

# The `sanitize-umlaut` package

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<http://www.ctan.org/pkg/sanitize-umlaut>

<https://github.com/T-F-S/sanitize-umlaut>

## Abstract

The packages sanitizes umlauts to be used directly in index entries for `MakeIndex` and friends with `pdflatex`. This means, that inside `\index` an umlaut can be used as "U or Ü. In both cases, the letter is written as "U into the raw index file for correct processing with `MakeIndex` and `pdflatex`.

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# 1 Purpose of the Package

The package sanitizes umlauts to be used directly in index entries for `makeindex` and friends with `pdflatex`. This means, that inside `\index` an umlaut can be used as `"U` or `Ü`. In both cases, the letter is written as `"U` into the raw index file for correct processing with `makeindex` and `pdflatex`.

The package is intended

- for documents in german language using the `babel` package with a setting identical or similar to `\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}`.
- for documents which are processed by `latex` or `pdflatex` (not `lualatex` or `xelatex`).
- for documents with an index which is processed using the `MakeIndex` program.
- for authors who like to use `\index{Übermaß}` instead of `\index{"Überma"s}`.

All these conditions are satisfiable by simply including the `sanitize-umlaut` package.

An alternative would be to filter the resulting raw `.idx` index *before* `makeindex` is applied to create the final `.ind` index. Another alternative is to replace `MakeIndex` by `Xindy` or another index processor.

## 2 Package Usage

### 2.1 Prerequisites

The source document needs some encoding by `inputenc` since `pdflatex` is assumed as engine. For example:

```
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
```

Just some few encodings are supported by `sanitize-umlaut`. These are the most important for German language texts:

encoding	recognized as
utf8	utf8
latin1, ansinew, cp1252	latin1
applemac	applemac

Further, the `babel` package with German settings is needed:

```
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}
```

### 2.2 Package Application

Now, the package application is simple. You just put

```
\usepackage{sanitize-umlaut}
```

into your document preamble *after* `inputenc` and, maybe, after `babel`. That is all.

## 2.3 Sanitized Characters

The umlauts and the sharp s are replaced by their `babel` shorthand codes which are written to the `.idx` file.

character	replacement
ä	"a
ö	"o
ü	"u
Ä	"A
Ö	"O
Ü	"U
ß	"s

## 2.4 Technical Information

The package uses `\inputencodingname` (set by the `inputencoding` package) to determine the current encoding.

The package redefines the `\@sanitize` macro at the begin of the document. It adds some encoding redefinitions to this macro. `\@sanitize` is used inside `\index` in a local group. If another package (besides `babel`) also changes this macro or uses it outside `\index`, strange things may happen.

### 3 Application Examples

file "german.ist" for the examples

```
actual '='    % instead of @  
quote '!'    % instead of "  
level '>'   % instead of !
```

```
% !TeX encoding=UTF-8  
% arara: pdflatex  
% arara: makeindex: { style: german.ist, german: true }  
% arara: pdflatex  
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}  
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}  
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}  
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}  
\usepackage{makeidx}  
\usepackage{sanitize-umlaut}  
\makeindex  
\begin{document}  
\section{Basic Example}  
Test äöüÄÖÜß.  
\index{Aber} \index{Arg} \index{Ärger}  
\index{Ofen} \index{Ö - wie schön} \index{oberhalb}  
\index{Ufer} \index{Übermaß}  
\index{Latex=\LaTeX} \index{Ärger>Index}  
Test äöüÄÖÜß.  
\printindex  
\end{document}
```

#### 1 Basic Example

Test äöüÄÖÜß. Test äöüÄÖÜß.

#### Index

Aber, 1  
Ärger, 1  
Index, 1  
Arg, 1  
ETEX, 1  
oberhalb, 1  
Ö - wie schön, 1  
Ofen, 1  
Übermaß, 1  
Ufer, 1

```
% !TeX encoding=UTF-8
% arara: pdflatex
% arara: makeindex: { style: german.ist, german: true }
% arara: pdflatex
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}
\usepackage{makeidx}
\usepackage{sanitize-umlaut}
\usepackage[hyperindex,colorlinks]{hyperref}
\makeindex
\begin{document}
\section{Example with hyperref}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\index{Aber} \index{Arg} \index{Ärger}
\index{Ofen} \index{Ö - wie schön} \index{oberhalb}
\index{Ufer} \index{Übermaß}
\index{Latex=\LaTeX} \index{Ärger>Index}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\printindex
\end{document}
```

1 Example with hyperref

Test äöüÄÖÜß. Test äöüÄÖÜß.

Index

Aber,	1
Ärger,	1
Index,	1
Arg,	1
\TeX,	1
oberhalb,	1
Ö - wie schön,	1
Ofen,	1
Übermaß,	1
Ufer,	1

```
% !TeX encoding=UTF-8
% arara: pdflatex
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}
\usepackage[makeindex]{imakeidx}
\makeindex[options=-s german.ist -g]
\usepackage{sanitize-umlaut}
\begin{document}
\section{Example with imakeidx}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\index{Aber} \index{Arg} \index{Ärger}
\index{Ofen} \index{Ö - wie schön} \index{oberhalb}
\index{Ufer} \index{Übermaß}
\index{Latex=\LaTeX} \index{Ärger>Index}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\printindex
\end{document}
```

### 1 Example with imakeidx

Test äöüÄÖÜß. Test äöüÄÖÜß.

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### Index

Aber, 1	oberhalb, 1
Ärger, 1	Ö - wie schön, 1
Index, 1	Ofen, 1
Arg, 1	Übermaß, 1
\LaTeX, 1	Ufer, 1

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```
% !TeX encoding=UTF-8
% arara: pdflatex
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}
\usepackage[makeidx]{imakeidx}
\makeindex[options=-s german.ist -g]
\usepackage{sanitize-umlaut}
\usepackage[hyperindex,colorlinks]{hyperref}
\begin{document}
\section{Example with imakeidx and hyperref}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\index{Aber} \index{Arg} \index{Ärger}
\index{Ofen} \index{Ö - wie schön} \index{oberhalb}
\index{Ufer} \index{Übermaß}
\index{Latex=\LaTeX} \index{Ärger>Index}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\printindex
\end{document}
```

### 1 Example with imakeidx and hyperref

Test äöüÄÖÜß. Test äöüÄÖÜß.

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### Index

Aber, 1	oberhalb, 1
Ärger, 1	Ö - wie schön, 1
Index, 1	Ofen, 1
Arg, 1	Übermaß, 1
\LaTeX, 1	Ufer, 1

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```
% !TeX encoding=UTF-8
% arara: pdflatex
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
\usepackage[ngerman]{babel}
\usepackage[makeindex]{imakeidx}
\indexsetup{level=\section*,noclearpage}
\makeindex[name=personen,title=Personenregister,options=-s german.ist -g]
\makeindex[name=allgemein,title=Allgemeines Register,options=-s german.ist -g]
\usepackage{sanitize-umlaut}
\begin{document}
\section{Example with multiple indexes}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\index[personen]{Huber, Hans} \index[personen]{Hübner, Jörg}
\index[allgemein]{Aber} \index[allgemein]{Arg}
\index[allgemein]{Ärger} \index[allgemein]{Ofen}
\index[allgemein]{Ö - wie schön} \index[allgemein]{oberhalb}
\index[allgemein]{Ufer} \index[allgemein]{Übermaß}
\index[allgemein]{Latex=\LaTeX} \index[allgemein]{Ärger>Index}
Test äöüÄÖÜß.
\clearpage
\printindex[allgemein]
\printindex[personen]
\end{document}
```

## 1 Example with multiple indexes

Test äöüÄÖÜß. Test äöüÄÖÜß.

## Allgemeines Register

Aber, 1	oberhalb, 1
Ärger, 1	Ö - wie schön, 1
Index, 1	Ofen, 1
Arg, 1	Übermaß, 1
\TeX, 1	Ufer, 1

## Personenregister

Huber, Hans, 1	Hübner, Jörg, 1
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