

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 Numbers

\ltx@zero
\ltx@one
\ltx@two
\ltx@cclv

These commands are numbers 0, 1, 2 and 255. They are not digits and a space is not gobbled afterwards.

1.3 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

1.4 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	$\langle 2 \rangle$

1.5 List helpers

<code>\ltx@car {⟨1⟩} ... \@nil</code>	\rightarrow	<code>⟨1⟩</code>
<code>\ltx@cdr {⟨1⟩} ... \@nil</code>	\rightarrow	<code>...</code>

1.6 Tail recursion

<code>\ltx@ReturnAfterFi {⟨1⟩} \fi</code>	\rightarrow	<code>\fi ⟨1⟩</code>
<code>\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi {⟨1⟩} \else {⟨2⟩} \fi</code>	\rightarrow	<code>\fi ⟨1⟩</code>

1.7 Empty macro

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

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

1.9 Boolean switch

<code>\ltx@newif {⟨cmd⟩}</code>

`\ltx@newif` defines a new boolean switch `⟨cmd⟩` like `\newif`. Unlike plain- \TeX 's `\newif`, `\ltx@newif` is not `\outer`. The command `⟨cmd⟩` must start with the two characters `if`.

1.10 Command definitions

<code>\ltx@ifundefined {⟨cmd⟩} {⟨yes⟩} {⟨no⟩}</code>
--

If $\varepsilon\text{-}\text{\TeX}$ 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 {⟨cmd⟩} {⟨yes⟩} {⟨no⟩}</code>
--

If $\varepsilon\text{-}\text{\TeX}$ 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 $\varepsilon\text{-}\text{\TeX}$.

<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.

1.11 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.

1.12 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.

1.12.1 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`.

1.12.2 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 specified in the latter command and vice versa.

1.12.3 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 $\langle date \rangle$. If they are equal or if the version date is the later date, then $\langle yes \rangle$ is called. In all other cases $\langle no \rangle$ 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.

1.13 Macro additions

```
\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro { $\langle cmd \rangle$ } { $\langle addition \rangle$ }
\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro { $\langle cmd \rangle$ } { $\langle addition \rangle$ }
```

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

1.14 Macro `\ltx@ifnextchar`

```
\ltx@ifnextchar { $\langle char \rangle$ } { $\langle yes \rangle$ } { $\langle no \rangle$ }
```

If next character is $\langle char \rangle$ then $\langle yes \rangle$ is called, otherwise $\langle no \rangle$. The character is not removed.

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   }%
59 \fi
60 \expandafter\x\csname ver@ltxcmds.sty\endcsname
61 \ProvidesPackage{ltxcmds}%
62 [2010/03/09 v1.4 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 Numbers

```

\ltx@zero

99 \chardef\ltx@zero=0 %

```

```

\ltx@one

100 \chardef\ltx@one=1 %

```

```

\ltx@two

101 \chardef\ltx@two=2 %

```

```

\ltx@cclv

102 \chardef\ltx@cclv=255 %

```

2.3 Argument killers

```

\ltx@gobble

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

```

```

\ltx@gobbletwo

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

```

```

\ltx@gobblethree

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

```

```

\ltx@gobblefour

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

```

2.4 Argument grabbers

```

\ltx@firstofone

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

```

```

\ltx@firstoftwo

108 \long\def\ltx@firstoftwo#1#2{#1}

```

```

\ltx@secondoftwo

109 \long\def\ltx@secondoftwo#1#2{#2}

```

2.5 List helpers

```

\ltx@car

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

```

```

\ltx@cdr

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

```

2.6 Tail recursion

`\ltx@ReturnAfterFi`

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

`\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi`

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

2.7 Empty macro

`\ltx@empty`

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

2.8 Characters

`\ltx@space`

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

`\ltx@percentchar`

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

`\ltx@backslashchar`

```
121 \begingroup
122 \lccode'0='\\relax
123 \lowercase\endgroup
124 \def\ltx@backslashchar{0}%
125 }
```

2.9 Boolean switch

`\ltx@newif`

```
126 \def\ltx@newif#1{%
127 \begingroup
128 \escapechar=-1 %
129 \expandafter\endgroup
130 \expandafter\LTxcmds@newif\string#1\@nil
131 }
```

`\LTxcmds@newif`

```
132 \begingroup
133 \escapechar=-1 %
134 \expandafter\endgroup
135 \expandafter\def\expandafter\LTxcmds@newif\string\if#1\@nil{%
136 \expandafter\edef\csname#1true\endcsname{%
137 \let
138 \expandafter\noexpand\csname if#1\endcsname
139 \noexpand\iftrue
140 }%
141 \expandafter\edef\csname#1false\endcsname{%
142 \let
143 \expandafter\noexpand\csname if#1\endcsname
144 \noexpand\iffalse
145 }%
146 \csname#1false\endcsname
147 }
```


2.10 Command definitions

`\ltx@LocalExpandAfter`

```
148 \def\ltx@LocalExpandAfter{%
149   \begingroup
150   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
151   \endgroup
152   \expandafter
153 }

154 \ltx@LocalExpandAfter
155 \ifx\csname ifcsname\endcsname\relax
```

`\ltx@ifundefined`

```
156 \def\ltx@ifundefined#1{%
157   \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
158   \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
159   \else
160   \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
161   \fi
162 }%
```

`\ltx@ifUndefined`

```
163 \def\ltx@ifUndefined#1{%
164   \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
165   \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
166   \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
167   \else
168   \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
169   \fi
170 }%

171 \expandafter\ltx@gobble
172 \else
173 \expandafter\ltx@firstofone
174 \fi
175 {%
```

`\ltx@ifundefined`

```
176 \def\ltx@ifundefined#1{%
177   \ifcsname #1\endcsname
178   \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
179   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
180   \else
181   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
182   \fi
183   \else
184   \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
185   \fi
186 }%
```

`\ltx@ifUndefined`

```
187 \let\ltx@ifUndefined\ltx@ifundefined
188 }
```

2.11 Stripping

`\ltx@RemovePrefix`

```
189 \def\ltx@RemovePrefix#1>{}
```

```

\ltx@StripPrefix
190 \def\ltx@StripPrefix{%
191   \expandafter\ltx@RemovePrefix
192 }

```

2.12 File management

2.12.1 File extensions

```

\ltx@clsextension
193 \def\ltx@clsextension{cls}

\ltx@pkgextension
194 \def\ltx@pkgextension{sty}

```

2.12.2 Load check

```

\ltx@iffileloaded
195 \def\ltx@iffileloaded#1{%
196   \ltx@ifundefined{ver@#1}\ltx@secondoftwo\ltx@firstoftwo
197 }

\ltx@ifclassloaded
198 \def\ltx@ifclassloaded#1{%
199   \ltx@iffileloaded{#1.\ltx@clsextension}%
200 }

\ltx@ifpackageloaded
201 \def\ltx@ifpackageloaded#1{%
202   \ltx@iffileloaded{#1.\ltx@pkgextension}%
203 }

```

2.12.3 Version date check

```

\ltx@iffilelater
204 \def\ltx@iffilelater#1#2{%
205   \ltx@iffileloaded{#1}{%
206     \expandafter\LTXcmds@IfLater\expandafter{%
207       \number
208       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LTXcmds@ParseVersion
209       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
210         \csname ver@#1\endcsname
211       }%
212     \expandafter}\expandafter{%
213       \number
214       \expandafter\LTXcmds@ParseVersion\expandafter{#2}%
215     }%
216   }\ltx@secondoftwo
217 }

\LTXcmds@IfLater
218 \def\LTXcmds@IfLater#1#2{%
219   \ifcase 0%
220     \ifnum#1<19940101 %
221   \else
222     \ifnum#2<19940101 %
223   \else
224     \ifnum#2>#1 %
225   \else
226     1%

```

```

227         \fi
228     \fi
229     \fi
230     \ltx@space
231     \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
232 \else
233     \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
234 \fi
235 }

\ltx@ifclasslater
236 \def\ltx@ifclasslater#1{%
237     \ltx@ifclasslater{#1.\ltx@clsextension}%
238 }

\ltx@ifpackagelater
239 \def\ltx@ifpackagelater#1{%
240     \ltx@iffilelater{#1.\ltx@pkgextension}%
241 }

242 \ltx@ifundefined{pdfmatch}{%

\LTxcmds@ParseVersion
243     \def\LTxcmds@ParseVersion#1{%
244         \LTxcmds@@ParseVersion#10000/00/00\@nil
245     }%

\LTxcmds@@ParseVersion
246     \def\LTxcmds@@ParseVersion#1#2#3#4/#5#6/#7#8#9\@nil{%
247         #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8%
248     }%

249 }{%

\LTxcmds@ParseVersion
250     \def\LTxcmds@ParseVersion#1{%
251         \ifnum\pdfmatch{%
252             ~%
253             (199[4-9] | [2-9] [0-9] [0-9] [0-9])/%
254             (0[1-9] | 1[0-2])/%
255             (0[1-9] | [1-2] [0-9] | 3[0-1])%
256         }{#1}=1 %
257         \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfmatch1 %
258         \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfmatch2 %
259         \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfmatch3 %
260     \else
261         0%
262     \fi
263 }%
264 }

```

2.13 Macro additions

```

\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro
265 \def\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro#1#2{%
266     \ifx\ltx@undefined#1%
267         \let#1\ltx@empty
268     \else
269         \ifx\relax#1%
270             \let#1\ltx@empty
271         \fi

```

```

272 \fi
273 \begingroup
274   \toks0\expandafter{#1#2}%
275   \xdef#1{\the\toks0}%
276 \endgroup
277 }

```

`\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro`

```

278 \def\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro#1#2{%
279   \global\let\LTxcmds@gtemp#1%
280   \ifx\ltx@undefined\LTxcmds@gtemp
281     \global\let\LTxcmds@gtemp\ltx@empty
282   \else
283     \ifx\relax\LTxcmds@gtemp
284       \global\let\LTxcmds@gtemp\ltx@empty
285     \fi
286   \fi
287   \begingroup
288     \toks0\expandafter{\LTxcmds@gtemp#2}%
289     \xdef\LTxcmds@gtemp{\the\toks0}%
290   \endgroup
291   \let#1\LTxcmds@gtemp
292 }

```

2.14 Macro `\ltx@ifnextchar`

`\ltx@ifnextchar`

```

293 \long\def\ltx@ifnextchar#1#2#3{%
294   \begingroup
295   \let\LTxcmds@CharToken= #1\relax
296   \toks\ltx@zero{#2}%
297   \toks\ltx@two{#3}%
298   \futurelet\LTxcmds@LetToken\LTxcmds@ifnextchar
299 }

```

`\LTxcmds@ifnextchar`

```

300 \def\LTxcmds@ifnextchar{%
301   \ifx\LTxcmds@LetToken\LTxcmds@CharToken
302     \expandafter\endgroup\the\toks\expandafter\ltx@zero
303   \else
304     \ifx\LTxcmds@LetToken\LTxcmds@SpaceToken
305       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LTxcmds@@ifnextchar
306     \else
307       \expandafter\endgroup\the\toks
308       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@two
309     \fi
310   \fi
311 }

```

`\LTxcmds@@ifnextchar`

```

312 \begingroup
313   \def\x#1{\endgroup
314     \def\LTxcmds@@ifnextchar#1{%
315       \futurelet\LTxcmds@LetToken\LTxcmds@ifnextchar
316     }%
317   }%
318   \x{ }

```

`\LTxcmds@SpaceToken`

```

319 \begingroup
320   \def\x#1{\endgroup

```

```

321 \let\LTxcmds@SpaceToken= #1%
322 }%
323 \x{ }

324 \LTxcmds@AtEnd
325 \end{package}

```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

326 \test1\

327 \catcode'\{=1 %
328 \catcode'\}=2 %
329 \catcode'\#=6 %
330 \catcode'\@=11 %
331 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
332 \countdef\count@=255 %
333 \fi
334 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
335 \long\def\@gobble#1{}%
336 \fi
337 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
338 \long\def\@firstofone#1{#1}%
339 \fi
340 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
341 \expandafter\@firstofone
342 \else
343 \expandafter\@gobble
344 \fi
345 {%
346 \def\loop#1\repeat{%
347 \def\body{#1}%
348 \iterate
349 }%
350 \def\iterate{%
351 \body
352 \let\next\iterate
353 \else
354 \let\next\relax
355 \fi
356 \next
357 }%
358 \let\repeat=\fi
359 }%
360 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
361 \count@=0 %
362 \loop
363 \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
364 \RestoreCatcodes
365 \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
366 }%
367 \ifnum\count@<255 %
368 \advance\count@ 1 %
369 \repeat
370
371 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
372 \count@=#1\relax
373 \loop
374 \catcode\count@=15 %
375 \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
376 \advance\count@ 1 %

```

```

377 \repeat
378 }
379 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
380 \def\LoadCommand{\input ltxcmds.sty\relax}%
381 \fi
382 \def\Test{%
383 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
384 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
385 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
386 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
387 \catcode'\@=12 %
388 \catcode'\=0 %
389 \catcode'\{=1 %
390 \catcode'\}=2 %
391 \catcode'\#=6 %
392 \catcode'\[=12 %
393 \catcode'\]=12 %
394 \catcode'\%=14 %
395 \catcode'\ =10 %
396 \catcode13=5 %
397 \LoadCommand
398 \RestoreCatcodes
399 }
400 \Test
401 \csname @@end\endcsname
402 \end
403 </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 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
```

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/
```

¹[ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/](http://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/)

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 $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$` , `mik $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$` , ...) 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.

[2010/03/01 v1.3]

- `\ltx@newif` added.
- `\ltx@ifnextchar` added.
- Numbers `\ltx@zero`, `\ltx@one`, `\ltx@two`, `\ltx@cclv` added.

[2010/03/09 v1.4]

- `\ltx@pkgextension` and `\ltx@clsextension` are hardcoded to avoid trouble with `\@onlypreamble`.

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