

# The `morewrites` package: Always room for a new `\write`

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### 1 `morewrites` documentation

This  $\text{\LaTeX}$  package is a solution for the errors

- “no room for a new `\write`”,
- “no room for a new `\read`”,

which occur when a document reserves too many streams to write data to various auxiliary files or read from them. It is in principle possible to rewrite other packages so that they are less greedy on resources, but that is often unpractical for the end-user. Instead, `morewrites` hooks at the lowest level ( $\text{\TeX}$  primitives).

Simply add the line `\usepackage{morewrites}` near the beginning of your  $\text{\LaTeX}$  file’s preamble: the “no room for a new `\write/\read`” error should vanish. If it does not, please contact me so that I can correct the problem. This can be done by posting a question on the [tex.stackexchange.com](https://tex.stackexchange.com) question and answers website, logging an issue on GitHub (<https://github.com/blefloch/latex-morewrites>), or emailing me a minimal file showing the problem.

Notes.

- This package loads the `expl3` package, hence the `l3kernel` bundle needs to be up to date.
- This package uses an auxiliary file, `\jobname.mw`, which can safely be deleted. Versions from 2015 and later will only use the auxiliary file if it is originally empty, to avoid destroying data (such as `.mw` files used by Maple). This means that `.mw` files generated by versions before 2015 should be deleted by hand.
- $\text{\LuaTeX}$  allows 128 `\write` streams, so this package does nothing (with a warning) when used with  $\text{\LuaTeX}$ .

## 1.1 Commands defined or altered by `morewrites`

<hr/> <code>\morewritessetup</code> <hr/>	<code>\morewritessetup {⟨key-value list⟩}</code>
New: 2014-07-26	Sets the options described by the <code>⟨key-value list⟩</code> .
<hr/> <code>allocate</code> <hr/>	<code>\morewritessetup { allocate = ⟨integer⟩ }</code>
New: 2017-04-10	Sets to (at least) <code>⟨integer⟩</code> the number of <code>\write</code> streams allocated to the inner workings of <code>morewrites</code> . By default this is zero but increasing this value may speed up <code>morewrites</code> .
<hr/> <code>file</code> <hr/>	<code>\morewritessetup { file = ⟨file name⟩ }</code>
New: 2014-07-26 Updated: 2015-08-01	Sets (globally) the name of the file which will be used by internal processes of <code>morewrites</code> . The file name is <code>\jobname.mw</code> by default (technically, <code>\c_sys_jobname_str.mw</code> ). Contrarily to earlier versions of <code>morewrites</code> non-empty files will not be overwritten; this design choice may lead to unwanted <code>.mw</code> files remaining.
<hr/> <code>\newread</code> <code>\newwrite</code> <hr/>	These macros are redefined by <code>morewrites</code> . Since <code>morewrites</code> allows more than 16 read/write streams, it removes the corresponding restrictions in <code>\newread</code> and <code>\newwrite</code> .
Updated: 2015-08-01	<b>TeXhackers note:</b> The revised <code>\newread</code> and <code>\newwrite</code> allocate stream numbers starting at 19. This might break some code that expects stream numbers to be less than 16.
<hr/> <code>\immediate</code> <hr/>	This primitive is altered by <code>morewrites</code> , to detect a following <code>\write</code> or <code>\openout</code> or <code>\closeout</code> and perform the appropriate action.
Updated: 2015-08-01	
<hr/> <code>\openin</code> <code>\read</code> <code>\readline</code> <code>\closein</code> <code>\openout</code> <code>\write</code> <code>\closeout</code> <hr/>	These seven primitives are altered by <code>morewrites</code> so that they accept stream numbers outside the normal range <code>[0, 15]</code> and open/read/write/close files as appropriate.
Updated: 2015-08-01	<b>TeXhackers note:</b> System calls using <code>\write18</code> are detected and forwarded to the engine.
<hr/> <code>\shipout</code> <hr/>	This primitive is altered by <code>morewrites</code> to ensure that delayed <code>\openout</code> , <code>\write</code> and <code>\closeout</code> commands are performed at <code>\shipout</code> time, and in the correct order.

## 1.2 Known deficiencies and open questions

See the bug tracker <https://github.com/blefloch/latex-morewrites/issues/> for a list of issues with `morewrites`.

The package code is not good `expl3` code. *Do not take this package as an example of how to code with `expl3`; go and see Joseph Wright's `siunitx` instead.* It uses `\...:D` primitives directly (the `:D` stands for “do not use”). This is unavoidable in order to hook into the primitives `\immediate`, `\write`, *etc.* and to keep a very strong control on what every command does.

## 2 morewrites implementation

```

<*package>
1 \RequirePackage {expl3} [2017/03/18]
2 \RequirePackage {primargs} [2017/04/10]
3 \ProvidesExplPackage
4   {morewrites} {2017/04/10} {} {Always room for a new write}
   Quit early under LuaTeX.
5 \sys_if_engine luatex:T
6   {
7     \cs_new_protected:Npn \morewritessetup #1 { }
8     \msg_new:nnn { morewrites } { luatex }
9     { The~morewrites~package~is~unnecessary~in~LuaTeX. }
10    \msg_warning:nn { morewrites } { luatex }
11    \tex_endinput:D
12  }%
13 <@@=morewrites>

```

### 2.1 Overview of relevant T<sub>E</sub>X facts

The aim of the `morewrites` package is to lift T<sub>E</sub>X’s restriction of only having 16 files open for reading at the same time, and the same restriction for writing. This requires patching the primitives `\openin`, `\read`, `\readline`, `\closein`, `\immediate`, `\openout`, `\write`, `\closeout`, and `\shipout`, and the macros `\newread` and `\newwrite` present in plain T<sub>E</sub>X and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

The `morewrites` package should be loaded as early as possible, so that any package loaded later uses the redefined macros instead of the primitives. However, the format (plain T<sub>E</sub>X or L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>) and the `expl3` programming language are always loaded before `morewrites`, and their interaction must be carefully monitored.

Henceforth, “T<sub>E</sub>X stream” will refer to stream numbers in the range  $[0, 15]$  provided to T<sub>E</sub>X’s read/write primitives, while “user stream” will denote stream numbers in  $[0, 15] \cup [19, \infty)$  manipulated by the redefined `\openin`, `\read`, `\readline`, `\closein`, `\openout`, `\write`, `\closeout`, `\newread`, and `\newwrite`. A user stream in  $[0, 15]$  (reserved by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> or allocated by `expl3`) is mapped to the same T<sub>E</sub>X stream number, while a user stream in  $[19, \infty)$  is mapped to a T<sub>E</sub>X stream according to the property lists (with integer keys and values) `\l__morewrites_read_prop` and `\l__morewrites_write_prop`. Stream numbers 16, 17 and 18 are unused because `\write16` is often used to write to the terminal, and `\write18` sends its argument to a shell.

The primitives `\openin`, `\read`, `\readline`, `\closein`, `\openout`, `\write`, and `\closeout` expect to be followed by an *<integer>*, normally in the range  $[0, 15]$ , then some further arguments.

```

\openin <integer> <equals> <file name>
\read <integer> to <control sequence>
\readline <integer> to <control sequence>
\closein <integer>
\openout <integer> <equals> <file name>
\write <integer> <filler> <general text>
\closeout <integer>

```

All of the primitives above perform full expansion of all tokens when looking for their operands.

- $\langle integer \rangle$  denotes an integer in any form that  $\text{\TeX}$  accepts as the right-hand side of a primitive integer assignment of the form  $\text{\count0}=\langle integer \rangle$ ;
- $\langle equals \rangle$  is an arbitrary (optional) number of explicit or implicit space characters, an optional explicit equal sign of category other, and further (optional) explicit or implicit space characters;
- $\langle file\ name \rangle$  is an arbitrary sequence of explicit or implicit characters with arbitrary category codes (except active characters, which are expanded before reaching  $\text{\TeX}$ 's mouth), ending either with a space character (character code 32, arbitrary non-active category code, explicit or implicit), which is removed, or with a non-expandable token, with some care needed for the case of a  $\text{\notexpanded}$ : expandable token;
- $\langle filler \rangle$  is an arbitrary combination of tokens whose meaning is  $\text{\relax}$  or whose category code is 10;
- $\langle general\ text \rangle$  is formed of braced tokens, starting with an explicit or implicit begin-group character, and ending with the matching explicit end-group character (both with any character code), with an equal number of explicit begin-group and end-group characters in between: this is precisely the right-hand side of an assignment of the form  $\text{\toks0}=\langle general\ text \rangle$ .

The `morewrites` package redefines these seven control sequences to expect a user stream number rather than a  $\text{\TeX}$  stream number as the  $\langle integer \rangle$ , then map such a user stream to a  $\text{\TeX}$  stream to call the primitive with the appropriate argument. The primitive  $\text{\immediate}$  must also be redefined to detect  $\text{\openout}$ ,  $\text{\write}$ , and  $\text{\closeout}$  and make them immediate, while still working with other primitives that can be made immediate. Finally,  $\text{\newread}$  and  $\text{\newwrite}$  must be patched to allocate stream numbers beyond 15.

A few comments on the behaviour of primitives concerning the  $\langle integer \rangle$  ( $\text{\TeX}$  stream). The primitives  $\text{\openin}$  and  $\text{\openout}$  trigger errors if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is not in  $[0, 15]$ . The primitives  $\text{\read}$  and  $\text{\readline}$  prompt the user for input if the  $\text{\TeX}$  stream is closed or beyond  $[0, 15]$ , with no explicit prompt if the stream number is negative. The primitive  $\text{\write}$  outputs to the log if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is negative, and to the terminal if the  $\text{\TeX}$  stream is closed or greater than 15, with the exception of  $\text{\write18}$  which runs code in a shell. The primitives  $\text{\closein}$  and  $\text{\closeout}$  trigger errors if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is not in  $[0, 15]$  and silently do nothing if the  $\text{\TeX}$  stream is not open, with the exception of  $\text{\closeout18}$  which causes a segfault at least in some versions.

By default,  $\text{\openout}$ ,  $\text{\write}$  and  $\text{\closeout}$  are recorded in a `whatsit` node in the current list, and will be performed when the box containing the `whatsit` node is sent to the final `pdf`, *i.e.*, at “shipout” time. In particular, the  $\langle general\ text \rangle$  for the  $\text{\write}$  primitive is expanded at shipout time. This behaviour may be modified by putting  $\text{\immediate}$  before any of these three primitives to force  $\text{\TeX}$  to perform the action immediately instead of recording it in a `whatsit` node.

Since the  $\text{\openout}$ ,  $\text{\write}$ , and  $\text{\closeout}$  primitives operate at  $\text{\shipout}$  time, we will have to hook into this primitive too. It expects to be followed by a box specification, for instance  $\text{\box}\langle integer \rangle$  or  $\text{\hbox}\{\langle material\ to\ typeset \rangle\}$ .

Finally, the `\newread` and `\newwrite` macros expect one token as their argument, and define this token (with `\chardef`) to be an integer corresponding to the first available (T<sub>E</sub>X) read/write stream. This must be extended to allocate higher (user) streams.

## 2.2 Preliminaries

### 2.2.1 Copying some commands

<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_immediate:w</code>	Aliases for the read- and write-related primitives, to avoid having <code>:D</code> throughout the code.
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_openout:w</code>	
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_write:w</code>	14 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_immediate:w \tex\_immediate:D</code>
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_closeout:w</code>	15 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_openout:w \tex\_openout:D</code>
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_openin:w</code>	16 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_write:w \tex\_write:D</code>
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_read:w</code>	17 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_closeout:w \tex\_closeout:D</code>
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_readline:w</code>	18 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_openin:w \tex\_openin:D</code>
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_closein:w</code>	19 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_read:w \tex\_read:D</code>
	20 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_readline:w \etex\_readline:D</code>
	21 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_closein:w \tex\_closein:D</code>

(End definition for `\_morewrites\_tex\_immediate:w` and others.)

<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_newread:N</code>	Copy <code>\newread</code> and <code>\newwrite</code> but making sure that they are not <code>\outer</code> . These copies will not be affected by redefinitions of <code>\newread</code> and <code>\newwrite</code> later on.
<code>\_morewrites\_tex\_newwrite:N</code>	
	22 <code>\exp\_args:NNf \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_morewrites\_tex\_newread:N</code>
	23 <code>{ \exp\_args:NNc \exp\_after:wN \exp\_stop\_f: { newread } }</code>
	24 <code>\exp\_args:NNf \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_morewrites\_tex\_newwrite:N</code>
	25 <code>{ \exp\_args:NNc \exp\_after:wN \exp\_stop\_f: { newwrite } }</code>

(End definition for `\_morewrites\_tex\_newread:N` and `\_morewrites\_tex\_newwrite:N`.)

### 2.2.2 Variants

<code>\prop\_gpop:NVNT</code>	We need these variants.
<code>\prop\_gput:NVx</code>	26 <code>\cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_gpop:NnNT { NV }</code>
<code>\tl\_gput\_right:Nv</code>	27 <code>\cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_gput:Nnn { NVx }</code>
	28 <code>\cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gput\_right:Nn { Nv }</code>

(End definition for `\prop\_gpop:NVNT`, `\prop\_gput:NVx`, and `\tl\_gput\_right:Nv`.)

### 2.2.3 Variables

<code>\l\_morewrites\_internal\_tl</code>	Used for temporary scratch purposes.
	29 <code>\tl\_new:N \l\_morewrites\_internal\_tl</code>

(End definition for `\l\_morewrites\_internal\_tl`.)

<code>\_morewrites\_tmp:w</code>	Used for temporary definitions.
	30 <code>\cs\_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tmp:w ?</code>

(End definition for `\_morewrites\_tmp:w`.)

<code>\g\_morewrites\_later\_int</code>	The integer <code>\g\_morewrites\_later\_int</code> labels the various non-immediate operations in the order in which they appear in the source. We can never reuse a number because there is no way to know if a whatsit was recorded in a box register, which could be reused in a shipped-out box:
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```

\ vbox_set:Nn \l_my_box
{ \iow_shipout_x:Nn \c_term_iow {<text>} } \shipout \copy \l_my_box
\shipout \copy \l_my_box

```

will print  $\langle text \rangle$  to the terminal twice.

```

31 \int_new:N \g__morewrites_later_int

```

(End definition for  $\backslash g\_morewrites\_later\_int$ .)

$\backslash g\_morewrites\_read\_seq$     Keep track of T<sub>E</sub>X stream numbers managed by morewrites that are currently not in use  
 $\backslash g\_morewrites\_write\_seq$    as user streams.

```

32 \seq_new:N \g__morewrites_read_seq
33 \seq_new:N \g__morewrites_write_seq

```

(End definition for  $\backslash g\_morewrites\_read\_seq$  and  $\backslash g\_morewrites\_write\_seq$ .)

$\backslash g\_morewrites\_read\_prop$     Map user streams to T<sub>E</sub>X streams.

```

\g__morewrites_write_prop 34 \prop_new:N \g__morewrites_read_prop
35 \prop_new:N \g__morewrites_write_prop

```

(End definition for  $\backslash g\_morewrites\_read\_prop$  and  $\backslash g\_morewrites\_write\_prop$ .)

$\backslash g\_morewrites\_write\_file\_prop$     Map user streams with no associated T<sub>E</sub>X streams to file names.

```

36 \prop_new:N \g__morewrites_write_file_prop

```

(End definition for  $\backslash g\_morewrites\_write\_file\_prop$ .)

$\backslash l\_morewrites\_code\_tl$     Stores the code to run after finding a user stream, in  $\backslash \_morewrites\_get\_user:n$ .

```

37 \tl_new:N \l__morewrites_code_tl

```

(End definition for  $\backslash l\_morewrites\_code\_tl$ .)

$\backslash l\_morewrites\_user\_int$     The user stream number following redefined primitives is stored in  $\backslash l\_morewrites\_user\_int$  (see  $\backslash \_morewrites\_get\_user:N$ ). The corresponding T<sub>E</sub>X stream number is eventually stored in  $\backslash l\_morewrites\_tstr\_tl$  (a token list).

$\backslash l\_morewrites\_tstr\_tl$

```

38 \int_new:N \l__morewrites_user_int
39 \tl_new:N \l__morewrites_tstr_tl

```

(End definition for  $\backslash l\_morewrites\_user\_int$  and  $\backslash l\_morewrites\_tstr\_tl$ .)

$\backslash l\_morewrites\_tstr\_token$     This token is given as an argument to  $\backslash \_morewrites\_tex\_newread:N$  or  $\backslash \_morewrites\_tex\_newwrite:N$ .

```

40 \cs_new_eq:NN \l__morewrites_tstr_token ?

```

(End definition for  $\backslash l\_morewrites\_tstr\_token$ .)

$\backslash s\_morewrites$     A recognizable version of  $\backslash scan\_stop:$ . This is inspired by<sup>1</sup> scan marks (see the l3quark module of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3), but  $\backslash \_scan\_new:N$  is not used directly, since it is currently internal to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3.

```

41 \cs_new_eq:NN \s__morewrites \scan_stop:

```

(End definition for  $\backslash s\_morewrites$ .)

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<sup>1</sup>Historically, this might have happened the other way around, since the author of this package is also on the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 Team.

`\g__morewrites_iow` The expansion that `\write` performs is impossible to emulate (in  $\text{\TeX}$  at least) with anything else than `\write`. We will write on the stream `\g__morewrites_iow` to the file `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` and read back from it in the stream `\g__morewrites_ior` for things to work properly. Unfortunately, this means that the file is repeatedly opened and closed, leaving a trace of that in the log.

```
42 \newwrite \g__morewrites_iow
43 \newread \g__morewrites_ior
```

*(End definition for `\g__morewrites_iow` and `\g__morewrites_ior`.)*

`\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` Temporary file used to do the correct expansion for each `\write`. Boolean indicating whether we have already checked that the file can be used by `morewrites`: before using a file, the `morewrites` package now checks it is empty, so as to avoid clobbering user data.

```
44 \tl_new:N \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl
45 \bool_new:N \g__morewrites_tmp_file_bool
46 \bool_gset_false:N \g__morewrites_tmp_file_bool
```

*(End definition for `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` and `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_bool`.)*

`\g__morewrites_group_level_int` The group level when `\shipout` is called: this is used to distinguish between explicit boxes and box registers.

```
47 \int_new:N \g__morewrites_group_level_int
```

*(End definition for `\g__morewrites_group_level_int`.)*

`\g__morewrites_shipout_box` The page to be shipped out.

```
48 \box_new:N \g__morewrites_shipout_box
```

*(End definition for `\g__morewrites_shipout_box`.)*

## 2.2.4 Helpers for auxiliary file

`\__morewrites_set_file:n` Sets `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` to the given value (initially `\c_sys_jobname_str.mw`). Mark that the file has not been checked.

```
49 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_set_file:n #1
50 {
51   \bool_gset_false:N \g__morewrites_tmp_file_bool
52   \tl_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl {#1}
53 }
```

*(End definition for `\__morewrites_set_file:n`.)*

`\__morewrites_empty_file:n` Empties the file `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` by opening it and closing it right away. This is used when performing `\immediate \openout`. It is also used to ensure the file used by `morewrites` is left empty. We do this every time the auxiliary file is used, in case that run ends with an error mid-document.

```
54 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_empty_file:n #1
55 {
56   \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w
57   \g__morewrites_iow = #1 \scan_stop:
58   \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w
59   \g__morewrites_iow
60 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_empty_file:n`.)

`\_morewrites_if_file_trivial:nTF` True if the file does not exist, or if it is empty. Only the TF variant is defined. We set `\_morewrites_tmp:w` to `\prg_return_true:` or `\prg_return_false:` within the group and use it after cleaning up. The first eof test is true if the file does not exist. Then we read one line, the second eof test is true if the file was empty (it is false if the file contained anything, even a single space).

```

61 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \_morewrites_if_file_trivial:n #1 { TF }
62 {
63   \group_begin:
64     \tex_openin:D \g__morewrites_ior = #1 \scan_stop:
65     \if_eof:w \g__morewrites_ior
66       \cs_gset_eq:NN \_morewrites_tmp:w \prg_return_true:
67     \else:
68       \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { -1 }
69       \etex_readline:D \g__morewrites_ior to \l__morewrites_internal_tl
70       \if_eof:w \g__morewrites_ior
71         \cs_gset_eq:NN \_morewrites_tmp:w \prg_return_true:
72       \else:
73         \cs_gset_eq:NN \_morewrites_tmp:w \prg_return_false:
74       \fi:
75     \fi:
76     \tex_closein:D \g__morewrites_ior
77   \group_end:
78   \_morewrites_tmp:w
79 }

```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_if_file_trivial:nTF`.)

`\_morewrites_chk_file:` Check that the file `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` does not exist or is blank. If not, try the file name obtained by adding `.mw`. This avoids clobbering files that the user would not want to lose.

```

80 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_chk_file:
81 {
82   \_morewrites_if_file_trivial:nTF { \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl }
83   { \bool_gset_true:N \g__morewrites_tmp_file_bool }
84   {
85     \msg_warning:nnxx { morewrites } { file-exists }
86     { \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl }
87     { \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl .mw }
88     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl { .mw }
89     \_morewrites_chk_file:
90   }
91 }
92 \msg_new:nnnn { morewrites } { file-exists }
93 { File-’#1’~exists,~using~’#2’~instead. }
94 {
95   The-file-’#1’~exists~and~was~not~created~by~this~version~of~the~
96   ‘morewrites’~package.~Please~move~or~delete~that~file,~or~provide~
97   another~file~name~by~adding
98   \\ \\
99   \iow_indent:n { \iow_char:N\morewritessetup~{~file~==~other-name~} }
100  \\ \\
101  to~your~source~file.~In~the~meantime,~the~file-’#2’~will~be~used.

```



```
102 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_chk_file:.`)

## 2.2.5 Parsing and other helpers

```
\_morewrites_equals_file:N
```

Most of the parsing for primitive arguments is done using `primargs`, except for one case we care about: after its  $\langle number \rangle$  argument, the `\openout` primitive expects an  $\langle equals \rangle$  (optional spaces and `=`) and a  $\langle file name \rangle$ .

```
103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_equals_file:N #1
104 {
105   \group_begin:
106     \tex_aftergroup:D \primargs_get_file_name:N
107     \tex_aftergroup:D #1
108     \primargs_remove_equals:N \group_end:
109 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_equals_file:N`.)

```
\_morewrites_get_user:n
```

`primargs` commands only take N-type arguments, but we often need to find an integer, save it in `\l__morewrites_user_int`, and run some code `#1`. This is analogous to `\primargs_get_number:N`.

```
110 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_get_user:n #1
111 {
112   \tl_set:Nn \l__morewrites_code_tl {#1}
113   \tex_afterassignment:D \l__morewrites_code_tl
114   \l__morewrites_user_int =
115 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_get_user:n`.)

```
\_morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF
```

The goal is to go from a user stream `\l__morewrites_user_int` to a T<sub>E</sub>X stream `\l__morewrites_tstr_tl` (it defaults to the user stream). Streams less than 19 are not managed by `morewrites`: actual T<sub>E</sub>X streams in  $[0, 15]$ ; negative for writing to log and reading without prompt; 16, 17 for writing to terminal and reading with prompt; 18 for shell escape. Larger stream numbers are looked up in the property list `#1`, either `\g__morewrites_read_prop` or `\g__morewrites_write_prop`. If present, use the corresponding value as the T<sub>E</sub>X stream, otherwise run the false branch.

```
116 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF #1
117 {
118   \tl_set:NV \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \l__morewrites_user_int
119   \int_compare:nNnTF { \l__morewrites_user_int } < { 19 }
120     { \use_i:nn }
121     { \prop_get:NVNTF #1 \l__morewrites_user_int \l__morewrites_tstr_tl }
122 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF`.)

```
\l__morewrites_collect_next_int
```

```
\_morewrites_collect:x
```

```
\_morewrites_collect_aux:Nn
```

```
\_morewrites_collect_aux:cf
```

```
\_morewrites_collect_gput_right:N
```

```
\_morewrites_collect_gput_right:c
```

When encountering very large `\write` statements we may need to collect many lines. This can easily become an  $O(n^2)$  task, and here we make sure that it remains around  $O(n \log n)$ , with a large constant unfortunately. Each of the token lists `\l__morewrites_$k$_tl` is empty or contains  $2^k$  lines. As lines accumulate, they move to

token lists with larger values of  $k$ , and eventually all are combined. The integer `\l__morewrites_collect_next_int` is (one plus) the maximal  $k$  among non-empty token lists.

```

123 \int_new:N \l__morewrites_collect_next_int
124 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_collect:x #1
125 {
126   \tl_set:Nx \l__morewrites_internal_tl {#1}
127   \__morewrites_collect_aux:cf { \l__morewrites_0_tl } { 1 }
128 }
129 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_collect_aux:Nn #1#2
130 {
131   \int_compare:nNnT {#2} > \l__morewrites_collect_next_int
132   {
133     \tl_clear_new:N #1
134     \int_set:Nn \l__morewrites_collect_next_int {#2}
135   }
136   \tl_if_empty:NTF #1
137   { \tl_set_eq:NN #1 \l__morewrites_internal_tl }
138   {
139     \tl_put_left:No \l__morewrites_internal_tl {#1}
140     \tl_clear:N #1
141     \__morewrites_collect_aux:cf { \l__morewrites_#2_tl }
142     { \int_eval:n { #2 + 1 } }
143   }
144 }
145 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__morewrites_collect_aux:Nn { cf }
146 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_collect_gput_right:N #1
147 {
148   \int_compare:nNnF \l__morewrites_collect_next_int = 0
149   {
150     \int_decr:N \l__morewrites_collect_next_int
151     \tl_gput_right:Nv #1
152     {
153       \l__morewrites_
154       \int_use:N \l__morewrites_collect_next_int
155       _tl
156     }
157     \__morewrites_collect_gput_right:N #1
158   }
159 }
160 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__morewrites_collect_gput_right:N { c }

```

*(End definition for `\l__morewrites_collect_next_int` and others.)*

`\__morewrites_user_tl_name:n` The name of a global token list variable holding the text of a given user stream.

```

161 \cs_new:Npn \__morewrites_user_tl_name:n #1
162 { g__morewrites_iow_ \int_eval:n {#1} _tl }

```

*(End definition for `\__morewrites_user_tl_name:n`.)*

## 2.3 Reading

`\__morewrites_openin:w` Set `\l__morewrites_user_int` to a user stream then convert it to a  $\text{\TeX}$  stream `\l__morewrites_tstr_tl` and call the primitive. If the user stream is closed (not associated

to any TeX stream), the false branch of `\__morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF` is taken. Then get a stream from `\g__morewrites_read_seq` (TeX streams managed by `morewrites` but not in use) or use the copy of `\newread` as a fallback. Store the new mapping from user stream to TeX stream into `\g__morewrites_read_prop`.

```

163 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openin:w
164 {
165   \__morewrites_get_user:n
166   {
167     \__morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF \g__morewrites_read_prop { }
168     {
169       \seq_pop:NNF \g__morewrites_read_seq \l__morewrites_tstr_tl
170       {
171         \__morewrites_tex_newread:N \l__morewrites_tstr_token
172         \tl_set:NV \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \l__morewrites_tstr_token
173       }
174       \prop_gput:NVV \g__morewrites_read_prop \l__morewrites_user_int \l__morewrites_tstr_tl
175     }
176     \__morewrites_tex_openin:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp_stop_f:
177   }
178 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_openin:w.)*

`\__morewrites_read:w` Set `\l__morewrites_user_int` to a user stream and convert it to a TeX stream `\l__morewrites_tstr_tl` then call the primitive. Nothing needs to be done for streams not managed by `morewrites` or for user streams that do not correspond to any TeX stream, as the primitive will simply read user input from the terminal as TeX would do.

```

179 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_read:w
180 {
181   \__morewrites_get_user:n
182   {
183     \__morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF \g__morewrites_read_prop { } { }
184     \__morewrites_tex_read:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp_stop_f:
185   }
186 }
187 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_readline:w
188 {
189   \__morewrites_get_user:n
190   {
191     \__morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF \g__morewrites_read_prop { } { }
192     \__morewrites_tex_readline:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp_stop_f:
193   }
194 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_read:w and \\_\_morewrites\_readline:w.)*

`\__morewrites_closein:w` There is slightly more work than for `read` and `readline` because closing a user stream managed by `morewrites` means removing it from the mapping and putting it back in the list of available streams. To avoid useless work, only do this if there was indeed a non-trivial mapping between user and TeX stream.

```

195 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_closein:w
196 {
197   \__morewrites_get_user:n

```

```

198     {
199       \__morewrites_user_to_tstr:N\TF \g__morewrites_read_prop { } { }
200       \int_compare:nNnF { \l__morewrites_tstr_tl } = { \l__morewrites_user_int }
201       {
202         \prop_gremove:NV \g__morewrites_read_prop \l__morewrites_user_int
203         \seq_gput_left:NV \g__morewrites_read_seq \l__morewrites_tstr_tl
204       }
205       \__morewrites_tex_closein:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp_stop_f:
206     }
207   }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_closein:w`.)

## 2.4 Writing

Writing is much harder than reading for several reasons.

Contrarily to reading, it is possible to hold on to material while a file is being written and only write it in one go once the file closes, to avoid using a stream throughout. At any given time, each user stream may point to an open `TEX` stream, given in `\g__morewrites_write_prop` (like we did for reading), or may point to a token list that will eventually be written to a file whose file name is stored in `\g__morewrites_write_file_prop`, or may be closed.

When a user stream points to a token list rather than a `TEX` stream, any material to be written must be written to our temporary file and read back in to apply the same expansion as `\write` does.

Another difficulty is that users may mix immediate and non-immediate operations. The biggest difficulty comes from the possibility of copying boxes containing delayed actions. If we ever produced a `\write<number>\{<text>\}` then the `TEX` stream `<number>` would have to be reserved forever, as as copies of the box containing this delayed actions may be shipped out at any later point in the document.

Each delayed action is thus saved in a separate numbered token list and `\write\g__morewrites_iow\{<number>\}` is inserted instead of the delayed action. At each `\shipout`, the stream `\g__morewrites_iow` is opened, to catch the `<number>` of each action that should be performed at this `\shipout`.

### 2.4.1 Redefining `\immediate`

To accomodate the `\immediate` primitive, our versions of `\openout`, `\write` and `\closeout` will take the form

```

\__morewrites \use_i:nn {<code for delayed action>}
{<code for immediate action>}
<further code>

```

The leading `\s__morewrites` allows the redefined `\immediate` to detect these redefined primitives, and to run the `<code for immediate action>` instead of the `<code for delayed action>` which is run by default. In both cases, any `<further code>` is run.

```

\__morewrites_immediate:w TEX's \immediate primitive raises a flag which is cancelled after TEX sees a non-
\__morewrites_immediate_auxii: expandable token. We use \primargs_read_x_token:N to find the next non-expandable
\__morewrites_immediate_auxiii:N token then test for \openout, \write, and \closeout. More precisely we test for the
marker \s__morewrites and run the appropriate code as described above. Otherwise

```

we call the primitive, for cases where the next token is `\pdfobj` or similar. This code performs too much expansion for some nonsensical uses of `\noexpand` after `\immediate`.

```

208 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate:w
209   { \primargs_read_x_token:N \__morewrites_immediate_auxii: }
210 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_auxii:
211   {
212     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF \g_primargs_token \s__morewrites
213     { \__morewrites_immediate_auxiii:N }
214     { \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w }
215   }
216 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_auxiii:N #1
217   { \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { \s__morewrites } { \use_iii:nnn } { #1 } }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_immediate:w`, `\__morewrites_immediate_auxii:`, and `\__morewrites_immediate_auxiii:N`.)

## 2.4.2 Immediate actions

The `\openout`, `\write`, and `\closeout` primitive can be either delayed or immediate. In all cases they begin by looking for a user stream. Here, we implement the immediate versions only.

```

\__morewrites_closeout:w
\__morewrites_closeout_now:
\__morewrites_closeout_now:nn

```

In the immediate case `\__morewrites_closeout_now:`, there are three cases. The stream may point to a T<sub>E</sub>X stream, in which case it is closed, removed from `\g__morewrites_write_prop`, and put back in the list of usable streams. The stream may point to a token list, in which case that token list should be written to the appropriate file. The stream may be closed, in which case nothing happens. The auxiliary `\__morewrites_closeout_now:nn` writes the material collected so far for a given user stream #1 to the file #2. This uses the T<sub>E</sub>X stream `\g__morewrites_iow`. The token list consists of multiple `\immediate \write \g__morewrites_iow {⟨text⟩}` statements because that is the only safe way to obtain new lines. We do not remove the stream/file pair from `\g__morewrites_write_file_prop`.

```

218 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_closeout:w
219   {
220     \s__morewrites
221     \use_i:nn
222     { \__morewrites_get_user:n { \__morewrites_closeout_later: } }
223     { \__morewrites_get_user:n { \__morewrites_closeout_now: } }
224   }
225 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_closeout_now:
226   {
227     \__morewrites_user_to_tstr:NNTF \g__morewrites_write_prop
228     {
229       \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp
230       \int_compare:nNnF { \l__morewrites_tstr_tl } = { \l__morewrites_user_int }
231       {
232         \prop_gremove:NV \g__morewrites_write_prop \l__morewrites_user_int
233         \seq_gput_left:NV \g__morewrites_write_seq \l__morewrites_tstr_tl
234       }
235     }
236     {
237       \prop_gpop:NVNT \g__morewrites_write_file_prop \l__morewrites_user_int \l__morewrites_
238       { \__morewrites_closeout_now:nn { \l__morewrites_user_int } { \l__morewrites_interna

```

```

239     }
240   }
241   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_closeout_now:nn #1#2
242   {
243     \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \g__morewrites_iow = #2 \scan_stop:
244     \group_begin:
245       \int_set:Nn \tex_newlinechar:D { -1 }
246       \tl_use:c { \__morewrites_user_tl_name:n {#1} }
247       \tl_gclear:c { \__morewrites_user_tl_name:n {#1} }
248     \group_end:
249     \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w \g__morewrites_iow
250   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_closeout:w, \\_\_morewrites\_closeout\_now:, and \\_\_morewrites\_closeout\_now:nn.)

```

\__morewrites_openout:w
\__morewrites_openout_now:n

```

In the immediate case find a file name, then allocate a T<sub>E</sub>X stream if possible, and otherwise point the user stream to a token list. In all cases, close the stream to avoid losing any material that T<sub>E</sub>X would have written, and empty the file by opening and closing it (actually that's done automatically by the primitive).

```

251   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openout:w
252   {
253     \s__morewrites
254     \use_i:nn
255     { \__morewrites_get_user:n { \__morewrites_openout_later:w } }
256     { \__morewrites_get_user:n { \__morewrites_equals_file:N \__morewrites_openout_now:n } }
257   }
258   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openout_now:n #1
259   {
260     \__morewrites_closeout_now:
261     \seq_pop:NNTF \g__morewrites_write_seq \l__morewrites_tstr_tl
262     {
263       \prop_gput:NVV \g__morewrites_write_prop \l__morewrites_user_int \l__morewrites_tstr_tl
264       \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp
265       = \tl_to_str:n {#1} \scan_stop:
266     }
267     {
268       \__morewrites_empty_file:n {#1}
269       \prop_gput:NVx \g__morewrites_write_file_prop \l__morewrites_user_int
270       { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
271       \tl_gclear_new:c { \__morewrites_user_tl_name:n { \l__morewrites_user_int } }
272     }
273   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_openout:w and \\_\_morewrites\_openout\_now:n.)

```

\__morewrites_write:w
\__morewrites_write_now:w
\__morewrites_write_now:n

```

In the immediate case we use \\_\_morewrites\_write\_now\_open:n if the stream points to a token list, and otherwise use the primitive, with the dummy stream 16 if closed (the text is then written to the terminal).

```

274   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_write:w
275   {
276     \s__morewrites
277     \use_i:nn
278     { \__morewrites_get_user:n { \__morewrites_write_later:w } }

```

```

279     { \_morewrites_get_user:n { \_morewrites_write_now:w } }
280   }
281 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_write_now:w
282   {
283     \_morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF \g\_morewrites_write_prop
284     { \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_write:w \l\_morewrites_tstr_tl \exp_s
285       { \primargs_get_general_text:N \_morewrites_write_now:n }
286     }
287 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_write_now:n
288   {
289     \prop_get:NVNTF \g\_morewrites_write_file_prop \l\_morewrites_user_int \l\_morewrites_int
290     { \_morewrites_write_now_open:n }
291     { \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_write:w 16 }
292   }

```

(End definition for \\_morewrites\_write:w, \\_morewrites\_write\_now:w, and \\_morewrites\_write\_now:n.)

\\_morewrites\_write\_now\_open:n Only \write itself can emulate how \write expands tokens, because # don't have to be doubled, and because the \newlinechar has to be changed to new lines. Hence, we start by writing #1 to a file (after making sure we are allowed to alter it), yielding some lines. The lines are then read one at a time using  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's \readline with \endlinechar set to -1 to avoid spurious characters. Each line becomes a \immediate \write statement added to a token list whose name is constructed using \\_morewrites\_user\_tl\_name:n. This token list will be called when it is time to actually write to the file. At that time, \newlinechar will be -1, so that writing each line will produce no extra line.

```

293 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_write_now_open:n #1
294   {
295     \bool_if:NF \g\_morewrites_tmp_file_bool { \_morewrites_chk_file: }
296     \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_openout:w
297     \g\_morewrites_iow = \g\_morewrites_tmp_file_tl \scan_stop:
298     \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_write:w
299     \g\_morewrites_iow {#1}
300     \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_closeout:w
301     \g\_morewrites_iow
302     \group_begin:
303     \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { -1 }
304     \tex_openin:D \g\_morewrites_ior = \g\_morewrites_tmp_file_tl \scan_stop:
305     \_morewrites_write_now_loop:
306     \tex_closein:D \g\_morewrites_ior
307     \_morewrites_collect_gput_right:c
308     { \_morewrites_user_tl_name:n { \l\_morewrites_user_int } }
309     \group_end:
310     \_morewrites_empty_file:n { \g\_morewrites_tmp_file_tl }
311   }
312 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_write_now_loop:
313   {
314     \etex_readline:D \g\_morewrites_ior to \l\_morewrites_internal_tl
315     \ior_if_eof:NF \g\_morewrites_ior
316     {
317       \_morewrites_collect:x
318       {
319         \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_write:w
320         \g\_morewrites_iow { \l\_morewrites_internal_tl }

```

```

321     }
322     \__morewrites_write_now_loop:
323   }
324 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_write\_now\_open:n and \\_\_morewrites\_write\_now\_loop:.)

### 2.4.3 Delayed actions

\\_\_morewrites\_later:n Store the action to be done at shipout in a token list, and non-immediately write the label \g\_\_morewrites\_later\_int of the output operation to the temporary file.

```

325 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_later:n #1
326 {
327   \int_gincr:N \g__morewrites_later_int
328   \tl_const:cx
329   {
330     c__morewrites_later_
331     \int_use:N \g__morewrites_later_int
332     _tl
333   }
334   {
335     \int_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l__morewrites_user_int
336     { \exp_not:V \l__morewrites_user_int }
337     \exp_not:n {#1}
338   }
339   \exp_args:NNx \__morewrites_tex_write:w \g__morewrites_iow
340   { '( \int_use:N \g__morewrites_later_int ) }
341 }
342 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_later_do:n #1
343 { \tl_use:c { c__morewrites_later_ \int_eval:n {#1} _tl } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_later:n and \\_\_morewrites\_later\_do:n.)

\\_\_morewrites\_closeout\_later: If the user stream is a TeX stream, use the primitive, otherwise save \\_\_morewrites\_closeout\_now: for later.

```

344 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_closeout_later:
345 {
346   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__morewrites_user_int < { 19 }
347   { \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w \l__morewrites_user_int }
348   { \__morewrites_later:n { \__morewrites_closeout_now: } }
349 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_closeout\_later:.)

\\_\_morewrites\_openout\_later:w If the user stream is a TeX stream use the primitive, otherwise find a file name and call \\_\_morewrites\_openout\_now:n later.

```

350 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openout_later:w
351 {
352   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__morewrites_user_int < { 19 }
353   { \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \l__morewrites_user_int }
354   { \__morewrites_equals_file:N \__morewrites_openout_later:n }
355 }
356 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openout_later:n #1
357 { \__morewrites_later:n { \__morewrites_openout_now:n {#1} } }

```



(End definition for `\__morewrites_openout_later:w` and `\__morewrites_openout_later:n`.)

```

\__morewrites_write_later:w For TeX streams use the primitive, otherwise find a general text and save it for later; the
\__morewrites_write_later:n auxiliary is very similar to \__morewrites_write_now:w.
\__morewrites_write_later_aux:n
358 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_write_later:w
359 {
360   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__morewrites_user_int < { 19 }
361     { \__morewrites_tex_write:w \l__morewrites_user_int }
362     { \primargs_get_general_text:N \__morewrites_write_later:n }
363   }
364 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_write_later:n #1
365   { \__morewrites_later:n { \__morewrites_write_later_aux:n {#1} } }
366 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_write_later_aux:n
367   {
368     \__morewrites_user_to_tstr:NTF \g__morewrites_write_prop
369       { \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_write:w \l__morewrites_tstr_tl \exp_s
370       { \__morewrites_write_now:n }
371   }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_write_later:w`, `\__morewrites_write_later:n`, and `\__morewrites_write_later_aux:n`.)

## 2.4.4 Shipout business

In this section, we hook into the `\shipout` primitive, and redefine it to first build a box with the material to ship out, then perform

```

\__morewrites_before_shipout:
  <primitive shipout> <collected box>
\__morewrites_after_shipout:

```

Each delayed output operation has been replaced by `\write \g__morewrites_iow {‘(<operation number>)}’`. The delimiters we chose to put around numbers must be at least two distinct characters on the left (then `\tex_newlinechar:D` cannot be equal to the delimiter), and at least one non-digit character on the right.

`\__morewrites_before_shipout:` Immediately before the shipout, we must open the writing stream `\g__morewrites_iow` (after making sure we are allowed to alter the auxiliary file).

```

372 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_before_shipout:
373 {
374   \bool_if:NF \g__morewrites_tmp_file_bool { \__morewrites_chk_file: }
375   \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w
376   \g__morewrites_iow = \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl \scan_stop:
377 }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_before_shipout:.`)

`\__morewrites_after_shipout:` Immediately after all the `\writes` are performed, close the file, then read the file with `\endlinechar` set to `\newlinechar`<sup>2</sup> to get exactly the original characters that have been written, possibly with extra characters between ‘( . . )’ groups. The file is then read with all the appropriate category codes set up (no other character can appear in the file).

<sup>2</sup>Note that the `\newlinechar` used by `\writes` at `\shipout` time are those in effect when the page is shipped out, *i.e.*, just after the closing brace of the `\shipout` construction, which is exactly where we have added this hook.

The looping auxiliary `\__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww` extracts the *operation* numbers from the file, and makes a token list out of those. This token list is then used in a mapping function to perform the appropriate `\write` operations. Note that those operations may reuse the file, so we have to fully parse the file before moving on.

```

378 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_after_shipout:
379 {
380   \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w
381   \g__morewrites_iow
382   \group_begin:
383     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_endlinechar:D \tex_newlinechar:D
384     \char_set_catcode_other:n { \tex_endlinechar:D }
385     \tl_map_inline:nn { '(0123456789) }
386       { \char_set_catcode_other:n {'##1} }
387     \etex_everyeof:D { '() \exp_not:N }
388     \tl_set:Nx \l__morewrites_internal_tl
389       {
390         \exp_after:wN \__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww
391         \tex_input:D \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl \c_space_tl
392       }
393     \__morewrites_empty_file:n { \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl }
394     \exp_args:NNo
395     \group_end:
396     \tl_map_function:nN { \l__morewrites_internal_tl } \__morewrites_later_do:n
397   }
398 \cs_new:Npn \__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww #1 '( #2 )
399 {
400   \tl_if_empty:nF {#2}
401   {
402     {#2}
403     \__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww
404   }
405 }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_after_shipout:` and `\__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww`.)

`\__morewrites_shipout:w` Grab the shipped out box using `\setbox` and regain control using `\afterassignment`.  
`\__morewrites_shipout_i:` There are two cases: either the box is given as `\box` or `\copy` followed by a number, in  
`\__morewrites_shipout_ii:` which case `\__morewrites_shipout_i:` is inserted afterwards at the same group level, or  
the box is given as `\hbox` (or `\vtop` and so on) and an additional `\aftergroup` is needed  
to reach a point where we can use the box saved in `\g__morewrites_shipout_box`.

```

406 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_shipout:w
407 {
408   \int_gset_eq:NN \g__morewrites_group_level_int \etex_currentgrouplevel:D
409   \tex_afterassignment:D \__morewrites_shipout_i:
410   \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D \g__morewrites_shipout_box
411 }
412 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_shipout_i:
413 {
414   \int_compare:nNnTF { \g__morewrites_group_level_int }
415     = { \etex_currentgrouplevel:D }
416     { \__morewrites_shipout_ii: }
417     { \tex_aftergroup:D \__morewrites_shipout_ii: }
418 }

```

```

419 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_shipout_ii:
420 {
421   \__morewrites_before_shipout:
422   \__morewrites_tex_shipout:w \tex_box:D \g__morewrites_shipout_box
423   \__morewrites_after_shipout:
424 }

(End definition for \__morewrites_shipout:w, \__morewrites_shipout_i:, and \__morewrites_shipout_ii:.)

```

`\shipout`

`\__morewrites_tex_shipout:w`

The task is now to locate the shipout primitive, which may have been renamed and hooked into by many different packages loaded before `morewrites`. Any of those control sequences which are equal to the primitive are redefined to do `\__morewrites_shipout:w` instead. If the primitive is not located at all, the fallback is to hook into the control sequence `\shipout`.

```

425 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \__morewrites_tmp:w #1
426 {
427   \cs_if_exist:NF \__morewrites_tex_shipout:w
428   { \cs_new_eq:NN \__morewrites_tex_shipout:w #1 }
429   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \__morewrites_shipout:w
430 }
431 \tl_map_inline:nn
432 {
433   \xyrealshipout@
434   \org@shipout
435   \PDFSYNCSHIP@out@ld
436   \CROP@shipout
437   \@soORI
438   \tex_shipout:D
439   \zwpl@Hship
440   \o@shipout@TP
441   \LL@shipout
442   \Shipout
443   \GXTorg@shipout
444   \AtBegShi@OrgShipout
445   \AtBeginShipoutOriginalShipout
446   \shipout
447 }
448 {
449   \str_if_eq:x:nnT
450   { \cs_meaning:N #1 }
451   { \token_to_str:N \shipout }
452   { \__morewrites_tmp:w #1 }
453 }
454 \cs_if_exist:NF \__morewrites_tex_shipout:w
455 {
456   \cs_new_eq:NN \__morewrites_tex_shipout:w \shipout
457   \cs_gset_eq:NN \shipout \__morewrites_shipout:w
458 }

```

(End definition for `\shipout` and `\__morewrites_tex_shipout:w`.)

#### 2.4.5 Hook at the very end

`\__morewrites_close_all:` At the end of the document, close all the files.

```

459 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_close_all:
460 {
461   \prop_map_function:NN \g__morewrites_write_prop
462     \__morewrites_closeout_now:nn
463   \prop_gclear:N \g__morewrites_write_prop
464 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_close\_all:.)

\\_\_morewrites\_close\_all\_at\_end:nw At the end of the run, we try very hard to put some material at the \@@end, just in case some other very late code writes to files that are not yet closed. This is tried at most 5 times, to avoid infinite loops in case two packages compete for that last place. The four @ become two after l3docstrip.

```

465 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:nw #1#2 \@@end
466 {
467   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > \c_zero
468     { #2 \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:nw { #1 - 1 } }
469     { \__morewrites_close_all: #2 }
470   \@@end
471 }
472 \AtEndDocument { \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:nw { 5 } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_close\_all\_at\_end:nw.)

## 2.5 Redefining commands

### 2.5.1 Modified \newwrite

\g\_\_morewrites\_alloc\_read\_int Counters to allocate user streams. Initialized to 18 so that the first user stream allocated by morewrites is 19. Indeed, 18 is reserved for shell commands and packages may expect 16 or 17 to write to the terminal.

```

473 \int_new:N \g__morewrites_alloc_read_int
474 \int_set:Nn \g__morewrites_alloc_read_int { 18 }
475 \int_new:N \g__morewrites_alloc_write_int
476 \int_set:Nn \g__morewrites_alloc_write_int { 18 }

```

(End definition for \g\_\_morewrites\_alloc\_read\_int and \g\_\_morewrites\_alloc\_write\_int.)

\\_\_morewrites\_newread:N Reimplementation of \newread but protected and using a counter \g\_\_morewrites\_alloc\_read\_int instead of what T<sub>E</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2<sub>ε</sub></sub> use.

```

477 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_newread:N #1
478 {
479   \int_gincr:N \g__morewrites_alloc_read_int
480   \int_set_eq:NN \allocationnumber \g__morewrites_alloc_read_int
481   \cs_undefine:N #1
482   \int_const:Nn #1 { \allocationnumber }
483   \wlog
484   {
485     \token_to_str:N #1
486     = \token_to_str:N \read \int_use:N \allocationnumber
487   }
488 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_newread:N.)

`\__morewrites_newwrite:N` Same as for `\newread`.

```

489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_newwrite:N #1
490 {
491   \int_gincr:N \g__morewrites_alloc_write_int
492   \int_set_eq:NN \allocationnumber \g__morewrites_alloc_write_int
493   \cs_undefine:N #1
494   \int_const:Nn #1 { \allocationnumber }
495   \wlog
496   {
497     \token_to_str:N #1
498     = \token_to_str:N \write \int_use:N \allocationnumber
499   }
500 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_newwrite:N.)*

`\__morewrites_allocate:n` Raise to #1 the number of `\write` streams allocated to `morewrites`.

```

501 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_allocate:n #1
502 {
503   \prg_replicate:nn
504   {
505     \int_max:nn { 0 }
506     {
507       (#1) - \seq_count:N \g__morewrites_write_seq
508       - \prop_count:N \g__morewrites_write_prop
509     }
510   }
511   {
512     \__morewrites_tex_newwrite:N \l__morewrites_tstr_token
513     \seq_put_right:NV \g__morewrites_write_seq \l__morewrites_tstr_token
514   }
515 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_allocate:n.)*

## 2.6 User commands and keys

`\morewritessetup` Set whatever keys the user passes to `\morewritessetup`.

```

516 \cs_new_protected:Npn \morewritessetup #1
517 { \keys_set:nn { __morewrites } {#1} }

```

*(End definition for \morewritessetup. This function is documented on page ??.)*

**file** Because of our use of `.initial:n`, this code must appear after `\__morewrites_set_file:n` is defined.

```

518 \keys_define:nn { __morewrites }
519 {
520   allocate .code:n = \__morewrites_allocate:n {#1} ,
521   file .code:n = \__morewrites_set_file:n {#1} ,
522   file .initial:n = \c_sys_jobname_str .mw
523 }

```

*(End definition for file. This function is documented on page ??.)*

```

\openin
\read 524 \cs_gset_eq:NN \openin \__morewrites_openin:w
\readline 525 \cs_gset_eq:NN \read \__morewrites_read:w
\closein 526 \cs_gset_eq:NN \readline \__morewrites_readline:w
\newread 527 \cs_gset_eq:NN \closein \__morewrites_closein:w
\immediate 528 \cs_gset_eq:NN \newread \__morewrites_newread:N
\openout 529 \cs_gset_eq:NN \immediate \__morewrites_immediate:w
\write 530 \cs_gset_eq:NN \openout \__morewrites_openout:w
\closeout 531 \cs_gset_eq:NN \write \__morewrites_write:w
\newwrite 532 \cs_gset_eq:NN \closeout \__morewrites_closeout:w
533 \cs_gset_eq:NN \newwrite \__morewrites_newwrite:N

```

(End definition for `\openin` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

</package>