

metakeys.sty: A generic framework for extensible Metadata in L^AT_EX*

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Abstract

The **metakeys** package is part of the **sT_EX** collection, a version of T_EX/L^AT_EX that allows to markup T_EX/L^AT_EX documents semantically without leaving the document format, essentially turning T_EX/L^AT_EX into a document format for mathematical knowledge management (MKM).

This package supplies the infrastructure for extending sT_EX macros with OMDoc metadata. This package is mainly intended for authors of sT_EX extension packages.

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1 The User Interface

The `metakeys` package supplies the infrastructure for extending `STeX` macros with ontology-based metadata. The `metakeys` infrastructure is intended to support the new metadata infrastructure for the OMDoc format [Koh06] introduced in OMDoc1.3 [Koh10].

1.1 Package Options

`showmeta` The `metakeys` package takes a single option: `showmeta`. If this is set, then the metadata keys defined by the `\addmetakey` are shown (see 1.3)

1.2 Adding Metadata Keys to Commands

If $\langle group \rangle$ is the name of a metadata key-group $\langle key \rangle$ is a metadata keyword name, then

```
\addmetakey[\langle default \rangle]{\langle group \rangle}{\langle key \rangle}
```

registers $\langle key \rangle$ in the metadata group $\langle group \rangle$, with an optional value $\langle default \rangle$ for $\langle key \rangle$. The keys registered for a metadata group can be used for defining macros with a key/value arguments via the `\metasetkeys` macro, see for instance the the definition in Figure 1. With these definitions in a used package¹ `\foo[type=bar,id=f4711]` is formatted to

id:f4711 type:bar

I have seen a *foo* of type *bar* with identifier *f4711*!

```
\addmetakey{foo}{id}
\addmetakey{foo}{type}
\addmetakey{yes}{foo}{visible}
\def\@yes{yes}
\newcommand\foo[1][]{\metasetkeys{foo}{#1}}
\ifx\foo@visible\@yes % testing for visibility
I have seen a \emph{foo} of type \texttt{\foo@type} with identifier
\texttt{\foo@id}!
\fi}
```

Example 1: Defining a macro with metadata

1.3 Showing Metadata Keys/Values

If the `showmeta` package option is set, the `metakeys` package sets an internal switch that shows the values of all keys specified with the `\addmetakey` macro. The default behavior is to write the key/value pairs into the margin as $\langle key \rangle : \langle value \rangle$. Package designers can customize this behavior by redefining the `\metakeys@show@key` and `\metakeys@show@keys` macro.

\metakeys@show@key	\metakeys@show@key{\langle key\rangle}{\langle value\rangle} shows the a single key value pair, and
\metakeys@show@keys	\metakeys@show@keys{\langle group\rangle}{\langle keys\rangle} shows the a list of keys metadata, by default we disregard the <i>group</i> and show <i>keys</i> in a marginpar.
\addmetakey*	For keys that should not be shown in this manner, the \addmetakey macro has a variant \addmetakey*. Its behavior is exactly the same, only that it keeps the key from being shown by the <code>showmeta</code> option.
\hidemetakeys	Note that setting the <code>showmeta</code> option will enable metadata presentation on the whole document. But sometimes we want to disable that, e.g. inside figures, where \marginpar is not allowed. Therefore the <code>metakeys</code> package provides the \hidemetakeys macro that reverses this. The \showmetakeys macro re-enables metadata presentation.
\showmetakeys	

2 Limitations

In this section we document known limitations. If you want to help alleviate them, please feel free to contact the package author. Some of them are currently discussed in the STEX TRAC [Ste].

1. none reported yet

3 The Implementation

The `metakeys` package generates two files: the LATEX package (all the code between *(*package)* and *(/package)*) and the LATEXML bindings (between *(*ltxml)* and *(/ltxml)*). We keep the corresponding code fragments together, since the documentation applies to both of them and to prevent them from getting out of sync.

3.1 Package Options

We declare some switches which will modify the behavior according to the package options. Generally, an option `xxx` will just set the appropriate switches to true (otherwise they stay false). First we have the general options

```
1 <*package>
2 \newif\ifmetakeys@showmeta\metakeys@showmetafalse
3 \DeclareOption{showmeta}{\metakeys@showmetatrue}
```

Finally, we need to declare the end of the option declaration section to LATEX.

```
4 \ProcessOptions
```

We build on the `keyval` package which we first need to load.

```
5 \RequirePackage{keyval}[1997/11/10]
6 </package>
```

¹The character is only allowed in packages.

3.2 Adding Metadata Keys

\addmetakey The \addmetakey macro looks at the next character and invokes helper macros accordingly.

```
7 {*package}
8 \newcommand\addmetakey{\@ifstar\addmetakey@star\addmetakey@nostar}
9 {/package}
```

\addmetakey@star \addmetakey@star takes care of the starred form of \addmetakey. An invocation of \addmetakey@star{<default>}{<group>}{<key>} macro first extends the \metakeys@clear@<group>@keys macro then defines the key <key> with the \define@key macro from the keyval package. This stores the key value given in the local macro \<group>@<key>.

```
10 {*package}
11 \newcommand\addmetakey@star[3][]{\metakeys@ext@clear@keys{#2}{#3}{#1}%
12 \metakeys@initialize@showkeys{#2}%
13 \define@key{#2}{#3}{#1}{\expandafter\gdef\csname #2#3\endcsname{##1}}}
```

\addmetakey@nostar \addmetakey@nostar takes care of the starred form of \addmetakey by first extending the \metakeys@<group>@showkeys macro which contains those keys that should be shown and then calling \addmetakey@star.

```
14 \newcommand\addmetakey@nostar[3][]{\metakeys@ext@showkeys{#2}{#3}\addmetakey@star[#1]{#2}{#3}%
15 {/package}}
```

\metasetkeys The \metasetkeys{<group>} clears/presets the key of <group> via \clear@<group>@clearkeys, (if the showmeta option is set) shows them, and then sets the keys via keyvals \setkeys command.

```
16 {*package}
17 \newcommand\metasetkeys[2]{\@nameuse{clear@#1@keys}\setkeys{#1}{#2}%
18 \ifmetakeys@showmeta%
19 \edef\@@keys{\@nameuse{#1@showkeys}}%
20 \metakeys@show@keys{#1}{\@for\@I:=\@@keys\do{\metakeys@show@keyval{#1}{\@I}}}%
21 \fi%
22 {/package}}
```

\metakeys@ext@clear@keys \metakeys@ext@clear@keys{<group>}{<key>}{<default>} extends (or sets up if this is the first \addmetakey for <group>) the \clear@<group>@keys macro to set the default value <default> for <key>. The \clear@<group>@keys macro is used in the generic \metasetkeys macro below. The variant \@metakeys@ext@clear@keys is provided for use in the sref package.

```
23 {*package}
24 \newcommand\metakeys@ext@clear@keys[3]{\@metakeys@ext@clear@keys{#1}{#1#2}{#3}%
25 \newcommand\@metakeys@ext@clear@keys[3]{\@ifundefined{clear@#1@keys}%
26 {\expandafter\def\csname clear@#1@keys\endcsname{%
27 {\expandafter\gdef\csname #2\endcsname{#3}}}}%
28 {\expandafter\gaddto@macro\csname clear@#1@keys\endcsname{%
29 {\expandafter\gdef\csname #2\endcsname{#3}}}}%
30 {/package}}
```

3.3 Showing Metadata Keys/Values

```
\metakeys@initialize@showkeys  \metakeys@initialize@showkeys{\langle group\rangle} sets up the \langle group\rangle@showkeys macro  
which is used to store the keys to be shown of the metadata in in the generic  
\setmetakeys macro below.  
31 {*package}  
32 \newcommand\metakeys@initialize@showkeys[1]{%  
33 {\@ifundefined{#1@showkeys}{\expandafter\def\csname #1@showkeys\endcsname{}{}}}%  
  
\metakeys@ext@showkeys    \metakeys@ext@showkeys{\langle group\rangle}{\langle key\rangle} extends (or sets up) the \langle group\rangle@showkeys  
macro which is used to store the keys to be shown of the metadata in in the  
generic \setmetakeys macro below.  
34 \newcommand\metakeys@ext@showkeys[2]{\@ifundefined{#1@showkeys}{%  
35 {\expandafter\def\csname #1@showkeys\endcsname{#2}}%  
36 {\expandafter\edef\csname #1@showkeys\endcsname{\csname #1@showkeys\endcsname,#2}}}}  
  
\metakeys@show@key    \metakeys@show@key{\langle key\rangle}{\langle value\rangle} shows the a single key value pair, as a de-  
fault we just write \langle key\rangle:\langle value\rangle.  
37 \newcommand\metakeys@show@key[2]{\metakeys@show@key[#2]{#1}}  
38 \newcommand\metakeys@show@key[2]{\edef\@test{#2}\ifx\@test\empty\else #1:#2\quad\fi}  
  
\metakeys@show@keys   \metakeys@show@keys{\langle group\rangle}{\langle keys\rangle} shows the metadata, by default we dis-  
regard the \langle group\rangle and show \langle keys\rangle in a marginpar.  
39 \newcommand\metakeys@show@keys[2]{\marginpar{\scriptsize #2}}}  
  
\metakeys@show@keyval  \metakeys@show@keyval{\langle group\rangle}{\meta{key}} shows the key/value pair of a  
given key \langle key\rangle.  
40 \newcommand\metakeys@show@keyval[2]{\expandafter\metakeys@show@key\csname #1#2\endcsname{#2}}  
41 
```

\showmetakeys
42 \newcommand\showmetakeys{\metakeys@showmetatrue}
43 \DefConstructor('showmetakeys', '');

\hidemetakeys
44 \newcommand\hidemetakeys{\metakeys@showmetafalse}
45 \DefConstructor('hidemetakeys', '');

3.4 Using better defaults than empty

```
\addmetakeynew  \addmetakeynew is an experimental version of \addmetakey which gives \omd@unspecified  
as an optional argument, so that it is used as the default value here and then test  
for it in \omfidus. But unfortunately, this does not work yet.  
46 {*package}  
47 \newcommand\addmetakeynew[3][]{\metakeys@ext@clear@keys{#2}{#3}{#1}}%  
48 \define@key{#2}{#3}{\expandafter\gdef\csname #2#3\endcsname{##1}}}
```

EdNote:
48 \metakeys@unspecified A internal macro for unspecified values. It is used to initialize keys.¹
49 \newcommand\metakeys@unspecified{an metakeys-defined key left unspecified}

50 \metakeysifus This just tests for equality of the first arg with \metakeys@unspecified
51 \newcommand\metakeysifus[4]{\message{testing #1@#2=\csname#1@#2\endcsname}%
52 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1@#2\endcsname\metakeys@unspecified{#3}\else{#4}\fi}
53 \end{package}

3.5 Finale

Finally, we need to terminate the file with a success mark for perl.

53 \ltxml1;

¹EDNOTE: MK: we could probably embed an package error or warning in here

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