The *free* and *open source* keycommand* package

key-value interface for commands and environments in LaTeX.

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Abstract

keycommand provides an easy way to define commands or environments with optional keys.

\newkeycommand \renewkeycommand \providekeycommand and **\newkeyenvironment**, \renewkeyenvironment are macros to define such commands and environments with keys. keycommand is designed to make easier interface for user-defined commands. In particular, **\newkeycommand+** permits the use of key-commands in every context.

Keys are defined with the command itself in a very natural way. You can restrict the possible values for the keys by declaring them with a **type**. Available types for keys are : *boolean*, *enum* and *choice* (see 1.1).

The keycommand package requires and is based on the package xkeyval by Hendri Adriaens, and uses the \kv@normalize macro of kvsetkeys (Heiko Oberdiek) for robustness, as shown in 2.3).
It works with an ε-TeX distribution of LaTeX.

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1 User Interface

1.1 General syntax

\newkeycommand ∗+[short-unexpand] {⟨command⟩} [⟨keys=defaults⟩] [⟨OptKey⟩] [⟨<n>⟩] {⟨definition⟩}

modifiers Optional — Required — Optional — Required

\newkeycommand will define \command as a new key-command! well...

Use the ∗ form when you do not want it to be a \long macro (as for LaTeX-\newcommand).

The [keys=defaults] argument define the keys with their default values. It is optional, but a key-command without keys seems to be useless (at least for me...). Keys may be defined as :

Type	exemple	value of \commandkey
general	color=red	\commandkey{color} is 'red' and may be anything (text, number, macro...)
boolean	bool bold=true	\commandkey{bold} is: 0 (for false) 1 (for true)
enumerate	enum position={left,centered,right}	\commandkey{position} is: 'left' by default and can be 'centered' or 'right'
	enum∗ position={left,centered,right}	This is the same, except match is case **in**sensitive
choice	choice position={left,centered,right}	\commandkey{position} is: 0 (for left the default value), 1 (for centered) 2 (for right)
	choice∗ position={left,centered,right}	This is the same, except match is case **in**sensitive

The OptKey argument is used if you wish to capture the key=value pairs that are not specifically defined (more on this in the examples section 4).

The key-command may have 0 up to 9 **mandatory** arguments : specify the number by <n> (0 if omitted).

The + form expands the \commandkey before executing the key-command itself, as explain in section 1.3.

1.2 First example :

```
\newkeycommand\textrule[raise=.4ex,width=3em,thick=.4pt][1]{%
    \rule[\commandkey{raise}]{\commandkey{width}}{\commandkey{thick}}
    #1
    \rule[\commandkey{raise}]{\commandkey{width}}{\commandkey{thick}}}
```

defines the keys width, thick and raise with their default values (if not specified): 3em, .4pt and .4ex. Now \textrule can be used as follow:

1: \textrule[width=2em]{hello} ⟶ ——hello——
2: \textrule[thick=5pt,width=2em]{hello} ⟶ ▬▬hello▬▬
3: \textrule{hello} ⟶ ———hello———
4: \textrule[thick=2pt,raise=1ex]{hello} ⟶ ▬▬▬hello▬▬▬

et cætera.

1.3 Second example : the + form

```
\newkeycommand+[\|]\myfigure[image,
                             caption,
                             enum placement={H,h,b,t,p},
                             width=\textwidth,
                             label=
                            ][ OtherKeys]{%
    |\begin{figure}|[\commandkey{placement}]
       |\includegraphics|[width=\commandkey{width},\commandkey{ OtherKeys}]{%
                         \commandkey{image}}%
       \ifcommandkey{caption}{|\caption|{\commandkey{caption}}}{}%
       \ifcommandkey{label}{|\label|{\commandkey{label}}}{}%
    |\end{figure}|}
```

With the + form of \newkeycommand, the definition will be expanded (at run time). The optional [\|] argument means that everything inside | ... | is protected from expansion.

\ifcommandkey{⟨*name*⟩}{⟨*true*⟩}{⟨*false*⟩} expands ⟨*true*⟩ if the commandkey ⟨*name*⟩ is not blank.

⟨*Otherkeys*⟩ captures the keys given by the user but not declared: they are simply given back to \includegraphics here...

1.4 Explanation of the + form

The \commankey{⟨*name*⟩} stuff is expanded at run time using the following scheme:

```
\newkeycommand\keyMacro[A=\defA,B=\defB,C=\defC,D=\defD][1]{\begingroup
   \edef\keyMacro##1{\endgroup
       \noexpand\Macro{\getcommandkey{A}}
                      {\getcommandkey{B}}
                      {\getcommandkey{C}}
                      {\getcommandkey{D}}
}\keyMacro{#1}}
```

Therefore, the arguments of \Macro are ready: there is no more \commandkey stuff, but instead the values of the keys as you gave them to the key-command. \getcommandkey{A} is expanded to \defA.

But \defA is not expanded of course: in the + form, \commandkey has the meaning of \getcommandkey.

As you can see, the mandatory arguments **#1**, **#2** etc. are **never expanded**: there is no need to protect them inside the special (usually |) character.

1.5 key-environments

\newkeyenvironment ∗+[short-unexpand] {⟨envir name⟩} [⟨keys=defaults⟩] [⟨OptKey⟩] [⟨<n>⟩] {⟨begin⟩}{⟨end⟩}

modifiers Optional | Required | Optional | Required | Required

In the same way, you may define environments with optional keys as follow:

```
\newkeyenvironment{EnvirWithKeys}[kOne=default value,...][n]
                  { commands at begin EnvirWithKeys }
                  { commands at end EnvirWithKeys }
```

Where *n* is the number of mandatory other arguments (*ie* without keys), if any.

Key-environments may be defined with the + form in the same way as \newkeycommand is used. Be aware that each part of the environment: ⟨*begin*⟩ and ⟨*end*⟩ are expanded at run time then, and the optional [\|] argument protects from expansion in each of those parts.

2 Messages and more

2.1 Invalid keys

If you use the command \textule (defined in 1.2) with a key say: height that has not been declared at the definition of the key-command, you will get an error message like this:

```
The key-value pairs “height=...”
cannot be processed for key-command \textrule!
See the definition of the keycommand!
```

The error is recoverable: the key is ignored.

If you assign a value to an *enum* or a *choice* key, which is not allowed in the definition, you will get the following message:

```
The value “...”  is not allowed in key ...
for key-command \command
I’ll use the default value “...”  for this key instead
See the definition of the key-command!
```

The error is recoverable: the key is assigned its default value.

If you use a \commandkey{⟨*name*⟩} in a key-command where ⟨*name*⟩ is not defined as a key, you will get the TEX generic error message :

undefined control sequence : \keycmd->...@name.

2.2 Testing keys

\ifcommandkey {⟨*key name*⟩} {⟨*commands if key is NOT blank*⟩} {⟨*commands if key is blank*⟩}

When you define a key command you may let the default value of a key empty. Then, you may wish to expand some commands only if the key has been given by the user (with a non empty value). This can be achieved using the macro \ifcommandkey.

2.3 xkeyval, keyval and kvsetkeys comparison

xkeyval: macro:->2008/08/13 v2.6a package option processing (HA)
keyval: macro:->1999/03/16 v1.13 key=value parser (DPC)
kvsetkeys: macro:->2010/03/01 v1.9 Key value parser (HO)

Example	keyval	xkeyval	kvsetkeys and keycommand
\setkeys{fam}{key={{value}}}	macro:->value	macro:->value	macro:->{value}
\setkeys{fam}{key={{{value}}}}	macro:->{value}	macro:->value	macro:->{{value}}
\setkeys{fam}{key=␣{{{value}}}}	macro:->{{value}}	macro:->{value}	macro:->{{value}}

Table 1: Then it is clear that, at this time, kvsetkeys has the only correct behaviour...

In keycommand the key-value pairs are first normalized using kvsetkeys-\kv@normalize. Then braces are added around the values in order to keep the good behaviour of kvsetkeys while using xkeyval.

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3 Implementation

3.1 Identification

This package is intended to use with LaTeX so we don't check if it is loaded twice.

```
1 ⟨*package⟩
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}% LaTeX 2.09 can't be used (nor non-LaTeX)
3    [2005/12/01]% LaTeX must be 2005/12/01 or younger (see kvsetkeys.dtx).
4 \ProvidesPackage{keycommand}
5    [2010/04/18 v3.14 - key-value interface for commands and environments in LaTeX]
```

3.2 Requirements

The package is based on xkeyval. However, xkeyval is far less reliable than kvsetkeys as far as spaces and bracket (groups) are concerned, as shown in the section 2.3 of this documentation.

Therefore, we also use the macros of kvsetkeys in order to *normalize* the key=value list before setting the keys. This way, we take advantage of both xkeyval and kvsetkeys !

As long as we use ε-TeX primitives in keycommand we also load the etex package in order to get an error message if ε-TeX is not running.

The etoolbox package gives some facility to write keycommand.

From version 3.141 onwards, keycommand does not load etextools anymore.

```
6 \def\kcmd@pkg@name{keycommand}
7 \RequirePackage{etex,kvsetkeys,xkeyval,etoolbox}
```

Save the \setkeys macro of xkeyval package (in case it was overwritten by a subsequent load of kvsetkeys or keyval for example :

```
8 \protected\def\kcmd@Xsetkeys{\XKV@sttrue\XKV@plfalse\XKV@testoptc\XKV@setkeys}% in case \setkeys
9 %                                                                    was overwritten
```

Some \catcode assertions internally used by keycommand:

```
\let\kcmd@AtEnd\@empty
\def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
  \edef\kcmd@AtEnd{%
    \kcmd@AtEnd
    \catcode#1 \the\catcode#1\relax
  }%
  \catcode#1 #2\relax
}
\TMP@EnsureCode{32}{10}% space
\TMP@EnsureCode{61}{12}% = sign
\TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% - sign
\TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}% > sign
\TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% . dot
\TMP@EnsureCode{47}{8}% / slash (etextools)
\AtEndOfPackage{\kcmd@AtEnd\undef\kcmd@AtEnd}
```

`\kcmd@ifstrdigit` This macro is used too test the optional arguments of `\newkeycommand`, in particular, one must know in an argument is a single digit (representing the number of mandatory arguments) or anything else (representing the `key=value` list or the "special" `OptKey` key:

```
\iffalse%\ifdefined\pdfmatch% use \pdfmatch if present
   \long\def\kcmd@ifstrdigit#1{\csname @\ifnum\pdfmatch
      {\detokenize{^[[:space:]]*[[:digit:]][[:space:]]*$}}{\detokenize{#1}}=1 %
      first\else second\fi oftwo\endcsname}
\else% use filter, very efficient !
\def\kcmd@ifstrdigit#1{%
   \kcmd@nbk#1//%
      {\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\kcmd@ifstrdigit@i
         \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\detokenize\expandafter{\number\number0#1}}}%
      {\@secondoftwo}//%
}
\def\kcmd@ifstrdigit@i#1{%
   \def\kcmd@ifstrdigit@ii##1#1##2##3\kcmd@ifstrdigit@ii{%
      \csname @\ifx##20first\else second\fi oftwo\endcsname
      }\kcmd@ifstrdigit@ii 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0#1 \relax\kcmd@ifstrdigit@ii
}
\fi
```

3.3 Defining (and undefining) command-keys

`\kcmd@keyfam` The macro expands to the family-name, given the keycommand name:

```
\def\kcmd@keyfam#1{\detokenize{keycmd->}\expandafter\@gobble\string#1}
```

`\kcmd@nbk` is the optimized `\ifnotblank` macro of etoolbox (with `/` having a catcode of 8):

```
\def\kcmd@nbk#1#2/#3#4#5//{#4}%
```

`\kcmd@normalize@setkeys`

This macro assigns the values to the keys (expansion of xkeyval-`\setkeys` on the result of kvsetkeys-`\kv@normalize`). Braces are normalized too so that `key=␣{{{value}}}` is the same as `key={{{value}}}` as explained in section 2.3:

```
\newrobustcmd\kcmd@normalize@setkeys[4]{%
% #1 = key-command,
% #2 = family,
% #3 = other-key,
% #4 = key-values pairs
   \kv@normalize{#4}\toks@{}%
```

```
   \expandafter\kv@parse@normalized\expandafter{\kv@list}{\kcmd@normalize@braces{#2}}%
   \edef\kv@list{\kcmd@Xsetkeys{\unexpanded{#2}}{\the\toks@}}\kv@list
   \kcmd@nbk#3//% undeclared keys are assigned to "OtherKeys"
      {\cslet{#2@#3}\XKV@rm}% (if specified, ie not empty)
      {\expandafter\kcmd@nbk\XKV@rm//% (otherwise a recoverable error is thown)
         {\PackageError\kcmd@pkg@name{The key-value pairs :\MessageBreak
         \XKV@rm\MessageBreak
         cannot be processed for key-command \string#1\MessageBreak
         See the definition of the key-command!}{}{}{}//}//%
}
\long\def\kcmd@normalize@braces#1#2#3{% This is kvsetkeys processor for normalizing braces
   \toks@\expandafter{\the\toks@,#2}%
   \ifx @\detokenize{#3}@\else \toks@\expandafter{\the\toks@={{{#3}}}}\fi
}
```

\kcmd@definekey

\kcmd@definekey define the keys declared for the key-command. It is used as the *processor* for the \kv@parse macro of kvsetkeys. The macro appends the key names to the key list: "*family*.keylist".

keys are first checked for their type (bool, enum, enum*, choice or choice*) :

```
\def\kcmd@check@typeofkey#1{% expands to
% 0 if key has no type,
% 1 if boolean,
% 2 if enum*,
% 3 if enum,
% 4 if choice*,
% 5 if choice
   \kcmd@check@typeofkey@bool#1bool //%
      {\kcmd@check@typeofkey@enumst#1enum* //%
         {\kcmd@check@typeofkey@enum#1enum //%
            {\kcmd@check@typeofkey@choicest#1choice* //%
               {\kcmd@check@typeofkey@choice#1choice //%
                  05//}4//}3//}2//}1//}
\def\kcmd@check@typeofkey@bool #1bool #2//{\kcmd@nbk#1//}
\def\kcmd@get@keyname@bool #1bool #2//{#2}
\def\kcmd@check@typeofkey@enumst #1enum* #2//{\kcmd@nbk#1//}
\def\kcmd@get@keyname@enumst #1enum* #2//{#2}
\def\kcmd@check@typeofkey@enum #1enum #2//{\kcmd@nbk#1//}
\def\kcmd@get@keyname@enum #1enum #2//{#2}
\def\kcmd@check@typeofkey@choicest #1choice* #2//{\kcmd@nbk#1//}
\def\kcmd@get@keyname@choicest #1choice* #2//{#2}
\def\kcmd@check@typeofkey@choice #1choice #2//{\kcmd@nbk#1//}
\def\kcmd@get@keyname@choice #1choice #2//{#2}
%
\protected\long\def\kcmd@definekey#1#2#3#4#5{% define the keys using xkeyval macros
% #1 = keycommand,
% #2 = \global,
% #3 = family,
% #4 = key (before = sign),
% #5 = default (after = sign)
   \ifcase\kcmd@check@typeofkey{#4}\relax% standard
      #2\csedef{#3.keylist}{\csname#3.keylist\endcsname,#4}%
      \define@cmdkey{#3}[{#3@}]{#4}[{#5}]{}%
   \or% bool
      #2\csedef{#3.keylist}{\csname#3.keylist\endcsname,\kcmd@get@keyname@bool#4//}%
      \kcmd@define@boolkey#1{#3}{\kcmd@get@keyname@bool#4//}{#5}%
   \or% enum*
      #2\csedef{#3.keylist}{\csname#3.keylist\endcsname,\kcmd@get@keyname@enumst#4//}%
      \kcmd@define@choicekey#1*{#3}{\kcmd@get@keyname@enumst#4//}{#5}{\expandonce\val}%
   \or% enum
      #2\csedef{#3.keylist}{\csname#3.keylist\endcsname,\kcmd@get@keyname@enum#4//}%
```

```
      \kcmd@define@choicekey#1{}{#3}{\kcmd@get@keyname@enum#4//}{#5}{\expandonce\val}%
   \or% choice*
      #2\csedef{#3.keylist}{\csname#3.keylist\endcsname,\kcmd@get@keyname@choicest#4//}%
      \kcmd@define@choicekey#1*{#3}{\kcmd@get@keyname@choicest#4//}{#5}{\number\nr}%
   \or% choice
      #2\csedef{#3.keylist}{\csname#3.keylist\endcsname,\kcmd@get@keyname@choice#4//}%
      \kcmd@define@choicekey#1{}{#3}{\kcmd@get@keyname@choice#4//}{#5}{\number\nr}%
   \fi
   \ifx#2\global\relax
      #2\csletcs{KV@#3@#4}{KV@#3@#4}% globalize
      #2\csletcs{KV@#3@#4@default}{KV@#3@#4@default}% globalize default value
   \fi
}
%
\long\def\kcmd@firstchoiceof#1,#2\kcmd@nil{\unexpanded{#1}}
%
\long\def\kcmd@define@choicekey#1#2#3#4#5#6{%
   \begingroup\edef\kcmd@define@choicekey{\endgroup
      \noexpand\define@choicekey#2+{#3}{#4}
            [\noexpand\val\noexpand\nr]%
            {\unexpanded{#5}}% list of allowed values
            [{\kcmd@firstchoiceof#5,\kcmd@nil}]% default value
            {\csedef{#3@#4}{\unexpanded{#6}}}% define key value if in the allowed list
            {\kcmd@error@handler\noexpand#1{#3}{#4}{\kcmd@firstchoiceof#5,\kcmd@nil}}% error handl
   }\kcmd@define@choicekey
}
\def\kcmd@define@boolkey#1#2#3#4{\begingroup
   \kcmd@nbk#4//{\def\default{#4}}{\def\default{true}}//%
   \edef\kcmd@define@boolkey{\endgroup
      \noexpand\define@choicekey*+{#2}{#3}[\noexpand\val\noexpand\nr]%
            {false,true}
            [{\unexpanded\expandafter{\default}}]%
            {\csedef{#2@#3}{\noexpand\number\noexpand\nr}}%
            {\kcmd@error@handler\noexpand#1{#2}{#3}{\unexpanded\expandafter{\default}}}%
   }\kcmd@define@boolkey
}
%
\protected\long\def\kcmd@error@handler#1#2#3#4{%
% #1 = key-command,
% #2 = family,
% #3 = key,
% #4 = default
   \PackageError\kcmd@pkg@name{%
      Value `\val\space' is not allowed in key #3\MessageBreak
      for key-command \string#1.\MessageBreak
      I'll use the default value `#4' for this key.\MessageBreak
      See the definition of the key-command!}{%
      \csdef{#2@#3}{#4}}}
```

\kcmd@undefinekeys

Now in case we redefine a key-command, we would like the old keys (*ie* the keys associated to the old definition of the command) to be cleared, undefined. That's the job of `\kcmd@undefinekeys`.

```
\protected\def\kcmd@undefinekeys#1#2{% #1 = global, #2 = family
   \ifcsundef{#2.keylist}
      {\cslet{#2.keylist}\@gobble}
      {\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\docsvlist
         \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
                        \csname #2.keylist\endcsname}%
      \cslet{#2.keylist}\@gobble}%
}
```

```
\def\kcmd@undefinekey#1#2#3{% #1 = global, #2 = family, #3 = key
   #1\csundef{KV@#2@#3}%
   #1\csundef{KV@#2@#3@default}%
}
```

`\kcmd@setdefaults` sets the defaults values for the keys at the very beginning of the keycommand:

```
\def\kcmd@setdefaults#1{%
   \ifcsundef{#1.keylist}{}
   {\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\docsvlist
      \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
                           \csname #1.keylist\endcsname}}%
}
```

`\kcmd@def` checks `\@ifdefinable` and cancels definition if needed:

```
\protected\long\def\kcmd@def#1#2[#3][#4][#5]#6#7{%
   \ifx#1\kcmd@donot@provide\else
      \@ifdefinable#1{\kcmd@defcommand#1[{#3}][{#4}][{#5}]{#6}{#2}{#7}}%
   \fi
}
```

`\kcmd@defcommand` prepares (expands) the arguments before closing the group opened at the very beginning. Then it proceeds (`\kcmd@yargdef` (normal interface) or `\kcmd@yargedef` (when `\newkeycommand+` is used))

```
\protected\long\def\kcmd@defcommand#1[#2][#3][#4]#5#6#7{%
   \edef\kcmd@fam{\kcmd@keyfam{#1}}\let\commandkey\relax\let\getcommandkey\relax
   \let#1\relax   \cslet\kcmd@fam\relax
   \def\do{\kcmd@undefinekey{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@fam}}%
   \edef\kcmd@defcommand{\endgroup
      \kcmd@undefinekeys{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@fam}% undefines all keys for this keycommand family
      \ifx\kcmd@unexpandchar\@empty\else
         \kcmd@mount@unexpandchar{\kcmd@fam}{\unexpanded\expandafter{\kcmd@unexpandchar}}%
      \fi
      \unexpanded{\kv@parse{#2,#3}}{\kcmd@definekey\noexpand#1{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@fam}}% defines key
      \csdef{\kcmd@fam.commandkey}####1{\noexpand\csname\kcmd@fam @####1\endcsname}%
      \csdef{\kcmd@fam.getcommandkey}####1{%
         \unexpanded{\unexpanded\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter}{%
                           \noexpand\csname\kcmd@fam @####1\endcsname}}%
      \kcmd@ifplus% \newkeycommand+ / \newkeyenvironment+
         \csdef{\kcmd@fam}{%
            \kcmd@yargedef{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@long}\csname\kcmd@fam\endcsname
                          {\number#4}{\noexpand#6}{\csname\kcmd@fam.unexpandchar\endcsname}}%
         \ifx#6\@gobble\else \def#6{% that means we have to define a key-environment
            \kcmd@yargedef{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@long}{#6}%
                                 0\relax{\csname\kcmd@fam.unexpandchar\endcsname}}%
         \fi
      \else% \newkeycommand / \newkeyenvironment
         \csdef{\kcmd@fam}{%
            \kcmd@yargdef{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@long}\csname\kcmd@fam\endcsname
                          {\number#4}{\noexpand#6}}%
         \ifx#6\@gobble\else \def#6{% that means we have to define a key-environment
            \kcmd@yargdef{\kcmd@gbl}{\kcmd@long}{#6}0\relax}%
         \fi
      \fi
      \let\commandkey\relax\let\getcommandkey\relax\let#1\relax
      \def\noexpand\do####1{\unexpanded{\expandafter\noexpand\csname}KV@\kcmd@fam @####1@default%
                                                                  \endcsname}%
      \kcmd@gbl\protected\edef#1{% entry point
         \let\getcommandkey\unexpanded{\expandafter\noexpand\csname}\kcmd@fam.getcommandkey%
                                                                  \endcsname
         \kcmd@ifplus  \let\commandkey\getcommandkey
```

```
213          \else         \letcs\commandkey{\kcmd@fam.commandkey}%
214          \fi
215          \noexpand\kcmd@setdefaults{\kcmd@fam}%
216          \noexpand\noexpand\noexpand\@testopt{%
217             \kcmd@setkeys#1{\kcmd@fam}{\kcmd@otherkey{#3}}}{}
218          }%
219       \csname\kcmd@fam\endcsname% expand \kcmd@yargedef or \kcmd@yargdef
220    }\kcmd@defcommand{#5}{#7}% #5 = definition, #7 = definition end-envir
221 }
222 \protected\long\def\kcmd@setkeys#1#2#3[#4]{%
223    \kcmd@normalize@setkeys{#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}\csname#2\endcsname}
224 \long\def\kcmd@otherkey#1{\kcmd@nbk#1//{\kcmd@otherkey@name#1=\kcmd@nil}{}//}
225 \long\def\kcmd@otherkey@name#1=#2\kcmd@nil{#1}
```

\kcmd@mount@unexpandchar

This macro defines the macro \"*family.unexpandchar*". \"*family.unexpandchar*" activates the shortcut character for \unexpanded and defines its meaning.

```
226 \protected \def \kcmd@mount@unexpandchar#1#2{%
227    \protected\csdef{#1.unexpandchar}{\begingroup
228       \catcode`\~\active \lccode`\~`#2 \lccode`#2 0\relax
229          \lowercase{%
230             \expandafter\endgroup\expandafter\def\expandafter~{%
231                \catcode`#2\active
232                \long\def~########1~{\unexpanded{########1}}}%
233          ~}%
234    }%
235 }
```

\kcmd@yargdef This is the "argdef" macro for the normal (non +) form:

```
236 \protected \def \kcmd@yargdef #1#2#3#4#5{\begingroup
237 % #1 = global or {}
238 % #2 = long or {}
239 % #3 = Command
240 % #4 = nr of args
241 % #5 = endenvir (or \@gobble if not an environment, or \relax if #3 is endenvir)
242    \def \kcmd@yargd@f ##1#4##2##{\afterassignment#5\endgroup
243       #1#2\expandafter\def\expandafter#3\@gobble ##1#4%
244    }\kcmd@yargd@f 0##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8##9###4%
245 }
```

\kcmd@yargedef This is the "argdef" macro for the + form:

```
246 \protected \def \kcmd@yargedef#1#2#3#4#5#6{\begingroup
247 % #1 = global or {}
248 % #2 = long or {}
249 % #3 = Command
250 % #4 = nr of args
251 % #5 = endenvir (or \@gobble if not an environment, or \relax if #3 is endenvir)
252 % #6 = unexpandchar mounting macro
253    \expandafter\let\expandafter\kcmd@nargs\csname kcmd@#4of9\endcsname
254    \long\def\kcmd@yarg@edef##1##2{\afterassignment#5\endgroup
255       #1\edef#3{\begingroup #6%
256          #2\edef\unexpanded{#3##2}{\endgroup\unexpanded{##1}%
257          }\noexpand#3}%
258    }%
259    \protected\def\kcmd@yarg@body{\edef\body{\unexpanded\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
260       \expandafter#3\kcmd@nargs{{####1}}{{####2}}{{####3}}{{####4}}{{####5}}{{####6}}{{####7}}{{##
```

```
   }\expandafter\kcmd@yarg@edef\expandafter{\body}}%
   \def\kcmd@yarged@f##1#4##2##{%
      \edef\kcmd@yargedef@next{\kcmd@yarg@body{\expandonce{\@gobble ##1#4}}}%
      \afterassignment\kcmd@yargedef@next
      \expandafter\def\expandafter#3\@gobble ##1#4%
   }\kcmd@yarged@f 0##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8##9###4%
}
```

\kcmd@nargs Filter macros used by \kcmd@yargedef to get the correct number of arguments:

```
\def\do#1{%
   \def\kcmd@XofNine##1#1##2##{%
      \expandafter\csedef{kcmd@#1of9}####1####2####3####4####5####6####7####8####9{%
                              \@gobble ##1#1}%
   }\kcmd@XofNine 0##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8##9###1{}%
}
\docsvlist{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0}
\undef\kcmd@XofNine
```

3.4 new key-commands

\newkeycommand Here are the entry points:

```
\newrobustcmd*\newkeycommand{\begingroup
   \let\kcmd@gbl\@empty\kcmd@star@or@long\new@keycommand}
\newrobustcmd*\renewkeycommand{\begingroup
   \let\kcmd@gbl\@empty\kcmd@star@or@long\renew@keycommand}
\newrobustcmd*\providekeycommand{\begingroup
   \let\kcmd@gbl\@empty\kcmd@star@or@long\provide@keycommand}
```

\kcmd@star@or@long

This is the adaptation of LaTeX's \@star@or@long macro:

```
\def\kcmd@star@or@long#1{\@ifstar
      {\let\kcmd@long\@empty\kcmd@plus#1}
      {\def\kcmd@long{\long}\kcmd@plus#1}}
\def\kcmd@@ifplus#1{\@ifnextchar +{\@firstoftwo{#1}}}% same as LaTeX's \@ifstar
\def\kcmd@plus#1{\kcmd@@ifplus
      {\def\kcmd@ifplus{\iftrue}\kcmd@testopt#1}
      {\def\kcmd@ifplus{\iffalse}\kcmd@testopt#1}}
\def\kcmd@testopt#1{\@testopt{\kcmd@unexpandchar#1}{}}
```

\kcmd@unexpandchar Reads the possible unexpand-char shortcut:

```
\def\kcmd@unexpandchar#1[#2]{%
   \kcmd@ifplus
      \kcmd@nbk#2//
         {\def\kcmd@unexpandchar{#2}% only once inside group...
          \def\kcmd@unexpandchar@activate{\catcode`#2 \active}%
         }{%
          \let\kcmd@unexpandchar\@empty
          \let\kcmd@unexpandchar@activate\relax
         }//%
   \else  \let\kcmd@unexpandchar\@empty
      \kcmd@nbk#2//%
         {\PackageError\kcmd@pkg@name{shortcut option for \string\unexpanded\MessageBreak
         You can't use a shortcut option for \string\unexpanded\MessageBreak
         without the \string+ form of \string\newkeycommand!}%
         {I will ignore this option and proceed.}%
         }%
```

```
306          {}//%
307    \fi#1}
```

\new@keycommand Reads the key-command name (cs-token):

```
308 \def\new@keycommand#1{\@testopt{\@newkeycommand#1}0}
```

\@newkeycommand Reads the first optional parameter (keys or number of mandatory args):

```
309 \long\def\@newkeycommand#1[#2]{% #2 = key=values or N=mandatory args
310    \kcmd@ifplus \kcmd@unexpandchar@activate \fi% activates unexpand-char before reading definitior
311    \kcmd@ifstrdigit{#2}%
312       {\@new@key@command#1[][][{#2}]}% no kv, no optkey, number of args
313       {\@testopt{\@new@keycommand#1[{#2}]}0}}% kv, check for optkey/nr of args
```

\@new@keycommand Reads the second optional parameter (opt key or number of mandatory args):

```
314 \long\def\@new@keycommand#1[#2][#3]{%
315    \kcmd@ifstrdigit{#3}%
316       {\@new@key@command#1[{#2}][][{#3}]}% no optkey
317       {\@testopt{\@new@key@command#1[{#2}][{#3}]}0}}
```

\@new@key@command Reads the definition of the command (\kcmd@def handles both cases of commands and environements). The so called "unexpand-char shortcut" has been activated before reading command definition:

```
318 \long\def\@new@key@command#1[#2][#3][#4]#5{%
319       \kcmd@def#1\@gobble[{#2}][{#3}][{#4}]{#5}{}}
```

\renew@keycommand

```
320 \def\renew@keycommand#1{\begingroup
321    \escapechar\m@ne\edef\@gtempa{{\string#1}}%
322    \expandafter\@ifundefined\@gtempa
323       {\endgroup\@latex@error{\noexpand#1undefined}\@ehc}
324       \endgroup
325    \let\@ifdefinable\@rc@ifdefinable
326    \new@keycommand#1%
327 }
```

\provide@keycommand

```
328 \def\provide@keycommand#1{\begingroup
329    \escapechar\m@ne\edef\@gtempa{{\string#1}}%
330    \expandafter\@ifundefined\@gtempa
331       {\endgroup\new@keycommand#1}
332       {\endgroup\def\kcmd@donot@provide{\renew@keycommand\kcmd@donot@provide
333          }\kcmd@donot@provide}%
334 }
335 \let\kcmd@donot@provide\@empty% it must not be undefined
```

3.5 new key-environments

\newkeyenvironment

```
336 \newrobustcmd*\newkeyenvironment{\begingroup
337    \let\kcmd@gbl\@empty\kcmd@star@or@long\new@keyenvironment}
338 \newrobustcmd\renewkeyenvironment{\begingroup
339    \let\kcmd@gbl\@empty\kcmd@star@or@long\renew@keyenvironment}
```

\new@keyenvironment

```
\def\new@keyenvironment#1{\@testopt{\@newkeyenva{#1}}{}}
\long\def\@newkeyenva#1[#2]{%
   \kcmd@ifstrdigit{#2}%
      {\@newkeyenv{#1}{[][][{#2}]}}
      {\@testopt{\@newkeyenvb{#1}[{#2}]}{}}}
\long\def\@newkeyenvb#1[#2][#3]{%
   \kcmd@ifstrdigit{#3}%
      {\@newkeyenv{#1}{[{#2}][][{#3}]}}
      {\@testopt{\@newkeyenvc{#1}{[{#2}][{#3}]}}0}}
\long\def\@newkeyenvc#1#2[#3]{\@newkeyenv{#1}{#2[{#3}]}}
\long\def\@newkeyenv#1#2{%
   \kcmd@ifplus \kcmd@unexpandchar@activate \fi
   \kcmd@keyenvir@def{#1}{#2}%
}
\long\def\kcmd@keyenvir@def#1#2#3#4{%
   \expandafter\let\csname end#1\endcsname\relax
   \expandafter\kcmd@def\csname #1\expandafter\endcsname\csname end#1\endcsname#2{#3}{#4}%
}
```

\renew@keyenvironment

```
\def\renew@keyenvironment#1{%
  \@ifundefined{#1}%
     {\@latex@error{Environment #1 undefined}\@ehc
     }\relax
  \cslet{#1}\relax
  \new@keyenvironment{#1}}
```

3.6 Tests on keys

\ifcommandkey {⟨*key-name*⟩}{⟨*true*⟩}{⟨*false*⟩} expands ⟨*true*⟩ only if the value of the key is not blank:

```
\newcommand*\ifcommandkey[1]{\csname @\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
   \kcmd@nbk\commandkey{#1}//{first}{second}//%
   oftwo\endcsname}
```

\showcommandkeys are helper macros essentially for debuging purpose...

```
\newrobustcmd*\showcommandkeys[1]{\let\do\showcommandkey\docsvlist{#1}}
\newrobustcmd*\showcommandkey[1]{key \string"#1\string" = %
   \detokenize\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\commandkey{#1}}\par}
```

⟨/package⟩

4 Examples

```
⟨*example⟩
\ProvidesFile{keycommand-example}
\documentclass[a4paper]{article}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage[latin1]{inputenc}
\usepackage[american]{babel}
\usepackage{keycommand,framed,fancyvrb}
%
\makeatletter
\parindent\z@
\newkeycommand*\Rule[raise=.4ex,width=1em,thick=.4pt][1]{%
```

```
    \rule[\commandkey{raise}]{\commandkey{width}}{\commandkey{thick}}%
    #1%
    \rule[\commandkey{raise}]{\commandkey{width}}{\commandkey{thick}}}

\newkeycommand*\charleads[sep=1][2]{%
    \ifhmode\else\leavevmode\fi\setbox\@tempboxa\hbox{#2}\@tempdima=1.584\wd\@tempboxa%
    \cleaders\hb@xt@\commandkey{sep}\@tempdima{\hss\box\@tempboxa\hss}#1%
    \setbox\@tempboxa\box\voidb@x}
\newcommand*\charfill[1][]{\charleads[{#1}]{\hfill\kern\z@}}
\newcommand*\charfil[1][]{\charleads[{#1}]{\hfil\kern\z@}}
%
\newkeyenvironment*{dblruled}[first=.4pt,second=.4pt,sep=1pt,left=\z@]{%
    \def\FrameCommand{%
       \vrule\@width\commandkey{first}%
       \hskip\commandkey{sep}
       \vrule\@width\commandkey{second}%
       \hspace{\commandkey{left}}}%
    \parindent\z@
    \MakeFramed {\advance\hsize-\width \FrameRestore}}
    {\endMakeFramed}
%
\makeatother
\begin{document}
\title{This is {\tt keycommand-example.tex}}
\author{Florent Chervet}
\date{July 22, 2009}

\maketitle

{\Large Please refer to {\tt keycommand-example.tex} for definitions.}

\section{Example of a keycommand : \texttt{\string\Rule}}

\begin{tabular*}\textwidth{rl}
\verb+\Rule[width=2em]{hello}+:&\Rule[width=2em]{hello}\cr
\verb+\Rule[thick=1pt,width=2em]{hello}+:&\Rule[thick=1pt,width=2em]{hello}\cr
\verb+\Rule{hello}+:&\Rule{hello}\cr
\verb+\Rule[thick=1pt,raise=1ex]{hello}+:&\Rule[thick=1pt,raise=1ex]{hello}
\end{tabular*}

\section{Example of a keycommand : \texttt{\string\charfill}}

\begin{tabular*}\textwidth{rp{.4\textwidth}}
\verb+\charfill{$\star$}+: & \charfill{$\star$}\cr
\verb+\charfill[sep=2]{$\star$}+: & \charfill[sep=2]{$\star$} \\
\verb+\charfill[sep=.7]{\textasteriskcentered}+: & \charfill[sep=.7]{\textasteriskcentered}
\end{tabular*}


\section{Example of a keyenvironment : \texttt{dblruled}}

Key environment \texttt{dblruled } uses \texttt{framed.sty} and therefore it can be used
even if a pagebreak occurs inside the environment:
\medskip

\verb+\begin{dblruled}+\par
\verb+   test for dblruled key-environment\par+\par
\verb+   test for dblruled key-environment\par+\par
\verb+   test for dblruled key-environment+\par
\verb+\end{dblruled}+

\begin{dblruled}
```

```
444  test for dblruled key-environment\par
445  test for dblruled key-environment\par
446  test for dblruled key-environment
447 \end{dblruled}
448
449
450 \verb+\begin{dblruled}[first=4pt,sep=2pt,second=.6pt,left=.2em]+\par
451 \verb+   test for dblruled key-environment\par+\par
452 \verb+   test for dblruled key-environment\par+\par
453 \verb+   test for dblruled key-environment+\par
454 \verb+\end{dblruled}+
455
456 \begin{dblruled}[first=4pt,sep=2pt,second=.6pt,left=.2em]
457  test for dblruled key-environment\par
458  test for dblruled key-environment\par
459  test for dblruled key-environment
460 \end{dblruled}
461
462 \end{document}
463 ⟨/example⟩
```

5 History

[2010/04/25 v3.141]

- No new feature but a real improvement in optimization.
  In particular, keycommand does not load etextools anymore.

- Bug fix for `\providekeycommand`.

[2010/04/18 v3.14]

- Correction of bug in the normalization process.
  Correction of a bug in `\ifcommandkey` (undesirable space...)
- Modification of the pdf documentation for the + form of key-environments.

[2010/03/28 v3.0]

- Complete redesign of the implementation.
  keycommand is now based on some macros of etoolbox.
- Adding the + prefix and the ability to capture keys that where not defined.

[2009/07/22 v1.0]

- First version.

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