

# The **twoopt** package

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## Abstract

This package provides commands to define macros with two optional arguments.

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## 1 Usage

`\newcommandtwoopt` Similar to `\newcommand`, `\renewcommand` and `\providecommand` this package provides commands to define macros with two optional arguments. The names of the commands are built by appending the package name to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-pendants:

```
\newcommandtwoopt    {\cmd} [\num] [\default1][\default2] {\def.}
\renewcommandtwoopt  {\cmd} [\num] [\default1][\default2] {\def.}
\providecommandtwoopt {\cmd} [\num] [\default1][\default2] {\def.}
```

Also the `*`-forms are supported. Indeed it is better to use this ones, unless it is intended to hold whole paragraphs in some of the arguments. If the macro is defined with the `*`-form, missing braces can be detected earlier.

Example:

```
\newcommandtwoopt{\bsp}[3][AA][BB]{%
  \typeout{\string\bsp: #1,#2,#3}%
}
\bsp[aa][bb]{cc} → \bsp: aa,bb,cc
\bsp[aa]{cc}     → \bsp: aa,BB,cc
\bsp{cc}         → \bsp: AA,BB,cc
```

## 2 Implementation

```

1 \<package>
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{twoopt}
4 [2006/02/20 v1.4 Definitions with two optional arguments (H0)]

\newcommandtwoopt

5 \newcommand{\newcommandtwoopt}{%
6   \@ifstar{\@newcommandtwoopt*}{\@newcommandtwoopt{}}%
7 }

\@newcommandtwoopt <#1>: star
                   <#2>: macro name to be defined

8 \newcommand{\@newcommandtwoopt}{%
9   \long\def\@newcommandtwoopt#1#2{%
10    \expandafter\@@newcommandtwoopt
11    \csname2\string#2\endcsname{#1}{#2}%
12 }

\@@newcommandtwoopt <#1>: help command to be defined (\2\<name>)
                   <#2>: star
                   <#3>: macro name to be defined
                   <#4>: number of total arguments
                   <#5>: default for optional argument one
                   <#6>: default for optional argument two

13 \newcommand{\@@newcommandtwoopt}{%
14   \long\def\@@newcommandtwoopt#1#2#3[#4][#5][#6]{%
15     \newcommand#2#3[1][#5]{%
16       \to@ScanSecondOptArg#1{#1}{#6}%
17     }%
18     \newcommand#2#1[#4]{%
19 }

\renewcommandtwoopt

20 \newcommand{\renewcommandtwoopt}{%
21   \@ifstar{\@renewcommandtwoopt*}{\@renewcommandtwoopt{}}%
22 }

\@renewcommandtwoopt <#1>: star
                   <#2>: command name to be defined

23 \newcommand{\@renewcommandtwoopt}{%
24   \long\def\@renewcommandtwoopt#1#2{%
25     \begingroup
26       \escapechar\m@ne
27       \xdef\@gtempa{\string#2}%
28     \endgroup
29     \expandafter\@ifundefined\@gtempa{%
30       \@latex@error{noexpand#2undefined}\@ehc
31     }{}%
32     \let#2\@undefined
33     \expandafter\let\csname2\string#2\endcsname\@undefined
34     \expandafter\@@newcommandtwoopt
35     \csname2\string#2\endcsname{#1}{#2}%
36 }

\providecommandtwoopt

37 \newcommand{\providecommandtwoopt}{%
38   \@ifstar{\@providecommandtwoopt*}{\@providecommandtwoopt{}}%
39 }

```

```

\@providecommandtwoopt <#1>: star
<#2>: command name to be defined
40 \newcommand{\@providecommandtwoopt}{}
41 \long\def\@providecommandtwoopt#1#2{%
42   \begingroup
43     \escapechar\m@ne
44     \xdef\@gtempa{\string#2}%
45   \endgroup
46   \expandafter\@ifundefined\@gtempa{%
47     \expandafter\@newcommandtwoopt
48     \csname2\string#2\endcsname{#1}{#2}%
49   }{%
50     \let\to@dummyA\@undefined
51     \let\to@dummyB\@undefined
52     \@newcommandtwoopt\to@dummyA{#1}\to@dummyB
53   }%
54 }

\to@ScanSecondOptArg <#1>: help command to be defined (\2<name>)
<#2>: first arg of command to be defined
<#3>: default for second opt. arg.
55 \newcommand{\to@ScanSecondOptArg}[3]{%
56   \@ifnextchar[%
57     \expandafter#1\to@ArgOptToArgArg{#2}%
58   }{%
59     #1{#2}{#3}%
60   }%
61 }

\to@ArgOptToArgArg
62 \newcommand{\to@ArgOptToArgArg}{}
63 \long\def\to@ArgOptToArgArg#1[#2]{#1}{#2}}
64 \</package>

```

### 3 Installation

**CTAN.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

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

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/twoopt.pdf](#) Documentation.

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

```
tex twoopt.dtx
```

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

```

twoopt.sty → tex/latex/oberdiek/twoopt.sty
twoopt.pdf → doc/latex/oberdiek/twoopt.pdf
twoopt.dtx → source/latex/oberdiek/twoopt.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.

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<sup>1</sup><http://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/>

**Refresh file databases.** If your  $\text{\TeX}$  distribution ( $\text{te}\text{\TeX}$ ,  $\text{mik}\text{\TeX}$ , ...) rely on file databases, you must refresh these. For example,  $\text{te}\text{\TeX}$  users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

### 3.1 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 twoopt.pdf unpack_files output .
```

**Unpacking with  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain- $\text{\TeX}$ :** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**$\text{\LaTeX}$ :** Generate the documentation.

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

```
latex \let\install=y\input{twoopt.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 $\text{\LaTeX}$` :

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

## 4 History

### [1998/10/30 v1.0]

- The first version was built as a response to a question of Rebecca and Rowland<sup>2</sup>, published in the newsgroup `comp.text.tex`:  
“Re: [Q]  $\text{\LaTeX}$  command with two optional arguments?”<sup>3</sup>

### [1998/10/30 v1.1]

- Improvements added in response to Stefan Ulrich<sup>4</sup> in the same thread:  
“Re: [Q]  $\text{\LaTeX}$  command with two optional arguments?”<sup>5</sup>

### [1998/11/04 v1.2]

- Fixes for  $\text{\LaTeX}$  bugs 2896, 2901, 2902 added.

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<sup>2</sup>Rebecca and Rowland’s email address: `rebecca@astrid.u-net.com`

<sup>3</sup>Url: [http://www.dejanews.com/\[ST\\_rn=ps\]/getdoc.xp?AN=406573518](http://www.dejanews.com/[ST_rn=ps]/getdoc.xp?AN=406573518)

<sup>4</sup>Stefan Ulrich’s email address: `ulrich@cis.uni-muenchen.de`

<sup>5</sup>Url: [http://www.dejanews.com/\[ST\\_rn=ps\]/getdoc.xp?AN=406703373](http://www.dejanews.com/[ST_rn=ps]/getdoc.xp?AN=406703373)

## [1999/04/12 v1.3]

- Fixes removed because of LaTeX [1998/12/01].
- Documentation in dtx format.
- Copyright: LPPL ([CTAN:macros/latex/base/lppl.txt](#))
- First CTAN release.

## [2006/02/20 v1.4]

- Code is not changed.
- New DTX framework.
- LPPL 1.3

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