

The atbegshi package

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Abstract

This package is a modern reimplementaion of package `everyshi` without the burden of compatibility. It makes use of ε -`TeX`'s if available. Both `LATeX` and plain-`TeX` are supported.

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1 Documentation

Package `atbegshi` redefines `\shipout` to insert hooks for user code that is executed before the page is shipped out. The code may modify or even discard the output page. Three hooks are implemented:

1. A hook that is executed for every page, see `\AtBeginShipout`
2. A hook that is executed for the next page only, see `\AtBeginShipoutNext`
3. A hook that is only executed for the first page, see `\AtBeginShipoutFirst`

The hooks are executed in this order. The following three macros provide the user interface for adding code to these hooks:

`\AtBeginShipout {⟨code⟩}`

Execute the `⟨code⟩` for every page. The page contents is held in box register `\AtBeginShipoutBox` and may be modified. Use `\AtBeginShipoutDiscard` if you want to discard the page.

Note: Package `everyshi` uses box register 255. With package `atbegshi` you must use `\AtBeginShipoutBox` instead.

If \LaTeX calls `\shipout` in `\@outputpage` (part of its output routine), the meaning of `\protect` is `\noexpand`. \LaTeX sets `\protect` to the appropriate `\@typeset@protect` in the box that is shipped out. This is too late for the hooks, they are called earlier in the redefined `\shipout`. Therefore package `atbegshi` sets `\protect` to `\@typeset@protect` before it calls the hooks. (In `\EveryShipout` of package `everyshi` the user is responsible for the correct setting of `\protect`.)

`\AtBeginShipoutNext {⟨code⟩}`

This reimplements package `everyshi`'s `\AtNextShipout`. The `⟨code⟩` is executed at shipout time of the next page only. It is just a convenience macro, it can be easily replaced by something like:

```

\newcommand{\MyShipoutHook}{}%
\AtBeginShipout{\MyShipoutHook}
\gdef\MyShipoutHook{%
  ... do something with next page ...
\gdef\MyShipoutHook}{%
}

```

(This can be necessary, if hook order does matter).

`\AtBeginShipoutFirst {<code>}`

This reimplements L^AT_EX's `\AtBeginDvi`. This hook is usually used for `\special` commands that include PostScript header files. The `\code` is directly executed in a `\vbox` that is put at the beginning of the output page. Dealing with the output box `\AtBeginShipoutBox` is not necessary and not permitted here.

`\AtBeginShipoutDiscard`

This macro notifies package `atbegshi` that the output page is discarded. The remaining hook code and the remaining hooks are not executed and the page is thrown away. Also `\deadcycles` is cleared to zero like an ordinary `\shipout` would do.

`\AtBeginShipoutInit`

Usually the redefinition of `\shipout` is delayed by `\AtBeginDocument` (if this macro exists). This can be too late, if other packages also redefines `\shipout` and the order does matter. `\AtBeginShipoutInit` forces the immediate redefinition of `\shipout`.

`\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft {<background material>}`

This is a macro that puts material in the background of box `\AtBeginShipoutBox`. The *<background material>* is set in an `\hbox`, the reference point is the upper left corner of the output page. In case of pdf_TE_X in PDF mode, the settings of `\pdfhorigin` and `\pdfvorigin` are respected.

The macro `\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft` is intended to be used in one of the hook setting macros, such as `\AtBeginShipout`, `\AtBeginShipoutFirst`, or `\AtBeginShipoutNext`.

For L^AT_EX users the *<background material>* is set inside a `picture` environment:

```
\begin{picture}(0,0)
  \setlength{\unitlength}{1pt}%
  <background material>
\end{picture}
```

`\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeftForeground {<foreground material>}`

See `\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft`. The difference is that the material is put in the foreground.

1.1 Example

In this example we put a circle in the background in the middle of the paper.

```
1 <example>
2 \documentclass[a4paper]{article}
3 \usepackage{color}
4 \usepackage{atbegshi}
```

Package `picture` makes life a little easier, because we can now also use length specifications in `picture`'s commands.

```
5 \usepackage{picture}
```

Now we draw the circle in the middle of the paper. `\put` moves downwards, because the origin is at the top of the page, not at its bottom.

```

6 \AtBeginShipout{%
7   \AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft{%
8     \put(0.5\paperwidth,-0.5\paperheight){\circle{10}}%
9   }%
10 }
11 \begin{document}
12 \section{Hello World}
13 \newpage
14 \AtBeginShipoutNext{%
15   \AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft{%
16     \color{red}%
17     \put(0,-0.5\paperheight){\line(1,0){\paperwidth}}%
18     \put(0.5\paperwidth, 0){\line(0,-1){\paperheight}}%
19   }%
20 }
21 Only on this page we add a red cross.
22 \newpage
23 This page has the circle only.
24 \par
25 \vspace{\fill}
26 The next page will be discarded.
27 \newpage
28 \AtBeginShipoutNext{%
29   \AtBeginShipoutDiscard
30 }
31 This page is discarded.
32 \newpage
33 The last page.
34 \end{document}
35 \end{example}

```

2 Method of `\shipout` overloading

2.1 `\shipout`

The \TeX primitive command `\shipout` takes a box specification and puts the box as a new page in the output file. There are two kinds of box specifications:

Direct boxes: They are given by `\hbox`, `\vbox`, or `\vtop`,
e.g. `\shipout\hbox{Hello World}`.

Indirect boxes: `\box` or `\copy` references a box register by number. The box register contains the contents of the box.

Note: `\box` also clears the box register globally.

Then we have to differentiate between void and empty boxes:

Void: Initially or after `\box` there is no box in the box register. In this cases the box register is not empty, but *void*.

Empty: A box with empty contents, such as `\hbox{}` ($=$ `\null`) or `\vbox{}` is an *empty hbox* or *empty vbox*. If a box register holds such a box, the box still exists, therefore the box register is *not void*.

2.2 `\afterassignment`

We want to overload `\shipout` to do something with the box. It is quite impossible to do this reliable by catching the box using macro arguments. The variety of box specifications is too large, Examples:

```

\shipout\null
\shipout\vbox{...}
\shipout\top\bgroup ... \egroup
\shipout\box255

```

Even worse, the braces don't need to be balanced:

```

\shipout\hbox\bgroup}
\shipout\vbox{\egroup

```

Happily TeX provides a reliable way via `\afterassignment`. It takes a macro name and executes it just after the assignment.

Now we can redefine `\shipout`. The box specification that follows `\shipout` is caught by `\setbox`. This is an assignment to a box register. `\afterassignment` notifies TeX, that we want to call `\@test` right after the assignment:

```

\shipout :=
  \afterassignment\@test
  \setbox\mybox=

```

We have seen different box specifications. Indirect boxes are easy to understand:

```

\shipout\box0 ⇒ \setbox\mybox=\box0 \@test

```

However direct boxes can have arbitrary contents with lots of other assignments. It would be quite unpredictable if TeX would put `\@test` after the first of such an assignment or after the box specification if the box lacks of assignments. Therefore TeX puts `\@test` right at the beginning of the box specification, e.g:

```

\shipout\hbox{Hello World}
⇒ \setbox\mybox=\hbox{\@test Hello World}

```

2.3 Test for direct or indirect boxes

Now we want to execute `\@test`, but where are we? We can be after the completed box assignment, if `\shipout` was called with an indirect box. Or we are right at the beginning of a direct box.

2.3.1 With ε -TeX

With the ε -TeX's extensions the answer is very easy: Being inside the direct box means that we are inside a new group. The new primitive command `\currentgrouplevel` tells how deeply the groups are currently nested. Macro `\@test` just compares the previously stored group level with the current one:

```

\shipout :=
  \edef\saved@grouplevel{\number\currentgrouplevel}
  \afterassignment\@test
  \setbox\mybox=

\@test :=
  \ifnum\saved@grouplevel=\currentgrouplevel
    % case: indirect box, the assignment is completed
    \@output
  \else
    % case: direct box, we are inside the box
    \aftergroup\@outbox
  \fi

```

2.3.2 Without ε -TeX

Life becomes complicate without ε -TeX. We cannot ask the group level. However, if we are inside a direct box, the box register `\mybox` is not yet changed by `\setbox`. Thus we need a special initial value and compare it in `\@test` with the current value of the box.

What can be used as initial value? Arbitrary box contents cannot be compared. TeX only tells us a few properties:

- Box type: `\ifhbox`, `\ifvbox`
- Dimensions: `\wd`, `\ht`, `\dp`
- Voidness: `\ifvoid`

Unhappily all these qualities even combined are not sufficient for constructing an initial box value, because `\shipout` can be called with a box that is accidentally just the same as the choosen initial value.

Nevertheless we have two alternatives for an initial value:

- A box of some type with some funny settings that are unlikely to occur in real life, e.g a height of `4911sp-\maxdimen`.
- A void box.

A collision between this initial value and an indirect `\shipout` box with just the same value is possible. Then `\@test` will make a wrong decision that it is executed inside a direct box and delays `\@output` by `\aftergroup`. Thus `\@output` is not called at the place we want. In contrary, the result is an uncertainty about the place:

- `\shipout` is used in a group that perhaps closes some pages later. A bad place for `\@output`.
- Without a surrounding group `\aftergroup` effectively kills its argument.

In the first case of a box with special dimensions we can even loose the page. However in the case of the void box, this effect is even desired, because the original `\shipout` does not output void boxes. All we have to do is to ensure that our box `\mybox` is always void except for the phase when the overloaded `\shipout` is executed. And secondly we must keep this semantics of `\shipout` for the void case in our macros, namely `\@output`.

```
\shipout :=
% trick to get a void box \mybox
\begingroup
  \setbox\mybox=\box\mybox
\endgroup
\afterassignment\@test
\setbox\mybox=

\@test :=
\ifvoid\mybox
  \aftergroup\@output
\else
  \@output
\fi
```

The nasty case is `\shipout\box\voidb@x` where the indirect box is void and that must not generate an output page. If a surrounding group is missing the output is ignored because of `\aftergroup`. Otherwise output is called some time later when the surrounding group closes. But `\mybox` is void outside the execution phase of the redefined `\shipout`. Also `\@output` checks for a void box and cancels the page output. The disadvantage remains that the hook in `\@output` is called for a page that will not be output.

2.3.3 `\lastkern` method

At the beginning of a new box, there is no `\kern`, the contents of the box is still empty and `\lastkern` returns 0 pt. This can be used to distinguish between direct and indirect boxes: We execute `\setbox` in a box with a preceding non-zero kern. After an indirect box, `\lastkern` sees this kern, otherwise it returns 0 pt.

```
\shipout :=
  \begingroup
    \setbox\mybox=\hbox\bgroup
      \kern1pt
      \afterassignment\shipout@test
      \global\setbox\mybox=
\@test :=
  \ifdim\lastkern=0pt
    % direct box
    \aftergroup\egroup
    \aftergroup\endgroup
    \aftergroup\@output
  \else
    \egroup
    \endgroup
    \@output
  \fi
```

We have two `\setbox` commands. The first creates a controlled context box where we can safely insert a `\kern`. We get rid of this temporarily used context box by putting the local `\setbox` in a group.

After the group we want to have our shipout box in `\mybox`. Therefore we use a global assignment here.

2.4 Output

With or without ϵ -TeX we ensure the original behaviour of `\shipout` that void boxes do not generate output pages.

Now we can place the hook `\@hook` for the user code that wants to manipulate the output box.

```
\@output :=
  \ifvoid\mybox
    % cancel output of void box
  \else
    \@hook
    \ifvoid\mybox
      % user code in \@hook could has voided the box
    \else
      \original@shipout\box\mybox
    \fi
  \fi
```

2.5 Separate box register

So far we have said nothing about the box number of `\mybox`. The following case that outputs the same page twice shows that we are not free in the use of the box register:

```
\shipout\copy<num> \shipout\box<num>
```

We manipulate the box by the hook and without ϵ -TeX the box must even be voided. However, the use case above requires that the box contents does not change at all. Therefore we must reserve a separate box register to avoid collisions with user box registers.

Note: Box register number 255 is special for the output routine, because TeX complains if this box is not voided by the output routine. However, this requirement does not apply to `\shipout` at all. In fact `\shipout` does not change any box register. This is usually done by a call of `\box`, but the output routine can do it later *after* invoking of `\shipout`.

2.6 Summary

2.6.1 With ε -TeX

Putting the pieces together we get for ε -TeX:

```

\newbox\mybox
\let\original@shipout\shipout

\shipout :=
  \edef\saved@grouplevel{\number\currentgrouplevel}
  \afterassignment\@test
  \setbox\mybox=

\@test :=
  \ifnum\saved@grouplevel<\currentgrouplevel
    \expandafter\aftergroup
  \fi
  \@output

\@output :=
  \ifvoid\mybox
    % cancel output of void box
  \else
    \@hook
    \ifvoid\mybox
      % user code in \@hook could have voided the box
    \else
      \original@shipout\box\mybox
    \fi
  \fi

```

2.6.2 Without ε -TeX, traditional way

And for TeX without ε -TeX:

```

\newbox\mybox
\begingroup
  \setbox\mybox=\box\mybox % ensure \mybox is void
\endgroup
\let\original@shipout\shipout

\shipout :=
  % trick to get a void box \mybox
  \begingroup
    \setbox\mybox=\box\mybox
  \endgroup
  \afterassignment\@test
  \setbox\mybox=

\@test :=
  \ifvoid\mybox
    \expandafter\aftergroup
  \fi
  \@output

\@output :=

```

```

\ifvoid\mybox
  % cancel output of void box
\else
  \@hook
  \ifvoid\mybox
    % user code in \@hook could have voided the box
  \else
    \original@shipout\box\mybox
  \fi
\fi

```

2.6.3 \lastkern method

And for \TeX without $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$ using the `\lastkern` method:

```

\newbox\mybox
\let\original@shipout\shipout

\shipout :=
\begingroup
\setbox\mybox=\hbox\bgroup
\kern1pt
\afterassignment\@test
\setbox\mybox=

\@test :=
\ifdim\lastkern=0pt
  \expandafter\aftergroup
\fi
\@output

\@output :=
\egroup
\endgroup
\ifvoid\mybox
  % cancel output of void box
\else
  \@hook
  \ifvoid\mybox
    % user code in \@hook could have voided the box
  \else
    \original@shipout\box\mybox
  \fi
\fi

```

3 Implementation

Package `atbegshi` uses $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$'s `\currentgrouplevel`, if it is available. Otherwise the `\lastkern` method is used.

```
36 <*package>
```

3.1 Reload check and package identification

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with \LaTeX .

```

37 \begingroup
38 \catcode44 12 % ,
39 \catcode45 12 % -
40 \catcode46 12 % .
41 \catcode58 12 % :
42 \catcode64 11 % @
43 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@atbegshi.sty\endcsname

```

```

44 \ifcase 0%
45   \ifx\x\relax % plain
46   \else
47     \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX
48     \else
49       1%
50     \fi
51   \fi
52 \else
53   \catcode35 6 % #
54   \catcode123 1 % {
55   \catcode125 2 % }
56   \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
57     \def\x#1#2{%
58       \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
59     }%
60   \else
61     \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
62   \fi
63   \x{atbegshi}{The package is already loaded}%
64 \endgroup
65 \expandafter\endinput
66 \fi
67 \endgroup

```

Package identification:

```

68 \begingroup
69   \catcode35 6 % #
70   \catcode40 12 % (
71   \catcode41 12 % )
72   \catcode44 12 % ,
73   \catcode45 12 % -
74   \catcode46 12 % .
75   \catcode47 12 % /
76   \catcode58 12 % :
77   \catcode64 11 % @
78   \catcode123 1 % {
79   \catcode125 2 % }
80   \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
81     \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
82       \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
83       \xdef#1{#4}%
84     }%
85   \else
86     \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
87       #2[#{#3}]%
88       \ifx#1\relax
89         \xdef#1{#3}%
90       \fi
91     }%
92   \fi
93 \expandafter\x\csname ver@atbegshi.sty\endcsname
94 \ProvidesPackage{atbegshi}%
95 [2008/07/19 v1.8 At begin shipout hook (H0)]

```

3.2 Catcodes

```

96 \begingroup
97   \catcode123 1 % {
98   \catcode125 2 % }
99   \def\x{\endgroup
100     \expandafter\edef\csname AtBegShi@AtEnd\endcsname{%
101       \catcode35 \the\catcode35\relax

```

```

102     \catcode64 \the\catcode64\relax
103     \catcode123 \the\catcode123\relax
104     \catcode125 \the\catcode125\relax
105   }%
106 }%
107 \x
108 \catcode35 6 % #
109 \catcode64 11 % @
110 \catcode123 1 % {
111 \catcode125 2 % }
112 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
113   \edef\AtBegShi@AtEnd{%
114     \AtBegShi@AtEnd
115     \catcode#1 \the\catcode#1\relax
116   }%
117   \catcode#1 #2\relax
118 }
119 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
120 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
121 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}% ,
122 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
123 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
124 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
125 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}% :
126 \TMP@EnsureCode{61}{12}% =
127 \TMP@EnsureCode{94}{7}% ^ (superscript)
128 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}% ‘

```

3.3 Preparations

```

129 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
130 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
131   \input infwarerr.sty\relax
132 \else
133   \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2007/09/09]%
134 \fi

```

\AtBegShi@CheckDefinable

```

135 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
136 \expandafter\ifx\csname @ifdefinable\endcsname\relax
137   \def\AtBegShi@CheckDefinable#1{%
138     \ifcase\ifx#1\relax
139       \@ne
140     \else
141       \ifx#1\@undefined
142         \@ne
143       \else
144         \z@
145       \fi
146     \fi
147     \errmessage{%
148       Package atbegshi: \string#1\space
149       is already defined%
150   }%
151   \endgroup
152 \fi
153 }%
154 \else
155   \def\AtBegShi@CheckDefinable#1{%
156     \@ifdefinable{#1}{}%
157   }%
158 \fi
159 \newif\ifAtBegShi@Discarded

```

\AtBeginShipoutDiscard

```
160 \AtBegShi@CheckDefinable\AtBeginShipoutDiscard
161 \def\AtBeginShipoutDiscard{%
162   \deadcycles=\z@
163   \global\AtBegShi@Discardedtrue
164 }

165 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
166 \expandafter\ifx\csname currentgrouplevel\endcsname\relax
167   \catcode'X=9 % ignore
168   \catcode'E=14 % comment
169 \else
170   \catcode'X=14 % comment
171   \catcode'E=9 % ignore
172 \fi
```

\AtBegShi@Shipout

```
173 \def\AtBegShi@Shipout{%
174 X \begingroup
175 X \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\hbox\bgroup
176 X \kern\p@
177 E \edef\AtBegShi@GroupLevel{\number\currentgrouplevel}%
178   \afterassignment\AtBegShi@Test
179 X \global
180   \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=%
181 }
```

\AtBegShi@Test

```
182 \def\AtBegShi@Test{%
183 X \ifdim\lastkern=\z@
184 E \ifnum\AtBegShi@GroupLevel<\currentgrouplevel
185   \expandafter\aftergroup
186   \fi
187   \AtBegShi@Output
188 }
```

\AtBegShi@Output

```
189 \def\AtBegShi@Output{%
190 X \egroup
191 X \endgroup
192 \ifvoid\AtBeginShipoutBox
193   \@PackageWarning{atbegshi}{Ignoring void shipout box}%
194 \else
195   \let\AtBegShi@OrgProtect\protect
196   \csname set@typeset@protect\endcsname
197   \global\AtBegShi@Discardedfalse
198   \AtBegShi@Hook
199   \AtBegShi@HookNext
200   \gdef\AtBegShi@HookNext{}%
201   \ifAtBegShi@Discarded
202     \@PackageInfoNoLine{atbegshi}{Shipout page discarded}%
203     \global\AtBegShi@Discardedfalse
204     \begingroup
205       \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox\box\AtBeginShipoutBox
206     \endgroup
207     \let\protect\AtBegShi@OrgProtect
208   \else
209     \AtBegShi@First
210     \let\protect\AtBegShi@OrgProtect
211     \AtBegShi@OrgShipout\box\AtBeginShipoutBox
212   \fi
213 \fi
214 }
```

```

215 \catcode'\X=11 %
216 \catcode'\E=11 %

\AtBegShi@First
217 \def\AtBegShi@First{%
218   \begingroup
219   \def\@empty{%
220     \ifx\AtBegShi@HookFirst\@empty
221     \else
222       \setbox\z@=\vbox{%
223         \begingroup
224           \AtBegShi@HookFirst
225         \endgroup
226       }%
227       \wd\z@=\z@
228       \ht\z@=\z@
229       \dp\z@=\z@
230       \global\setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\vbox{%
231         \baselineskip\z@skip
232         \lineskip\z@skip
233         \lineskiplimit\z@
234         \copy\z@
235         \copy\AtBeginShipoutBox
236       }%
237     \fi
238     \global\let\AtBegShi@First\@empty
239     \global\let\AtBeginShipoutFirst\AtBegShi@FirstDisabled
240   \endgroup
241 }

\AtBegShi@Hook
242 \gdef\AtBegShi@Hook{}

\AtBegShi@HookNext
243 \gdef\AtBegShi@HookNext{}

\AtBegShi@HookFirst
244 \gdef\AtBegShi@HookFirst{}

\AtBeginShipout
245 \AtBegShi@CheckDefinable\AtBeginShipout
246 \def\AtBeginShipout{%
247   \AtBegShi@AddHook\AtBegShi@Hook
248 }

\AtBeginShipoutNext
249 \AtBegShi@CheckDefinable\AtBeginShipoutNext
250 \def\AtBeginShipoutNext{%
251   \AtBegShi@AddHook\AtBegShi@HookNext
252 }

\AtBeginShipoutFirst
253 \AtBegShi@CheckDefinable\AtBeginShipoutFirst
254 \def\AtBeginShipoutFirst{%
255   \AtBegShi@AddTo\AtBegShi@HookFirst
256 }

\AtBegShi@FirstDisabled
257 \long\def\AtBegShi@FirstDisabled#1{%
258   \@PackageWarning{atbegshi}{%
259     First page is already shipped out, ignoring\MessageBreak

```

```

260   \string\AtBeginShipoutFirst
261 }%
262 }

```

\AtBegShi@AddTo

```

263 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
264 \expandafter\ifx\csname g@addto@macro\endcsname\relax
265   \long\def\AtBegShi@AddTo#1#2{%
266     \begingroup
267       \toks\z@\expandafter{#1#2}%
268       \xdef#1{\the\toks\z@}%
269     \endgroup
270   }%
271 \else
272   \let\AtBegShi@AddTo\g@addto@macro
273 \fi

```

\AtBegShi@AddHook

```

274 \long\def\AtBegShi@AddHook#1#2{%
275   \AtBegShi@AddTo#1{\AtBegShi@Item{#2}}%
276 }

```

\AtBegShi@Item

```

277 \long\def\AtBegShi@Item#1{%
278   \ifAtBegShi@Discarded
279   \else
280     #1%
281     \ifvoid\AtBeginShipoutBox
282       \@PackageWarning{atbegshi}{%
283         Shipout box was voided by hook,\MessageBreak
284         ignoring shipout box%
285       }%
286       \AtBeginShipoutDiscard
287     \fi
288   \fi
289 }

```

\AtBeginShipoutInit

```

290 \AtBegShi@CheckDefinable\AtBeginShipoutInit
291 \def\AtBeginShipoutInit{%
292   \csname newbox\endcsname\AtBeginShipoutBox
293   \AtBegShi@CheckDefinable\AtBegShi@OrgShipout
294   \global\let\AtBegShi@OrgShipout\shipout
295   \global\let\shipout\AtBegShi@Shipout
296   \gdef\AtBeginShipoutInit{}%
297 }

298 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
299 \expandafter\ifx\csname AtBeginDocument\endcsname\relax
300   \AtBeginShipoutInit
301 \else
302   \AtBeginDocument{\AtBeginShipoutInit}%
303 \fi

```

3.4 Positioning

```

304 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
305 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
306   \input ifpdf.sty\relax
307 \else
308   \RequirePackage{ifpdf}\relax
309 \fi

```

```

310 \ifpdf
311   \def\AtBegShi@horigin{\pdfhorigin}%
312   \def\AtBegShi@vorigin{\pdfvorigin}%
313 \else
314   \def\AtBegShi@horigin{72.27pt}%
315   \def\AtBegShi@vorigin{72.27pt}%
316 \fi

317 \begingroup
318 \ifcase
319   \expandafter\ifx\csname picture\endcsname\relax
320     1%
321   \else
322     \expandafter\ifx\csname endpicture\endcsname\relax
323       1%
324     \else
325       0%
326     \fi
327   \fi
328 \endgroup
329 \def\AtBegShi@BeginPicture{%
330   \begingroup
331   \picture(0,0)\relax
332   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
333   \expandafter\ifx\csname unitlength\endcsname\relax
334     \else
335       \unitlength=1pt\relax
336     \fi
337   \ignorespaces
338 }%
339 \def\AtBegShi@EndPicture{%
340   \endpicture
341   \endgroup
342 }%
343 \else
344   \endgroup
345   \def\AtBegShi@BeginPicture{%
346     \setbox0=\hbox\bgroup
347     \begingroup
348     \ignorespaces
349   }%
350   \def\AtBegShi@EndPicture{%
351     \endgroup
352     \egroup
353     \ht0=0pt\relax
354     \dp0=0pt\relax
355     \copy0 %
356   }%
357 \fi

358 \def\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft#1{%
359   \global\setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\hbox{%
360     \rlap{%
361       \kern-\AtBegShi@horigin\relax
362       \vbox to Opt{%
363         \kern-\AtBegShi@vorigin\relax
364         \kern-\ht\AtBeginShipoutBox
365         \AtBegShi@BeginPicture
366         #1%
367         \AtBegShi@EndPicture
368         \vss
369       }%
370     }%
371   \box\AtBeginShipoutBox

```

```

372 }%
373 }
374 \def\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeftForeground#1{%
375 \global\setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\hbox to \wd\AtBeginShipoutBox{%
376 \rlap{%
377 \copy\AtBeginShipoutBox
378 }%
379 \rlap{%
380 \kern-\AtBegShi@horigin\relax
381 \vbox to \Opt{%
382 \kern-\AtBegShi@vorigin\relax
383 \kern-\ht\AtBeginShipoutBox
384 \AtBegShi@BeginPicture
385 #1%
386 \AtBegShi@EndPicture
387 \vss
388 }%
389 }%
390 \hss
391 }%
392 }

```

3.5 Patches

Patches for L^AT_EX packages that redefine `\shipout`. L^AT_EX is now supposed to use ε -T_EX. Thus we do not patch, without L^AT_EX and ε -T_EX.

```

393 \def\AtBegShi@AbortIfUndefined#1{%
394 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
395 \expandafter\ifx\csname#1\endcsname\relax
396 \AtBegShi@AtEnd
397 \expandafter\endinput
398 \fi
399 }
400 \AtBegShi@AbortIfUndefined{currentgrouplevel}
401 \AtBegShi@AbortIfUndefined{AtBeginDocument}
402 \AtBegShi@AbortIfUndefined{@ifpackageloaded}
403 \AtBegShi@AbortIfUndefined{@ifclassloaded}

```

3.5.1 Package `crop`

Fix of method and box.

```

404 \def\AtBegShi@PatchCrop{%
405 \begingroup
406 \def\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout{%
407 \afterassignment\CROP@ship
408 \setbox\@cclv=%
409 }%
410 \def\AtBegShi@Crop@ship{%
411 \ifvoid\@cclv
412 \expandafter\aftergroup
413 \fi
414 \CROP@@ship
415 }%
416 \def\AtBegShi@Crop@shiplist{%
417 \lineskip\z@
418 \lineskiplimit\z@
419 \baselineskip\z@
420 \CROP@kernel
421 \box\@cclv
422 }%
423 \def\AtBegShi@Crop@@ship{%
424 \CROP@shipout\vbox{%

```

```

425     \CROP@shiplist
426   }%
427 }%
428 \ifx\AtBegShi@Crop@ship\CROP@ship
429   \ifx\AtBegShi@Crop@shiplist\CROP@shiplist
430     \ifx\AtBegShi@Crop@@@ship\CROP@@@ship
431       \let\AtBegShi@found\relax
432       \ifx\shipout\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout
433         \def\AtBegShi@found{\shipout}%
434       \else\ifx\AtBegShi@OrgShipout\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout
435         \def\AtBegShi@found{\AtBegShi@OrgShipout}%
436       \else\ifx\@EveryShipout@Org@Shipout\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout
437         \def\AtBegShi@found{\@EveryShipout@Org@Shipout}%
438       \else\ifx\GPTorg@shipout\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout
439         \def\AtBegShi@found{\GPTorg@shipout}%
440       \else\ifx\THBorg@shipout\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout
441         \def\AtBegShi@found{\THBorg@shipout}%
442       \else\ifx\mem@oldshipout\AtBegShi@Crop@shipout
443         \def\AtBegShi@found{\mem@oldshipout}%
444       \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
445     \ifx\AtBegShi@found\relax
446     \else
447       \expandafter\endgroup
448       \expandafter\def\AtBegShi@found{%
449         \edef\AtBegShi@GroupLevel{\number\currentgrouplevel}%
450         \afterassignment\CROP@ship
451         \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=%
452       }%
453     \def\CROP@ship{%
454       \ifnum\AtBegShi@GroupLevel=\currentgrouplevel
455       \else
456         \expandafter\aftergroup
457       \fi
458       \CROP@@@ship
459     }%
460   \def\CROP@shiplist{%
461     \lineskip\z@
462     \lineskiplimit\z@
463     \baselineskip\z@
464     \CROP@kernel
465     \box\AtBeginShipoutBox
466   }%
467   \def\CROP@@@ship{%
468     \ifvoid\AtBeginShipoutBox
469     \else
470       \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\vbox{%
471         \CROP@shiplist
472       }%
473     \expandafter\CROP@shipout
474     \expandafter\box
475     \expandafter\AtBeginShipoutBox
476     \fi
477   }%
478   \@PackageInfoNoLine{atbegshi}{Package 'crop' patched}%
479   \begingroup
480   \fi
481   \fi
482   \fi
483   \fi
484 \endgroup
485 \let\AtBegShi@PatchCrop\relax
486 }

```

```

487 \ifpackageloaded{crop}{%
488   \AtBegShi@PatchCrop
489 }{%
490   \AtBeginDocument{\AtBegShi@PatchCrop}%
491 }

```

3.5.2 Package everyshi

Fix of method. Use of box 255 is not changed.

```

492 \def\AtBegShi@PatchEveryshi{%
493   \begingroup
494   \long\def\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout{%
495     \afterassignment\@EveryShipout@Test
496     \global\setbox\@cclv= %
497   }%
498   \long\def\AtBegShi@Everyshi@Test{%
499     \ifvoid\@cclv\relax
500     \aftergroup\@EveryShipout@Output
501     \else
502     \@EveryShipout@Output
503     \fi
504   }%
505   \ifx\AtBegShi@Everyshi@Test\@EveryShipout@Test
506     \let\AtBegShi@found\relax
507     \ifx\shipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
508       \def\AtBegShi@found{\shipout}%
509     \else\ifx\AtBegShi@OrgShipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
510       \def\AtBegShi@found{\AtBegShi@OrgShipout}%
511     \else\ifx\CROP@shipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
512       \def\AtBegShi@found{\CROP@shipout}%
513     \else\ifx\GPTorg@shipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
514       \def\AtBegShi@found{\GPTorg@shipout}%
515     \else\ifx\THBorg@shipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
516       \def\AtBegShi@found{\THBorg@shipout}%
517     \else\ifx\mem@oldshipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
518       \def\AtBegShi@found{\mem@oldshipout}%
519     \else
520       \expandafter\ifx\cename @EveryShipout@Org@Shipout\endcsname
521         \relax
522       \ifx\@EveryShipout@Shipout\AtBegShi@Everyshi@shipout
523         \def\AtBegShi@found{\@EveryShipout@Shipout}%
524       \fi
525     \fi
526     \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
527     \ifx\AtBegShi@found\relax
528     \else
529     \expandafter\endgroup
530     \expandafter\def\AtBegShi@found{%
531       \edef\AtBegShi@GroupLevel{\number\currentgrouplevel}%
532       \afterassignment\@EveryShipout@Test
533       \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=%
534     }%
535     \def\@EveryShipout@Test{%
536       \ifnum\AtBegShi@GroupLevel=\currentgrouplevel
537       \else
538       \expandafter\aftergroup
539       \fi
540       \AtBegShi@Everyshi@Output
541     }%
542     \def\AtBegShi@Everyshi@Output{%
543       \ifvoid\AtBeginShipoutBox
544       \else

```

```

545         \global\setbox\@cclv\box\AtBeginShipoutBox
546         \expandafter\@EveryShipout@Output
547     \fi
548 }%
549 \@PackageInfoNoLine{atbegshi}{Package 'everyshi' patched}%
550 \begingroup
551 \fi
552 \fi
553 \endgroup
554 \let\AtBegShi@PatchEveryshi\relax
555 }
556 \@ifpackageloaded{everyshi}{%
557 \AtBegShi@PatchEveryshi
558 }{%
559 \AtBeginDocument{\AtBegShi@PatchEveryshi}%
560 }

```

3.5.3 Class memoir

Fix of method and box.

```

561 \def\AtBegShi@PatchMemoir{%
562 \begingroup
563 \def\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout{%
564 \afterassignment\mem@shipi
565 \setbox\@cclv=%
566 }%
567 \def\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipi{%
568 \ifvoid\@cclv
569 \expandafter\aftergroup
570 \fi
571 \mem@shipii
572 }%
573 \def\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipiiA{%
574 \mem@oldshipout\vbox{%
575 \trimmarks
576 \unvbox\@cclv
577 }%
578 }%
579 \def\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipiiB{%
580 \ifvoid\@cclv
581 \mem@oldshipout\box\@cclv
582 \else
583 \mem@oldshipout\vbox{%
584 \trimmarks
585 \unvbox\@cclv
586 }%
587 \fi
588 }%
589 \ifx\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipi\mem@shipi
590 \ifcase\ifx\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipiiA\mem@shipii
591 \z@
592 \else
593 \ifx\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipiiB\mem@shipii
594 \z@
595 \else
596 \@ne
597 \fi
598 \fi
599 \let\AtBegShi@found\relax
600 \ifx\shipout\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout
601 \def\AtBegShi@found{\shipout}%
602 \else\ifx\AtBegShi@OrgShipout\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout

```

```

603     \def\AtBegShi@found{\AtBegShi@OrgShipout}%
604 \else\ifx\CROP@shipout\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout
605     \def\AtBegShi@found{\CROP@shipout}%
606 \else\ifx\GPTorg@shipout\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout
607     \def\AtBegShi@found{\GPTorg@shipout}%
608 \else\ifx\THBorg@shipout\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout
609     \def\AtBegShi@found{\THBorg@shipout}%
610 \else\ifx@EveryShipout@Org@Shipout\AtBegShi@Memoir@shipout
611     \def\AtBegShi@found{@EveryShipout@Org@Shipout}%
612 \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
613 \ifx\AtBegShi@found\relax
614 \else
615     \expandafter\endgroup
616     \expandafter\def\AtBegShi@found{%
617         \edef\AtBegShi@GroupLevel{\number\currentgrouplevel}%
618         \afterassignment\mem@shipi
619         \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=%
620     }%
621     \def\mem@shipi{%
622         \ifnum\AtBegShi@GroupLevel=\currentgrouplevel
623         \else
624             \expandafter\aftergroup
625             \fi
626         \mem@shipii
627     }%
628     \def\mem@shipii{%
629         \ifvoid\AtBeginShipoutBox
630         \else
631             \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\vbox{%
632                 \trimmarks
633                 \ifvbox\AtBeginShipoutBox
634                     \unvbox\AtBeginShipoutBox
635                 \else
636                     \box\AtBeginShipoutBox
637                 \fi
638             }%
639             \expandafter\mem@oldshipout
640             \expandafter\box
641             \expandafter\AtBeginShipoutBox
642         \fi
643     }%
644     \@PackageInfoNoLine{atbegshi}{Class 'memoir' patched}%
645     \begingroup
646     \fi
647     \fi
648     \fi
649 \endgroup
650 \let\AtBegShi@PatchMemoir\relax
651 }
652 \@ifclassloaded{memoir}{%
653     \AtBegShi@PatchMemoir
654 }{%
655     \AtBeginDocument{\AtBegShi@PatchMemoir}%
656 }
657 \AtBegShi@AtEnd
658 \end{package}

```

4 Test

4.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

659 (*test1)
660 \catcode'\{=1 %
661 \catcode'\}=2 %
662 \catcode'\#=6 %
663 \catcode'\@=11 %
664 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
665   \countdef\count@=255 %
666 \fi
667 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
668   \long\def@gobble#1{}%
669 \fi
670 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
671   \long\def@firstofone#1{#1}%
672 \fi
673 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
674   \expandafter@firstofone
675 \else
676   \expandafter@gobble
677 \fi
678 {%
679   \def\loop#1\repeat{%
680     \def\body{#1}%
681     \iterate
682   }%
683   \def\iterate{%
684     \body
685     \let\next\iterate
686   \else
687     \let\next\relax
688   \fi
689   \next
690 }%
691 \let\repeat=\fi
692 }%
693 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
694 \count@=0 %
695 \loop
696   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
697     \RestoreCatcodes
698     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
699   }%
700 \ifnum\count@<255 %
701   \advance\count@ 1 %
702 \repeat
703
704 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
705   \count@=#1\relax
706   \loop
707     \catcode\count@=15 %
708   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
709     \advance\count@ 1 %
710   \repeat
711 }
712 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
713   \def\LoadCommand{\input atbegshi.sty\relax}%
714 \fi
715 \def\Test{%
716   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
717   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
718   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
719   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
720   \catcode'\@=12 %

```

```

721 \catcode'\=0 %
722 \catcode'\{=1 %
723 \catcode'\}=2 %
724 \catcode'\#=6 %
725 \catcode'\[=12 %
726 \catcode'\]=12 %
727 \catcode'\%=14 %
728 \catcode'\ =10 %
729 \catcode13=5 %
730 \LoadCommand
731 \RestoreCatcodes
732 }
733 \Test
734 \csname @@end\endcsname
735 \end

736 </test1>

737 (*test2)
738 \input atbegshi.sty\relax
739 \def\msg#\{\immediate\write16}
740 \msg{File: atbegshi-test2.tex 2008/07/19 v1.8 Test file for plain-TeX}
741 \def\testmsg#1#2{%
742   \msg{}%
743   \msg{*** Test with box (#1), expected page output [#2]}% hash-ok
744 }
745
746 \newbox\voidbox
747 \def\void{\box\voidbox}
748 \begingroup
749   \setbox\voidbox=\void
750 \endgroup
751
752 \count0=0\relax
753 \AtBeginShipout{%
754   \global\advance\count0 by 1\relax
755   \msg{* Inside \string\AtBeginShipout: [\the\count0]}%
756 }
757
758 \AtBeginShipoutFirst{%
759   \msg{* Inside \string\AtBeginShipoutFirst}%
760   Hello World%
761 }
762
763 \testmsg{\string\null}{1}
764 \shipout\null
765
766 \AtBeginShipoutFirst{%
767   This is too late%
768 }
769
770 \testmsg{void}{}
771 \shipout\void
772
773 \testmsg{\string\copy255 (not void)}{2}
774 \setbox255\hbox{\vrule height 10bp width 10bp}
775 \shipout\copy255 %
776
777 \testmsg{\string\copy255 (again)}{3}
778 \shipout\copy255 %
779
780 \testmsg{\string\box255}{4}
781 \shipout\box255 %
782

```

```

783 \testmsg{\string\box255 (again)}{ }
784 \shipout\box255 %
785
786 \testmsg{\string\hbox}{5}
787 \shipout\hbox{\vrule height 5bp width 20bp}
788
789 \testmsg{\string\vbox}{6}
790 \shipout\vbox{\hrule height 20bp width 5bp}
791
792 \testmsg{\string\null, voided by hook}{ }
793 \def\VoidBox{%
794   \begingroup
795     \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\box\AtBeginShipoutBox
796   \endgroup
797 }
798 \AtBeginShipout{\VoidBox}
799 \shipout\null
800 \def\VoidBox{ }
801
802 \msg{*** \string\begingroup}
803 \begingroup
804   \testmsg{void}{ }%
805   \shipout\void
806 \msg{*** \string\endgroup}
807 \endgroup
808
809 \msg{*** \string\begingroup}
810 \begingroup
811   \testmsg{void}{ }%
812   \shipout\void
813   \testmsg{\string\null}{8}%
814   \shipout\null
815 \msg{*** \string\endgroup}
816 \endgroup
817
818 \testmsg{output routine}{9}
819 Hello World
820 \vfill
821 \eject
822
823 \testmsg{\string\null\space(discarded)}{ }
824 \AtBeginShipout{%
825   \msg{* Inside \string\AtBeginShipout: DISCARD}%
826   \AtBeginShipoutDiscard
827 }
828 \shipout\null
829
830 \end
831 </test2>
832 <*test3>
833 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
834 \ProvidesFile{atbegshi-test3.tex}[2008/07/19 v1.8 Test file for LaTeX]
835 \RequirePackage{color}
836 \pagecolor{yellow}
837 \documentclass[a5paper,showtrims]{memoir}
838 \usepackage{atbegshi}
839 \AtBeginShipout{%
840   \setbox\AtBeginShipoutBox=\vbox{%
841     \vbox to Opt{%
842       \kern-1.5in %
843       \hbox to Opt{%
844         \kern-1.5in %

```

```

845     \color{blue}%
846     \rule{1in}{1in}%
847     \hss
848     }%
849     \vss
850     }%
851     \hrule
852     \hbox{\vrule\box\AtBeginShipoutBox\vrule}%
853     \hrule
854     }%
855 }
856 \usepackage{eso-pic}
857 \makeatletter
858 \@EveryShipout@Init
859 \let\@EveryShipout@Init\relax
860 \makeatother
861 \AddToShipoutPicture{%
862   \hspace{.52\paperwidth}%
863   \colorbox{cyan}{%
864     \rule{0mm}{\paperheight}%
865     \hspace{.48\paperwidth}%
866   }%
867 }

```

Newer versions of class memoir emulate package crop and prevents its loading. This is undone in next line for this test file.

```

868 \expandafter\let\csname ver@crop.sty\endcsname\relax
869 \usepackage[color=red,cross,a4,center]{crop}
870 \begin{document}
871 \shipout\null
872 \shipout\box\csname voidb@x\endcsname
873 \section{Hello World}
874 \end{document}
875 </test3>

```

5 Installation

5.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/atbegshi.dtx](http://ctan.org/ctan/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/atbegshi.dtx) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/atbegshi.pdf](http://ctan.org/ctan/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/atbegshi.pdf) Documentation.

Bundle. All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip](http://ctan.org/ctan/install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip)

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for \TeX Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](http://ctan.org/ctan/tds/tds.pdf)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

5.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the `oberdiek.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

¹ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/

Script installation. Check the directory `TDS:scripts/oberdiek/` for scripts that need further installation steps. Package `attachfile2` comes with the Perl script `pdfatfi.pl` that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as `pdfatfi`. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

5.3 Package installation

Unpacking. The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through `plain-TeX`:

```
tex atbegshi.dtx
```

TDS. Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

```
atbegshi.sty          → tex/generic/oberdiek/atbegshi.sty
atbegshi.pdf          → doc/latex/oberdiek/atbegshi.pdf
atbegshi-example.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/atbegshi-example.tex
test/atbegshi-test1.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/atbegshi-test1.tex
test/atbegshi-test2.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/atbegshi-test2.tex
test/atbegshi-test3.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/atbegshi-test3.tex
atbegshi.dtx          → source/latex/oberdiek/atbegshi.dtx
```

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

5.4 Refresh file name databases

If your `TeX` distribution (`teTeX`, `mikTeX`, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, `teTeX` users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

5.5 Some details for the interested

Attached source. The PDF documentation on CTAN also includes the `.dtx` source file. It can be extracted by AcrobatReader 6 or higher. Another option is `pdftk`, e.g. unpack the file into the current directory:

```
pdftk atbegshi.pdf unpack_files output .
```

Unpacking with \LaTeX . The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain-TeX: Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

\LaTeX : Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using \LaTeX for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need \LaTeX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{atbegshi.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL^AT_EX:

```
pdflatex atbegshi.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist atbegshi.idx
pdflatex atbegshi.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist atbegshi.idx
pdflatex atbegshi.dtx
```

6 History

[2007/04/17 v1.0]

- First version.

[2007/04/18 v1.1]

- New method based on `\lastkern` is used if ϵ -T_EX is missing.
- `\AtBeginShipoutDiscard` also resets `\deadcycles`.

[2007/04/19 v1.2]

- `\AtBeginShipoutEarly` removed for simplification reasons.
- Forgotten definition of `\AtBegShi@Info` added.
- Patches for packages `crop` and `everyshi` and class `memoir` added.

[2007/04/26 v1.3]

- Use of package `infwarerr`.
- Catcode section after generic header.

[2007/04/27 v1.4]

- Small optimizations.

[2007/06/06 v1.5]

- `\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft` added.
- Example added.
- Fix in second test file for newer version of `memoir`.

[2007/09/09 v1.6]

- Catcode section rewritten.

[2008/07/18 v1.7]

- Documentation of `\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft` fixed and extended.

[2008/07/19 v1.8]

- `\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeftForeground` added.

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