsabbrvdefaultfont` and use one of the base styles, such as long-short, or define a new style in a similar manner to the “sc”, “sm” or “em” styles.

All predefined abbreviation styles redefine `\glsfirstabbrvfont` to use

`\glsfirstabbrvdefaultfont`

```
\glsfirstabbrvdefaultfont{\short-form}
```

By default, this just does `\glsabbrvfont{\short-form}` so the first use format matches the subsequent use format for the short form.

The commands that display the full form for abbreviations use `\glsfirstabbrvfont` to display the short form and

`\glsfirstlongfont`

```
\glsfirstlongfont{\long-form}
```

to display the long form. As with `\glsabbrvfont`, this command is changed by all styles. Currently all predefined abbreviation styles provided by `glossaries-extra` redefine `\glsfirstlongfont` to use

`\glsfirstlongdefaultfont`

`\glsfirstlongdefaultfont{<long-form>}`

You can redefine this command if you want to change the font used by the long form on **first use** for all your abbreviations, or you can define your own abbreviation style that provides a different format for only those abbreviations defined with that style.

Note that by default inserted material (provided in the final optional argument of commands like `\gls`), is placed outside the font command in the predefined styles. To move it inside, use:

`\glxtrinsertinsidetrue`

`\glxtrinsertinsidetrue`

This applies to all the predefined styles. For example:

```
\setabbreviationstyle{long-short}
\renewcommand*{\glsfirstlongdefaultfont}[1]{\emph{#1}}
\glxtrinsertinsidetrue
```

This will make the long form and in the inserted text emphasized, whereas the default (without `\glxtrinsertinsidetrue`) would place the inserted text outside of the emphasized font.

Note that for some styles, such as the short-long, the inserted text would be placed inside the font command for the short form (rather than the long form in the above example).

There are two types of full forms. The display full form, which is used on first use by commands like `\gls` and the inline full form, which is used by commands like `\glxtrfull`. For some of the abbreviation styles, such as long-short, the display and inline forms are the same. In the case of styles such as short or footnote, the display and inline full forms are different.

These formatting commands aren't stored in the short, shortplural, long or longplural fields, which means they won't be used within commands like `\glstryshort` (but they are used within commands like `\glxtrshort` and `\glfmtshort`). Note that `\glxtrlong` and the case-changing variants don't use `\glsfirstlongfont`.

## 2.1 Tagging Initials

If you would like to tag the initial letters in the long form such that those letters are underlined in the glossary but not in the main part of the document, you can use

`\GlsXtrEnableInitialTagging`

`\GlsXtrEnableInitialTagging{<categories>}{<cs>}`

before you define your abbreviations.

This command (robustly) defines `<cs>` (a control sequence) to accept a single argument, which is the letter (or letters) that needs to be tagged. The normal behaviour of this command



within the document is to simply do its argument, but in the glossary it's activated for those categories that have the tagging attribute set to “true”. For those cases it will use

`\glstrtagfont`

```
\glstrtagfont{<text>}
```

This command defaults to `\underline{<text>}` but may be redefined as required.

The control sequence `<cs>` can't already be defined when used with the unstarred version of `\GlsXtrEnableInitialTagging` for safety reasons. The starred version will overwrite any previous definition of `<cs>`. As with redefining any commands, ensure that you don't redefine something important. In fact, just forget the existence of the starred version and let's pretend I didn't mention it.

The first argument of `\GlsXtrEnableInitialTagging` is a comma-separated list of category names. The tagging attribute will automatically be set for those categories. You can later set this attribute for other categories (see Section 4) but this must be done before the glossary is displayed.

The accompanying sample file `sample-mixtures.tex` uses initial tagging for both the acronym and abbreviation categories:

```
\GlsXtrEnableInitialTagging{acronym,abbreviation}{\itag}
```

This defines the command `\itag` which can be used in the definitions. For example:

```
\newacronym
[description={a system for detecting the location and
speed of ships, aircraft, etc, through the use of radio
waves}]% description of this term
]
{radar}% identifying label
{radar}% short form (i.e. the word)
{\itag{ra}dio \itag{d}etection \itag{a}nd \itag{r}anging}
```

```
\newabbreviation{xml}{XML}
{e\itag{x}tensible \itag{m}arkup \itag{l}anguage}
```

The underlining of the tagged letters only occurs in the glossary and then only for entries with the tagging attribute set.

## 2.2 Abbreviation Styles

The abbreviation style must be set before abbreviations are defined using:

`\setabbreviationstyle`

```
\setabbreviationstyle[<category>]{<style-name>}
```

where `<style-name>` is the name of the style and `<category>` is the category label (abbreviation by default). New abbreviations will pick up the current style according to their given category.

If there is no style set for the category, the fallback is the style for the abbreviation category. Some styles may automatically modify one or more of the attributes associated with the given category. For example, the long and short styles set the regular attribute to true.

If you want to apply different styles to groups of abbreviations, assign a different category to each group and set the style for the given category.

Note that `\setacronymstyle` is disabled by `glossaries-extra`. Use

```
\setabbreviationstyle[acronym]{<style-name>}
```

instead. The original acronym interface can be restored with `\RestoreAcronyms` (see Section 1.3.5).

Abbreviations can be used with the standard `glossaries` commands, such as `\gls`, but don't use the acronym commands like `\acrshort` (which use `\acronymfont`). The short form can be produced with:

`\glsxtrshort`

```
\glsxtrshort[<options>]{<label>}[<insert>]
```

(Use this instead of `\acrshort`.)

The long form can be produced with

`\glsxtrlong`

```
\glsxtrlong[<options>]{<label>}[<insert>]
```

(Use this instead of `\acrlong`.)

The *inline* full form can be produced with

`\glsxtrfull`

```
\glsxtrfull[<options>]{<label>}[<insert>]
```

(This this instead of `\acrfull`.)

As mentioned earlier, the inline full form may not necessarily match the format used on **first use** with `\gls`. For example, the short style only displays the short form on first use, but the full form will display the long form followed by the short form in parentheses.

If you want to use an abbreviation in a chapter or section title, use the commands described in Section 3 instead.

The arguments `<options>`, `<label>` and `<insert>` are the same as for commands such as `\gls{text}`. There are also analogous case-changing commands:

First letter upper case short form:

`\Glsxtrshort`

```
\Glsxtrshort[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

First letter upper case long form:

`\Glsxtrlong`

```
\Glsxtrlong[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

First letter upper case inline full form:

`\Glsxtrfull`

```
\Glsxtrfull[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

All upper case short form:

`\Glsxtrshort`

```
\GLSxtrshort[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

All upper case long form:

`\Glsxtrlong`

```
\GLSxtrlong[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

All upper case inline full form:

`\GLSxtrfull`

```
\GLSxtrfull[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

Plural forms are also available.

Short form plurals:

`\glsxtrshortpl`

```
\glsxtrshortpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

`\Glsxtrshortpl`

```
\Glsxtrshortpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

`\GLSxtrshortpl`

```
\GLSxtrshortpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

Long form plurals:

`\glsxtrlongpl`

```
\glsxtrlongpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

`\Glsxtrlongpl`

```
\Glsxtrlongpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

`\GLSxtrlongpl`

```
\GLSxtrlongpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

Full form plurals:

`\glsxtrfullpl`

```
\glsxtrfullpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

`\Glsxtrfullpl`

```
\Glsxtrfullpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

`\GLSxtrfullpl`

```
\GLSxtrfullpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

Be careful about using `\glsentryfull`, `\Glsentryfull`, `\glsentryfullpl` and `\Glsentryfullpl`. These commands will use the currently applied style rather than the style in use when the entry was defined. If you have mixed styles, you'll need to use `\glsxtrfull` instead. Similarly for `\glsentryshort` etc.

## 2.3 Shortcut Commands

The abbreviation shortcut commands can be enabled using the package option `shortcuts=abbreviation` (or `shortcuts=abbr`). This defines the commands listed in [table 2.1](#).

## 2.4 Predefined Abbreviation Styles

There are two types of abbreviation styles: those that treat the abbreviation as a regular entry (so that `\gls` uses `\glsgenentryfmt`) and those that don't treat the abbreviation as a regular entry (so that `\gls` uses `\glsxtrgenabbrfmt`).

The regular entry abbreviation styles set the regular attribute to “true” for the category assigned to each abbreviation with that style. This means that on **first use**, `\gls` uses the value of the first field and on subsequent use `\gls` uses the value of the text field (and analogously for the plural and case-changing versions). The short and long fields are set as appropriate and may be accessed through commands like `\glsxtrshort`.

The other abbreviation styles don't modify the regular attribute. The first and text fields (and their plural forms) are set and can be accessed through commands like `\glsfirst`, but

Table 2.1: Abbreviation Shortcut Commands

| <b>Shortcut</b>       | <b>Equivalent Command</b>     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <code>\ab</code>      | <code>\cgl</code>             |
| <code>\abp</code>     | <code>\cglsp</code>           |
| <code>\as</code>      | <code>\glxtrshort</code>      |
| <code>\asp</code>     | <code>\glxtrshortpl</code>    |
| <code>\al</code>      | <code>\glxtrlong</code>       |
| <code>\alp</code>     | <code>\glxtrlongpl</code>     |
| <code>\af</code>      | <code>\glxtrfull</code>       |
| <code>\afp</code>     | <code>\glxtrfullpl</code>     |
| <code>\As</code>      | <code>\Glsxtrshort</code>     |
| <code>\Asp</code>     | <code>\Glsxtrshortpl</code>   |
| <code>\Al</code>      | <code>\Glsxtrlong</code>      |
| <code>\Alp</code>     | <code>\Glsxtrlongpl</code>    |
| <code>\Af</code>      | <code>\Glsxtrfull</code>      |
| <code>\Afp</code>     | <code>\Glsxtrfullpl</code>    |
| <code>\AS</code>      | <code>\GLSxtrshort</code>     |
| <code>\ASP</code>     | <code>\GLSxtrshortpl</code>   |
| <code>\AL</code>      | <code>\GLSxtrlong</code>      |
| <code>\ALP</code>     | <code>\GLSxtrlongpl</code>    |
| <code>\AF</code>      | <code>\GLSxtrfull</code>      |
| <code>\AFP</code>     | <code>\GLSxtrfullpl</code>    |
| <code>\newabbr</code> | <code>\newabbreviation</code> |

they aren't used by commands like `\gls`, which instead use the short form (stored in the short key) and the display full format (through commands like `\glsxtrfullformat` that are defined by the style).

In both cases, the **first use** of `\gls` may not match the text produced by `\glsfirst` (and likewise for the plural and case-changing versions).

For the “sc” styles that use `\textsc`, be careful about your choice of fonts as some only have limited support. For example, you may not be able to combine bold and small-caps. I recommend that you at least use the `fontenc` package with the `T1` option or something similar.

The “sc” styles all use

`\glsxtrscfont`

`\glsxtrscfont{\text}`

which is defined as

```
\newcommand*\glsxtrscfont[1]{\textsc{#1}}
```

The default plural suffix for the short form is set to

`\glsxtrscsuffix`

`\glsxtrscsuffix`

This just defined as

```
\newcommand*\glsxtrscsuffix{\glstextup{\glspluralsuffix}}
```

The `\glstextup` command is provided by `glossaries` and is used to switch off the small caps font for the suffix. If you override the default short plural using the `shortplural` key when you define the abbreviation you will need to make the appropriate adjustment if necessary. (Remember that the default plural suffix behaviour can be modified through the use of the `apospplural` and `noshortplural` attributes. See Section 4 for further details.)

The “sm” styles all use

`\glsxtrsmfont`

`\glsxtrsmfont{\text}`

This is defined as:

```
\newcommand*\glsxtrsmfont[1]{\textsmaller{#1}}
```

If you want to use this, you must explicitly load the `relsize` package which defines the `\textsmaller` command. If you want to easily switch between the “sc” and “sm” styles, you may find it easier to redefine this command to convert to upper case:

```
\renewcommand*\glsxtrsmfont[1]{\textsmaller{\MakeTextUppercase{#1}}}
```

The default plural suffix for the short form is set to

`\glxtrsmsuffix`

```
\glxtrsmsuffix
```

This just does `\glspluralsuffix`.

The “em” styles all redefine `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`. This is done explicitly and not through a helper command such as `\glxtrscfont`.

Some of the styles use

`\glxtrfullsep`

```
\glxtrfullsep{<label>}
```

as a separator between the long and short forms. This is defined as a space by default, but may be changed as required. For example:

```
\renewcommand*{\glxtrfullsep}[1]{~}
```

or

```
\renewcommand*{\glxtrfullsep}[1]{\glsacspace{#1}}
```

#### 2.4.1 Predefined Abbreviation Styles that Set the Regular Attribute

The following abbreviation styles set the regular attribute to “true” for all categories that have abbreviations defined with any of these styles.

**short** This only displays the short form on **first use**. The name is set to the short form. The description is set to the long form. The inline full form displays *<short>* (*<long>*). The long form on its own can be displayed through commands like `\glxtrlong`.

**short-sc** Like short but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glxtrscfont`.

**short-sm** Like short but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glxtrsmfont`.

**short-em** Like short but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**short-desc** Like the short style, but the name is set to the full form and the description must be supplied by the user. You may prefer to use the short style with the post-description hook set to display the long form and override the description key. (See the sample file `sample-acronym-desc.tex`.)

**short-sc-desc** Like short but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glxtrscfont`.

**short-sm-desc** Like short-desc but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glxtrsmfont`.

**short-em-desc** Like short-desc but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**long-desc** This style only displays the long form, regardless of first or subsequent use of commands `\gls`. The short form may be accessed through commands like `\glsxtrshort`. The inline full form displays  $\langle long \rangle$  ( $\langle short \rangle$ ).

The name is set to the long form and the description must be provided by the user. The predefined glossary styles won't display the short form. You can use the post-description hook to automatically append the short form to the description. The inline full form will display  $\langle long \rangle$  ( $\langle short \rangle$ ).

**long-desc-sc** Like the `long-desc` style but the short form (accessed through commands like `\glsxtrshort`) use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**long-desc-sm** Like `long-desc` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**long-desc-em** Like `long-desc` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**long** This style doesn't really make sense if you don't use the short form anywhere in the document, but is provided for completeness. This is like the `long-desc` style, but the name is set to the short form and the description is set to the long form.

**long-sc** Like the `long` style but the short form (accessed through commands like `\glsxtrshort`) use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**long-sm** Like `long` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**long-em** Like `long` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

## 2.4.2 Predefined Abbreviation Styles that Don't Set the Regular Attribute

The following abbreviation styles will set the regular attribute to “false” if it has previously been set. If it hasn't already been set, it's left unset. Other attributes may also be set, depending on the style.

**long-short** On **first use**, this style uses the format  $\langle long \rangle$  ( $\langle short \rangle$ ). The inline and display full forms are the same. The name is set to the short form. The description is set to the long form. The long and short forms are separated by `\glsxtrfullsep`.

**long-short-sc** Like `long-short` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**long-short-sm** Like `long-short` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**long-short-em** Like `long-short` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**long-short-desc** On first use, this style uses the format  $\langle long \rangle$  ( $\langle short \rangle$ ). The inline and display full forms are the same. The name is set to the full form. The description must be supplied by the user. The long and short forms are separated by `\glsxtrfullsep`.

**long-short-sc-desc** Like `long-short-desc` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**long-short-sm-desc** Like `long-short-desc` but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.



**long-short-em-desc** Like long-short-desc but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**short-long** On first use, this style uses the format `<short> (<long>)`. The inline and display full forms are the same. The name is set to the short form. The description is set to the long form. The short and long forms are separated by `\glsxtrfullsep`.

**short-sc-long** Like short-long but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**short-sm-long** Like short-long but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**short-em-long** Like short-long but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**short-long-desc** On **first use**, this style uses the format `<short> (<long>)`. The inline and display full forms are the same. The name is set to the full form. The description must be supplied by the user. The short and long forms are separated by `\glsxtrfullsep`.

**short-sc-long-desc** Like short-long-desc but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**short-sm-long-desc** Like short-long-desc but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**short-em-long-desc** Like short-long-desc but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**footnote** On first use, this style displays the short form with the long form as a footnote. This style automatically sets the `nohyperfirst` attribute to “true” for the supplied category, so the first use won’t be hyperlinked (but the footnote marker may be, if the `hyperref` package is used).

The inline full form uses the `<short> (<long>)` style. The name is set to the short form. The description is set to the long form.

**footnote-sc** Like footnote but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**footnote-sm** Like footnote but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**footnote-em** Like footnote but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

**postfootnote** This is similar to the footnote style but doesn’t modify the category attribute. Instead it changes `\glsxtrpostlink<category>` to insert the footnote after the **link-text** on first use. This will also defer the footnote until after any following punctuation character that’s recognised by `\glsxtrifnextpunc`.

The inline full form uses the `<short> (<long>)` style. The name is set to the short form. The description is set to the long form. Note that this style will change `\glsxtrfull` (and its variants) so that it fakes non-first use. (Otherwise the footnote would appear after the inline form.)

**postfootnote-sc** Like postfootnote but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrscfont`.

**postfootnote-sm** Like postfootnote but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\glsxtrsmfont`.

**postfootnote-em** Like postfootnote but redefines `\glsabbrvfont` to use `\emph`.

## 2.5 Defining New Abbreviation Styles

New abbreviation styles may be defined using:

`\newabbreviationstyle`

```
\newabbreviationstyle{<name>}{<setup>}{<fmts>}
```

where *<name>* is the name of the new style (as used in the mandatory argument of `\setabbreviationstyle`). This is similar but not identical to the glossaries package's `\newacronymstyle` command.

You can't use styles defined by `\newacronymstyle` with glossaries-extra unless you have reverted `\newacronym` back to its generic definition from glossaries (using `\RestoreAcronyms`). The acronym styles from the glossaries package can't be used with abbreviations defined with `\newabbreviation`.

The *<setup>* argument deals with the way the entry is defined and may set attributes for the given abbreviation category. This argument should redefine

`\CustomAbbreviationFields`

```
\CustomAbbreviationFields
```

to set the entry fields including the name (defaults to the short form if omitted), sort, first, firstplural. Other fields may also be set, such as text, plural and description.

`\CustomAbbreviationFields` is expanded by `\newabbreviation` so take care to protect commands that shouldn't be expanded.

For example, the long-short style has the following in *<setup>*:

```
\renewcommand*{\CustomAbbreviationFields}{%
  name={\protect\glsabbrvfont{\the\glsshorttok}},
  sort={\the\glsshorttok},
  first={\protect\glsfirstlongfont{\the\glslongtok}%
    \protect\glsxtrfullsep{\the\glslabeltok}%
    (\protect\glsfirstabbrvfont{\the\glsshorttok})},%
  firstplural={\protect\glsfirstlongfont{\the\glslongpltok}%
    \protect\glsxtrfullsep{\the\glslabeltok}%
    (\protect\glsfirstabbrvfont{\the\glsshortpltok})},%
  plural={\protect\glsabbrvfont{\the\glsshortpltok}},%
  description={\the\glslongtok}}%
```

Note that the first and firstplural are set even though they're not used by `\gls`.

The *<setup>* argument may also redefine

`\GlsXtrPostNewAbbreviation`

```
\GlsXtrPostNewAbbreviation
```

which can be used to assign attributes. (This will automatically be initialised to do nothing.)  
For example, the footnote includes the following in *<setup>*:

```
\renewcommand*{\GlsXtrPostNewAbbreviation}{%  
  \glsssetattribute{\the\glslabeltok}{nohyperfirst}{true}%  
  \glshasattribute{\the\glslabeltok}{regular}%  
  {%  
    \glsssetattribute{\the\glslabeltok}{regular}{false}%  
  }%  
  {}%  
}%
```

This sets the nohyperfirst attribute to “true”. It also unsets the regular attribute if it has previously been set. Note that the nohyperfirst attribute doesn’t get unset by other styles, so take care not to switch styles for the same category.

You can access the short, long, short plural and long plural values through the following token registers.

Short value (defined by glossaries):

`\glsshorttok`

`\glsshorttok`

Short plural value (defined by glossaries-extra):

`\glsshortpltok`

`\glsshortpltok`

(This may be the default value or, if provided, the value provided by the user through the shortplural key in the optional argument of `\newabbreviation`.)

Long value (defined by glossaries):

`\glslongtok`

`\glslongtok`

Long plural value (defined by glossaries-extra):

`\glslongpltok`

`\glslongpltok`

(This may be the default value or, if provided, the value provided by the user through the longplural key in the optional argument of `\newabbreviation`.)

There are two other registers available that are defined by glossaries:

`\glslabeltok`

`\glslabeltok`

which contains the entry's label and

`\glskeylisttok`

```
\glskeylisttok
```

which contains the values provided in the optional argument of `\newabbreviation`.

Remember put `\the` in front of the register command as in the examples above. The category label can be access through the command (not a register):

`\glscategorylabel`

```
\glscategorylabel
```

This may be used inside the definition of `\GlsXtrPostNewAbbreviation`.

If you want to base a style on an existing style, you can use

`\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleSetup`

```
\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleSetup{<name>}
```

where *<name>* is the name of the existing style. For example, the `footnote-sc` and `footnote-sm` styles both simply use

```
\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleSetup{footnote}
```

within *<setup>*.

The *<fmts>* argument deals with the way the entry is displayed in the document. This argument should redefine the following commands:

The default suffix for the plural short form (if not overridden by the `shortplural` key):

`\abbrvpluralsuffix`

```
\abbrvpluralsuffix
```

(Note that this isn't used for the plural long form, which just uses the regular `\glspluralsuffix`.)

The font used for the short form on **first use** or in the full forms:

`\glsfirstabbrvfont`

```
\glsfirstabbrvfont{<text>}
```

The font used for the short form on subsequent use or through commands like `\glsxtrshort`:

`\glsabbrvfont`

```
\glsabbrvfont{<text>}
```

The font used for the long form on first use or in the full forms:

`\glsfirstlongfont`

```
\glsfirstlongfont{<text>}
```

Display full form singular no case-change (used by `\gls` on first use for abbreviations without the regular attribute set):

`\glsxtrfullformat`

```
\glsxtrfullformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

Display full form singular first letter converted to upper case (used by `\Gls` on **first use** for abbreviations without the regular attribute set):

`\Glsxtrfullformat`

```
\Glsxtrfullformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

Display full form plural no case-change (used by `\glspl` on first use for abbreviations without the regular attribute set):

`\glsxtrfullplformat`

```
\glsxtrfullplformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

Display full form plural first letter converted to upper case (used by `\Glspl` on first use for abbreviations without the regular attribute set):

`\Glsxtrfullplformat`

```
\Glsxtrfullplformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

In addition *<fmts>* may also redefine the following commands that govern the inline full formats. If the style doesn't redefine them, they will default to the same as the display full forms.

Inline singular no case-change (used by `\glsentryfull`, `\glsxtrfull` and `\Glsxtrfull`):

`\glsxtrinlinefullformat`

```
\glsxtrinlinefullformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

Inline singular first letter converted to upper case (used by `\Glsentryfull` and `\Glsxtrfull`):

`\Glsxtrinlinefullformat`

```
\Glsxtrinlinefullformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

Inline plural no case-change (used by `\glsentryfullpl`, `\glsxtrfullpl` and `\Glsxtrfullpl`):

`\glsxtrinlinefullplformat`

```
\glsxtrinlinefullplformat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

Inline plural first letter converted to upper case (used by `\Glsentryfullpl` and `\Glsxtrfullpl`):

`\Glsxtrinlinefullplformat`

```
\GlsXtrInlineFullPlFormat{<label>}{<insert>}
```

If you want to provide support for glossaries-accsupp use the following `\glsaccess<xxx>` commands (Section 8.2) within the definitions of `\glsxtrfullformat` etc instead of the analogous `\glsentry<xxx>` commands. (If you don't use glossaries-accsupp, they will just do the corresponding `\glsentry<xxx>` command.)

For example, the short-long style has the following in *<fmts>*:

```
\renewcommand*{\abbrvpluralsuffix}{\glspluralsuffix}%
\renewcommand*{\glsabbrvfont}[1]{\glsabbrvdefaultfont{##1}}%
\renewcommand*{\glsfirstabbrvfont}[1]{\glsfirstabbrvdefaultfont{##1}}%
\renewcommand*{\glsfirstlongfont}[1]{\glsfirstlongdefaultfont{##1}}%
\renewcommand*{\glsxtrfullformat}[2]{%
  \glsfirstabbrvfont{\glsaccessshort{##1}}##2\glsxtrfullsep{##1}%
  (\glsfirstlongfont{\glsaccesslong{##1}})%
}%
\renewcommand*{\glsxtrfullplformat}[2]{%
  \glsfirstabbrvfont{\glsaccessshortpl{##1}}##2\glsxtrfullsep{##1}%
  (\glsfirstlongfont{\glsaccesslongpl{##1}})%
}%
\renewcommand*{\Glsxtrfullformat}[2]{%
  \glsfirstabbrvfont{\Glsaccessshort{##1}}##2\glsxtrfullsep{##1}%
  (\glsfirstlongfont{\Glsaccesslong{##1}})%
}%
\renewcommand*{\Glsxtrfullplformat}[2]{%
  \glsfirstabbrvfont{\Glsaccessshortpl{##1}}##2\glsxtrfullsep{##1}%
  (\glsfirstlongfont{\Glsaccesslongpl{##1}})%
}%
```

Since the inline full commands aren't redefined, they default to the same as the display versions.

If you want to base a style on an existing style, you can use

```
\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleFmts
```

```
\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleFmts{<name>}
```

within *<fmts>*, where *<name>* is the name of the existing style. For example, the short-sc-long style has the following in *<fmts>*:

```
\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleFmts{short-long}%
\renewcommand*{\abbrvpluralsuffix}{\protect\glsxtrscsuffix}%
\renewcommand*{\glsabbrvfont}[1]{\glsxtrscfont{##1}}%
```

and the short-sm-long style has:

```
\GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleFmts{short-long-desc}%
\renewcommand*{\glsabbrvfont}[1]{\glsxtrsmfont{##1}}%
\renewcommand*{\abbrvpluralsuffix}{\protect\glsxtrsmsuffix}%
```

The simplest examples of creating a new style based on an existing style are the “em” styles, such as the short-em-long style, which is defined as:

```
\newabbreviationstyle
{short-em-long}% label
{% setup
  \GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleSetup{short-long}%
}%
{% fmts
  \GlsXtrUseAbbrStyleFmts{short-long}%
  \renewcommand*{\glsabbrvfont}[1]{\emph{##1}}%
}
```

### 3 Entries in Sectioning Titles, Headers, Captions and Contents

The glossaries user manual cautions against using commands like `\gls` in chapter or section titles. The principle problems are:

- if you have a table of contents, the **first use flag** will be unset in the contents rather than later in the document;
- if you have the location lists displayed in the glossary, unwanted locations will be added to it corresponding to the table of contents (if present) and every page that contains the entry in the page header (if the page style in use adds the chapter or section title to the header);
- if the page style in use adds the chapter or section title to the header and attempts to convert it to upper case, the entry label (in the argument of `\gls` etc) will be converted to upper case and the entry won't be recognised;
- if you use `hyperref`, commands like `\gls` can't be expanded to a simple string and only the label will appear in the PDF bookmark (with a warning from `hyperref`);
- if you use `hyperref`, you will end up with nested hyperlinks in the table of contents.

Similar problems can also occur with captions (except for the page header and bookmark issues).

To get around all these problems, the glossaries user manual recommends using the expandable non-hyperlink commands, like `\glsentrytext` (for regular entries) or `\glsentryshort` (for abbreviations). This is the simplest solution, but doesn't allow for special formatting that's applied to the entry through commands like `\glstext` or `\glstrshort`. This means that if, for example, you are using one of the abbreviation styles that uses `\textsc` then the short form displayed with `\glsentryshort` won't use small caps. If you only have one abbreviation style in use, you can explicitly enclose `\glsentryshort{<label>}` in the argument of `\glsabbrvfont`, like this:

```
\chapter{A Chapter about \glsabbrvfont{\glsentryshort{html}}}
```

Or, if you are using `hyperref`:

```
\chapter{A Chapter about  
\texorpdfstring{\glsabbrvfont{\glsentryshort{html}}}{\glsentryshort{html}}}
```



Since this is a bit cumbersome, you might want to define a new command to do this for you. However, if you have mixed styles this won't work as commands like `\gls` and `\glsxtrshort` redefine `\glsabbrvfont` to match the entry's style before displaying it. In this case, the above example doesn't take into account the shifting definitions of `\glsabbrvfont` and will use whatever happens to be the last abbreviation style in use. More complicated solutions interfere with the upper casing used by the standard page styles that display the chapter or section title in the page header using `\MakeUppercase`.

The glossaries-extra package tries to resolve this by modifying `\markright` and `\markboth`. If you don't like this change, you can restore their former definitions using

`\glsxtrRevertMarks`

```
\glsxtrRevertMarks
```

In this case, you'll have to use the glossaries manual's recommendations of either simply using `\glsentryshort` (as above) or use the sectioning command's option argument to provide an alternative for the table of contents and page header. For example:

```
\chapter[A Chapter about \glsentryshort{html}]{A Chapter about
\gls{html}}
```

If you don't revert the mark commands back with `\glsxtrRevertMarks`, you can use the commands described below in the argument of sectioning commands. You can still use them even if the mark commands have been reverted, but only where they don't conflict with the page style.

The commands listed below all use `\texorpdfstring` if `hyperref` has been loaded so that the expandable non-formatted version is added to the PDF bookmarks. Note that since the commands that convert the first letter to upper case aren't expandable, the non-case-changing version is used for the bookmarks.

These commands essentially behave as though you have used `\glsxtrshort` (or equivalent) with the options `noindex` and `hyper=false`. The text produced won't be converted to upper case in the page headings by default. If you want the text converted to upper case you need to set the `headuc` attribute to "true" for the appropriate category.

If you use one of the `\textsc` styles, be aware that the default fonts don't provide bold small-caps or italic small-caps. This means that if the chapter or section title style uses bold, this may override the small-caps setting, in which case the abbreviation will just appear as lower case bold. If the heading style uses italic, the abbreviation may appear in upright small-caps, *even if you have set the headuc attribute* since the all-capitals form still uses `\glsabbrvfont`. You may want to consider using the `slantsc` package in this case.

Display the short form:

`\glsfmtshort`

```
\glsfmtshort{<label>}
```

Display the plural short form:

`\glsfmtshortpl`

`\glsfmtshortpl{\label}`

First letter upper case singular short form:

`\Glsfmtshort`

`\Glsfmtshort{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

First letter upper case plural short form:

`\Glsfmtshortpl`

`\Glsfmtshortpl{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

Display the long form:

`\glsfmtlong`

`\glsfmtlong{\label}`

Display the plural long form:

`\glsfmtlongpl`

`\glsfmtlongpl{\label}`

First letter upper case singular long form:

`\Glsfmtlong`

`\Glsfmtlong{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

First letter upper case plural long form:

`\Glsfmtlongpl`

`\Glsfmtlongpl{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

There are similar commands for the full form, but note that these use the *inline* full form, which may be different from the full form used by `\gls`.

Display the full form:

`\glsfmtfull`

`\glsfmtfull{\label}`

Display the plural full form:

`\glsfmtfullpl`

`\glsfmtfullpl{\label}`

First letter upper case singular full form:

`\Glsfmtfull`

`\Glsfmtfull{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

First letter upper case plural full form:

`\Glsfmtfullpl`

`\Glsfmtfullpl{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

There are also equivalent commands for the value of the text field:

`\glsfmttext`

`\glsfmttext{\label}`

First letter converted to upper case:

`\Glsfmttext`

`\Glsfmttext{\label}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

The plural equivalents:

`\glsfmtplural`

`\glsfmtplural{\label}`

and

`\Glsfmtplural`

`\Glsfmtplural{\label}`

Similarly for the value of the first field:

`\glsfmtfirst`

`\glsfmtfirst{\label}`

First letter converted to upper case:

`\Glsfmtfirst`

`\Glsfmtfirst{\langle label \rangle}`

(No case-change applied to PDF bookmarks.)

The plural equivalents:

`\glsfmtfirstpl`

`\glsfmtfirstpl{\langle label \rangle}`

and

`\Glsfmtfirstpl`

`\Glsfmtfirstpl{\langle label \rangle}`

## 4 Categories

Each entry defined by `\newglossaryentry` (or commands that internally use `\newglossaryentry` such as `\newabbreviation`) is assigned a category through the category key. You may add any category that you like, but since the category is a label used in the creation of some control sequences, avoid problematic characters within the category label. (So take care if you have babel shorthands on that make some characters active.)

The use of categories can give you more control over the way entries are displayed in the text or glossary.

The default category assumed by `\newglossaryentry` is labelled `general`. Abbreviations defined with `\newabbreviation` have the category set to `abbreviation` by default. Abbreviations defined with `\newacronym` have the category set to `acronym` by default.

Additionally, if you have enabled `\newterm` with the `index` package option that command will set the category to `index` by default. If you have enabled `\glstrnewsymbol` with the `symbols` package option, that command will set the category to `symbol`. If you have enabled `\glstrnewnumber` with the `numbers` package option, that command will set the category to `number`.

You can obtain the category label for a given entry using

`\glscategory`

```
\glscategory{<label>}
```

This is equivalent to commands like `\glstentryname` and so may be used in an expandable context. No error is generated if the entry doesn't exist.

You can test the category for a given entry using

`\glusifcategory`

```
\glusifcategory{<entry-label>}{<category-label>}{<true part>}{<>false  
part>}
```

This is equivalent to

```
\ifglslfieldeq{<entry-label>}{category}{<category-label>}{<true  
part>}{<>false part>}
```

so any restrictions that apply to `\ifglslfieldeq` also apply to `\glusifcategory`.

Each category may have a set of attributes. For example, the `general` and `acronym` categories have the attribute `regular` set to “true” to indicate that all entries with either of those categories are regular entries (as opposed to abbreviations). This attribute is accessed by `\glstentryfmt` to determine whether to use `\glsgenentryfmt` or `\glstrgenabbrvfmt`.

Other attributes recognised by glossaries-extra are:

**nohyperfirst** When using commands like `\gls` this will automatically suppress the hyperlink on **first use** for entries with a category that has this attribute set to “true”. (This settings can be overridden by explicitly setting the hyper key on or off in the optional argument of commands like `\gls`.)

**nohyper** When using commands like `\gls` this will automatically suppress the hyperlink for entries with a category that has this attribute set to “true”. (This settings can be overridden by explicitly setting the hyper key on or off in the optional argument of commands like `\gls`.)

**indexonlyfirst** This is similar to the `indexonlyfirst` package option but only for entries that have a category with this attribute set to “true”.

**discardperiod** If set to “true”, the post-**link-text** hook will discard a full stop (period) that follows *non-plural* commands like `\gls` or `\gls{text}`. (Provided for entries such as abbreviations that end with a full stop.)

**pluraldiscardperiod** If this attribute is set to “true” *and* the `discardperiod` attribute is set to “true”, this will behave as above for the plural commands like `\glspl` or `\glsplural`.

**retainfirstuseperiod** If this attribute is set to “true” then the full stop won’t be discarded for **first use** instances, even if `discardperiod` or `pluraldiscardperiod` are set. This is useful for *<short>* (*<long>*) abbreviation styles where only the short form has a trailing full stop..

**insertdots** If this attribute is set to “true” any entry defined using `\newabbreviation` will automatically have full stops (periods) inserted after each letter. The entry will be defined with those dots present as though they had been present in the *<short>* argument of `\newabbreviation` (rather than inserting them every time the entry is used). The short plural form defaults to the new dotted version of the original *<short>* form with the plural suffix appended.

If you explicitly override the short plural using the `shortplural` key, you must explicitly insert the dots yourself (since there’s no way for the code to determine if the plural has a suffix that shouldn’t be followed by a dot).

This attribute is best used with the `discardperiod` attribute set to “true”.

**aposplural** If this attribute is set to “true”, `\newabbreviation` will insert an apostrophe (') before the plural suffix for the *short* plural form (unless explicitly overridden with the `shortplural` key). The long plural form is unaffected by this setting.

**noshortplural** If this attribute is set to “true”, `\newabbreviation` won’t append the plural suffix for the short plural form. This means the short and `shortplural` values will be the same unless explicitly overridden. *The `aposplural` attribute trumps the `noshortplural` attribute.*

**headuc** If this attribute is set to “true”, commands like `\glsfmtshort` will use the upper case version in the page headers.

**tagging** If this attribute is set to “true”, the tagging command defined by `\GlsXtrEnableInitialTagging` will be activated to use `\glxtrtagfont` in the glossary (see Section 2.1).

**entrycount** Unlike the above attributes, this attribute isn’t boolean but instead must be an integer value and is used in combination with `\glsenableentrycount` (see Section 1.3.3). Leave blank or undefined for categories that shouldn’t have this facility enabled. The value of this attribute is used by `\glxtrifcounttrigger` to determine how commands such as `\cgl`s should behave.

With glossaries, commands like `\cgl`s use `\cglformat` only if the previous usage count for that entry was equal to 1. With glossaries-extra the test is now for entries that have the `entrycount` attribute set and where the previous usage count for that entry is less than or equal to the value of that attribute.

**glossdesc** The `\glossentrydesc` command (used in the predefined glossary styles) is modified by glossaries-extra to check for this attribute. If the attribute is set to “firstuc”, the first letter of the description will be converted to upper case (using `\Glsentrydesc`). If the attribute is set to “title”, the title casing command `\capitalisewords` (provided by `mfirstuc`) is used on the name. Any other values of this attribute are ignored.

**glossname** As `glossdesc` but applies to `\glossentryname`. Additionally, if this attribute is set to “uc” the name is converted to all capitals.

**indexname** If set, the `\glxtrpostnamehook` hook used at the end of `\glossentryname` will index the entry using `\index`. See Section 6 for further details.

**dualindex** If set, whenever a glossary entry has information written to the external glossary file through commands like `\gls` and `\glsadd`, a corresponding line will be written to the indexing file using `\index`. See Section 6 for further details.

An attribute can be set using:

`\glissetcategoryattribute`

```
\glissetcategoryattribute{<category-label>}{<attribute-label>}{<value>}
```

where `<category-label>` is the category label, `<attribute-label>` is the attribute label and `<value>` is the new value for the attribute.

There is a shortcut version to set the regular attribute to “true”:

`\glissetregularcategory`

```
\glissetregularcategory{<category-label>}
```

If you need to lookup the category label for a particular entry, you can use the shortcut command:

`\glsetattribute`

```
\glsetattribute{<entry-label>}{<attribute-label>}{<value>}
```

This uses `\glsetcategoryattribute` with `\glscategory` to set the attribute. Note that this will affect all other entries that share this entry's category.

You can fetch the value of an attribute for a particular category using:

`\glgetcategoryattribute`

```
\glgetcategoryattribute{<category-label>}{<attribute-label>}
```

Again there is a shortcut if you need to lookup the category label for a given entry:

`\glsetattribute`

```
\glsetattribute{<entry-label>}{<attribute-label>}
```

You can test if an attribute has been assigned to a given category using:

`\glshascategoryattribute`

```
\glshascategoryattribute{<category-label>}{<attribute-label>}{<true  
code>}{<false code>}
```

This uses `etoolbox's \ifcvoid` and does `<true code>` if the attribute has been set and isn't blank and isn't `\relax`. The shortcut if you need to lookup the category label from an entry is:

`\glshasattribute`

```
\glshasattribute{<entry-label>}{<attribute-label>}{<true code>}{<false  
code>}
```

You can test the value of an attribute for a particular category using:

`\gl@ifcategoryattribute`

```
\gl@ifcategoryattribute{<category-label>}{<attribute-label>}{<value>}{  
<true-part>}{<false-part>}
```

This tests if the attribute (given by `<attribute-label>`) for the category (given by `<category-label>`) is set and equal to `<value>`. If true, `<true-part>` is done. If the attribute isn't set or is set but isn't equal to `<value>`, `<false part>` is done.

For example:

```
\gl@ifcategoryattribute{general}{nohyper}{true}{NO HYPER}{HYPER}
```

This does "NO HYPER" if the general category has the nohyper attribute set to true otherwise it does "HYPER".

With boolean-style attributes like nohyper, make sure you always test for true not false in case the attribute hasn't been set.



Again there's a shortcut if you need to lookup the category label from a particular entry:

`\glsifattribute`

```
\glsifattribute{<entry-label>}{<attribute-label>}{<value>}{<true-part>}{<false-part>}
```

There's also a shortcut to determine if a particular category has the regular attribute set:

`\glsifregularcategory`

```
\glsifregularcategory{<category-label>}{<true-part>}{<false-part>}
```

Alternatively, if you need to lookup the category for a particular entry:

`\glsifregular`

```
\glsifregular{<entry-label>}{<true-part>}{<false-part>}
```

You can iterate through all entries with a given category using:

```
\glsforeachincategory[<glossary-labels>]{<category-label>}{<glossary-cs>}{<label-cs>}{<body>}
```

This iterates through all entries in the glossaries identified by the comma-separated list `<glossary-labels>` that have the category given by `<category-label>` and performs `<body>` for each match. Within `<body>`, you can use `<glossary-cs>` and `<label-cs>` (which much be control sequences) to access the current glossary and entry label. If `<glossary-labels>` is omitted, all glossaries are assumed.

Similarly, you can iterate through all entries that have a category with a given attribute using:

`\glsforeachwithattribute`

```
\glsforeachwithattribute[<glossary-labels>]{<attribute-label>}{<attribute-value>}{<glossary-cs>}{<label-cs>}{<body>}
```

This will do `<body>` for each entry that has a category with the attribute `<attribute-label>` set to `<attribute-value>`. The remaining arguments are as the previous command.

You can change the category for a particular entry using the standard glossary field changing commands, such as `\glsfielddef`. Alternatively, you can use

`\glstrsetcategory`

```
\glstrsetcategory{<entry-labels>}{<category-label>}
```

This will change the category to `<category-label>` for each entry listed in the comma-separated list `<entry-labels>`. This command uses `\glsfieldxdef` so it will expand `<category-label>` and make the change global.

You can also change the category for all entries with a glossary or glossaries using:

`\glstrsetcategoryforall`

```
\glstrsetcategoryforall{<glossary-labels>}{<category-label>}
```

where *<glossary-labels>* is a comma-separated list of glossary labels.

## 5 Entry Counting

As mentioned in Section 1.3.3, glossaries-extra modifies the `\glsenableentrycount` command to allow for the `entrycount` attribute. This means that you not only need to enable entry counting with `\glsenableentrycount`, but you also need to set the appropriate attribute (see Section 4).

You may now use `\cgl`s instead of `\gl`s even if you haven't enabled entry counting. You will only get a warning if you use `\glsenableentrycount` without setting the `entrycount` attribute. (With glossaries, commands like `\cgl`s will generate a warning if `\glsenableentrycount` hasn't been used.) The abbreviation shortcut `\ab` uses `\cgl`s (see Section 2.3) unlike the acronym shortcut `\ac` which uses `\gl`s.

All upper case versions (not provided by glossaries) are also available:

`\cGLS`

```
\cGLS[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

and

`\cGLSpl`

```
\cGLSpl[⟨options⟩]{⟨label⟩}[⟨insert⟩]
```

These are analogous to `\cgl`s and `\cglspl` but they use

`\cGLSformat`

```
\cGLSformat{⟨label⟩}{⟨insert⟩}
```

and

`\cGLSplformat`

```
\cGLSplformat{⟨label⟩}{⟨insert⟩}
```

which convert the analogous `\cgl`sformat and `\cgl`splformat to upper case.

[TODO: work out what to do about other commands such as `\glsdisp` and `\glstext`.]

Just using glossaries:

```
\documentclass{article}
```

```
\usepackage{glossaries}
```

```
\makeglossaries
```

```
\glsenableentrycount
```

```
\newacronym{html}{HTML}{hypertext markup language}
```

```
\newacronym{xml}{XML}{extensible markup language}
```

```
\begin{document}
```

Used once: `\cglshhtml`.

Used twice: `\cglshxml` and `\cglshxml`.

```
\printglossaries
```

```
\end{document}
```

If you switch to `glossaries-extra` you must set the `entrycount` attribute:

```
\documentclass{article}
```

```
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
```

```
\makeglossaries
```

```
\glsenableentrycount
```

```
\glssetcategoryattribute{abbreviation}{entrycount}{1}
```

```
\newabbreviation{html}{HTML}{hypertext markup language}
```

```
\newabbreviation{xml}{XML}{extensible markup language}
```

```
\begin{document}
```

Used once: `\cglshhtml`.

Used twice: `\cglshxml` and `\cglshxml`.

```
\printglossaries
```

```
\end{document}
```

When activated with `\glsenableentrycount`, commands such as `\cglsh` now use

```
\glstrifcounttrigger
```

```
\glstrifcounttrigger{<label>}{<trigger code>}{<normal code>}
```

to determine if the entry trips the entry count trigger. The *<trigger code>* uses commands like `\cglshformat` and unsets the **first use flag**. The *<normal code>* is the code that would ordinarily be performed by whatever the equivalent command is (for example, `\cglsh` will use `\cglshformat` in *<trigger code>* but the usual `\gls` behaviour in *<normal code>*).

The default definition is:

```
\newcommand*{\glxtrifcounttrigger}[3]{%
  \glshasattribute{#1}{entrycount}%
  {%
    \ifnum\glsentryprevcount{#1}>\glsggetattribute{#1}{entrycount}\relax
    #3%
    \else
    #2%
    \fi
  }%
  {#3}%
}
```

This means that if an entry is assigned to a category that has the entrycount attribute then the *<trigger code>* will be used if the previous count value (the number of times the entry was used on the last run) is greater than the value of the attribute.

For example, to trigger normal use if the previous count value is greater than four:

```
\glsssetcategoryattribute{abbreviation}{entrycount}{4}
```

There is a convenient command provided to enable entry counting, set the entrycount attribute and redefine \gls, etc to use \cgl's etc:

```
\GlsXtrEnableEntryCounting
```

```
\GlsXtrEnableEntryCounting{<categories>}{<value>}
```

The first argument *<categories>* is a comma-separated list of categories. For each category, the entrycount attribute is set to *<value>*. In addition, this does:

```
\renewcommand*{\gls}{\cgl's}%
\renewcommand*{\Gls}{\cGls}%
\renewcommand*{\glspl}{\cgl'spl}%
\renewcommand*{\Glspl}{\cGlspl}%
\renewcommand*{\GLS}{\cGLS}%
\renewcommand*{\GLSpl}{\cGLSpl}%
```

This makes it easier to enable entry-counting on existing documents.

If you use \GlsXtrEnableEntryCounting more than once, subsequent uses will just set the entrycount attribute for each listed category.

The above example document can then become:

```
\documentclass{article}

\usepackage{glossaries-extra}

\makeglossaries

\GlsXtrEnableEntryCounting{abbreviation}{1}
```

```
\newabbreviation{html}{HTML}{hypertext markup language}
\newabbreviation{xml}{XML}{extensible markup language}
```

```
\begin{document}
```

Used once: `\gls{html}`.

Used twice: `\gls{xml}` and `\gls{xml}`.

```
\printglossaries
```

```
\end{document}
```

The standard entry-counting function describe above counts the number of times an entry has been marked as used throughout the document. (The reset commands will reset the total back to zero.) If you prefer to count per sectional-unit, you can use

```
\GlsXtrEnableEntryUnitCounting
```

```
\GlsXtrEnableEntryUnitCounting{<categories>}{<value>}{<counter-name>}
```

where *<categories>* is a comma-separated list of categories to which this feature should be applied, *<value>* is the trigger value and *<counter-name>* is the name of the counter used by the sectional unit.

Due to the asynchronous nature of T<sub>E</sub>X's output routine, discrepancies will occur in page spanning paragraphs if you use the page counter.

Note that you can't use both the document-wide counting and the per-unit counting in the same document.

The counter value is used as part of a label, which means that `\the<counter-name>` needs to be expandable. Since `hyperref` also has a similar requirement and provides `\theH<counter-name>` as an expandable alternative, `glossaries-extra` will use `\theH<counter-name>` if it exists otherwise it will use `\the<counter-name>`.

The per-unit counting function uses two attributes: `entrycount` (as before) and `unitcount` (the name of the counter).

Both the original document-wide counting mechanism and the per-unit counting mechanism provide a command that can be used to access the current count value for this run:

```
\glentrycurrcount
```

```
\glentrycurrcount{<label>}
```

and the final value from the previous run:

```
\glentryprevcount
```

```
\glentryprevcount{<label>}
```

In the case of the per-unit counting, this is the final value *for the current unit*. In both commands  $\langle label \rangle$  is the entry's label.

The per-unit counting mechanism additionally provides:

`\glsentryprevtotalcount`

```
\glsentryprevtotalcount{\langle label \rangle}
```

which gives the sum of all the per-unit totals from the previous run for the entry given by  $\langle label \rangle$ , and

`\glsentryprevmaxcount`

```
\glsentryprevmaxcount{\langle label \rangle}
```

which gives the maximum per-unit total from the previous run.

The above two commands are unavailable for the document-wide counting.

Example of per-unit counting, where the unit is the chapter:

```
\documentclass{report}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}

\GlsXtrEnableEntryUnitCounting{abbreviation}{2}{chapter}

\makeglossaries

\newabbreviation{html}{HTML}{hypertext markup language}
\newabbreviation{css}{CSS}{cascading style sheet}

\newglossaryentry{sample}{name={sample},description={sample}}

\begin{document}
\chapter{Sample}

Used once: \gls{html}.

Used three times: \gls{css} and \gls{css} and \gls{css}.

Used once: \gls{sample}.

\chapter{Another Sample}

Used once: \gls{css}.

Used twice: \gls{html} and \gls{html}.

\printglossaries
\end{document}
```

In this document, the `css` entry is used three times in the first chapter. This is more than the trigger value of 2, so `\gls{css}` is expanded on **first use** with the short form used on

subsequent use, and the `css` entries in that chapter are added to the glossary. In the second chapter, the `css` entry is only used once, which trips the suppression trigger, so in that chapter, the long form is used and `\gls{css}` doesn't get a line added to the glossary file.

The `html` is used a total of three times, but the expansion and indexing suppression trigger is tripped in both chapters because the per-unit total (1 for the first chapter and 2 for the second chapter) is less than or equal to the trigger value.

The `sample` entry has only been used once, but it doesn't trip the indexing suppression because it's in the general category, which hasn't been listed in `\GlsXtrEnableEntryUnitCounting`.

The per-unit entry counting can be used for other purposes. In the following example document the trigger value is set to zero, which means the index suppression won't be triggered, but the unit entry count is used to automatically suppress the hyperlink for commands like `\gls` by modifying the hook

```
\glslinkcheckfirsthyperhook
```

```
\glslinkcheckfirsthyperhook
```

which is used at the end of the macro that determines whether or not to suppress the hyperlink.

```
\documentclass{article}

\usepackage[colorlinks]{hyperref}
\usepackage{glossaries-extra}

\makeglossaries

\GlsXtrEnableEntryUnitCounting{general}{0}{page}

\newglossaryentry{sample}{name={sample},description={an example}}

\renewcommand*{\glslinkcheckfirsthyperhook}{%
  \ifnum\glsentrycurrcount\glslabel>0
    \setkeys{glslink}{hyper=false}%
  \fi
}

\begin{document}

A \gls{sample} entry.
Next use: \gls{sample}.

\newpage

Next page: \gls{sample}.
Again: \gls{sample}.

\printglossaries
```



`\end{document}`

This only produces a hyperlink for the first instance of `\gls{sample}` on each page.

The earlier warning about using the page counter still applies. If the first instance of `\gls` occurs at the top of the page within a paragraph that started on the previous page, then the count will continue from the previous page.

## 6 Auto-Indexing

It's possible that you may also want a normal index as well as the glossary, and you may want entries to automatically be added to the index (as in this document). There are two attributes that govern this: `indexname` and `dualindex`.

The `\glstrpostnamehook` macro, used at the end of `\glossentryname` and `\Glossentryname`, checks the `indexname` attribute for the category associated with that entry. Since `\glossentryname` is used in the default glossary styles, this makes a convenient way of automatically indexing each entry name at its location in the glossary without fiddling around with the value of the name key.

The internal macro used by the `glossaries` package to write the information to the external glossary file is modified to check for the `dualindex` attribute.

In both cases, the indexing is done through

`\glstrdoautoindexname`

```
\glstrdoautoindexname{\label}{\attribute-label}
```

This uses the standard `\index` command with the sort value taken from the entry's sort key and the actual value set to `\glentryname{\label}`. If the value of the attribute given by `\attribute-label` is "true", no encap will be added, otherwise the encap will be the attribute value. For example:

```
\glissetcategoryattribute{general}{indexname}{textbf}
```

will set the encap to `textbf` which will display the relevant page number in bold whereas

```
\glissetcategoryattribute{general}{dualindex}{true}
```

won't apply any formatting to the page number in the index.

The location used in the index will always be the page number not the counter used in the glossary. (Unless some other loaded package has modified the definition of `\index` to use some thing else.)

By default the format key won't be used with the `dualindex` attribute. You can allow the format key to override the attribute value by using the preamble-only command:

`\GlsXtrEnableIndexFormatOverride`

```
\GlsXtrEnableIndexFormatOverride
```

If you use this command and `hyperref` has been loaded, then the `theindex` environment will be modified to redefine `\glshypernumber` to allow formats that use that command.

The `dualindex` attribute will still be used on subsequent use even if the `indexonlyfirst` attribute (or `indexonlyfirst` package option) is set. However, the `dualindex` attribute will honour the `noindex` key.

The `\glstrdoautoindexname` command will attempt to escape any of `\makeindex`'s special characters, but there may be special cases where it fails, so take care. This assumes the default `makeindex` actual, level, quote and encap values (unless any of the commands `\actualchar`, `\levelchar`, `\quotechar` or `\encapchar` have been defined before `glossaries-extra` is loaded).

If this isn't the case, you can use the following preamble-only commands to set the correct characters.

Be very careful of possible shifting category codes!

`\GlsXtrSetActualChar`

```
\GlsXtrSetActualChar{⟨char⟩}
```

Set the actual character to `⟨char⟩`.

`\GlsXtrSetLevelChar`

```
\GlsXtrSetLevelChar{⟨char⟩}
```

Set the level character to `⟨char⟩`.

`\GlsXtrSetEscChar`

```
\GlsXtrSetEscChar{⟨char⟩}
```

Set the escape (quote) character to `⟨char⟩`.

`\GlsXtrSetEncapChar`

```
\GlsXtrSetEncapChar{⟨char⟩}
```

Set the encap character to `⟨char⟩`.

## 7 On-the-Fly Document Definitions

The commands described here may superficially look like `\index{<word>}`, but they behave rather differently. If you want to use `\index` then just use `\index`.

The glossaries package advises against defining entries in the document environment. As mentioned in Section 1.2 above, this ability is disabled by default with glossaries-extra but can be enabled using the docdefs package options.

Although this can be problematic, the glossaries-extra package provides a way of defining and using entries within the document environment without the tricks used with the docdefs option. *There are limitations with this approach, so take care with it.* This function is disabled by default, but can be enabled using the preamble-only command:

`\GlsXtrEnableOnTheFly`

`\GlsXtrEnableOnTheFly`

When used, this defines the commands described below.

The commands `\glxtr`, `\glxtrpl`, `\Glsxtr` and `\Glsxtrpl` can't be used after the glossaries have been displayed (through `\printglossary` etc). It's best not to mix these commands with the standard glossary commands, such as `\gls` or there may be unexpected results.

`\glxtr`

`\glxtr[<gls-options>][<dfn-options>]{<label>}`

If an entry with the label `<label>` has already been defined, this just does `\gls[<gls-options>]{<label>}`. If `<label>` hasn't been defined, this will define the entry using:

```
\newglossaryentry{<label>}{name={<label>},
category=\glxtrcat,
description={\nopostdesc},
<dfn-options>}
```

The `<label>` must contain any non-expandable commands, such as formatting commands or problematic characters. If the term requires any of these, they must be omitted from the `<label>` and placed in the name key must be provided in the optional argument `<dfn-options>`.

The second optional argument *<dfn-options>* should be empty if the entry has already been defined, since it's too late for them. If it's not empty, a warning will be generated with

`\GlsXtrWarning`

```
\GlsXtrWarning{<dfn-options>}{<label>}
```

For example, this warning will be generated on the second instance of `\glsxtr` below:

```
\glsxtr[] [plural=geese] {goose}
... later
\glsxtr[] [plural=geese] {goose}
```

If you are considering doing something like:

```
\newcommand*{\goose}{\glsxtr[] [plural=geese] {goose}}
\renewcommand*{\GlsXtrWarning}[2]{}
... later
\goose\ some more text here
```

then don't bother. It's simpler and less problematic to just define the entries in the preamble with `\newglossaryentry` and then use `\gls` in the document.

There are plural and case-changing alternatives to `\glsxtr`:

`\glsxtrpl`

```
\glsxtrpl[<gls-options>] [<dfn-options>]{<label>}
```

This is like `\glsxtr` but uses `\glspl` instead of `\gls`.

`\Glsxtr`

```
\Glsxtr[<gls-options>] [<dfn-options>]{<label>}
```

This is like `\glsxtr` but uses `\Gls` instead of `\gls`.

`\Glsxtrpl`

```
\Glsxtrpl[<gls-options>] [<dfn-options>]{<label>}
```

This is like `\glsxtr` but uses `\Glspl` instead of `\gls`.

If you use UTF-8 and don't want the inconvenient of needing to use an ASCII-only label, then it's better to use  $\XeTeX$  or  $\LuaTeX$  instead of  $\TeX$  (or  $\pdfTeX$ ). If you really desperately want to use UTF-8 entry labels without switching to  $\XeTeX$  or  $\LuaTeX$  then there is a starred version of `\GlsXtrEnableOnTheFly` that allows you to use UTF-8 characters in *<label>*, but it's experimental and may not work in some cases.

If you use the starred version of `\GlsXtrEnableOnTheFly` don't use any commands in the *<label>*, even if they expand to just text.

## 8 Supplemental Packages

The glossaries bundle provides additional support packages glossaries-prefix (for prefixing) and glossaries-accsupp (for accessibility support). These packages aren't automatically loaded.

### 8.1 Prefixes or Determiners

If prefixing is required, you can simply load glossaries-prefix after glossaries-extra. For example:

```
\documentclass{article}

\usepackage{glossaries-extra}
\usepackage{glossaries-prefix}

\makeglossaries

\newabbreviation
  [prefix={an\space},
  prefixfirst={a~}]
  {svm}{SVM}{support vector machine}

\begin{document}

First use: \pgls{svm}.
Next use: \pgls{svm}.

\printglossaries

\end{document}
```

### 8.2 Accessibility Support

The glossaries-accsupp needs to be loaded before glossaries-extra or through the accsupp package option:

```
\usepackage[accsupp]{glossaries-extra}
```

If you don't load glossaries-accsupp or you load glossaries-accsupp after glossaries-extra the new `\glsaccess<xxx>` commands described below will simply be equivalent to the corresponding `\glsentry<xxx>` commands.

The following `\glsaccess<xxx>` commands add accessibility information wrapped around the corresponding `\glsentry<xxx>` commands. There is no check for existence of the entry nor do any of these commands add formatting, hyperlinks or indexing information.

`\glsaccessname`

```
\glsaccessname{<label>}
```

This displays the value of the name field for the entry identified by `<label>`.

If the glossaries-accsupp package isn't loaded, this is simply defined as:

```
\newcommand*{\glsaccessname}[1]{\glsentryname{#1}}
```

otherwise it's defined as:

```
\newcommand*{\glsaccessname}[1]{%
  \glsnameaccessdisplay
  {%
    \glsentryname{#1}%
  }%
  {#1}%
}
```

(`\glsnameaccessdisplay` is defined by the glossaries-accsupp package.) The first letter upper case version is:

`\Glsaccessname`

```
\Glsaccessname{<label>}
```

Without the glossaries-accsupp package this is just defined as:

```
\newcommand*{\Glsaccessname}[1]{\Glsentryname{#1}}
```

With the glossaries-accsupp package this is defined as:

```
\newcommand*{\Glsaccessname}[1]{%
  \glsnameaccessdisplay
  {%
    \Glsentryname{#1}%
  }%
  {#1}%
}
```

The following commands are all defined in an analogous manner.

`\glsaccesstext`

```
\glsaccesstext{<label>}
```

This displays the value of the text field.

`\Glsaccesstext`

```
\Glsaccessstext{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the text field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessplural
```

```
\glsaccessplural{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the plural field.

```
\Glsaccessplural
```

```
\Glsaccessplural{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the plural field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessfirst
```

```
\glsaccessfirst{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the first field.

```
\Glsaccessfirst
```

```
\Glsaccessfirst{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the first field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessfirstplural
```

```
\glsaccessfirstplural{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the firstplural field.

```
\Glsaccessfirstplural
```

```
\Glsaccessfirstplural{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the firstplural field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccesssymbol
```

```
\glsaccesssymbol{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the symbol field.

```
\Glsaccesssymbol
```

```
\Glsaccesssymbol{\<label>}
```

This displays the value of the symbol field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccesssymbolplural
```



```
\glsaccesssymbolplural{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the symbolplural field.

```
\Glsaccesssymbolplural
```

```
\Glsaccesssymbolplural{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the symbolplural field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessdesc
```

```
\glsaccessdesc{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the desc field.

```
\Glsaccessdesc
```

```
\Glsaccessdesc{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the desc field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessdescplural
```

```
\glsaccessdescplural{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the descplural field.

```
\Glsaccessdescplural
```

```
\Glsaccessdescplural{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the descplural field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessshort
```

```
\glsaccessshort{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the short field.

```
\Glsaccessshort
```

```
\Glsaccessshort{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the short field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccessshortpl
```

```
\glsaccessshortpl{\langle label \rangle}
```

This displays the value of the shortplural field.

```
\Glsaccessshortpl
```

```
\Glsaccessshortpl{\label}
```

This displays the value of the shortplural field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccesslong
```

```
\glsaccesslong{\label}
```

This displays the value of the long field.

```
\Glsaccesslong
```

```
\Glsaccesslong{\label}
```

This displays the value of the long field with the first letter converted to upper case.

```
\glsaccesslongpl
```

```
\glsaccesslongpl{\label}
```

This displays the value of the longplural field.

```
\Glsaccesslongpl
```

```
\Glsaccesslongpl{\label}
```

This displays the value of the longplural field with the first letter converted to upper case.

## 9 Sample Files

The following sample files are provided with this package:

**sample.tex** Simple sample file that uses one of the dummy files provided by the glossaries package for testing.

**sample-mixture.tex** General entries, acronyms and initialisms all treated differently.

**sample-abbrev.tex** General abbreviations.

**sample-acronym.tex** Acronyms aren't initialisms and don't expand on **first use**.

**sample-acronym-desc.tex** Acronyms that have a separate long form and description.

**sample-crossref.tex** Unused entries that have been cross-referenced automatically are added at the end of the document.

**sample-indexhook.tex** Use the index hook to track which entries have been indexed (and therefore find out which ones haven't been indexed).

**sample-footnote.tex** Footnote abbreviation style that moves the footnote marker outside of the hyperlink generated by `\gls` and moves it after certain punctuation characters for neatness.

**sample-undef.tex** Warn on undefined entries instead of generating an error.

**sample-mixed-abbrev-styles.tex** Different abbreviation styles for different entries.

**sample-initialisms.tex** Automatically insert dots into initialisms.

**sample-postdot.tex** Another initialisms example.

**sample-postlink.tex** Automatically inserting text after the **link-text** produced by commands like `\gls` (outside of hyperlink, if present).

**sample-header.tex** Using entries in section/chapter headings.

**sample-autoindex.tex** Using the `dualindex` and `indexname` attributes to automatically add glossary entries to the index (in addition to the glossary **location list**).

**sample-autoindex-hyp.tex** As previous but uses `hyperref`.

**sample-nested.tex** Using `\gls` within the value of the `name` key.

**sample-entrycount.tex** Enable entry-use counting (only index if used more than  $n$  times).

**sample-unitentrycount.tex** Enable use of per-unit entry-use counting.

**sample-onelink.tex** Using the per-unit entry counting to only have one hyperlink per entry per page.

**sample-altmodifier.tex** Set the default options for commands like `\gls` and add an alternative modifier.

**sample-onthefly.tex** Using on-the-fly commands. Terms with accents must have the name key explicitly set.

**sample-onthefly-xetex.tex** Using on-the-fly commands with  $\XeTeX$ . Terms with UTF-8 characters don't need to have the name key explicitly set. Terms that contain commands must have the name key explicitly set with the commands removed from the label.

**sample-onthefly-utf8.tex** Tries to emulate the previous sample file for use with  $\LaTeX$  through the starred version of `\GlsXtrEnableOnTheFly`. This is a bit iffy and may not always work. Terms that contain commands must have the name key explicitly set with the commands removed from the label.

**sample-accsupp.tex** Integrate glossaries-accsupp.

**sample-prefix.tex** Integrate glossaries-prefix.

## 10 Multi-Lingual Support

There's only one command provided by `glossaries-extra` that you're likely to want to change in your document and that's `\abbreviationsname` (Section 1.2) if you use the `abbreviations` package option to automatically create the glossary labelled abbreviations. If this command doesn't already exist, it will be defined to "Abbreviations" if `babel` hasn't been loaded, otherwise it will be defined as `\acronymname` (provided by `glossaries`).

You can redefine it in the usual way. For example:

```
\renewcommand*{\abbreviationsname}{List of Abbreviations}
```

Or using `babel` or `polyglossia` captions hook:

```
\appto\captionenglish{%  
  \renewcommand*{\abbreviationsname}{List of Abbreviations}%  
}
```

Alternatively you can use the `title` key when you print the list of abbreviations. For example:

```
\printabbreviations[title={List of Abbreviations}]
```

or

```
\printglossary[type=abbreviations,title={List of Abbreviations}]
```

The other fixed text commands are the diagnostic messages, which shouldn't appear in the final draft of your document.

The `glossaries-extra` package has the facility to load language modules if they exist, but won't warn if they don't.

If you want to write your own language module, you just need to create a file called `glossariesxtr-⟨lang⟩.ldf`, where `⟨lang⟩` is the language name (see the `tracklang` package). For example, `glossariesxtr-french.ldf`.

The simplest code for this file is:

```
\ProvidesGlossariesExtraLang{french}[2015/12/09 v1.0]  
  
\newcommand*{\glossariesxtrcaptionsfrench}{%  
  \def\abbreviationsname{Abr'eviations}%  
}  
\glossariesxtrcaptionsfrench  
  
\ifcsdef{captions\CurrentTrackedDialect}  
{%  
  \csappto{captions\CurrentTrackedDialect}{%
```

```

    {%
      \glossariesxtrcaptionsfrench
    }%
  }%
  {%
    \ifcsdef{captions\CurrentTrackedLanguage}
    {%
      \csappto{captions\CurrentTrackedLanguage}%
        {%
          \glossariesxtrcaptionsfrench
        }%
      }%
    }%
  }%
  \glossariesxtrcaptionsfrench
}

```

You can adapt this for other languages by replacing all instances of the language identifier `french` and the translated text `Abr\’eviations` as appropriate. This `.ldf` file then needs to be put somewhere on  $\TeX$ ’s path so that it can be found by `glossaries-extra`. You might also want to consider uploading it to CTAN so that it can be useful to others. (Please don’t send it to me. I already have more packages than I am able to maintain.)

If you additionally want to provide translations for the diagnostic messages used when a glossary is missing, you need to redefine the following commands:

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningHead`

```
\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningHead{\langle label \rangle}{\langle file \rangle}
```

This produces the following text in English:

This document is incomplete. The external file associated with the glossary ‘`\langle label \rangle`’ (which should be called `\langle file \rangle`) hasn’t been created.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningEmptyStart`

```
\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningEmptyStart
```

This produces the following text in English:

This has probably happened because there are no entries defined in this glossary.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningEmptyMain`

```
\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningEmptyMain
```

This produces the following text in English:

If you don’t want this glossary, add `nomain` to your package option list when you load `glossaries-extra.sty`. For example:

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningEmptyNotMain`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningEmptyNotMain{<label>}`

This produces the following text in English:

Did you forget to use `type=<label>` when you defined your entries? If you tried to load entries into this glossary with `\loadglsentries` did you remember to use `[<label>]` as the optional argument? If you did, check that the definitions in the file you loaded all had the type set to `\glsdefaulttype`.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningCheckFile`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningCheckFile{<file>}`

This produces the following text in English:

Check the contents of the file `<file>`. If it's empty, that means you haven't indexed any of your entries in this glossary (using commands like `\gls` or `\glsadd`) so this list can't be generated. If the file isn't empty, the document build process hasn't been completed.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningMisMatch`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningMisMatch`

This produces the following text in English:

You need to either replace `\makenoidxglossaries` with `\makeglossaries` or replace `\printglossary` (or `\printglossaries`) with `\printnoidxglossary` (or `\printnoidxglossaries`) and then rebuild this document.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningNoOut`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningNoOut{<file>}`

This produces the following text in English:

The file `<file>` doesn't exist. This most likely means you haven't used `\makeglossaries` or you have used `\nofiles`. If this is just a draft version of the document, you can suppress this message using the `nomissinggls` package option.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningTail`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningTail`

This produces the following text in English:

This message will be removed once the problem has been fixed.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningBuildInfo`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningBuildInfo`

This is advice on how to generate the glossary files. See the documented code (`glossaries-extra-code.pdf`) for further details.

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningAutoMake`

`\GlsXtrNoGlsWarningAutoMake{\label}`

This is the message produced when the automake option is used, but the document needs a rerun or the shell escape setting doesn't permit the execution of the external application. This command also generates a warning in the transcript file. See the documented code for further details.



# Glossary

**entry location** The location of the entry in the document. This defaults to the page number on which the entry appears. An entry may have multiple locations.

**first use** The first time a glossary entry is used (from the start of the document or after a reset) with one of the following commands: `\gls`, `\Gls`, `\GLS`, `\glspl`, `\Glspl`, `\GLSpl` or `\glsdisp`.

**first use flag** A conditional that determines whether or not the entry has been used according to the rules of **first use**.

**first use text** The text that is displayed on first use, which is governed by the first and first-plural keys of `\newglossaryentry`. (May be overridden by `\glsdisp`.)

**link-text** The text produced by commands such as `\gls`. It may or may not have a hyperlink to the glossary.

**location list** A list of **entry locations**. See **number list**.

**makeglossaries** A custom designed Perl script interface provided with the glossaries package to run **xindy** or **makeindex** according to the document settings.

**makeindex** An indexing application.

**number list** A list of entry locations (also called a location list). The number list can be suppressed using the `nonumberlist` package option.

**xindy** An flexible indexing application with multilingual support written in Perl.

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