

The letltxmacro package

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Abstract

\TeX 's `\let` assignment does not work for \LaTeX macros with optional arguments or for macros that are defined as robust macros by `\DeclareRobustCommand`. This package defines `\LetLtxMacro` that also takes care of the involved internal macros.

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1 Documentation

If someone wants to redefine a macro with using the old meaning, then one method is \TeX 's command `\let`:

```

\newcommand{\Macro}{\typeout{Test Macro}}
\let\SavedMacro=\Macro
\renewcommand{\Macro}{%
  \typeout{Begin}%
  \SavedMacro
  \typeout{End}%
}

```

However, this method fails, if `\Macro` is defined by `\DeclareRobustCommand` and/or has an optional argument. In both cases L^AT_EX defines an additional internal macro that is forgotten in the simple `\let` assignment of the example above.

`\LetLtxMacro {⟨new macro⟩} {⟨old macro⟩}`

Macro `\LetLtxMacro` behaves similar to T_EX's `\let` assignment, but it takes care of macros that are defined by `\DeclareRobustCommand` and/or have optional arguments. Example:

```

\DeclareRobustCommand{\Macro}[1][default]{...}
\LetLtxMacro{\SavedMacro}{\Macro}

```

Then macro `\SavedMacro` only uses internal macro names that are derived from `\SavedMacro`'s macro name. Macro `\Macro` can now be redefined without affecting `\SavedMacro`.

`\GlobalLetLtxMacro {⟨new macro⟩} {⟨old macro⟩}`

Like `\LetLtxMacro`, but the `⟨new macro⟩` is defined globally. Since version 2010/09/02 v1.4.

2.1 Supported macro definition commands

<code>\newcommand</code> , <code>\renewcommand</code>	latex/base
<code>\newenvironment</code> , <code>\renewenvironment</code>	latex/base
<code>\DeclareRobustCommand</code>	latex/base
<code>\newrobustcmd</code> , <code>\renewrobustcmd</code>	etoolbox
<code>\robustify</code>	etoolbox 2008/06/22 v1.6

2 Implementation

2.1 Show cases

2.1.1 letltxmacro-showcases.tex

```

1 ⟨*showcases⟩
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \makeatletter

```

`\Line` The result is displayed by macro `\Line`. The percent symbol at line start allows easy grepping and inserting into the DTX file.

```

4 \newcommand*{\Line}[1]{%
5   \typeout{\@percentchar#1}%
6 }

7 \newcommand*{\ShowCmdName}[1]{%
8   \@ifundefined{#1}{}{%
9     \Line{%
10       \space\space(\expandafter\string\csname#1\endcsname) = %
11       (\expandafter\meaning\csname#1\endcsname)%
12     }%

```

```

13 }%
14 }
15 \newcommand*{\ShowCmds}[1]{%
16   \ShowCmdName{#1}%
17   \ShowCmdName{#1 }%
18   \ShowCmdName{\#1}%
19   \ShowCmdName{\#1 }%
20 }
21 \let\\ \@backslashchar

```

\ShowDef

```

22 \newcommand*{\ShowDef}[2]{%
23   \begingroup
24     \Line{%
25       \newcommand*{\DefString}{#2}%
26       \@onelevel@sanitize\DefString
27       \Line{\DefString}%
28       #2%
29       \ShowCmds{#1}%
30     \endgroup
31 }

32 \typeout{}
33 \Line{* LaTeX definitions:}
34 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
35   \newcommand{\cmd}[2][default]{}%
36 }
37 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
38   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}{}%
39 }
40 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
41   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}[2][default]{}%
42 }
43 \typeout{}

```

The minimal version of package etoolbox is 2008/06/12 v1.6a because it fixes \robustify.

```

44 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}[2008/06/12]%
45 \Line{}
46 \Line{* etoolbox's robust definitions:}
47 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
48   \newrobustcmd{\cmd}{}%
49 }
50 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
51   \newrobustcmd{\cmd}[2][default]{}%
52 }
53 \Line{}
54 \Line{* etoolbox's \string\robustify:}
55 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
56   \newcommand{\cmd}[2][default]{ } %
57   \robustify{\cmd}%
58 }
59 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
60   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}{ } %
61   \robustify{\cmd}%
62 }
63 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
64   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}[2][default]{ } %
65   \robustify{\cmd}%
66 }
67 \typeout{}
68 \@@end
69 \showcases)

```

2.1.2 Result

```
* LaTeX definitions:

\newcommand {\cmd }[2][default]{%
  (\cmd) = (macro:->\@protected@testopt \cmd \cmd {default})
  (\cmd) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }{}
  (\cmd) = (macro:->\protect \cmd_ )
  (\cmd_) = (\long macro:->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }[2][default]{%
  (\cmd) = (macro:->\protect \cmd_ )
  (\cmd_) = (macro:->\@protected@testopt \cmd_ \cmd_ {default})
  (\cmd_) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

* etoolbox's robust definitions:

\newrobustcmd {\cmd }{}
  (\cmd) = (\protected\long macro:->)

\newrobustcmd {\cmd }[2][default]{%
  (\cmd) = (\protected macro:->\@testopt \cmd {default})
  (\cmd) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

* etoolbox's \robustify:

\newcommand {\cmd }[2][default]{% \robustify {\cmd }
  (\cmd) = (\protected macro:->\@protected@testopt \cmd \cmd {default})
  (\cmd) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }{} \robustify {\cmd }
  (\cmd) = (\protected macro:->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }[2][default]{% \robustify {\cmd }
  (\cmd) = (\protected macro:->\@protected@testopt \cmd_ \cmd_ {default})
  (\cmd_) = (macro:->\@protected@testopt \cmd_ \cmd_ {default})
  (\cmd_) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)
```

2.2 Package

```
70 (*package)
```

2.2.1 Catcodes and identification

```
71 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
72 \catcode13=5 % ^M
73 \endlinechar=13 %
74 \catcode123=1 % {
75 \catcode125=2 % }
76 \catcode64=11 % @
77 \def\x{\endgroup
78 \expandafter\edef\csname llm@AtEnd\endcsname{%
79 \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
80 \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
81 \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
82 \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
83 \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
84 \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
85 \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
86 \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
87 }%
88 }%
```

```

89 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
90 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
91 \endlinechar=13 %
92 \catcode35=6 % #
93 \catcode64=11 % @
94 \catcode123=1 % {
95 \catcode125=2 % }
96 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
97   \edef\llm@AtEnd{%
98     \llm@AtEnd
99     \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
100   }%
101   \catcode#1=#2\relax
102 }
103 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
104 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
105 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
106 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
107 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
108 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
109 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}% :
110 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}% >
111 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
112 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
113 \edef\llm@AtEnd{%
114   \llm@AtEnd
115   \escapechar\the\escapechar\relax
116   \noexpand\endinput
117 }
118 \escapechar=92 % '\

Package identification.
119 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
120 \ProvidesPackage{letltxmacro}%
121 [2010/09/02 v1.4 Let assignment for LaTeX macros (HO)]

```

2.2.2 Main macros

\LetLtxMacro

```

122 \newcommand*{\LetLtxMacro}{%
123   \llm@ModeLetLtxMacro}%
124 }

```

\GlobalLetLtxMacro

```

125 \newcommand*{\GlobalLetLtxMacro}{%
126   \llm@ModeLetLtxMacro\global
127 }

```

\llm@ModeLetLtxMacro

```

128 \newcommand*{\llm@ModeLetLtxMacro}[3]{%
129   \edef\llm@escapechar{\the\escapechar}%
130   \escapechar=-1 %
131   \edef\reserved@a{%
132     \noexpand\protect
133     \expandafter\noexpand
134     \csname\string#3 \endcsname
135   }%
136   \ifx\reserved@a#3\relax
137     #1\edef#2{%
138       \noexpand\protect
139       \expandafter\noexpand
140       \csname\string#2 \endcsname
141     }%

```

```

142     #1\expandafter\let
143     \csname\string#2 \expandafter\endcsname
144     \csname\string#3 \endcsname
145     \expandafter\llm@LetLtxMacro
146         \csname\string#2 \expandafter\endcsname
147         \csname\string#3 \endcsname{#1}%
148 \else
149     \llm@LetLtxMacro{#2}{#3}{#1}%
150 \fi
151 \escapechar=\llm@escapechar\relax
152 }

\llm@LetLtxMacro

153 \def\llm@LetLtxMacro#1#2#3{%
154     \escapechar=92 %
155     \expandafter\llm@CheckParams\meaning#2:->\@nil{%
156         \begingroup
157             \def\@protected@testopt{%
158                 \expandafter\@testopt\@gobble
159             }%
160             \def\@testopt##1##2{%
161                 \toks@={##2}%
162             }%
163             \let\llm@testopt\@empty
164             \edef\x{%
165                 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
166                 \noexpand#2%
167                 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string#2\endcsname
168             }%
169             \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
170             \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\y
171             \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
172                 \expandafter\llm@CarThree#2{}{}\llm@nil
173             }%
174             \ifx\x\y
175                 #2%
176                 \def\llm@testopt{%
177                     \noexpand\@protected@testopt
178                     \noexpand#1%
179                 }%
180             \else
181                 \edef\x{%
182                     \noexpand\@testopt
183                     \expandafter\noexpand
184                     \csname\string#2\endcsname
185                 }%
186                 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
187                 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\y
188                 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
189                     \expandafter\llm@CarTwo#2{}{}\llm@nil
190                 }%
191                 \ifx\x\y
192                     #2%
193                     \def\llm@testopt{%
194                         \noexpand\@testopt
195                     }%
196                 \fi
197             \fi
198             \ifx\llm@testopt\@empty
199             \else
200                 \llm@protected\xdef\llm@GlobalTemp{%
201                     \llm@testopt
202                     \expandafter\noexpand

```

```

203         \csname\string#1\endcsname
204         {\the\toks@}%
205     }%
206     \fi
207     \expandafter\endgroup\ifx\llm@testopt\@empty
208         #3\let#1=#2\relax
209     \else
210         #3\let#1=\llm@GlobalTemp
211         #3\expandafter\let
212         \csname\string#1\expandafter\endcsname
213         \csname\string#2\endcsname
214     \fi
215 }{%
216     #3\let#1=#2\relax
217 }%
218 }

```

\llm@CheckParams

```

219 \def\llm@CheckParams#1:->#2\@nil{%
220     \begingroup
221     \def\x{#1}%
222     \ifx\x\llm@macro
223     \endgroup
224     \def\llm@protected{}%
225     \expandafter\@firstoftwo
226 \else
227     \ifx\x\llm@protectedmacro
228     \endgroup
229     \def\llm@protected{\protected}%
230     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\@firstoftwo
231 \else
232     \endgroup
233     \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\@secondoftwo
234 \fi
235 \fi
236 }

```

\llm@macro

```

237 \def\llm@macro{macro}
238 \@onelevel@sanitize\llm@macro

```

\llm@protectedmacro

```

239 \def\llm@protectedmacro{\protected macro}
240 \@onelevel@sanitize\llm@protectedmacro

```

\llm@CarThree

```

241 \def\llm@CarThree#1#2#3#4\llm@nil{#1#2#3}%

```

\llm@CarTwo

```

242 \def\llm@CarTwo#1#2#3\llm@nil{#1#2}%
243 \llm@AtEnd%
244 \endpackage

```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

245 \test1
246 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}

```

```

247 \documentclass{minimal}
248 \makeatletter
249 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
250 \count@=0 %
251 \loop
252   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
253     \RestoreCatcodes
254     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
255   }%
256 \ifnum\count@<255 %
257   \advance\count@\@ne
258 \repeat
259
260 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
261   \count@=#1\relax
262   \loop
263     \catcode\count@=15 %
264     \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
265       \advance\count@\@ne
266     \repeat
267 }
268 \def\Test{%
269   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
270   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
271   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
272   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{127}%
273   \catcode'\@=12 %
274   \catcode'\=0 %
275   \catcode'\{=1 %
276   \catcode'\}=2 %
277   \catcode'\#=6 %
278   \catcode'\[=12 %
279   \catcode'\]=12 %
280   \catcode'\%=14 %
281   \catcode'\ =10 %
282   \catcode13=5 %
283   \RequirePackage{letltxmacro}[2010/09/02]\relax
284   \RestoreCatcodes
285 }
286 \Test
287 \csname @@end\endcsname
288 \end
289 </test1>

```

3.2 Package tests

```

290 (*test2)
291 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
292 \nofiles
293 \documentclass{minimal}
294
295 \usepackage{letltxmacro}[2010/09/02]
296
297 \usepackage{qstest}
298 \IncludeTests{*}
299 \LogTests{log}{*}{*}
300
301 \makeatletter
302
303 \def\TestDef#1{%
304   \begingroup
305     \@makeother\%
306     \@makeother\%

```



```

307     \expandafter\@TestDef\csname #1\endcsname
308 }
309 \def\@TestDef#1#2{%
310     \edef\@{\expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning#1}%
311     \edef\b{\detokenize{#2}}%
312     \ifx\@b
313     \else
314         \typeout{1 [\@]}%
315         \typeout{2 [\b]}%
316     \fi
317 \endgroup
318 \Expect*{\expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning#1}*{\detokenize{#2}}%
319 }
320 \def\TestEquals#1#2{%
321     \Expect*{%
322         \expandafter\ifx\csname#1\expandafter\endcsname
323             \csname#2\endcsname
324             equals%
325         \else
326             wrong%
327         \fi
328     }{equals}%
329 }
330 \def\SaveA{%
331     \let\SavedA\TestA
332     \expandafter\let\csname\string\SavedA\expandafter\endcsname
333         \csname\string\TestA\endcsname
334     \expandafter\let\csname SavedA \expandafter\endcsname
335         \csname TestA \endcsname
336 }
337 \def\CheckA{%
338     \TestEquals{SavedA}{TestA}%
339     \TestEquals{\string\SavedA}{\string\TestA}%
340     \TestEquals{SavedA }{TestA }%
341 }
342
343 \begin{qstest}{robust}{robust}
344     \begin{group
345         \DeclareRobustCommand*{\TestA}{Test}%
346         \SaveA
347         \TestDef{TestA}{\protect \TestA }%
348         \CheckA
349         \DeclareRobustCommand{\TestA}{Test}%
350         \SaveA
351         \TestDef{TestA}{\protect \TestA }%
352         \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
353         \TestDef{TestB}{\protect \TestB }%
354         \TestEquals{TestB }{TestA }%
355         \CheckA
356         \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestC\TestA
357         \CheckA
358     \end{group}
359     \TestDef{TestC}{\protect \TestC }%
360     \DeclareRobustCommand{\TestA}{Test}%
361     \TestEquals{TestC }{TestA }%
362 \end{qstest}
363
364 \begin{qstest}{default}{default}
365     \begin{group
366         \newcommand{\TestA}[1][\relax default \empty]{TestA #1}%
367         \SaveA
368         \TestDef

```

```

369     {TestA}{\@protected@testopt \TestA \TestA {\relax default \empty }}%
370     \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
371     \TestDef
372     {TestB}{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\relax default \empty }}%
373     \CheckA
374     \TestEquals{\string\TestB}{\string\TestA}%
375     \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestC\TestA
376     \CheckA
377 \endgroup
378 \TestDef
379 {TestC}{\@protected@testopt \TestC \TestC {\relax default \empty }}%
380 \newcommand{\TestA}[1][\relax default \empty]{TestA #1}%
381 \TestEquals{\string\TestC}{\string\TestA}%
382 \end{qstest}
383
384 \begin{qstest}{\robustdefault}{\robustdefault}
385   \begingroup
386     \DeclareRobustCommand{\TestA}[1][\default]{TestA}%
387     \SaveA
388     \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
389     \TestDef{TestB}{\protect \TestB }%
390     \TestDef{TestB }{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\default }}%
391     \CheckA
392     \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestC\TestA
393     \CheckA
394   \endgroup
395   \TestDef{TestC}{\protect \TestC }%
396   \TestDef{TestC }{\@protected@testopt \TestC \TestC {\default }}%
397 \end{qstest}
398
399 \begin{qstest}{\plain}{\plain}
400   \LetLtxMacro\NewRelax\relax
401   \Expect*{\meaning\relax}*{\string\relax}%
402   \Expect*{\meaning\NewRelax}*{\string\relax}%
403   \LetLtxMacro\NewHbox\hbox
404   \Expect*{\meaning\hbox}*{\string\hbox}%
405   \Expect*{\meaning\NewHbox}*{\string\hbox}%
406   \LetLtxMacro\NewEmpty\empty
407   \Expect*{\meaning\empty}{macro:->}%
408   \Expect*{\meaning\NewEmpty}{macro:->}%
409   \def\TestA{\iffalse}%
410   \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
411   \TestDef{TestB}{\iffalse }%
412   \TestEquals{TestA}{TestB}%
413 \end{qstest}
414 \usepackage{etoolbox}[2008/06/22]
415
416 \begin{qstest}{oldnewrobustcmd}{oldnewrobustcmd}
417   \begingroup
418     \protected\edef\TestA{%
419       \noexpand\@protected@testopt
420       \noexpand\TestA
421       \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestA\endcsname
422       {\noexpand\default}%
423     }%
424     \expandafter\protected\expandafter
425     \def\csname\string\TestA\endcsname{TestA}%
426     \SaveA
427     \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
428     \TestDef{TestB}{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\default }}%
429     \protected\edef\TestC{%
430       \noexpand\@protected@testopt

```

```

431 \noexpand\TestB
432 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestB\endcsname
433 {\noexpand\default}%
434 }%
435 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
436 \CheckA
437 \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestD\TestA
438 \CheckA
439 \endgroup
440 \TestDef{TestD}{\@protected@testopt \TestD \TestD {\default }}%
441 \protected\edef\TestC{%
442 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
443 \noexpand\TestD
444 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestD\endcsname
445 {\noexpand\default}%
446 }%
447 \TestEquals{TestD}{TestC}%
448 \end{qstest}
449
450 \begin{qstest}{newrobustcmd}{newrobustcmd}
451 \begingroup
452 \newrobustcmd{\TestA}[1][\default]{TestA}%
453 \SaveA
454 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
455 \TestDef{TestB}{\@testopt \TestB {\default }}%
456 \protected\edef\TestC{%
457 \noexpand\@testopt
458 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestB\endcsname
459 {\noexpand\default}%
460 }%
461 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
462 \CheckA
463 \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestD\TestA
464 \CheckA
465 \endgroup
466 \TestDef{TestD}{\@testopt \TestD {\default }}%
467 \protected\edef\TestC{%
468 \noexpand\@testopt
469 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestD\endcsname
470 {\noexpand\default}%
471 }%
472 \TestEquals{TestD}{TestC}%
473 \end{qstest}
474
475 \begin{qstest}{robustifyopt}{robustifyopt}
476 \newcommand{\TestA}[2][\default]{}%
477 \TestDef{TestA}{\@protected@testopt \TestA \TestA {\default }}%
478 \robustify\TestA
479 \TestDef{TestA}{\@protected@testopt \TestA \TestA {\default }}%
480 \protected\edef\TestC{%
481 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
482 \noexpand\TestA
483 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestA\endcsname
484 {\noexpand\default}%
485 }%
486 \TestEquals{TestA}{TestC}%
487 \SaveA
488 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
489 \TestDef{TestB}{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\default }}%
490 \protected\edef\TestC{%
491 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
492 \noexpand\TestB

```

```

493 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestB\endcsname
494 {\noexpand\default}%
495 }%
496 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
497 \CheckA
498 \end{qstest}
499
500 \begin{qstest}{robustifydeclare}{robustifydeclare}
501 \DeclareRobustCommand\TestA{\iffalse}%
502 \robustify\TestA
503 \SaveA
504 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
505 \TestDef{TestB}{\iffalse}%
506 % before etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\long\def
507 % since etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\def
508 \protected\def\TestC{\iffalse}%
509 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
510 \CheckA
511 \end{qstest}
512
513 \begin{qstest}{robustifydeclarelong}{robustifydeclarelong}
514 \DeclareRobustCommand\TestA[1]{\iffalse}%
515 \robustify\TestA
516 \SaveA
517 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
518 \TestDef{TestB}{\iffalse}%
519 % before etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\long\def
520 % since etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\def
521 \protected\long\def\TestC#1{\iffalse}%
522 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
523 \CheckA
524 \end{qstest}
525 \csname @@end\endcsname
526 </test2>

```

4 Installation

4.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/letltxmacro.dtx](#) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/letltxmacro.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](#)

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

4.2 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
```

¹<http://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/
```

4.3 Package installation

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

```
tex letltxmacro.dtx
```

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

```
letltxmacro.sty      → tex/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro.sty
letltxmacro.pdf      → doc/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro.pdf
letltxmacro-showcases.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro-showcases.tex
test/letltxmacro-test1.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/letltxmacro-test1.tex
test/letltxmacro-test2.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/letltxmacro-test2.tex
letltxmacro.dtx      → source/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro.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`.

4.4 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`.

4.5 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 letltxmacro.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{letltxmacro.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 letltxmacro.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist letltxmacro.idx
pdflatex letltxmacro.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist letltxmacro.idx
pdflatex letltxmacro.dtx
```

5 History

[2008/06/09 v1.0]

- First version.

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- Support for etoolbox's `\newrobustcmd` added.

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- Support for etoolbox's `\robustify` added.

[2008/06/24 v1.3]

- Test file adapted for etoolbox 2008/06/22 v1.6.

[2010/09/02 v1.4]

- `\GlobalLetLtxMacro` added.

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