

The ltxcmds package

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Abstract

The package `ltxcmds` exports some utility macros from the L^AT_EX kernel into a separate namespace and also provides them for other formats such as plain-T_EX.

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1 Documentation

1.1 Introduction

Many of my packages also support other formats such as plain- \TeX . Because I am rather familiar with the utility macros from \LaTeX 's kernel (e.g. \@gobble , \@firstoftwo), I found myself rewriting them again and again, because they are lacking in plain- \TeX .

Therefore this package provides often used macros and similar ones with the name prefix \ltx@ . This avoids also faulty redefinitions. I remember an example where a package redefined \@firstoftwo with forgetting \long .

1.2 Argument killers

$\text{\ltx@gobble} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow
$\text{\ltx@gobbletwo} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \{ \langle 2 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow
$\text{\ltx@gobblethree} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \{ \langle 2 \rangle \} \{ \langle 3 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow
$\text{\ltx@gobblefour} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \{ \langle 2 \rangle \} \{ \langle 3 \rangle \} \{ \langle 4 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow

1.3 Argument grabbers

$\text{\ltx@firstofone} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow	$\langle 1 \rangle$
$\text{\ltx@firstoftwo} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \{ \langle 2 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow	$\langle 1 \rangle$
$\text{\ltx@secondoftwo} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \{ \langle 2 \rangle \}$	\rightarrow	$\langle 2 \rangle$

1.4 List helpers

$\text{\ltx@car} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \dots \text{\@nil}$	\rightarrow	$\langle 1 \rangle$
$\text{\ltx@cdr} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \dots \text{\@nil}$	\rightarrow	\dots

1.5 Tail recursion

$\text{\ltx@ReturnAfterFi} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \text{\fi}$	\rightarrow	$\text{\fi} \langle 1 \rangle$
$\text{\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi} \{ \langle 1 \rangle \} \text{\else} \{ \langle 2 \rangle \} \text{\fi}$	\rightarrow	$\text{\fi} \langle 1 \rangle$

1.6 Empty macro

<code>\ltx@empty</code>	\rightarrow
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1.7 Characters

<code>\ltx@space</code> <code>\ltx@percentchar</code> <code>\ltx@backslashchar</code>

1.8 Command definitions

<code>\ltx@ifundefined</code> $\{\langle cmd \rangle\}$ $\{\langle yes \rangle\}$ $\{\langle no \rangle\}$
--

If ε -TeX is available, `\ifcsname` is used that does not have the side effect of defining undefined commands with meaning of `\relax`. This command is always expandable. Change in version 1.1: Also the meaning `\relax` is always considered “undefined”.

<code>\ltx@ifUndefined</code> $\{\langle cmd \rangle\}$ $\{\langle yes \rangle\}$ $\{\langle no \rangle\}$
--

If ε -TeX is available, `\ifcsname` is used that does not have the side effect of defining undefined commands with meaning of `\relax`. Also it always checks for the meaning of `\relax` and considers this as undefined. This macro is not expandable without ε -TeX.

<code>\ltx@LocalExpandAfter</code>

It expands the token after the next token but in a local context. That is the difference to `\expandafter`. The local context discards the side effect of `\csname` and let the command undefined after the expansion step.

1.9 Stripping

<code>\ltx@RemovePrefix</code> <code>\ltx@StripPrefix</code>

All tokens up to and including the next available character ‘>’ are thrown away. Usually it is used to strip the first part of the output of the commands `\meaning` or `\pdflastmatch`. Macro `\ltx@RemovePrefix` has the same meaning as L^AT_EX’s `\strip@prefix`, whereas macro `\ltx@StripPrefix` expands the next token once before stripping the prefix.

1.10 File management

All macros in this section are expandable like the counterparts of the L^AT_EX kernel. Also they can be used after the preamble.

1.10.1 File extensions

<code>\ltx@clsextension</code> <code>\ltx@pkgextension</code>
--

If `\@clsextension/\@pkgextension` exists then `\ltx@clsextension/\ltx@pkgextension` returns this macro, otherwise the result is `cls/sty`.

1.10.2 Load check

<code>\ltx@ifclassloaded {<class>} {<yes>} {<no>}</code> <code>\ltx@ifpackageloaded {<package>} {<yes>} {<no>}</code>
--

If the `<class>/<package>` are loaded the macros `\ltx@ifclassloaded/\ltx@ifpackageloaded` call the `<yes>` argument. Otherwise `<no>` is executed. Both `<class>` and `<package>` are specified without extension.

<code>\ltx@iffileloaded {<file>} {<yes>} {<no>}</code>
--

If L^AT_EX's `\ProvidesFile` macro was called before using `<file>` as argument, then `\ltx@iffileloaded` calls `<yes>`, otherwise `<no>`. Therefore it is possible that the `<file>` is loaded, but `<no>` is executed because of a missing `\ProvidesFile`. The L^AT_EX kernel does not have a counterpart of `\ltx@iffileloaded`.

Note that the file name used in `\ProvidesFile` and `\ltx@iffileloaded` must match. For example, if T_EX's default extension `..tex` was given in the first command, then it must also be specified in the latter command and vice versa.

1.10.3 Version date check

<code>\ltx@ifclasslater {<class>} {<date>} {<yes>} {<no>}</code> <code>\ltx@ifpackagelater {<package>} {<date>} {<yes>} {<no>}</code> <code>\ltx@iffilelater {<file>} {<date>} {<yes>} {<no>}</code>
--

If a `\ProvidesClass/\ProvidesPackage/\ProvidesFile` command with exact the same class/package/file was executed before with an optional argument that starts with a L^AT_EX version date, then this version date is compared with the argument `<date>`. If they are equal or if the version date is the later date, then `<yes>` is called. In all other cases `<no>` is executed.

A L^AT_EX date has the format `YYYY/MM/DD` with `YYYY` as year with four digits, `MM` as month with two digits and `DD` as day with two digits. If pdfT_EX's `\pdfmatch` is available, then it is used to detect the version date, to reject invalid date formats and to reject some invalid dates. Dates before 1994/01/01 are always invalid, because version dates are introduced with L^AT_EX 2_ε in 1994.

1.11 Macro additions

<code>\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro {<cmd>} {<addition>}</code> <code>\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro {<cmd>} {<addition>}</code>

The `<addition>` is appended to the parameterless macro `<cmd>`. If `<cmd>` is undefined or has the meaning `\relax`, then it will be initialized as empty macro before.

2 Implementation

2.1 Identification

```
1 (*package)
```

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L^AT_EX.

```
2 \begingroup
3  \catcode44 12 % ,
4  \catcode45 12 % -
5  \catcode46 12 % .
6  \catcode58 12 % :
7  \catcode64 11 % @
8  \catcode123 1 % {
9  \catcode125 2 % }
10 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@ltxcmds.sty\endcsname
11 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
12 \else
13   \def\empty{}%
14   \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
15     % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
16   \else
17     \catcode35 6 % #
18     \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
19       \def\x#1#2{%
20         \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
21       }%
22     \else
23       \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
24     \fi
25     \x{ltxcmds}{The package is already loaded}%
26   \aftergroup\endinput
27 \fi
28 \fi
29 \endgroup
```

Package identification:

```
30 \begingroup
31  \catcode35 6 % #
32  \catcode40 12 % (
33  \catcode41 12 % )
34  \catcode44 12 % ,
35  \catcode45 12 % -
36  \catcode46 12 % .
37  \catcode47 12 % /
38  \catcode58 12 % :
39  \catcode64 11 % @
40  \catcode91 12 % [
41  \catcode93 12 % ]
42  \catcode123 1 % {
43  \catcode125 2 % }
44  \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
45    \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
46      \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
47      \xdef#1{#4}%
48    }%
49  \else
50    \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
51      #2[#3]}%
52    \ifx#1\@undefined
53      \xdef#1{#3}%
54    \fi
55    \ifx#1\relax
56      \xdef#1{#3}%
57    \fi
58  \endgroup
```

```

57      \fi
58    }%
59  \fi
60 \expandafter\x\csname ver@ltxcmds.sty\endcsname
61 \ProvidesPackage{ltxcmds}%
62 [2010/01/28 v1.2 LaTeX kernel commands for general use (H0)]
63 \begingroup
64   \catcode123 1 % {
65   \catcode125 2 % }
66   \def\x{\endgroup
67     \expandafter\edef\csname LTXcmds@AtEnd\endcsname{%
68       \catcode35 \the\catcode35\relax
69       \catcode64 \the\catcode64\relax
70       \catcode123 \the\catcode123\relax
71       \catcode125 \the\catcode125\relax
72     }%
73   }%
74 \x
75 \catcode35 6 % #
76 \catcode64 11 % @
77 \catcode123 1 % {
78 \catcode125 2 % }
79 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
80   \edef\LTXcmds@AtEnd{%
81     \LTXcmds@AtEnd
82     \catcode#1 \the\catcode#1\relax
83   }%
84   \catcode#1 #2\relax
85 }
86 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
87 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
88 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
89 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
90 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
91 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}% <
92 \TMP@EnsureCode{61}{12}% =
93 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}% >
94 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
95 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}% '
96 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
97 \TMP@EnsureCode{94}{12}% ^ (superscript) (!)
98 \TMP@EnsureCode{124}{12}% |

```

2.2 Argument killers

```

\ltx@gobble
99 \long\def\ltx@gobble#1{}

\ltx@gobbletwo
100 \long\def\ltx@gobbletwo#1#2{}

\ltx@gobblethree
101 \long\def\ltx@gobblethree#1#2#3{}

\ltx@gobblefour
102 \long\def\ltx@gobblefour#1#2#3#4{}

```

2.3 Argument grabbers

```

\ltx@firstofone
103 \long\def\ltx@firstofone#1{#1}

```

```
\ltx@firstoftwo
104 \long\def\ltx@firstoftwo#1#2{#1}
```

```
\ltx@secondoftwo
105 \long\def\ltx@secondoftwo#1#2{#2}
```

2.4 List helpers

```
\ltx@car
106 \long\def\ltx@car#1#2\@nil{#1}
```

```
\ltx@cdr
107 \long\def\ltx@cdr#1#2\@nil{#2}
```

2.5 Tail recursion

```
\ltx@ReturnAfterFi
108 \long\def\ltx@ReturnAfterFi#1\fi{#1}
```

```
\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi
109 \long\def\ltx@ReturnAfterFi#1\else#2\fi{#1}
```

2.6 Empty macro

```
\ltx@empty
110 \def\ltx@empty{}
```

2.7 Characters

```
\ltx@space
111 \def\ltx@space{ }
```

```
\ltx@percentchar
112 \begingroup
113 \lccode'0='%\relax
114 \lowercase{\endgroup
115 \def\ltx@percentchar{0}%
116 }
```

```
\ltx@backslashchar
117 \begingroup
118 \lccode'0='\\ \relax
119 \lowercase{\endgroup
120 \def\ltx@backslashchar{0}%
121 }
```

2.8 Command definitions

```
\ltx@LocalExpandAfter
122 \def\ltx@LocalExpandAfter{%
123 \begingroup
124 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
125 \endgroup
126 \expandafter
127 }

128 \ltx@LocalExpandAfter
129 \ifx\csname ifcsname\endcsname\relax
```

```

\ltx@ifundefined
130 \def\ltx@ifundefined#1{%
131 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
132 \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
133 \else
134 \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
135 \fi
136 }%

\ltx@ifUndefined
137 \def\ltx@ifUndefined#1{%
138 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
139 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
140 \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
141 \else
142 \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
143 \fi
144 }%

145 \expandafter\ltx@gobble
146 \else
147 \expandafter\ltx@firstofone
148 \fi
149 {%

\ltx@ifundefined
150 \def\ltx@ifundefined#1{%
151 \ifcsname #1\endcsname
152 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
153 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
154 \else
155 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
156 \fi
157 \else
158 \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
159 \fi
160 }%

\ltx@ifUndefined
161 \let\ltx@ifUndefined\ltx@ifundefined
162 }

```

2.9 Stripping

```

\ltx@RemovePrefix
163 \def\ltx@RemovePrefix#1>{}

\ltx@StripPrefix
164 \def\ltx@StripPrefix{%
165 \expandafter\ltx@RemovePrefix
166 }

```

2.10 File management

2.10.1 File extensions

```

\ltx@clsextension
167 \def\ltx@clsextension{%
168 \ltx@ifundefined{@clsextension}{cls}\@clsextension
169 }

```


\ltx@pkgextension

```
170 \def\ltx@pkgextension{%
171   \ltx@ifundefined{@pkgextension}{sty}\@pkgextension
172 }
```

2.10.2 Load check

\ltx@iffileloaded

```
173 \def\ltx@iffileloaded#1{%
174   \ltx@ifundefined{ver@#1}\ltx@secondoftwo\ltx@firstoftwo
175 }
```

\ltx@ifclassloaded

```
176 \def\ltx@ifclassloaded#1{%
177   \ltx@iffileloaded{#1.\ltx@clsextension}%
178 }
```

\ltx@ifpackageloaded

```
179 \def\ltx@ifpackageloaded#1{%
180   \ltx@iffileloaded{#1.\ltx@pkgextension}%
181 }
```

2.10.3 Version date check

\ltx@iffilelater

```
182 \def\ltx@iffilelater#1#2{%
183   \ltx@iffileloaded{#1}{%
184     \expandafter\LTxcmds@iflater\expandafter{%
185       \number
186       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LTxcmds@ParseVersion
187       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
188         \csname ver@#1\endcsname
189       }%
190     \expandafter}\expandafter{%
191       \number
192       \expandafter\LTxcmds@ParseVersion\expandafter{#2}%
193     }%
194   }\ltx@secondoftwo
195 }
```

\LTxcmds@iflater

```
196 \def\LTxcmds@iflater#1#2{%
197   \ifcase 0%
198     \ifnum#1<19940101 %
199     \else
200     \ifnum#2<19940101 %
201     \else
202     \ifnum#2>#1 %
203     \else
204     1%
205     \fi
206     \fi
207     \fi
208     \ltx@space
209     \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
210   \else
211     \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
212   \fi
213 }
```

```

\ltx@ifclasslater
214 \def\ltx@ifclasslater#1{%
215   \ltx@ifclasslater{#1.\ltx@clsextension}%
216 }

\ltx@ifpackagelater
217 \def\ltx@ifpackagelater#1{%
218   \ltx@iffilelater{#1.\ltx@pkgextension}%
219 }

220 \ltx@ifUndefined{pdfmatch}{%

\LTxcmds@ParseVersion
221   \def\LTxcmds@ParseVersion#1{%
222     \LTxcmds@@ParseVersion#10000/00/00\@nil
223   }%

\LTxcmds@@ParseVersion
224   \def\LTxcmds@@ParseVersion#1#2#3#4/#5#6/#7#8#9\@nil{%
225     #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8%
226   }%

227 }{%

\LTxcmds@ParseVersion
228   \def\LTxcmds@ParseVersion#1{%
229     \ifnum\pdfmatch{%
230       ~%
231       (199[4-9] | [2-9] [0-9] [0-9] [0-9])/%
232       (0[1-9] | 1[0-2])/%
233       (0[1-9] | [1-2] [0-9] | 3[0-1])%
234     }{#1}=1 %
235     \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfastmatch1 %
236     \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfastmatch2 %
237     \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfastmatch3 %
238   \else
239     0%
240   \fi
241 }%
242 }

```

2.11 Macro additions

```

\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro
243 \def\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro#1#2{%
244   \ifx\ltx@undefined#1%
245     \let#1\ltx@empty
246   \else
247     \ifx\relax#1%
248       \let#1\ltx@empty
249     \fi
250   \fi
251   \begingroup
252     \toks0\expandafter{#1#2}%
253     \xdef#1{\the\toks0}%
254   \endgroup
255 }

\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro
256 \def\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro#1#2{%
257   \global\let\LTxcmds@gttemp#1%

```

```

258 \ifx\ltx@undefined\LTXcmds@gtemp
259   \global\let\LTXcmds@gtemp\ltx@empty
260 \else
261   \ifx\relax\LTXcmds@gtemp
262     \global\let\LTXcmds@gtemp\ltx@empty
263   \fi
264 \fi
265 \begingroup
266   \toks0\expandafter{\LTXcmds@gtemp#2}%
267   \xdef\LTXcmds@gtemp{\the\toks0}%
268 \endgroup
269 \let#1\LTXcmds@gtemp
270 }

271 \LTXcmds@AtEnd
272 </package>

```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

273 <test1>

274 \catcode'\{=1 %
275 \catcode'\}=2 %
276 \catcode'\#=6 %
277 \catcode'\@=11 %
278 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
279   \countdef\count@=255 %
280 \fi
281 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
282   \long\def\@gobble#1{}%
283 \fi
284 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
285   \long\def\@firstofone#1{#1}%
286 \fi
287 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
288   \expandafter\@firstofone
289 \else
290   \expandafter\@gobble
291 \fi
292 {%
293   \def\loop#1\repeat{%
294     \def\body{#1}%
295     \iterate
296   }%
297   \def\iterate{%
298     \body
299     \let\next\iterate
300   \else
301     \let\next\relax
302   \fi
303   \next
304 }%
305 \let\repeat=\fi
306 }%
307 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
308 \count@=0 %
309 \loop
310   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
311     \RestoreCatcodes
312     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
313   }%

```

```

314 \ifnum\count@<255 %
315   \advance\count@ 1 %
316 \repeat
317
318 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
319   \count@=#1\relax
320   \loop
321     \catcode\count@=15 %
322     \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
323       \advance\count@ 1 %
324     \repeat
325 }
326 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
327   \def\LoadCommand{\input ltxcmds.sty\relax}%
328 \fi
329 \def\Test{%
330   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
331   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
332   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
333   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
334   \catcode'\@=12 %
335   \catcode'\=0 %
336   \catcode'\{=1 %
337   \catcode'\}=2 %
338   \catcode'\#=6 %
339   \catcode'\[=12 %
340   \catcode'\]=12 %
341   \catcode'\%=14 %
342   \catcode'\ =10 %
343   \catcode13=5 %
344   \LoadCommand
345   \RestoreCatcodes
346 }
347 \Test
348 \csname @@end\endcsname
349 \end
350 </test1>

```

4 Installation

4.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

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

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/ltxcmds.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 \TeX 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[ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/](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- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$:

```
tex ltxcmds.dtx
```

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

```
ltxcmds.sty      → tex/generic/oberdiek/ltxcmds.sty
ltxcmds.pdf      → doc/latex/oberdiek/ltxcmds.pdf
test/ltxcmds-test1.tex → doc/latex/oberdiek/test/ltxcmds-test1.tex
ltxcmds.dtx      → source/latex/oberdiek/ltxcmds.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 $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$ distribution (te $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$, mi $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, te $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$ 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 ltxcmds.pdf unpack_files output .
```

Unpacking with $\mathrm{L}^{\mathrm{A}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$. The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain- $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$: Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

$\mathrm{L}^{\mathrm{A}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using $\mathrm{L}^{\mathrm{A}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$ for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need $\mathrm{L}^{\mathrm{A}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{ltxcmds.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 pdf $\mathrm{L}^{\mathrm{A}}\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$:

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

5 History

[2009/08/05 v1.0]

- First version.

[2009/12/12 v1.1]

- Short title shortened.
- `\ltx@ifundefined` added.

[2010/01/28 v1.2]

- `\ltx@RemovePrefix` and `\ltx@StripPrefix` added.
- `\ltx@ifclassloaded`, `\ltx@ifpackageloaded`, `\ltx@iffileloaded`, `\ltx@ifclasslater`, `\ltx@ifpackagelater`, `\ltx@iffilelater`, `\ltx@clsextension`, `\ltx@pkgextension` added.
- `\ltx@GlobalAppendMacro`, `\ltx@LocalAppendMacro` added.

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