

# makedoc—Preprocessing documentation by T<sub>E</sub>X

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## Abstract

`makedoc` provides commands for generating L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X input from a package file in order to typeset documentation of the latter (somewhat similar and opposite to `docstrip`). Certain comment marks are removed, and listing commands are inserted. This continues the policy of `niceverb` to minimize documentation markup in package files. `makedoc` extends and exemplifies the parsing package `fifinddo`. After an edit (and test) of your package, you get the new documentation in one run (or two or three runs—for labels and TOC, as usual) of the documentation driver file.—This is an *alternative* to the standard `doc` package and its `\DocInput`. The present approach provides *less* than `doc` does, rather deliberately. It may be helpful at least for the development of small packages, or at least at early stages.

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## 1 Introduction

The abstract will not be repeated in this section. Let me add instead that I was in dire need of such a package, I got stuck with my packages because I lost orientation in them, and I was unhappy with the forms of documentations of my other packages, and documenting them with the `doc` system was not attractive for me (neither considered helpful). I also worked on *Windows* until September 2008, and I find a system like the present one still more attractive than using (learning!) other filtering utilities (see below on `awk`). And I may work on *Windows* once again and don't want to depend on installing some ... there.

### 1.1 Prior work and what is new

It is, of course, not a new idea to get around comment marks `%` to typeset the documentation. `doc`'s `\DocInput` does this by making `%` an “ignored” character. This way you cannot use `%` for commenting comments (so `doc` offers a “new comment mark” `^^A`). You also cannot use `%` for commenting out code (that you are pondering or use for debugging only).

Moreover, `doc` requires enclosing package code explicitly by environment commands (behind comment marks). Stephan I. Böttcher with his `lineno.sty` and Grzegorz Murzynowski in `gmdoc` aimed at doing away with this requirement. `lineno.sty` contains `awk` scripts to remove starting comment marks and to insert listing commands. A file `lineno.tex` is generated that typesets the documentation. By the way, `lineno.sty` is full of discussions, but it is not `docstripped`—the maintainers never have received a complaint that inputting `lineno.sty` were too slow.

`gmdoc` seems to get around comment marks and insert listing commands *while typesetting* by a refined version of `\DocInput`, through some careful detecting and analysing comment marks, the approach resembles detection of lists in `wiki.sty`.<sup>1</sup> And this is a matter of principles—comparing the approaches of *preprocessing* (`lineno.sty`) and “*smart typesetting*” (`gmdoc`, `wiki`). Sometimes preprocessing seems to be simpler, sometimes detecting while typesetting. (Another example is the preprocessor `easylatex` of which `wiki.sty` is a much reduced “while typesetting” variant.) “While typesetting” may be easier when single characters or sequences of two or three encode markup information—but such detection can badly interfere with other packages etc. “Preprocessing” may be

<sup>1</sup>See `gmdoc.pdf` on `\DocInput`. You can learn a lot from this 220 pages document! I also find `pauldoc` and `xdoc` inspiring.

easier when entire “strings” of characters decide, which may be anywhere in a file line.

`makedoc` chooses *preprocessing*, as `lineno.sty`, but by  $T_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ . There is a general discussion of this choice in the documentation of `fifinddo`. Preprocessing here can be done in the same  $\text{\LaTeX}$  run as typesetting, though you can avoid incompatibilities with packages needed for typesetting (by inputting them only *after* preprocessing).

`lineno.sty` exemplifies why preprocessing with  $T_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  may be preferable to preprocessing with other utilities: When I took over maintenance of `lineno.sty`, I needed hard work to get the `awk` script running. The *Munich* `awk` seemed *not* to behave as the *Kiel* `awk` (I chose a Munich `nawk` and reworked the script a little).  $T_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  seems to have better fixed functionality than other utilities!

## 1.2 Basics on using `makedoc`

At least in the long run, using `makedoc` should not imply commitment to a certain design or to certain  $\text{\LaTeX}$  packages for typesetting listings and documentations. Therefore, `makedoc.cfg` (currently) contains *local* or *personal choices*, but also *experiments* with future features of `niceverb`. Especially, (at present) the `packagecode` environment that `makedoc \writes` must be chosen. Currently this is the `listing` environment from `moreverb` with some modifications or extra settings. It may be vital to `\MakeOther` the active characters from `niceverb` in the setup of `packagecode`. See the *example* in section 3.

Finally, each package file to be typeset will need its own *script* of `makedoc` commands. It should fit into the preamble of the main file for documenting the package (currently just 5 commands seem to suffice, see the *example* in section 3 and section 2.8 on typical “bundling” *script commands*). As an alternative, you may prefer to have “content only” (as much as possible) in the main typesetting file and in its preamble only `\input` a separate script file.

Yes, the idea of documenting a package *here* is to have a separate “driver” file for typesetting the documentation. It may contain an introduction and a guide for users. The documentation of the package code that has been prepared by the `makedoc` script will be `\input`. Alternatively, the “driver file” could have title etc. only, or preamble and a minimal `document` environment only.

So there may be many files, which may look confusing, especially as compared with the `doc` procedure. However,

1. “One file distribution” still is possible thanks to the `filecontents` environment.
2. The `makedoc` script can create a batch file (fitting the system, maybe using Will Robertson’s `ifplatform`, or `texsys.cfg`, or ...) that removes certain auxiliary files or moves them to a certain directory.
3. I find it helpful to have rather little “contentual” text in the package file.

4. The procedure now runs very smoothly, once the stumbling blocks have been overcome.<sup>2</sup>

### 1.3 Examples

The documentations of `fifinddo` and of `makedoc` itself are typeset using `makedoc` (`niceverb.pdf` as well, yet comments remained scarce). `fifinddo.pdf` documents `fifinddo.sty`, typeset from `fifinddo.tex`, likewise `makedoc.pdf`. Section 3 contains listings of `makedoc.cfg` and the `makedoc` script file `mkfddoc.tex` especially made for `fifinddo.pdf`. `fifinddo.doc`, `makedoc.doc`, and `niceverb.doc` are the  $\text{\TeX}$  input files that were made with `makedoc.sty`—I have only looked at them when something was wrong (often syntax mistakes in typing).

The Wikipedia syntax feature `%%\subsubsection` is only used in `fifinddo.sty` and `niceverb.sty`.

## 2 Implementation

### 2.1 Preliminaries

Head of file (Legalese):

```

1  %% Macro package 'makedoc.sty' for LaTeX2e,
2  %% copyright (C) 2009 Uwe L\"uck,
3  %%   http://www.contact-ednotes.sty.de.vu
4  %% -- author-maintained in the sense of LPPL below --
5  %% for preparing documentations from packages.
6
7  \def\fileversion{0.2} \def\filedate{2009/04/13}
8
9  %% This file can be redistributed and/or modified under
10 %% the terms of the LaTeX Project Public License; either
11 %% version 1.3a of the License, or any later version.
12 %% The latest version of this license is in
13 %%   http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
14 %% We did our best to help you, but there is NO WARRANTY.
15 %%
16 %% Please report bugs, problems, and suggestions via
17 %%
18 %%   http://www.contact-ednotes.sty.de.vu
19 %%
20 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
21 % 1994/12/01: \newcommand* etc.
22 \ProvidesPackage{makedoc}[\filedate\space v\fileversion\space
23                               TeX input from *.sty (UL)]

```

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<sup>2</sup>`niceverb` v0.1 was too sloppy with some things, and self-documentation of `makedoc.sty` was difficult—its parsing and that from verbatim cannot distinguish between markup code and typeset code.

`\PackageCodeTrue` and `\PackageCodeFalse` set `\ifPackageCode` globally, so redefinition of `\` may be kept local. Note the capital T and F!

```
24 \newcommand*\PackageCodeTrue {\global\let\ifPackageCode\iftrue}
25 \newcommand*\PackageCodeFalse {\global\let\ifPackageCode\iffalse}
```

`\ifPackageCode` is used to determine whether a listing environment must be `\begun` or `\ended`. You may also want to suppress empty code lines, while empty lines should issue a `\par` break in “comment” mode.

Since `\newif` is not used, `\ifPackageCode` must be declared explicitly. Declaration of new `\ifs` must be early in case they occur in code that is skipped by another `\if...`

```
26 \PackageCodeFalse
```

`makedoc` is an extension of `fifinddo` on which it depends.

```
27 \RequirePackage{fifinddo}[2009/04/13]
```

Both `fifinddo` and `makedoc` use the “underscore” as “private letter” and make it “other” at their end (functionality as with “at” and `\RequirePackage` is missing here). So after loading `fifinddo`, I must restore the new private letter.

```
28 \catcode'\_ =11 %% underscore used in control words
```

## 2.2 \MakeDocCorrectHook

`\MakeDocCorrectHook` is predefined to leave its argument without the enclosing braces, otherwise unchanged:

```
29 \let\MakeDocCorrectHook\@firstofone
```

Less efficiently, the same could have been set up as

```
30 % \newcommand*\MakeDocCorrectHook{1}{\ProcessStringWith{#1}{LEAVE}}
```

according to `fifinddo`.

It may be *redefined* in a *configuration* file like `makedoc.cfg` or the `makedoc` script file applying to a single package file in order to, e.g., converting plain text to  $\text{\TeX}$  input conforming to typographical conventions, making `\dots` from `\dots`, e.g. Replace `LEAVE` in the previous suggestion by an identifier whose job you have defined before, and use `\renewcommand` in place of `\newcommand`. See an example in `makedoc.cfg`.

You can *test* your own `\MakeDocCorrectHook` by

```
\typeout{\MakeDocCorrectHook{\test-string}}
```

... provided (sometimes) `\MakeOther\` ... You can even change it using `\IfInputLine` from `fifinddo` in the midst of preprocessing a package documentation.

### 2.3 Distinguish package code from comments

Use of comment marks is a matter of personal style. Only lines starting with the sequence `%%` are typeset in  $\text{\TeX}$  quality under the present release. Lines just containing `%%` (without the space) are used to suppress empty code lines preceding section titles (while keeping some visual space in the package file). There is a preferable way to do this, however not in the present release ...

The parsing macros must be set up reading `%` and `␣` as “other” characters. Using the optional arguments for this creates difficulties that can be somewhat avoided by redefining `\PatternCodes`.

```
31 \renewcommand*{\PatternCodes}{\MakeOther\%\MakeOther\ }%% 2009/04/02
```

Look here: the line became too long and could not be broken. Must we really introduce new comment marks?

```
32 % \MakeSetupSubstringCondition{comment}[\MakeOther\%\MakeOther\ ]
```

The next line sets the “sandbox” for the detecting macro, as it is coined in the documentation of `fifinddo`, with “identifier” `PPScomment`.

```
33 \MakeSetupSubstringCondition{PPScomment}{%% }{{#1}}
```

The last argument stores the expanded input line for reference by macros called. The next line is a test whether the setup works.

```
34 % \expandafter \show \csname \setup_substr_cond PPScomment\endcsname
```

Here comes the definition of the corresponding testing macro. `#3` is the expanded input line from above. The `\If...commands`, `\fdInputLine`, `\fdInputLine`, and `\RemoveDummyPatternArg` are from `fifinddo`.

```
35 % \MakeSubstringConditional{comment}[\MakeOther\%\MakeOther\ ]
36 \MakeSubstringConditional{PPScomment}{%% }#3%% #3 entire test string
37 \IfFDinputEmpty{\OnEmptyInputLine}{%
```

The empty line test comes early to offer control with `\OnEmptyInputLine` both code and comment mode. Maybe it should always?

```
38 \IfFDempty{#1}%%
39 {\TreatAsComment{%
40 \RemoveDummyPatternArg\MakeDocCorrectHook{#2}}}%
41 {\ifx\fdInputLine\PPstring
42 \ifPackageCode\else \WriteResult{}\fi%% 2009/04/05
43 %% <- allow paragraphs in comments
44 \else \TreatAsCode{#3}\fi}}
45 % \expandafter \show \csname \substr_cond PPScomment\endcsname
```

`\PPstring` stores the line suppressing empty code lines.

```
46 \newcommand*{\PPstring}{\xdef\PPstring{\PercentChar\PercentChar}}
```

`comment` will be a “generic” identifier to call a comment line detector. It might be predefined to issue an “undefined” error; however this release predefines it to behave like `PPScomment`.

```
47 \CopyFDconditionFromTo{PPScomment}{comment}
```

Alternative still to be considered:

```
48 % \@namedef{setup_substr_cond comment}{%
49 % \PackageError{makedoc}{Job 'comment' not defined}%
50 % {Use \string\CopyFDconditionFromTo{comment}}}
```

## 2.4 Dealing with comments

`\TreatAsComment{<text>}` writes `<text>` to the documentation file. If we had “package code” (were in “code mode”) so far, the listing environment is ended first.

```
51 \newcommand*{\TreatAsComment}[1]{%
52 \ifPackageCode
53 \WriteResult{\string\end{packagecode}\@empty}}%
```

The `\@empty` here is a lazy trick to save self-documentation fighting `verbatim`’s “highlight” of finding ends of listings (to be improved).

We always use `\string` to prevent macro expansion in `\write` in place of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\protect`, as long as `fifinddo` simply uses the primitive `\write` in place of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\protected@write` ...

```
54 \PackageCodeFalse
55 \EveryComment
56 % \_empty_code_lines_false
57 \fi
58 \WriteResult{#1}}
```

Here, `\EveryComment` is a macro hook for inserting material that should not appear in a listing environment.

```
59 \global\let\EveryComment\relax %% should be changed globally.
```

## 2.5 Sectioning

We provide a facility from `wiki.sty` that imitates the sectioning syntax used in editing *Wikipedia* pages, in a different implementation (better compatibility) and in a more general way. On Wikipedia, `==_Definition_==` works similar as `\section{Definition}` does with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. With the present implementation, you can type, e.g.,

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%_Definition_%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
```

to get a similar result. The number of % characters doesn’t matter, and there can be other stuff, however: additional = symbols may harm. Three sectioning levels are supported, through `==<text>==`, `===<text>===`, and `====<text>====` (deepest).

There are three detector macros made for programmers. The most general one is In the following definitions, there is a single tilde to prevent = symbols being gobbled by the test (realized by accident).

`\SectionLevelThreeParseInput`:

```

60 \newcommand*{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}{%
61   \expandafter \test_sec_level_iii \fdInputLine ~===== &}
\SectionLevelTwoParseInput
62 \newcommand*{\SectionLevelTwoParseInput}{%
63   \expandafter \test_sec_level_ii \fdInputLine ~===== &}
and \SectionLevelOneParseInput
64 \newcommand*{\SectionLevelOneParseInput}{%
65   \expandafter \test_sec_level_i \fdInputLine ~===== &}

```

allow skipping deeper levels for efficiency.

In the terminology of the `fifinddo` documentation, the previous three commands are “sandbox builders.” The following three commands are the corresponding “substring conditionals.” However, `fifinddo` so far only deals with *single* substrings, while here we are dealing with *pairs* of substrings. We are not using general setup macros, but define the parsing macros “manually,” as it is typical in many other macros in `latex.ltx` and other L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages. You can fool our macros easily, there is no syntax check.

```

66 \def\test_sec_level_iii#1====#2====#3&{%
67   \IfDempty{#2}%
68     {\test_sec_level_ii #1===== &}%
69     {\WriteSection\mdSectionLevelThree{#2}}}
70 \def\test_sec_level_ii#1===#2===#3&{%
71   \IfDempty{#2}%
72     {\test_sec_level_i #1==== &}%
73     {\WriteSection\mdSectionLevelTwo{#2}}}
74 \def\test_sec_level_i#1==#2==#3&{%
75   \IfDempty{#2}%
76     {\RemoveTildeArg \ProcessStringWith{#1}{comment}}%
77     {\WriteSection\mdSectionLevelOne{#2}}}

```

`\ProcessStringWith` here passes the expanded `\fdInputLine` to the general comment detector.

`\WriteSection{<command>}{<text>}` replaces an input line with a line

`<command>\hspace{1sp}\ignorespaces<text>\unskip`

in the documentation file and switches into “comment mode.” `\hspace{1sp}` ensures that `niceverb`’s package name feature works. `\ignorespaces` and `\unskip` undo the spaces between title text and the = symbols that usually are typed for readability.

```

78 \newcommand*{\WriteSection}[2]{%
79   \TreatAsComment{%
80     ^^J#1{\string\hspace{1sp}\ignorespaces
81       \MakeDocCorrectHook{#2}\unskip}^^J}}

```

We insert `\section` using `\mdSectionLevelOne` etc. which the programmer can redefine, e.g., when the documentation is part of a `\section` (or even deeper) according to the “documentation driver” file.



```

82 \newcommand*{\mdSectionLevelOne}{\string\section}
83 \newcommand*{\mdSectionLevelTwo}{\string\subsection}
84 \newcommand*{\mdSectionLevelThree}{\string\subsubsection}

```

This sectioning feature is not used in `makedoc.sty` since the *definitions* of the parsing macros fool the same macros ...

## 2.6 Commented code

`\TreatAsCode{<text>}` is the opposite to `\TreatAsComment{<text>}`:

```

85 \newcommand*{\TreatAsCode}[1]{%
86   \ifPackageCode
87   %   \_empty_code_lines_true
88   \else
89     \WriteResult{\string\begin{packagecode}}%
90     \PackageCodeTrue
91   \fi
92   \WriteResult{#1}%
93   %   \WriteResult{\maybe_result_empty_line #1}%
94   %   \let\maybe_result_empty_line\empty
95 }

```

## 2.7 Dealing with empty input lines

`\OnEmptyInputLine` is a default setting (or hook) for what to do with empty lines in the input file. The default is to insert an empty line in the output file:

```

96 \newcommand*{\OnEmptyInputLine}{\WriteResult{}}

```

`\NoEmptyCodeLines` changes the setting to suppressing empty code lines, while in “comment mode” an empty input line *does* insert an empty line, for starting a new paragraph:

```

97 \newcommand*{\NoEmptyCodeLines}{%% suppress empty code lines
98   \renewcommand*{\OnEmptyInputLine}{%
99     \ifPackageCode \else \WriteResult{}\fi}}

```

There is a better policy—didn’t work so far ...

## 2.8 Bundling typical things: script commands

First practical experiences suggest the following shorthands. They should simplify matters so much that the `makedoc` script for a single package really should need about five lines only, and even *they* should be so simple that you should hardly spend a minute about them.

`\LaTeXresultFile{<output>}` saves you the extra line for inserting the `\ProvidesFile` line ... no, actually it is `makedoc` that wants to be mentioned with `\ProvidesFile` ... (otherwise copied from `fifinddo`) ...

```

100 \newcommand*{\LaTeXresultFile}[1]{%
101   \ResultFile{#1}%% \WriteProvides}
102   \WriteResult{%
103     \string\ProvidesFile{\result_file_name}%
104     [\the\year/\two@digits\month/\two@digits\day\space
105     automatically generated with makedoc.sty]}}%

```

`\MakeDoc{⟨input⟩}` preprocesses `⟨input⟩` to render input for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, considering what is typical for a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package as the `⟨input⟩` one here:

```

106 \newcommand*{\MakeDoc}[1]{%

```

In case of a “header” (see below) we change into “code mode”:

```

107   \ifnum\header_lines>\z@
108     \WriteResult{\string\begin{packagecode}}%
109     \PackageCodeTrue %% TODO both lines makedoc command!?
110                     %%      2009/04/08
111   \else \PackageCodeFalse \fi

```

The loop follows. There is a placeholder `\makd_doc_line_body` that is predefined below and can be changed while processing the `⟨input⟩` file.

```

112   \ProcessFileWith{#1}{%
113     \CountInputLines %% stepping line counter is standard
114     \make_doc_line_body
115     \process_line_message}%

```

Currently the “VERSION HISTORY” is typeset verbatim (for “tabbing”), we then must leave “code mode” here:

```

116   \ifPackageCode
117     \WriteResult{\string\end{packagecode}\@empty}}%% self-doc-trick
118   \PackageCodeFalse %% TODO both lines makedoc command!? 2009/04/08
119   \fi

```

When the `⟨input⟩` file has been processed, certain default settings might be restored—in case another `⟨input⟩` file is processed for the same documentation document:

```

120 %   \HeaderLines{0}%
121 %   \MainDocParser{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}%% TODO!? 2009/04/08
122 }

```

### 2.8.1 File preamble

A L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package typically has a “header” or “preamble” (automatically inserted by `docstrip`) with very scarce information on which file it is and what it provides, and with much more Legalese. Typesetting it in T<sub>E</sub>X quality may be more misleading than typesetting it *verbatim*. So we typeset it *verbatim*. Now: where does the “header” end? `\NeedsTeXFormat` might be considered the border.—Yet it seems to be more simple and reliable just to act in terms of the *number of lines* that the header should be long. This length `⟨how-many-lines⟩` is declared by `\HeaderLines{⟨how-many-lines⟩}`:

```

123 \newcommand*{\HeaderLines}{\def\header_lines}
124 \HeaderLines{0}

```

So the default is that there aren't any header lines, unless another `\HeaderLines` is issued before some `\MakeDoc`. The way input is parsed after the “header” is set by `\MainDocParser{parsing-command}`.

```

125 \newcommand*{\MainDocParser}{\def\main_doc_parser}

```

`\SectionLevelThreeParseInput` from section 2.5 is the default, two alternatives are defined there, another one is `\ProcessInputWith{comment}` from `fifinddo`.

```

126 \MainDocParser{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}

```

Here is how `\HeaderLines` and `\MainDocParser` act:

```

127 \def\make_doc_line_body{%
128   \IfInputLine{>\header_lines}%
129   {\let\make_doc_line_body\main_doc_parser
130    \make_doc_line_body}%    %% switch to deciding
131   {\TreatAsCode{\fdInputLine}}} %% header verbatim

```

`\ProcessLineMessage{command}` is designed to define a screen (or log) message *command*. `\ProcessLineMessage{message{.}}` has a result like with `docstrip`. You just get one dot on screen per input line as a simple confirmation that the program is not hung up. However, the message may slow down a run considerably (if so, choose `\ProcessLineMessage{}` in the script). But it is better for beginner users of the package, so made default.

```

132 \newcommand*{\ProcessLineMessage}{\def\process_line_message}
133 % % \ProcessLineMessage{} %% no, still more efficient:
134 % \let\process_line_message\relax
135 \ProcessLineMessage{message{.}}

```

## 2.9 Leave the package

```

136 \catcode'\_ =8    %% restores underscore use for subscripts
137
138 \endinput

```

## 2.10 VERSION HISTORY

```

139 v0.1    2009/04/03    very first version, tested on morgan.sty
140 v0.2    2009/04/05    \OnEmptyInputLine, \NoEmptyCodeLines
141                                comment -> PPScomment, \IfFDinputEmpty,
142                                \EveryComment, \PPstring may be par break
143                2009/04/08    \InputString -> \fdInputLine,
144                                \section -> \subsection; documentation!
145                2009/04/08f.    \MakeDoc
146                2009/04/12    ‘‘line too long’’ w/o redefining \PatternCodes;
147                                \MakeDocCorrectHook
148                2009/04/13    tilde with sectioning
149

```

The previous empty code line is the one  $\text{\TeX}$  insists to add at every end of a file it writes.

### 3 Examples: documentation of fifinddo

#### 3.1 makedoc.cfg

fifinddo.pdf and makedoc.pdf were typeset with the following configuration file makedoc.cfg:

```

1  \ProvidesFile{makedoc.cfg}[2009/04/15
                                local settings for 'makedoc.sty' etc.]

    \RequirePackage{moreverb}
5  \newenvironment{packagecode}
    {\PackageCode}
    {\endPackageCode}
    \gdef\PackageCode{%
      \small
10  %% Get rid of 'niceverb' stuff:
      % \MakeOther\'\MakeOther\'%% probably OK with moreverb
      \MakeOther<\MakeOther\|%
      %% <- TODO should be 'niceverb' command 2009/04/08
      \listing{1}}
15  \gdef\endPackageCode{%
      \endlisting
      \global\def\PackageCode{%
        \small
        % \MakeOther\'\MakeOther\'%% probably OK with moreverb
20      \MakeOther<\MakeOther\|% niceverb
        \listingcont}%
      \global\let\endPackageCode\endlistingcont}
    \renewcommand*{\listinglabel}[1]{%
      \llap{\scriptsize\rmfamily\the#1}\hskip\listingoffset\relax}
25
    \RequirePackage{niceverb}[2009/04/11] %% (' and '' ; 'etc.' \@
    \DeclareRobustCommand{\cs}[1]{\texttt{\char'\#1}}
      %% <- '&\@tempa' and '&\_tempa' fail 2009/04/14
    \RequirePackage{color}
30
    %% TODO rather in 'niceverb' 2009/04/06:
    \CatCode\| \active
    \newcommand*{\CmdBox}{%
      \ifvmode \pagebreak[1]\fi %% TODO!? 2009/04/06
35    \begingroup \let\do\MakeOther \dospecials \tt \TypesetCmdBox}
    \def\TypesetCmdBox#1{%% redefine for changing design

```

```

% \fboxrule=.6pt \fboxsep=-\fboxrule
% \fcolorbox[cmk]{0,0,0,1}{.1,0,.2,.1}{%
% \kern2pt\strut\CmdSyntaxVerb#1\kern2pt}}
40 % \kern2pt\strut#1\kern2pt}}% \dospecials version
% \fboxrule=.6pt \fboxsep=.2pt
% \fbox{%
% \fboxrule=0pt \fboxsep=-1pt
% \fboxrule=0pt \fboxsep=0pt
45 % \kern.2pt
% \colorbox[cmk]{.1,0,.2,.05}{%
% \kern1.6pt\strut#1\kern1.6pt}%
% \kern.2pt
% }%
50 \endgroup
% \nopagebreak[3]} %% TODO!? 2009/04/06
% \let|\CmdBox

\pagestyle{headings}
55 \endinput

```

### 3.2 mkfddoc.tex

fifinddo.pdf was typeset with the following makedoc script file mkfddoc.tex:

```

1 \ProvidesFile{mkfddoc.tex}[2009/04/15
% prepare typesetting fifinddo.sty]

% \beginngroup %% generate fifinddo.doc
5 \RequirePackage{makedoc}[2009/04/13]
% \input{mdcorr.cfg}

% \NoEmptyCodeLines %% TODO
% \ProcessLineMessage{}
10 \LaTeXresultFile{fifinddo.doc}
% \HeaderLines{23}
% \MainDocParser{%
% \IfInputLine{=33}{\tracingmacros=1 }{}
% \IfInputLine{=35}{\tracingmacros=0 }{}
15 \SectionLevelTwoParseInput}
% \tracingmacros=1
% \MakeDoc{fifinddo.sty}
% \CloseResultFile
% \endgroup %% fifinddo.doc ready
20 \endinput

```

### 3.3 mdcorr.cfg

fifinddo.pdf and makedoc.pdf were typeset with the following typographical corrections in mdcorr.cfg:

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```

1 \ProvidesFile{mdcorr.cfg}[2009/04/15
      local typographical corrections with makedoc.sty]
    %% Also demonstrates 'niceverb.sty'.
    \renewcommand*{\PatternCodes}{\MakeOther\\\MakeOther\ }
5 \renewcommand*{\MakeDocCorrectHook}[1]{\ProcessStringWith{#1}{dots}}
    %% |\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<replace>}{<id-next>}|%
    %% \footnote{Yes,
    %% &\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<replace>}{<id-next>}.
    \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{dots}{...}{$\dots$}{cf}
10 \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{cf}{cf.}{cf.\ }{etc}
    \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{etc}{etc. }{etc.\ }{LEAVE}
    %% So you can keep inter-sentence space after 'etc.'
    %% by a code line break
    \renewcommand*{\PatternCodes}{\fdPatternCodes}
15 %% ... restores 'fifinddo' default.
```

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This code also exemplifies the syntax niceverb provides for writing about L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X macros. It is typeset here with makedoc.sty again and then looks thus:

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```

\ProvidesFile{mdcorr.cfg}[2009/04/15
      local typographical corrections with makedoc.sty]
```

Also demonstrates niceverb.sty.

```

\renewcommand*{\PatternCodes}{\MakeOther\\\MakeOther\ }
\renewcommand*{\MakeDocCorrectHook}[1]{\ProcessStringWith{#1}{dots}}
\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<replace>}{<id-next>}3
20 \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{dots}{...}{$\dots$}{cf}
    \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{cf}{cf.}{cf.\ }{etc}
    \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{etc}{etc. }{etc.\ }{LEAVE}
```

So you can keep inter-sentence space after etc. by a code line break

```

\renewcommand*{\PatternCodes}{\fdPatternCodes}

... restores fifinddo default.
```

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<sup>3</sup>Yes, `\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<replace>}{<id-next>}`.