

The **thumbs** package

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Abstract

This \LaTeX package allows to create one or more customizable thumb index(es), providing a quick and easy reference methode for large documents.

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1 Introduction

This package puts running, customizable thumb marks in the outer margin, moving downward as the chapter number (or whatever shall be marked by the thumb marks) increases. Additionally an overview page/table of thumb marks can be added automatically, which gives the respective names of the thumb objects, the page where the object/thumb mark first appears, and the thumb mark itself at the respective position. The thumb marks are probably useful for documents, where a quick and easy way to find e.g. a chapter is needed, for example in reference guides, anthologies, or quite large documents.

There *are* already some packages for creating thumbs, but because none of them did what I wanted, I wrote this new package.¹

2 Usage

2.1 Loading

Load the package placing

```
\usepackage[<options>]{thumbs}
```

in the preamble of your L^AT_EX 2_ε source file.

2.2 Options

options The thumbs package takes the following options:

2.2.1 pagecolor

pagecolor Option **pagecolor** wants to know the background colour of the pages for use with the **xcolor** package. The default value is **white**.

2.2.2 linefill

linefill Option **linefill** wants to know how the line between object (e.g. chapter name) and page number shall be filled at the overview page. Empty option will result in a blank line, **line** will fill the distance with a line, **dots** will fill the distance with dots.

2.2.3 minheight

minheight Option **minheight** wants to know the minimal vertical extension of each thumb mark. This is only useful in combination with option **height=auto** (see below). When the height is automatically calculated and smaller than the **minheight** value, the height is set equal to the given **minheight** value and a new column/page of thumb marks is used. The default value is 47pt ($\approx 16.5\text{ mm} \approx 0.65\text{ in}$).

2.2.4 height

height Option **height** wants to know the vertical extension of each thumb mark. The default value “**auto**” calculates an appropriate value automatically decreasing with increasing number of thumb marks (but fixed for each document). When the height is smaller than **minheight**, this package deems this as too small and instead uses a new column/page of thumb marks. If smaller thumb marks are really wanted, choose a smaller **minheight** (e.g. 0 pt).

2.2.5 width

width Option **width** wants to know the horizontal extension of each thumb mark. The default option-value “**auto**” calculates a width-value automatically: $(\text{\texttt{\textbackslash paperwidth}} - \text{\texttt{\textbackslash textwidth}})$, which is the total width of inner and outer margin, divided by 4. Instead of this, any positive width given by the user is accepted. (Try **width={\texttt{\textbackslash paperwidth}}** in the example!)

2.2.6 distance

distance Option **distance** wants to know the vertical spacing between two thumb marks. The default value is 2 mm.

2.2.7 topthumbmargin

topthumbmargin Option **topthumbmargin** wants to know the vertical spacing between the upper page (paper) border and top thumb mark. The default (**auto**) is 1 inch plus **\voffset** plus **\topmargin**. Dimensions (e.g. 1 cm) are also accepted.

2.2.8 bottomthumbmargin

bottomthumbmargin Option **bottomthumbmargin** wants to know the vertical spacing between the lower page (paper) border and last thumb mark. The default (**auto**) for the position of the last thumb is $1\text{in} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash voffset}} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash topmargin}} - \text{\texttt{\textbackslash thumbs@distance}} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash th@mbheighty}} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash headheight}} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash headsep}} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash textheight}} + \text{\texttt{\textbackslash footskip}} - \text{\texttt{\textbackslash thumbs@distance}} - \text{\texttt{\textbackslash th@mbheighty}}$. Dimensions (e.g. 1 cm) are also accepted.

2.2.9 thumblink

thumblink Option **thumblink** determines, what is hyperlinked at the thumb marks overview page (when the **hyperref** package is used):

- **none** creates *none* hyperlinks
- **title** hyperlinks the *titles* of the thumb marks
- **page** hyperlinks the *page* numbers of the thumb marks
- **titleandpage** hyperlinks the *title and page* numbers of the thumb marks
- **line** hyperlinks the whole *line*, i.e. title, dots (or line or whatsoever) and page numbers of the thumb marks
- **rule** hyperlinks the whole *rule*.

¹Probably this holds true for the motivation of the authors of quite a lot of packages.

2.2.10 verbose

`verbose` Option `verbose=false` (the default) suppresses some messages, which otherwise are presented at the screen and written into the log file.

2.3 Commands to be used in the document

`\addthumb` To add a thumb mark, use the `\addthumb` command, which has these four parameters:

1. a title for the thumb mark (for the thumb marks overview page, e. g. the chapter title),
2. the text to be displayed in the thumb mark (for example the chapter number: `\thechapter`),
3. the colour of the text in the thumb mark,
4. and the background colour of the thumb mark

(parameters in this order) at the page where you want this thumb mark placed (for the first time).

`\addtitlethumb` When a thumb mark shall not or cannot be placed on a page, e. g. at the title page or when using `\includepdf` from `pdfpages` package, but the reference in the thumb marks overview nevertheless shall name that page number and hyperlink to that page, `\addtitlethumb` can be used at the following page. It has five arguments. The arguments one to four are identical to the ones of `\addthumb` (see above), and the fifth argument consists of the label of the page, where the hyperlink at the thumb marks overview page shall link to. The `thumbs` package does *not* create that label! But for the first page the label `pagesLTS.0` can be use, which is already placed there by the used `pagesLTS` package.

`\stopthumb` When a page (or pages) shall have no thumb marks, use the `\stopthumb` command (without parameters). Placing another
`\continuethumb` thumb mark with `\addthumb` or `\addtitlethumb` or using the command `\continuethumb` continues the thumb marks.

`\thumbsoverview` The command `\thumbsoverview` is used to place the overview page(s) for the thumb marks. Its single parameter is used to mark this page/these pages (e. g. in the page header). If these marks are not wished, `\thumbsoverview{}` will generate empty marks in the page header(s). `\thumbsoverview` could be used more than once (for example at the beginning and at the end of the document), but the label `TableOfThumbs` would than be multilpy defined (no great harm done, but hyperlinks will only link to one of the labels).

`\thumbnewcolumn` With the command `\thumbnewcolumn` a new column can be started, even if the current one was not filled. This could be useful e. g. for a dictionary, which uses one column for translations from language A to language B, and the second column for translations from language B to language A. But in that case one probably should increase the size of the thumb marks, so that 26 thumb marks (in case of the latin alphabet) fill one thumb column. Do not use `\thumbnewcolumn` on a page where `\addthumb` was already used, but use `\addthumb` immediately after `\thumbnewcolumn`.

`\thumbsoverviewtocontents` `\addthumbsoverviewtocontents` with two arguments is a replacement for `\addcontentsline{toc}{<level>}{<text>}`, where the first argument of `\addthumbsoverviewtocontents` is for `<level>` and the second for `<text>`. If an entry of the thumbs mark overview shall be placed in the table of contents, `\addthumbsoverviewtocontents` with its arguments should be used immediately before `\thumbsoverview`.

3 Alternatives

- chapterthumb, 2005/03/10, v0.1, by MARKUS KOHM, available at <http://mirror.ctan.org/info/examples/KOMA-Script-3/Anhang-B/source/chapterthumb.sty>; unfortunately without documentation, which is probably available in the book:
Kohm, M., & Morawski, J.-U. (2008): KOMA-Script. Eine Sammlung von Klassen und Paketen für L^AT_EX₂ε, 3., überarbeitete und erweiterte Auflage für KOMA-Script 3, Lehmanns Media, Berlin, Edition dante, ISBN-13: 978-3-86541-291-1, <http://www.lob.de/isbn/3865412912>; in German.
- eso-pic, 2010/10/06, v2.0c by ROLF NIEPRASCHK, available at <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/eso-pic>, was suggested as alternative. If I understood its code right, `\AtBeginShipout{\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft{\put(...` is used there, too. Thus I do not see its advantage. Additionally, while compiling the `eso-pic` test documents with T_EXLive2010 worked, compiling them with *Scientific WorkPlace* 5.50 Build 2960 (© MacKichan Software, Inc.) led to significant deviations of the placements (also changing from one page to the other).
- fancytabs, 2011/04/16 v1.1, by RAPHAËL PINSON, available at <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/fancytabs>, but requires TikZ from the `pgf` bundle.
- thumb, 2001, without file version, by INGO KLÖCKEL, available at <ftp://ftp.dante.de/pub/tex/info/examples/ltt/thumb.sty>, unfortunately without documentation, which is probably available in the book:
Klöckel, I. (2001): L^AT_EX₂ε. Tips und Tricks, Dpunkt.Verlag GmbH, ISBN-13: 978-3-93258-837-2; in German.
- thumb (a completely different one), 1997/12/24, v1.0, by CHRISTIAN HOLM, available at <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/thumb>.
- thumbindex, 2009/12/13, without file version, by HISASHI MORITA, available at <http://hisashim.org/2009/12/13/thumbindex.html>.
- thumb-index, from the fancyhdr package, 2005/03/22 v3.2, by PIET VAN OOSTRUM, available at <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/fancyhdr>.
- thumbpdf, 2010/07/07, v3.11, by HEIKO OBERDIEK, is for creating thumbnails in a pdf document, not thumb marks (and therefore *no* alternative); available at <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/thumbpdf>.
- thumby, 2010/01/14, v0.1, by SERGEY GOLDGABER, “is designed to work with the `memoir` class, and also requires `PerLATEX` and `tikz`” (<http://www.ctan.org/pkg/thumby>), available at <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/thumby>.

(You programmed or found another alternative, which is available at [CTAN](#)?

OK, send an e-mail to me with the name, location at [CTAN](#), and a short notice, and I will probably include it in the list above.)

4 Example

```
1 \example)
2 \documentclass[twoside,british]{article}[2007/10/19]% v1.4h
3 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
4 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
5 %% When compiling with SWP 5.50. Build 2960 %
6 %% (copyright MacKichan Software, Inc.), %
7 %% these additional packages are needed: %
8 %% \usepackage[T1]{fontenc} %
9 %% \usepackage{amsfonts} %
10 %% \usepackage[math]{cellspace} %
11 %% \usepackage{xcolor} %
12 %% \pagecolor{white} %
13 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
14 \usepackage{lipsum}[2011/04/14]% v1.2
15 \usepackage{eurosym}[1998/08/06]% v1.1
16 \usepackage[extension=pdf,%
17 pdfpagelayout=TwoPageRight,pdfpagemode={UseNone},%
18 plainpages=false,%
19 pdfpagelabels=true,%
20 hyperindex=false,%
21 pdflang={en},%
22 pdftitle={thumbs package example},%
23 pdfauthor={Hans-Martin Muench},%
24 pdfsubject={Example for the thumbs package},%
25 pdfkeywords={LaTeX, thumbs, thumb marks, Hans-Martin Muench},%
26 pdfview=Fit,pdfstartview=Fit,%
27 linktoc=all]{hyperref}[2011/04/17]% v6.82g
28 \usepackage[pagecolor=white,thumbink=rule,linefill=dots,height={auto},minheight={47pt},%
29 width={auto},distance={2mm},topthumbmargin={auto},bottomthumbmargin={auto},%
30 verbose=true]{thumbs}[2011/05/18]% v1.0b
31 \gdef\unit#1{\mathord{\thinspace\mathrm{#1}}}%
32 \listfiles
33 \begin{document}
34 \pagenumbering{arabic}
35 \section*{Example for thumbs}
36 \addcontentsline{toc}{section}{Example for thumbs}
37 \markboth{Example for thumbs}{Example for thumbs}
38
39 This example demonstrates the most common uses of package
40 \textsf{thumbs}, v1.0b as of 2011/05/18 (HMM).
41 The used options were \texttt{pagecolor=white},
42 \texttt{thumbink=rule}, \texttt{linefill=dots},
43 \texttt{height=auto}, \texttt{minheight=\{47pt\}},
44 \texttt{width=auto}, \texttt{distance=\{2mm\}}, \texttt{topthumbmargin=\{auto\}},
45 \texttt{bottomthumbmargin=\{auto\}}, and \texttt{verbose=true}.
```

```

46 These are the default options, except \texttt{verbose=true}.
47 For more details please see the documentation!\newline
48
49 \textbf{Hyperlinks or not:} If the \textsf{hyperref} package is loaded,
50 the references in the overview page for the thumb marks are also hyperlinked
51 (except when option \texttt{thumblink=none} is used).\newline
52
53 \bigskip
54
55 {\color{green} Save per page about $200\unit{ml}$ water, $2\unit{g}$ CO$_{2}$
56 and $2\unit{g}$ wood:\newline
57 Therefore please print only if this is really necessary.}
58
59 \newpage
60
61 \addtitlethumb{Frontmatter}{0}{white}{gray}{pagesLTS.0}
62
63 At the first page no thumb mark was used, but we want to begin with thumb marks
64 at the first page, therefore a
65 \begin{verbatim}
66 \addtitlethumb{Frontmatter}{0}{white}{gray}{pagesLTS.0}
67 \end{verbatim}
68 was used at the beginning of this page.
69
70 \newpage
71
72 \tableofcontents
73
74 \newpage
75
76 To include an overview page for the thumb marks,
77 \begin{verbatim}
78 \addthumbsoverviewtocontents{section}{Thumb marks overview}%
79 \thumbsoverview{Table of Thumbs}
80 \end{verbatim}
81 is used, where \textbackslash addthumbsoverviewtocontents adds the thumb
82 marks overview page to the table of contents.
83
84 \addthumbsoverviewtocontents{section}{Thumb marks overview}%
85 \thumbsoverview{Table of Thumbs}
86
87 That were the overview pages for the thumb marks.
88
89 \newpage
90
91 \section{The first section}
92 \addthumb{First section}{\space\Huge{\textbf{$1^{\text{st}}$}}}{yellow}{green}

```



```

93
94 \begin{verbatim}
95 \addthumb{First section}{\space\Huge{\textbf{$1^{\text{st}}$}}}{yellow}{green}
96 \end{verbatim}
97
98 A thumb mark is added for this section. The parameters are: title for the thumb mark,
99 the text to be displayed in the thumb mark (choose your own format),
100 the colour of the text in the thumb mark,
101 and the background colour of the thumb mark (parameters in this order).\newline
102
103 Now for some pages of \textquotedblleft content\textquotedblright\ldots
104
105 \newpage
106 \lipsum[1]
107 \newpage
108 \lipsum[1]
109 \newpage
110 \lipsum[1]
111 \newpage
112
113 \section{The second section}
114 \addthumb{Second section}{\Huge{\textbf{\arabic{section}}}}{green}{yellow}
115
116 For this section, the text to be displayed in the thumb mark was set to
117 \begin{verbatim}
118 \Huge{\textbf{\arabic{section}}}
119 \end{verbatim}
120 i.\,e. the number of the section will be displayed (huge \& bold).\newline
121
122 Let us change the thumb mark on a page with an even number:
123
124 \newpage
125
126 \section{The third section}
127 \addthumb{Third section}{\Huge{\textbf{\arabic{section}}}}{blue}{red}
128
129 No problem!
130
131 And you do not need to have a section to add a thumb:
132
133 \newpage
134
135 \addthumb{Still third section}{\Huge{\textbf{\arabic{section}b}}}{red}{blue}
136
137 This is still the third section, but there is a new thumb mark.
138
139 On the other hand, you can even get rid of the the thumb marks

```

```

140 for some page(s):
141
142 \newpage
143
144 \stopthumb
145
146 The command
147 \begin{verbatim}
148 \stopthumb
149 \end{verbatim}
150 was used here. Until another addthumb (with parameters) or
151 \begin{verbatim}
152 \continuethumb
153 \end{verbatim}
154 is used, there will be no more thumb marks.
155
156 \newpage
157
158 Still no thumb marks.
159
160 \newpage
161
162 Still no thumb marks.
163
164 \newpage
165
166 Still no thumb marks.
167
168 \newpage
169
170 \continuethumb
171
172 Thumb mark continued (unchanged).
173
174 \newpage
175
176 Thumb mark continued (unchanged).
177
178 \newpage
179
180 Time for another thumb,
181
182 \addthumb{Another heading}{Small text}{white}{black}
183
184 and another.
185
186 \addthumb{Huge Text}{\Huge{Huge Text}}{yellow}{green}

```

187
 188 `\addthumb{bold text }\textbf{Bf Text}}{pink}{blue}`
 189
 190 `\addthumb{Huge Bold Text}\Huge{\textbf{HBT}}}{black}{yellow}`
 191
 192 When there is more than one thumb mark at one page, this is no problem.
 193 When more than six (6) thumb marks are at one (1) page,
 194 only the first six will be shown,
 195 while all will appear in the thumbs overview page.
 196 On the following pages the correct, last thumb mark will appear.
 197 More than one thumb mark at one page probably does not make much sense.
 198 This package was not created to create decorations at the page margin,
 199 but if you really need more than six thumb marks at one page,
 200 feel free to send an e-mail to the maintainer.
 201 If you have got an idea how to dynamically create thumb
 202 `\textquotedblleft registers\textquotedblright\` (thereby overcoming
 203 this limitation), please send an e-mail to the maintainer, too.
 204
 205 `\newpage`
 206
 207 Some text
 208
 209 `\newpage`
 210
 211 Some text
 212
 213 `\newpage`
 214
 215 Some text
 216
 217 `\newpage`
 218
 219 `\section{xcolor}`
 220 `\addthumb{xcolor}\Huge{\textbf{xcolor}}{magenta}{cyan}`
 221
 222 It is probably a good idea to have a look at the `\textsf{xcolor}` package
 223 and use other colours than used in this example.
 224
 225 `\newpage`
 226
 227 `\addthumb{A mark}\Huge{\textbf{A}}{lime}{darkgray}`
 228
 229 I just need to add further thumb marks to get them reaching the bottom of the page.
 230
 231 Generally the vertical size of the thumb marks is set to the value given in the
 232 `height` option. If it is `\texttt{auto}`, the size of the thumb marks is decreased,
 233 so that they fit all on one page. But when they get smaller than `\texttt{minheight}`,

234 instead of decreasing their size further, a new thumbs column is started
 235 (which will happen here).
 236
 237 \newpage
 238
 239 \addthumb{B mark}{\Huge{\textbf{B}}}{brown}{pink}
 240
 241 There! A new thumb column was started automatically!
 242
 243 \newpage
 244
 245 \addthumb{C mark}{\Huge{\textbf{C}}}{brown}{pink}
 246
 247 You can, of course, keep the colour for more than one thumb mark.
 248
 249 \newpage
 250
 251 \addthumb{\$1/1.\,955\,83\$, EUR}{\Huge{\textbf{D}}}{orange}{violet}
 252
 253 I am just adding further thumb marks.
 254
 255 If you are curious why the thumb mark between
 256 \textquotedblleft C mark\textquotedblright and \textquotedblleft E mark\textquotedblright has
 257 not been named \textquotedblleft D mark\textquotedblright but
 258 \textquotedblleft \$1/1.\,955\,83\$, EUR\textquotedblright :
 259
 260 \$1\unit{DM}=1\unit{D\ Mark}=1\unit{Deutsche\ Mark}\$\newline
 261 \$=\frac{1}{1.\,955\,83}\\$, \euro \\$,=1/1.\,955\,83\unit{Euro}=1/1.\,955\,83\unit{EUR}\$.
 262
 263 \newpage
 264
 265 \addthumb{E mark}{\Huge{\textbf{E}}}{lightgray}{black}
 266
 267 I am just adding further thumb marks.
 268
 269 \newpage
 270
 271 \addthumb{F mark}{\Huge{\textbf{F}}}{magenta}{black}
 272
 273 Some text.
 274
 275 \newpage
 276 \thumbnewcolumn
 277 \addthumb{New thumb marks column}{\Huge{\textit{NC}}}{magenta}{black}
 278
 279 There! A new thumb column was started manually!
 280

```
281 \newpage
282
283 Some text.
284
285 \newpage
286
287 \addthumb{G mark}{\Huge{\textbf{G}}}{orange}{violet}
288
289 I just added another thumb mark.
290
291 \newpage
292
293 Well, I think that are enough thumb marks.
294
295 Good bye!
296
297 \end{document}
298 \end{example}
```

5 The implementation

We start off by checking that we are loading into L^AT_EX 2_ε and announcing the name and version of this package.

```
299 \*package)
300 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/06/01]% or later
301 \ProvidesPackage{thumbs}[2011/05/18 v1.0b
302           Thumb marks and overview page(s) (HMM)]
303
```

A short description of the thumbs package:

```
304 %% This package allows to create a customizable thumb index,
305 %% providing a quick and easy reference methode for large documents,
306 %% as well as an overview page.
307
```

For SW(P) users, we issue a warning. Unfortunately, we cannot check for the used software (can we?), and there will be a stack overflow when using `hyperref` even before the `thumbs` package is loaded, thus the warning might not even reach the users. (Thus: RTFM of thumbs!) The options for those packages might be changed by the user – I did not test all available options, thus first test, whether the document can be compiled with these options, and then try to change them according to your wishes.

```
308 \message{^^J *** Compiling with SW(P)? ^^J%
309 Please see the sw(p)*.log or \jobname.log-file! *** ^^J}
310 \PackageWarningNoLine{thumbs}{%
311   When compiling with SWP 5.50 Build 2960\MessageBreak%
312   (\copyright\ MacKichan Software, Inc.),\MessageBreak%
313   these additional packages are needed:\MessageBreak%
314   \string\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}\MessageBreak%
315   \string\usepackage{amsfonts}\MessageBreak%
316   \string\usepackage[math]{cellspace}\MessageBreak%
317   \string\usepackage{xcolor}\MessageBreak%
318   \string\pagecolor{white}\MessageBreak%
319   especially before hyperref and thumbs,\MessageBreak%
320   but best right after the \string\documentclass!\MessageBreak%
321 }
322
```

For the handling of the options we need the `kvoptions` package of HEIKO OBERDIEK (see subsection 6.1):

```
323 \RequirePackage{kvoptions}[2010/12/23]% v3.10
324
325 as well as some other packages:
326 \RequirePackage{atbegshi}[2011/01/30]% v1.15
327 \RequirePackage{xcolor}[2007/01/21]% v2.11
328 \RequirePackage{picture}[2009/10/11]% v1.3
329 \RequirePackage{alphalph}[2010/04/18]% v2.3
```

For the total number of the current page we need the `pagesLTS` package of myself (see subsection 6.1):

```
328 \RequirePackage{pagesLTS}[2011/03/17]% v1.1o
329 \RequirePackage{rerunfilecheck}[2011/04/15]% v1.7
330 \RequirePackage{ifthen}[2001/05/26]% v1.1c; for \whiledo
331 \RequirePackage{warning}[2001/08/17]% v0.01
```

A last information for the user:

```
332 %% thumbs may work with earlier versions of those packages,
333 %% but this was not tested. Please consider updating your packages
334 %% to the most recent version (if they are not already the most
335 %% recent version).
336
```

See subsection 6.1 about how to get them.

The options are introduced:

```
337 \SetupKeyvalOptions{family=thumbs,prefix=thumbs@}
338 \DeclareStringOption[white]{pagecolor}[white]% \thumbs@pagecolor
339 \DeclareStringOption[linefill]{dots}
340 \DeclareStringOption[rule]{thumbblink}[rule]
341 \DeclareStringOption[47pt]{minheight}[47pt]
342 \DeclareStringOption{height}[auto]
343 \DeclareStringOption{width}[auto]
344 \DeclareStringOption{distance}[2mm]
345 \DeclareStringOption{topthumbmargin}[auto]
346 \DeclareStringOption{bottomthumbmargin}[auto]
347 \DeclareBoolOption[true]{verbose}
348
349 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*
350
351 \ifthumbs@verbose
352 \else
353   \PackageWarningNoLine{thumbs}{Option verbose=false found:\MessageBreak%
354     You will lose some information.}
355 \fi
356
```

pagecolor We set the (background) page colour to `\thumbs@pagecolor`, because the `xcolour` package needs a defined colour here (it can be changed later).

```
357 \pagecolor{\thumbs@pagecolor}
358
```

linefill We process the `linefill` option value:

```
359 \ifx\thumbs@linefill\empty%
360   \gdef\th@mb@linefill{\hspace*{\fill}}
361 \else
362   \def\th@mbstest{line}%
```

```

363 \ifx\thumbs@linefill\th@mbstest%
364 \gdef\th@mbs@linefill{\hrulefill}
365 \else
366 \def\th@mbstest{dots}%
367 \ifx\thumbs@linefill\th@mbstest%
368 \gdef\th@mbs@linefill{\dotfill}
369 \else
370 \PackageError{thumbs}{Option linefill with invalid value}{%
371 Option linefill has value '\thumbs@linefill'.\MessageBreak%
372 Valid values are '' (empty), 'line', or 'dots'.\MessageBreak%
373 '' (empty) will be used now.\MessageBreak%
374 }
375 \gdef\th@mbs@linefill{\hspace*{\fill}}
376 \fi
377 \fi
378 \fi
379

```

We introduce new dimensions for width, height, position of and vertical distance between the thumb marks and some helper dimensions.

```

380 \newdimen\th@mbwidthx
381
382 \newdimen\th@mbheighty% Thumb height y
383 \setlength{\th@mbheighty}{\z@}
384
385 \newdimen\th@mbposx
386 \newdimen\th@mbposy
387 \newdimen\th@mbposyA
388 \newdimen\th@mbposytop
389 \newdimen\th@mbposybottom
390 \newdimen\th@mbwidthxtoc
391 \newdimen\th@mbsposytcy
392 \newdimen\th@mbsposytcyy
393
394 \newdimen\th@mbsdistance% vertical distance between thumb marks
395 \ifx\thumbs@distance\empty%
396 \setlength{\th@mbsdistance}{1mm}
397 \else
398 \setlength{\th@mbsdistance}{\thumbs@distance}
399 \fi
400

```

We create a new Box for the thumbs, a temporary counter and make some global definitions.

```

401 \newbox\ThumbsBox
402

```


Generally it is not necessary to initialise a counter, because this is done automatically. But some packages change the handling of counters (e.g. the `lualloc` package as of 1995/09/24, v1.1b), and then a new counter might have a value different from zero (or the register might even contain something which is not a number value at all but some other string).

```

403 \newcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}
404 \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{0}
405
406 \gdef\th@mbs{0}
407 \gdef\th@mbsmax{0}
408 \gdef\th@umbsperpage{0}
409
410 \gdef\th@mbtitle{}
411 \gdef\th@mbtext{}
412 \gdef\th@mbtextcolour{\thumbs@pagecolor}
413 \gdef\th@mbackgroundcolour{\thumbs@pagecolor}
414 \gdef\th@mbcolumn{0}
415
416 \gdef\th@mbtextA{}
417 \gdef\th@mbtextcolourA{\thumbs@pagecolor}
418 \gdef\th@mbackgroundcolourA{\thumbs@pagecolor}
419
420 \gdef\th@mbprinting{1}
421 \gdef\th@mbtoprint{0}
422 \gdef\th@mbonpage{0}
423 \gdef\th@mbonpagemax{0}
424
425 \gdef\th@mbcolumnnew{0}
426
427 \gdef\thumb@two{2}% There is no \pagesLTS@two (yet).
428
429 \gdef\th@mbs@toc@level{}
430 \gdef\th@mbs@toc@text{}
431

```

It is checked whether writing to `thumbs.tmb` is allowed.

```

432 \if@files% \relax
433 \else
434   \PackageWarningNoLine{thumbs}{No auxiliary files allowed!\MessageBreak%
435     It was not allowed to write to files.\MessageBreak%
436     A lot of packages do not work without access to files.\MessageBreak%
437     like the .aux one. The thumbs package needs to write.\MessageBreak%
438     to the \jobname.tmb file. To exit press.\MessageBreak%
439     Ctrl+Z.\MessageBreak%
440     .\MessageBreak%
441   }
442 \fi
443

```

In `\setth@mbheight` the height of a thumb mark (for automatically thumb heights) is computed as

```
"round down{((Thumbs extension) / (Number of Thumbs)) - (distance between Thumbs)}"
```

```
.
444 \newcommand{\setth@mbheight}{%
445   \setlength{\th@mbheighty}{\z@}
446   \advance\th@mbheighty+\headheight
447   \advance\th@mbheighty+\headsep
448   \advance\th@mbheighty+\textheight
449   \advance\th@mbheighty+\footskip
450   \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{\th@mbsmax}
451   \ifnum\value{th@mbs@tmpA}>1
452     \divide\th@mbheighty\th@mbsmax
453   \fi
454   \advance\th@mbheighty-\th@mbsdistance
455   % Remove numbers behind the decimal seperator, e.g. 13.67777 pt -> 13 pt:
456   \@settopoint\th@mbheighty%
457 }
458
```

At the beginning of the document `\AtBeginDocument` is executed.

```
459 \AtBeginDocument{%
460   \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{1pt}
461   \ifdim \thumbs@minheight < \th@mbposyA% too small
462     \setlength{\thumbs@minheight}{1pt}
463   \else
464     \ifdim \thumbs@minheight = \th@mbposyA% small, but ok
465     \else
466       \ifdim \thumbs@minheight > \th@mbposyA% ok
467       \else
468         \PackageError{thumbs}{Option minheight has invalid value}{%
469           Please use a number and a length unit (e.g. mm, cm, pt)\MessageBreak%
470           and no space between as value for option minheight\MessageBreak%
471           and include this value+unit combination in curly brackets\MessageBreak%
472           (please see the thumbs-example.tex file).\MessageBreak%
473           When pressing return, minheight will now be set to 47pt.\MessageBreak%
474         }
475         \setlength{\thumbs@minheight}{47pt}
476       \fi
477     \fi
478   \fi
479   \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\thumbs@minheight}
```

This should be a temporary dimension, but we do not want to waste a `newdimension`, and `\th@mbposyA` is not used here yet and will be set later.

Thumb height `\th@mbheighty` is treated. If the value is empty, it is set to `\th@mbposyA`, which was just defined to be 47 pt (by default, or to the value chosen by the user with package option `minheight={...}`):

```

480 \ifx\thumbs@height\empty%
481   \setlength{\th@mbheighty}{\th@mbposyA}
482 \else
483   \def\th@mbstest{auto}
484   \ifx\thumbs@height\th@mbstest%
```

If it is not empty but `auto(matic)`, the value is computed via `\setth@mbheight` (see above).

```

485   \setth@mbheight
```

When the height is smaller than `\thumbs@minheight` (default: 47 pt), this is too small, and instead a new column/page of thumb marks is used.

```

486   \ifdim \th@mbheighty < \thumbs@minheight
487     \PackageWarningNoLine{thumbs}{Thumbs not high enough:\MessageBreak%
488       Option height has value 'auto'. For \th@mbsmax\space thumbs per page\MessageBreak%
489       this results in a thumb height of \the\th@mbheighty.\MessageBreak%
490       This is lower than the minimal thumb height, \thumbs@minheight,\MessageBreak%
491       therefore another thumbs column will be opened.\MessageBreak%
492       If you do not want this, choose a smaller value\MessageBreak%
493       for option 'minheight'%
494     }
495     \setlength{\th@mbheighty}{\z@}
496     \advance\th@mbheighty+\th@mbposyA% = \thumbs@minheight
497   \fi
498 \else
```

When a value has been given for the thumb marks' height, this fixed value is used.

```

499   \PackageInfo{thumbs}{Now setting thumbs' height to \thumbs@height.\MessageBreak}
500   \setlength{\th@mbheighty}{\thumbs@height}
501 \fi
502 \fi
```

Read in the `\jobname.tmb`-file:

```

503 \newread\@instreamthumb%
```

Setting the thumb mark width (`\th@mbwidthx`):

```

504 \setlength{\th@mbwidthx}{\paperwidth}
505 \advance\th@mbwidthx-\textwidth
506 \divide\th@mbwidthx4
507 \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{0sp}
508 \ifx\thumbs@width\empty%
509 \else
510   \def\th@mbstest{auto}
511   \ifx\thumbs@width\th@mbstest%
512   \else
513     \ifdim \thumbs@width > \th@mbposyA% OK
```

```

514     \setlength{\th@mbwidthx}{\thumbs@width}
515     \else
516     \PackageError{thumbs}{Thumbs not wide enough}{%
517         Option width has value '\thumbs@width'.\MessageBreak%
518         This is not a valid dimension larger than zero.\MessageBreak%
519         Width will be set automatically.\MessageBreak%
520     }
521     \fi
522 \fi
523 \fi

```

Setting the position of the first/top thumb mark. Vertical (y) position is a little bit complicated, because option `\thumbs@topthumbmargin` must be handled:

```

524 % Thumb position x \th@mbposx
525 \setlength{\th@mbposx}{\paperwidth}
526 \advance\th@mbposx-\th@mbwidthx
527 \advance\th@mbposx+1pt
528 % Thumb position y \th@mbposy
529 \ifx\thumbs@topthumbmargin\empty%
530     \def\thumbs@topthumbmargin{auto}
531 \fi
532 \def\th@mbstest{auto}
533 \ifx\thumbs@topthumbmargin\th@mbstest%
534     \setlength{\th@mbposy}{1in}
535     \advance\th@mbposy+\voffset
536     \advance\th@mbposy+\topmargin
537     \advance\th@mbposy-\thumbs@distance
538     \advance\th@mbposy+\th@mbheighty
539 \else
540     \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{-1pt}
541     \ifdim \thumbs@topthumbmargin > \th@mbposyA% OK
542     \else
543         \PackageWarning{thumbs}{Thumbs column starting too high.\MessageBreak%
544             Option topthumbmargin has value '\thumbs@topthumbmargin'.\MessageBreak%
545             topthumbmargin will be set to -1pt.\MessageBreak%
546         }
547         \gdef\thumbs@topthumbmargin{-1pt}
548     \fi
549     \setlength{\th@mbposy}{\thumbs@topthumbmargin}
550     \advance\th@mbposy-\thumbs@distance
551     \advance\th@mbposy+\th@mbheighty
552 \fi
553 \setlength{\th@mbposytop}{\th@mbposy}

```

Setting the lowest position of a thumb mark, according to option `\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin`:

```

554 % Max. thumb position y \th@mbposybottom
555 \ifx\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin\empty%
556     \gdef\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin{auto}

```

```

557 \fi
558 \def\th@mbstest{auto}
559 \ifx\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin\th@mbstest%
560   \setlength{\th@mbposybottom}{1in}
561   \advance\th@mbposybottom\voffset
562   \advance\th@mbposybottom+\topmargin
563   \advance\th@mbposybottom-\thumbs@distance
564   \advance\th@mbposybottom+\th@mbheighty
565   \advance\th@mbposybottom+\headheight
566   \advance\th@mbposybottom+\headsep
567   \advance\th@mbposybottom+\textheight
568   \advance\th@mbposybottom+\footskip
569   \advance\th@mbposybottom-\thumbs@distance
570   \advance\th@mbposybottom-\th@mbheighty
571 \else
572   \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\paperheight}
573   \advance\th@mbposyA-\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin
574   \advance\th@mbposyA-\th@mbposytop
575   \advance\th@mbposyA-\thumbs@distance
576   \advance\th@mbposyA-\th@mbheighty
577   \advance\th@mbposyA-\thumbs@distance
578   \ifdim \th@mbposyA > 0sp%ok
579   \else
580     \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\paperheight}
581     \advance\th@mbposyA-\th@mbposytop
582     \advance\th@mbposyA-\thumbs@distance
583     \advance\th@mbposyA-\th@mbheighty
584     \advance\th@mbposyA-\thumbs@distance
585     \advance\th@mbposyA-1pt
586     \PackageWarning{thumbs}{Thumbs column ending too high.\MessageBreak%
587       Option bottomthumbmargin has value '\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin'.\MessageBreak%
588       bottomthumbmargin will be set to '\the\th@mbposyA'.\MessageBreak%
589     }
590     \global\edef\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin{\the\th@mbposyA}
591 \fi
592 \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin}
593 \setlength{\@tempdimc}{-1pt}
594 \ifdim \th@mbposyA < \@tempdimc%
595   \PackageWarning{thumbs}{Thumbs column ending too low.\MessageBreak%
596     Option bottomthumbmargin has value '\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin'.\MessageBreak%
597     bottomthumbmargin will be set to -1pt.\MessageBreak%
598   }
599   \gdef\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin{-1pt}
600 \fi
601 \setlength{\th@mbposybottom}{\paperheight}
602 \advance\th@mbposybottom-\thumbs@bottomthumbmargin
603 \fi

```

`\th@mbposyA` is no longer used as temporary dimension here, but set to the top-most vertical thumb position (y). Because it will be increased (i.e. the thumb positions will move downwards on the page), `\th@mbposyA` is used to remember this position unchanged.

```

604 \advance\th@mbposy-\th@mbheighty% because it will be advanced also for the first thumb
605 \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\th@mbposy}% \th@mbposyA will change.
606 \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\th@mbposy}% \th@mbposyA shall not be changed.
607 }
608

```

`\th@mb@dadvance` The internal command `\th@mb@dadvance` is used to advance the position of the current thumb by `\th@mbheighty` and `\th@mbdistance`. If the resulting position of the thumb is lower than the `\th@mbposybottom` position (i.e. `\th@mbposy` *higher* than `\th@mbposybottom`), a new thumb column will be started by the next `\addthumb`, otherwise a blank thumb is created and `\th@mb@dadvance` is calling itself again. This loop continues until a new thumb column is ready to be started.

```

609 \newcommand{\th@mb@dadvance}{%
610   \advance\th@mbposy+\th@mbheighty%
611   \advance\th@mbposy+\th@mbdistance%
612   \ifdim\th@mbposy>\th@mbposybottom%
613     \advance\th@mbposy-\th@mbheighty%
614     \advance\th@mbposy-\th@mbdistance%
615   \else%
616     \advance\th@mbposy-\th@mbheighty%
617     \advance\th@mbposy-\th@mbdistance%
618     \addthumb{}{}{\th@mb@pagecolor}{\th@mb@pagecolor}%
619     \th@mb@dadvance%
620   \fi%
621 }
622

```

`\thumbnewcolumn` With the command `\thumbnewcolumn` a new column can be started, even if the current one was not filled. This could be useful e.g. for a dictionary, which uses one column for translations from language A to language B, and the second column for translations from language B to language A. But in that case one probably should increase the size of the thumb marks, so that 26 thumb marks (in case of the latin alphabet) fill one thumb column. Do not use `\thumbnewcolumn` on a page where `\addthumb` was already used, but use `\addthumb` immediately after `\thumbnewcolumn`.

```

623 \newcommand{\thumbnewcolumn}{%
624   \ifx\th@mbtoprint\pagesLTS@one%
625     \PackageError{thumbs}{\string\thumbnewcolumn\space after \string\addthumb }{%
626       On page \thepage\space (approx.) \string\addthumb\space was used and *afterwards* \string\thumbnewcolumn .\MessageBreak%
627       When you want to use \string\thumbnewcolumn , do not use an \string\addthumb\space on the same\MessageBreak%
628       page before \string\thumbnewcolumn . Thus, either remove the \string\addthumb , or use a\MessageBreak%
629       \string\pagebreak , \string\newpage\space etc. before \string\thumbnewcolumn .\MessageBreak%
630       (And remember to use an \string\addthumb\space*after* \string\thumbnewcolumn .)\MessageBreak%
631       Your command \string\thumbnewcolumn\space will be ignored now.%
632     }%
633   \else%

```

```

634 \PackageWarning{thumbs}{%
635 Starting of another column requested by command\MessageBreak%
636 \string\thumbnewcolumn.\space Only use this command directly\MessageBreak%
637 before an \string\addthumb\space - did you?!\MessageBreak%
638 }%
639 \gdef\th@mbcolumnnew{1}%
640 \th@mb@advance%
641 \gdef\th@mbprinting{0}%
642 \gdef\th@mbcolumnnew{2}%
643 \fi%
644 }
645

```

`\addtitlethumb` When a thumb mark shall not or cannot be placed on a page, e. g. at the title page or when using `\includepdf` from `pdfpages` package, but the reference in the thumb marks overview nevertheless shall name that page number and hyperlink to that page, `\addtitlethumb` can be used at the following page. It has five arguments. The arguments one to four are identical to the ones of `\addthumb` (see immediately below), and the fifth argument consists of the label of the page, where the hyperlink at the thumb marks overview page shall link to. For the first page the label `pagesLTS.0` can be use, which is already placed there by the used `pagesLTS` package.

```

646 \newcommand{\addtitlethumb}[5]{%
647 \global\edef\th@mb@titlelabel{#5}%
648 \addthumb{#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}%
649 \global\edef\th@mb@titlelabel{}%
650 }
651

```

`\addthumb` Now the `\addthumb` command is defined, which is used to add a new thumb mark to the document.

```

652 \newcommand{\addthumb}[4]{%
653 \gdef\th@mbprinting{1}%
654 \advance\th@mbposy\th@mbheighty%
655 \advance\th@mbposy\th@mbsdistance%
656 \ifdim\th@mbposy>\th@mbposybottom%
657 \PackageWarning{thumbs}{%
658 Thumbs column full, starting another column.\MessageBreak%
659 }%
660 \setlength{\th@mbposy}{\th@mbposytop}%
661 \advance\th@mbposy\thumbs@distance%
662 \ifx\th@mbcolumn\pagesLTS@zero%
663 \global\edef\th@umbsperpage{\th@mbs}%
664 \gdef\th@mbcolumn{1}%
665 \fi%
666 \fi%
667 \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{\th@mbs}%
668 \addtocounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{+1}%
669 \global\edef\th@mbs{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}%

```

We do not want any labels or index or glossary entries confusing the table of thumbs entries:

```
670 {\let\label@gobble%
671 \let\index@gobble%
672 \let\glossary@gobble%
```

The `\addthumb` command has four parameters:

1. a title for the thumb mark(for the thumb marks overview page, e. g. the chapter title),
2. the text to be displayed in the thumb mark (for example a chapter number),
3. the colour of the text in the thumb mark,
4. and the background colour of the thumb mark

(parameters in this order).

```
673 \gdef\th@mbtitle{#1}%
674 \gdef\th@mbtext{#2}%
675 \gdef\th@mbtextcolour{#3}%
676 \gdef\th@mbackgroundcolour{#4}%
677 }
```

`\ifpackageloaded` cannot be used after `\AtBeginDocument`, so here it is not checked for the `hyperref` package, but for its `\Hy@Warning` command. If some other package or user is defining `\Hy@Warning`, `thumbs` will falsely assume, that `hyperref` has been loaded, but by my humble opinion, defining `\Hy@Warning` does not make sense and is bad style (except definition by the `hyperref` package itself, of course). Into the `\jobname.tmb` file a `\thumbcontents` entry is written. If `hyperref` is found, a `\phantomsection` is placed, a label for the thumb mark created, and the `\thumbcontents` entry will be hyperlinked to that label (except when `\addtitlethumb` was used, then the label reported from the user is used – the `thumbs` package does *not* create that label!).

```
678 \ifundefined{Hy@Warning}{% hyperref not loaded
679 }{% hyperref loaded
680 \phantomsection%
681 \label{thumbs.\th@mbs}%
682 }%
683 \if@files%
684 \ifx\th@mb@titlelabel\empty%
685 \addtocontents{tmb}{\string\thumbcontents{#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}{\thepage}{thumbs.\th@mbs}{\th@mbcolumnnew}}%
686 \else%
687 \addtocounter{page}{-1}%
688 \edef\th@mb@page{\thepage}%
689 \addtocontents{tmb}{\string\thumbcontents{#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}{\th@mb@page}{\th@mb@titlelabel}{\th@mbcolumnnew}}%
690 \addtocounter{page}{+1}%
691 \fi%
692 %\else there is a problem, but the according warning message was already given earlier.
693 \fi%
```


Maybe there is a rare case, where more than one thumb mark will be placed at one page. Probably a `\pagebreak`, `\newpage` or something similar would be advisable, but nevertheless we should prepare for this case. We save the properties of the thumb mark(s).

```

694 \ifx\th@mbcolumnnew\pagesLTS@one%
695 \else%
696   \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{\th@mbonpage}%
697   \addtocounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{+1}%
698   \global\edef\th@mbonpage{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}%
699 \fi%
700 \ifx\th@mbtoprint\pagesLTS@zero%
701 \else%
702   \ifx\th@mbcolumnnew\pagesLTS@zero%
703     \PackageWarning{thumbs}{More than one thumb at one page:\MessageBreak%
704       You placed more than one thumb mark (at least \th@mbonpage)\MessageBreak%
705       on page \thepage \space (page is approximately).\MessageBreak%
706       Maybe insert a pagebreak?\MessageBreak%
707     }%
708   \fi%
709 \fi%
710 \ifnum\th@mbonpage=1%
711   \ifnum\th@mbonpagemax>0% \relax
712   \else \gdef\th@mbonpagemax{1}%
713   \fi%
714   \gdef\th@mbtextA{#2}%
715   \gdef\th@mbtextcolourA{#3}%
716   \gdef\th@mbackgroundcolourA{#4}%
717   \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\th@mbposy}%
718 \else%
719   \ifx\th@mbcolumnnew\pagesLTS@zero%
720   \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{1}%
721   \edef\th@mbonpagetest{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}%
722   \@whilenum\th@mbonpagetest<\th@mbonpage\do{%
723     \addtocounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{1}%
724     \global\edef\th@mbonpagetest{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}%
725     \ifnum\th@mbonpage=\th@mbonpagetest%
726       \ifnum\th@mbonpagemax<\th@mbonpage%
727         \global\edef\th@mbonpagemax{\th@mbonpage}%
728       \fi%
729       \edef\th@mbtmpdef{\csname th@mbtext\AlphAlph{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}\endcsname}%
730       \expandafter\gdef\th@mbtmpdef{#2}%
731       \edef\th@mbtmpdef{\csname th@mbtextcolour\AlphAlph{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}\endcsname}%
732       \expandafter\gdef\th@mbtmpdef{#3}%
733       \edef\th@mbtmpdef{\csname th@mbackgroundcolour\AlphAlph{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}\endcsname}%
734       \expandafter\gdef\th@mbtmpdef{#4}%
735     \fi%
736   }%
737 \else%

```

```

738 \ifnum\th@mbonpagemax<\th@mbonpage%
739 \global\edef\th@mbonpagemax{\th@mbonpage}%
740 \fi%
741 \fi%
742 \fi%
743 \ifx\th@mbcolumnnew\thumb@two% There is no \pagesLTS@two (yet).
744 \gdef\th@mbcolumnnew{0}%
745 \fi%
746 \gdef\th@mbtoprint{1}%
747 }
748

```

`\stopthumb` When a page (or pages) shall have no thumb marks, `\stopthumb` stops the issuing of thumb marks (until another thumb mark is placed or `\continuethumb` is used).

```

749 \newcommand{\stopthumb}{\gdef\th@mbprinting{0}}
750

```

`\continuethumb` `\continuethumb` continues the issuing of thumb marks (equal to the one before this was stopped by `\stopthumb`).

```

751 \newcommand{\continuethumb}{\gdef\th@mbprinting{1}}
752

```

`\thumbcontents` The **internal** command `\thumbcontents` (which will be read in from the `\jobname.tmb` file) creates a thumb mark entry on the overview page(s). Its seven parameters are

1. the title for the thumb mark,
2. the text to be displayed in the thumb mark,
3. the colour of the text in the thumb mark,
4. the background colour of the thumb mark,
5. the first page of this thumb mark,
6. the label where it should hyperlink to
7. and an indicator, whether `\thumbnewcolumn` is just issuing blank thumbs to fill a column

(parameters in this order). Without `hyperref` the 6th parameter is just ignored.

```

753 \newcommand{\thumbcontents}[7]{%
754 \advance\th@mbposy\th@mbheighty%
755 \advance\th@mbposy\th@mbdistance%
756 \ifdim\th@mbposy>\th@mbposybottom%
757 \setlength{\th@mbposy}{\th@mbposytop}%
758 \advance\th@mbposy\th@mbdistance%
759 \fi%
760 \def\th@mb@tmp@title{#1}%
761 \def\th@mb@tmp@text{#2}%
762 \def\th@mb@tmp@textcolour{#3}%

```

```

763 \def\th@mb@tmp@backgroundcolour{#4}%
764 \def\th@mb@tmp@page{#5}%
765 \def\th@mb@tmp@label{#6}%
766 \def\th@mb@tmp@column{#7}%
767 \ifx\th@mb@tmp@column\thumb@two%
768   \def\th@mb@tmp@column{0}%
769 \fi%
770 \setlength{\th@mbwidthxtoc}{\paperwidth}%
771 \advance\th@mbwidthxtoc-1in%
772 \advance\th@mbwidthxtoc-\hoffset%
773 \advance\th@mbwidthxtoc-\oddsidemargin%
774 \put(1in+\hoffset+\oddsidemargin,-\th@mbposy){%
775   \begin{picture}(0,0)%

```

When the option `thumblink=rule` was choosen, the whole rule is made into a hyperlink. Otherwise the rule is created without hyperlink (here).

```

776   \def\th@mbstest{rule}%
777   \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
778     \ifx\th@mb@tmp@column\pagesLTS@zero%
779       {\color{\th@mb@tmp@backgroundcolour}\hyperref[\th@mb@tmp@label]{\rule{\th@mbwidthxtoc}{\th@mbheighty}}}%
780     \else%

```

When `\th@mb@tmp@column` is not zero, then this is a blank thumb mark from `thumbnewcolumn`.

```

781       {\color{\th@mb@tmp@backgroundcolour}\rule{\th@mbwidthxtoc}{\th@mbheighty}}%
782     \fi%
783   \else%
784     {\color{\th@mb@tmp@backgroundcolour}\rule{\th@mbwidthxtoc}{\th@mbheighty}}%
785   \fi%
786 \end{picture}%

```

When `\th@mb@tmp@column` is zero, then this is **not** a blank thumb mark from `thumbnewcolumn`, and we need to fill it with some content. If it is not zero, it is a blank thumb mark, and nothing needs to be done here.

```

787   \ifx\th@mb@tmp@column\pagesLTS@zero%
788     \begin{picture}(0,0)(0,-0.5\th@mbheighty+384930sp)%
789     \bgroup%
790       \setlength{\parindent}{0pt}%
791       \vbox% to \textwidth
792       {\hspace=\textwidth {%

```

Depending on the value of option `thumblink`, parts of the text are made into hyperlinks:

- `none` creates *none* hyperlink

```

793       \def\th@mbstest{none}
794       \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
795         {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent \th@mb@tmp@title%
796         \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mb@linefill \th@mb@tmp@page}%
797       }%
798     \else%

```

- **title** hyperlinks the *titles* of the thumb marks

```
799             \def\th@mbstest{title}%
800             \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
801                 {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent%
802                 \hyperref[\th@mb@tmp@label]{\th@mb@tmp@title}%
803                 \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mbs@linefill \th@mb@tmp@page}%
804                 }%
805             \else%
```

- **page** hyperlinks the *page* numbers of the thumb marks

```
806             \def\th@mbstest{page}%
807             \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
808                 {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent%
809                 \th@mb@tmp@title%
810                 \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mbs@linefill \pageref{\th@mb@tmp@label}}%
811                 }%
812             \else%
```

- **titleandpage** hyperlinks the *title and page* numbers of the thumb marks

```
813             \def\th@mbstest{titleandpage}%
814             \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
815                 {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent%
816                 \hyperref[\th@mb@tmp@label]{\th@mb@tmp@title}%
817                 \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mbs@linefill \pageref{\th@mb@tmp@label}}%
818                 }%
819             \else%
```

- **line** hyperlinks the whole *line*, i. e. title, dots (or line or whatsoever) and page numbers of the thumb marks

```
820             \def\th@mbstest{line}%
821             \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
822                 {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent%
823                 \hyperref[\th@mb@tmp@label]{\th@mb@tmp@title%
824                 \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mbs@linefill \th@mb@tmp@page}}%
825                 }%
826             \else%
```

- **rule** hyperlinks the whole *rule*, but that was already done above, so here no linking is done

```
827             \def\th@mbstest{rule}%
828             \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest%
829                 {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent%
830                 \th@mb@tmp@title%
831                 \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mbs@linefill \th@mb@tmp@page}%
832                 }%
833             \else%
```

Another value for \thumbs@thumblink should never be encountered here.

```

834      \PackageError{thumbs}{\string\thumbs@thumblink\space invalid}{%
835      \string\thumbs@thumblink\space has an invalid value,\MessageBreak%
836      although it did not have an invalid value before,\MessageBreak%
837      and the thumbs package did not change it.\MessageBreak%
838      Therefore some other package (or the user)\MessageBreak%
839      manipulated it.\MessageBreak%
840      Now setting it to 'none' as last resort.\MessageBreak%
841      }%
842      \gdef\thumbs@thumblink{none}%
843      {\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\noindent%
844      \th@mb@tmp@title%
845      \leaders\box \ThumbsBox {\th@mb@linefill \th@mb@tmp@page}%
846      }%
847      \fi%
848      \fi%
849      \fi%
850      \fi%
851      \fi%
852      \fi%
853      }%
854      }%
855      \egroup%
856      \end{picture}%

```

The thumb mark (with text) as set in the document outside of the thumb marks overview page(s) is also presented here.

```

857      \begin{picture}(0,0)(1in+\hoffset+\oddsidemargin-\th@mbxpos,-0.5\th@mbheighty+384930sp)%
858      \bgroup%
859      \setlength{\parindent}{0pt}%
860      \makebox[\th@mbwidthx][r]{\color{\th@mb@tmp@textcolour}\th@mb@tmp@text \space}}%
861      \egroup%
862      \end{picture}%
863      \fi%
864      }%
865      }
866

```

\th@mb@yA \th@mb@yA sets the y-position to be used in \th@mbprint.

```

867 \newcommand{\th@mb@yA}{%
868   \advance\th@mbposyA\th@mbheighty%
869   \advance\th@mbposyA\th@mbdistance%
870   \ifdim\th@mbposyA>\th@mbposybottom%
871     \PackageWarning{thumbs}{You are not only using more than one thumb mark at one\MessageBreak%
872     single page, but also thumb marks from different thumb\MessageBreak%
873     columns. May I suggest the use of a \string\pagebreak\space or\MessageBreak%
874     \string\newpage ?}%
875   }%

```

```

876 \setlength{\th@mbposyA}{\th@mbposytop}%
877 \fi%
878 }
879

```

`\th@mbprint` `\th@mbprint` places a picture containing the thumb mark on the page.

```

880 \newcommand{\th@mbprint}[3]{%
881 \put(\th@mbxpos,-\th@mbposyA){%
882 \begin{picture}(0,0)%
883 {\color{#3}\rule{\th@mbwidthx}{\th@mbheighty}}%
884 \end{picture}%
885 \begin{picture}(0,0)(0,-0.5\th@mbheighty+384930sp)%
886 \bgroup%
887 \setlength{\parindent}{0pt}%
888 \ifodd\c@CurrentPage%
889 \if@twoside%
890 \makebox[\th@mbwidthx][l]{\color{#2}\hspace*{1pt}\space #1}}%
891 \else%
892 \makebox[\th@mbwidthx][r]{\color{#2}#1\space}}%
893 \fi%
894 \else%
895 \makebox[\th@mbwidthx][r]{\color{#2}#1\space}}%
896 \fi%
897 \egroup%
898 \end{picture}%
899 }%
900 }
901

```

`\AtBeginShipout` `\AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft` calls the `\th@mbprint` macro for each thumb mark which shall be placed on that page. When `\stopthumb` was used, the thumb mark is omitted.

```

902 \AtBeginShipout{%
903 \ifx\th@mbcolumnnew\pagesLTS@zero% ok
904 \else%
905 \PackageError{thumbs}{Missing \string\addthumb\space after \string\thumbnewcolumn }{%
906 Command \string\thumbnewcolumn\space was used, but no new thumb placed with \string\addthumb\MessageBreak%
907 (at least not at the same page). After \string\thumbnewcolumn\space please always use an\MessageBreak%
908 \string\addthumb . Until the next \string\addthumb , there will be no thumb marks on the\MessageBreak%
909 pages. Starting a new column of thumb marks and not putting a thumb mark into\MessageBreak%
910 that column does not make sense. If you just want to get rid of column marks,\MessageBreak%
911 do not abuse \string\thumbnewcolumn\space but use \string\stopthumb .\MessageBreak%
912 (This error message will be repeated at all following pages,\MessageBreak%
913 \space until \string\addthumb\space is used.)\MessageBreak%
914 }%
915 \fi%
916 \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{\value{CurrentPage}}%
917 \addtocounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{-1}% because CurrentPage is already the one of the next page
918 \def\th@mbxpos{\th@mbposx}%

```

```

919 \ifodd\c@th@mbs@tmpA% \relax
920 \else%
921   \if@twoside \def\th@mbxpos{-1pt}% \else \relax
922   \fi%
923 \fi%
924 \AtBeginShipoutUpperLeft{%
925   \ifx\th@mbprinting\pagesLTS@one%
926     \th@mbprint{\th@mbtextA}{\th@mbtextcolourA}{\th@mbackgroundcolourA}%
927     \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{1}%
928     \edef\th@mbonpagetest{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}%
929     \@whilenum\th@mbonpagetest<\th@mbonpage\do{%
930       \addtocounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{1}%
931       \edef\th@mbonpagetest{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}%
932       \th@mb@yA%
933       \def\th@mbtmpdeftext{\csname th@mbtext\AlphAlph{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}\endcsname}%
934       \def\th@mbtmpdefcolour{\csname th@mbtextcolour\AlphAlph{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}\endcsname}%
935       \def\th@mbtmpdefbackgroundcolour{\csname th@mbackgroundcolour\AlphAlph{\arabic{th@mbs@tmpA}}\endcsname}%
936       \th@mbprint{\th@mbtmpdeftext}{\th@mbtmpdefcolour}{\th@mbtmpdefbackgroundcolour}%
937     }%
938   \fi%
939   \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{\th@mbonpage}%

```

When more than one thumb mark was placed at that page, on the following pages only the last issued thumb mark shall appear.

```

940   \ifnum\value{th@mbs@tmpA}<2% \relax
941   \else%
942     \gdef\th@mbtextA{\th@mbtext}%
943     \gdef\th@mbtextcolourA{\th@mbtextcolour}%
944     \gdef\th@mbackgroundcolourA{\th@mbackgroundcolour}%
945     \gdef\th@mbposyA{\th@mbposy}%
946   \fi%
947   \gdef\th@mbonpage{0}%
948   \gdef\th@mbtoprint{0}%
949 }%
950 }
951

```

\AfterLastShipout

```

952 \AfterLastShipout{%
953   \ifx\th@mbcolumnnew\pagesLTS@zero% ok
954   \else
955     \PackageWarningNoLine{thumbs}{%
956       Still missing \string\addthumb\space after \string\thumbnewcolumn\space after\MessageBreak%
957       last shipout: Command \string\thumbnewcolumn\space was used,\MessageBreak%
958       but no new thumb placed with \string\addthumb\space anywhere in the\MessageBreak%
959       rest of the document. Starting a new column of thumb\MessageBreak%
960       marks and not putting a thumb mark into that column\MessageBreak%
961       does not make sense. If you just want to get rid of\MessageBreak%

```

```

962     thumb marks, do not abuse \string\thumbnewcolumn\space but use\MessageBreak%
963     \string\stopthumb %
964 }
965 \fi

```

\AfterLastShipout the number of thumb marks per overview page and the total number of thumb marks are determined and saved for the next L^AT_EX run via the .aux file.

```

966 \ifx\th@mbcolumn\pagesLTS@zero% if there is only one column of thumbs
967   \global\edef\th@umbsperpage{\th@mbs}
968   \gdef\th@mbcolumn{1}
969 \fi
970 \ifx\th@umbsperpage\pagesLTS@zero
971   \gdef\th@umbsperpage{\th@mbs}% \th@mbs was increased with each \addthumb
972 \fi
973 \if@filesw
974   \immediate\write\@auxout{\string
975     \gdef\string\th@umbsperpage{\th@umbsperpage}}
976   \immediate\write\@auxout{\string
977     \gdef\string\th@mbsmax{\th@mbs}}
978   \expandafter\newwrite\csname tf@tmb\endcsname

```

And a rerun check is performed: Did the \jobname.tmb file change?

```

979   \RerunFileCheck{\jobname.tmb}{%
980     \immediate\closeout \csname tf@tmb\endcsname
981     }{Warning: Rerun to get list of thumbs right!%
982     }
983   \immediate\openout \csname tf@tmb\endcsname = \jobname.tmb\relax
984   %\else there is a problem, but the according warning message was already given earlier.
985   \fi
986 }
987

```

\thumbsoverviewtocontents \addthumbsoverviewtocontents with two arguments is a replacement for \addcontentsline{toc}{<level>}{<text>}, where the first argument of \addthumbsoverviewtocontents is for <level> and the second for <text>. If an entry of the thumbs mark overview shall be placed in the table of contents, \addthumbsoverviewtocontents with its arguments should be used immediately before \thumbsoverview.

```

988 \newcommand{\addthumbsoverviewtocontents}[2]{%
989   \gdef\th@mbs@toc@level{#1}
990   \gdef\th@mbs@toc@text{#2}
991 }
992

```


`\thumbsoverview` `\thumbsoverview` is used to place the overview page(s) for the thumb marks. Its parameter is used to mark this page/these pages (e.g. in the page header). If these marks are not wished, `\thumbsoverview{}` will generate empty marks in the page header(s). `\thumbsoverview` could be used more than once (for example at the beginning and at the end of the document), but the label `TableOfThumbs` would then be multiply defined (no great harm done, but hyperlinks will only link to one of the labels). `\thumbsoverview` works by calling the internal command `\th@mbsoverview` (see below), repeating this until all thumb marks have been processed.

```
993 \newcommand{\thumbsoverview}[1]{%
```

Option `\thumbs@thumblink` is checked for a valid and reasonable value here.

```
994 \def\th@mbstest{none}%
995 \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest% OK
996 \else%
997 \ifundefined{Hy@Warning}{% hyperref not loaded
998 \PackageError{thumbs}{Option thumblink != none, but hyperref not loaded}{%
999 The option thumblink of the thumbs package was not set to 'none',\MessageBreak%
1000 but to some kind of hyperlinks, without using package hyperref.\MessageBreak%
1001 Either choose option 'thumblink=none', or load package hyperref.\MessageBreak%
1002 When pressing return, 'thumblink=none' will be set now.\MessageBreak%
1003 }%
1004 \gdef\thumbs@thumblink{none}%
1005 }{% hyperref loaded
1006 \def\th@mbstest{title}%
1007 \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest% OK
1008 \else%
1009 \def\th@mbstest{page}%
1010 \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest% OK
1011 \else%
1012 \def\th@mbstest{titleandpage}%
1013 \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest% OK
1014 \else%
1015 \def\th@mbstest{line}%
1016 \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest% OK
1017 \else%
1018 \def\th@mbstest{rule}%
1019 \ifx\thumbs@thumblink\th@mbstest% OK
1020 \else%
1021 \PackageError{thumbs}{Option thumblink with invalid value}{%
1022 Option thumblink has value '\thumbs@thumblink'.\MessageBreak%
1023 Valid values are 'none', 'title', 'page',\MessageBreak%
1024 'titleandpage', 'line', or 'rule'.\MessageBreak%
1025 'rule' will be used now.\MessageBreak%
1026 }%
1027 \gdef\thumbs@thumblink{rule}%
1028 \fi%
1029 \fi%
1030 \fi%
1031 \fi%
```

```

1032 \fi%
1033 }%
1034 \fi%

```

When the thumb overview is printed and there is already a thumb mark set, for example for the frontmatter (e. g. title page, bibliographic information, acknowledgements, dedication, preface, abstract, tables of content, tables, and figures, lists of symbols and abbreviations, and the thumbs overview itself, of course) or when the overview is placed near the end of the document, the current y-position of the thumb mark must be remembered (and later restored) and the printing of that thumb mark must be stopped (and later continued).

```

1035 \edef\th@mbprintingovertoc{\th@mbprinting}%
1036 \stopthumb%
1037 \markboth{\MakeUppercase #1 }{\MakeUppercase #1 }
1038 \setlength{\th@mbposytocy}{\th@mbposy}
1039 \setlength{\th@mbposy}{\th@mbposytocy}
1040 \newcounter{th@mblinea}
1041 \setcounter{th@mblinea}{1}
1042 \newcounter{th@mblineb}
1043 \setcounter{th@mblineb}{\th@umbsperpage}
1044 \newcounter{FileLine}
1045 \setcounter{FileLine}{1}
1046 \newcounter{thumbsstop}
1047 \setcounter{thumbsstop}{1}
1048 \addtocounter{thumbsstop}{\th@mbsmax}
1049 \whiledo{value{FileLine}<value{thumbsstop}}
1050   {\if@twoside \cleardoublepage%
1051     \else \clearpage%
1052     \fi%

```

When the hyperref package is used, one might like to refer to the thumb overview page(s), therefore a phantomsection is added and a label TableOfThumbs is placed here. When \addthumbsoverviewtocontents was used, the entry is placed into the table of contents.

```

1053 \ifnum\value{FileLine}=1%
1054   \@ifundefined{Hy@Warning}{}{\phantomsection \label{TableOfThumbs}}%
1055   \ifx\th@mbs@toc@level\empty%
1056     \else \addcontentsline{toc}{\th@mbs@toc@level}{\th@mbs@toc@text}%
1057     \fi%
1058   \fi%
1059   \null%
1060   \th@mbs@verview%
1061   \pagebreak%
1062   \ifthumbs@verbose%
1063     \message{THUMBS: Fileline: \arabic{FileLine}, a: \arabic{th@mblinea}, %
1064       b: \arabic{th@mblineb}, per page: \th@umbsperpage, max: \th@mbsmax.^^J}%
1065   \fi%
1066 }%

```

After the overview, the current thumb mark (if there is any) is restored.

```

1067 \setlength{\th@mbposy}{\th@mbsposytcy}%
1068 \ifx\th@mbprintingovertoc\pagesLTS@one%
1069   \continuethumb%
1070 \fi%
1071 }
1072

```

`\th@mbs@overview` The internal command `\th@mbs@overview` reads a line from file `\jobname.tmb` and executes the content of that line – if that line has not been processed yet, in which case it is just ignored (see `\@unused`).

```

1073 \newcommand{\th@mbs@overview}{%
1074   \ifthumbs@verbose%
1075     \message{^^JPackage thumbs Info: Processing line \arabic{th@mblinea} to \arabic{th@mblineb} of \jobname.tmb.}%
1076   \fi%
1077   \setcounter{FileLine}{1}%
1078   \AtBeginShipoutNext{%
1079     \AtBeginShipoutUpperLeftForeground{%
1080       \IfFileExists{\jobname.tmb}{% then
1081         \openin\@instreamthumb=\jobname.tmb %
1082         \whiledo{\value{FileLine}<\value{th@mblineb}}
1083         {%ifthumbs@verbose%
1084           \message{THUMBS: Processing \jobname.tmb line \arabic{FileLine}.}%
1085           \fi%
1086           \ifnum \value{FileLine}<\value{th@mblinea}%
1087             \read\@instreamthumb to \@unused%
1088             \ifthumbs@verbose%
1089               \message{Can be skipped.^^J}%
1090             \fi%
1091             % NIRVANA: ignore the line by not executing it,
1092             % i.e. not executing \@unused.
1093             % % \@unused
1094           \else%
1095             \ifnum \value{FileLine}=\value{th@mblinea}%
1096               \read\@instreamthumb to \@thumbsout% execute the code of this line
1097               \ifthumbs@verbose%
1098                 \message{Executing \jobname.tmb line \arabic{FileLine}.^^J}%
1099               \fi%
1100               \@thumbsout%
1101             \else%
1102               \ifnum \value{FileLine}>\value{th@mblinea}%
1103                 \read\@instreamthumb to \@thumbsout% execute the code of this line
1104                 \ifthumbs@verbose%
1105                   \message{Executing \jobname.tmb line \arabic{FileLine}.^^J}%
1106                 \fi%
1107                 \@thumbsout%

```

```

1108         \else% THIS SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN!
1109         \PackageError{thumbs}{Unexpected error! (Really!)}{%
1110             ! You are in trouble here.\MessageBreak%
1111             ! Type X \string<return\string> to quit.\MessageBreak%
1112             ! Delete temporary auxiliary files.\MessageBreak%
1113             ! (like \jobname.aux, \jobname.tmb, \jobname.out).\MessageBreak%
1114             ! and retry the compilation.\MessageBreak%
1115             ! If the error persists, cross your fingers.\MessageBreak%
1116             ! and try typing \string<return\string> to proceed.\MessageBreak%
1117             ! If that does not work,\MessageBreak%
1118             ! you might contact the maintainer of the thumbs package.\MessageBreak%
1119         }%
1120     \fi%
1121 \fi%
1122 \fi%
1123 \stepcounter{FileLine}%
1124 }%
1125 \ifnum \value{FileLine}=\value{th@mblineb}
1126     \ifthumbs@verbose%
1127         \message{THUMBS: Processing \jobname.tmb line \arabic{FileLine}.}%
1128     \fi%
1129     \read\@instreamthumb to \@thumbsout% Execute the code of that line.
1130     \ifthumbs@verbose%
1131         \message{Executing \jobname.tmb line \arabic{FileLine}.^^J}%
1132     \fi%
1133     \@thumbsout% Well, really execute it here.
1134     \stepcounter{FileLine}%
1135 \fi%
1136 \closein\@instreamthumb%

```

And on to the next overview page of thumb marks (if there are so many thumb marks):

```

1137     \addtocounter{th@mblinea}{\th@umbsperpage}%
1138     \addtocounter{th@mblineb}{\th@umbsperpage}%
1139     \setcounter{th@mbs@tmpA}{\th@mbsmax}%
1140     \ifnum \value{th@mblineb}>\value{th@mbs@tmpA}
1141         \setcounter{th@mblineb}{\value{th@mbs@tmpA}}%
1142     \fi%
1143 }{% else

```

When \jobname.tmb was not found, we cannot read from that file, therefore the FileLine is set to thumbsstop, stopping the calling of \th@mbs@verview in \thumbsoverview. (And we issue a warning, of course).

```

1144     \setcounter{FileLine}{\arabic{thumbsstop}}%
1145     \addglobalwarning{%
1146         \PackageWarningNoLine{thumbs}{%
1147             File \jobname.tmb not found.\MessageBreak%
1148             Rerun to get thumbs overview page(s) right.\MessageBreak%
1149         }%
1150     }%

```

```

1151     }%
1152   }%
1153 }%
1154 }
1155
1156 \end{package}

```

6 Installation

6.1 Downloads

Everything is available on **CTAN**: <http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/>, but may need additional packages themselves.

thumbs.dtx For unpacking the **thumbs.dtx** file and constructing the documentation it is required:

- T_EXFormat L^AT_EX 2_ε: <http://www.CTAN.org/>
- package geometry, 2010/09/12, v5.6, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/geometry/geometry.dtx](#)
- document class ltxdoc, 2007/11/11, v2.0u, [CTAN:macros/latex/base/ltxdoc.dtx](#)
- package holtxdoc, 2011/02/04, v0.21, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/holtxdoc.dtx](#)
- package hypdoc, 2010/03/26, v1.9, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/hypdoc.dtx](#)

thumbs.sty The **thumbs.sty** for L^AT_EX 2_ε (i. e. all documents using the **thumbs** package) requires:

- T_EXFormat L^AT_EX 2_ε, <http://www.CTAN.org/>
- package kvoptions, 2010/12/23, v3.10, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/kvoptions.dtx](#)
- package atbegshi, 2011/01/30, v1.15, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/atbegshi.dtx](#)
- package xcolor, 2007/01/21, v2.11, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/xcolor/xcolor.dtx](#)
- package picture, 2009/10/11, v1.3, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/picture.dtx](#)
- package alphas, 2010/04/18, v2.3, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/alphas.dtx](#)
- package pagesLTS, 2011/03/17, v1.10, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/pageslts/pagesLTS.dtx](#)
- package rerunfilecheck, 2011/04/15, v1.7, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/rerunfilecheck.dtx](#)
- package ifthen, 2001/05/26, v1.1c, [CTAN:macros/latex/base/ifthen.dtx](#)
- package warning, 2001/08/17, v0.01, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/warning/warning.sty](#)

SW/SWP When compiling with SWP 5.50 Build 2960 (© MacKichan Software, Inc.), these additional packages are needed:

```
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{amsfonts}
\usepackage[math]{cellspace}
\usepackage{xcolor}
\pagecolor{white}
```

especially before `hyperref` and `thumbs`, but best right after the `\documentclass`! (The options for those packages might be changed by the user – I did not test all available options, thus first test, whether the document can be compiled with these options, and then try to change them according to your wishes.)

`thumb-example.tex` The `thumb-example.tex` requires the same files as all documents using the `thumbs` package and additionally:

- package `eurosym`, 1998/08/06, v1.1, [CTAN:fonts/eurosym.zip](#)
- package `lipsum`, 2011/04/14, v1.2, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/lipsum/lipsum.dtx](#)
- package `hyperref`, 2011/04/17, v6.82g, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/hyperref/hyperref.dtx](#)
- package `thumbs`, 2011/05/18, v1.0b, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumbs/thumbs.dtx](#)
(Well, it is the example file for this package, and because you are reading the documentation for the `thumbs` package, it can be assumed that you already have some version of it – is it the current one?)

Alternatives As possible alternatives in section 3 there are listed

- `chapterthumb`, 2005/03/10, v0.1, [CTAN:info/examples/KOMA-Script-3/Anhang-B/source/chapterthumb.sty](#)
- `eso-pic`, 2010/10/06, v2.0c, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/eso-pic/eso-pic.dtx](#)
- `fancytabs`, 2011/04/16 v1.1, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/fancytabs/fancytabs.dtx](#)
- `thumb`, 2001, without file version, <ftp://ftp.dante.de/pub/tex/info/examples/ltt/thumb.sty>
- `thumb` (a completely different one), 1997/12/24, v1.0, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumb/thumb.dtx](#)
- `thumbindex`, 2009/12/13, without file version, <http://hisashim.org/2009/12/13/thumbindex.html>.
- `thumb-index`, from the `fancyhdr` package, 2005/03/22 v3.2, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/fancyhdr/fancyhdr.pdf](#)
- `thumbpdf`, 2010/07/07, v3.11, [CTAN:support/thumbpdf/thumbpdf.sty](#)
- `thumby`, 2010/01/14, v0.1, [CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumby/thumby.sty](#)

`Oberdiek` All packages of Heiko Oberdiek's bundle 'oberdiek' (especially `holtdoc`, `alphalph`, `atbegshi`, `kvoptions`, `picture`, and `rerunfilecheck`) are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive:

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip](#).

It is probably best to download and use this, because the packages in there should be both recent and compatible.

hyperref hyperref is not included in that bundle and needs to be downloaded separately,
<http://mirror.ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/hyperref.tds.zip>.

Münch A hyperlinked list of my (other) packages can be found at <http://www.Uni-Bonn.de/~uzs5pv/LaTeX.html>.

6.2 Package, unpacking TDS

Package. This package should be available on **CTAN**::

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumbs/thumbs.dtx](#)

The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumbs/thumbs.pdf](#)

The documentation.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumbs/thumbs-example.pdf](#)

The compiled example file, as it should look like.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/thumbs/README](#)

The README file.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/thumbs.tds.zip](#)

Everything in TDS compliant, compiled format,

which additionally contains

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| thumbs.ins | The installation file. |
| thumbs.drv | The driver to generate the documentation. |
| thumbs.sty | The .style file. |
| thumbs-example.tex | The example file. |

For required other packages, see the preceding subsection.

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

```
tex thumbs.dtx
```

About generating the documentation see paragraph 6.4 below.

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

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| thumbs.sty | → tex/latex/thumbs.sty |
| thumbs.pdf | → doc/latex/thumbs.pdf |
| thumbs-example.tex | → doc/latex/thumbs-example.tex |
| thumbs-example.pdf | → doc/latex/thumbs-example.pdf |
| thumbs.dtx | → source/latex/thumbs.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**.

6.3 Refresh file name databases

If your \TeX distribution (te \TeX , mik \TeX ,...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, te \TeX users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

6.4 Some details for the interested

Unpacking with \LaTeX . The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain \TeX : Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

\LaTeX : Generate the documentation.

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

```
latex \let\install=y\input{thumbs.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 a 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 \LaTeX :

```
pdflatex thumbs.drv
makeindex -s gind.ist thumbs.idx
pdflatex thumbs.drv
makeindex -s gind.ist thumbs.idx
pdflatex thumbs.drv
```

6.5 Compiling the example

The example file, `thumbs-example.tex`, can be compiled via

```
latex thumbs-example.tex
```

or (recommended)

```
pdflatex thumbs-example.tex
```

and will need probably at least four (!) compiler runs to get everything right.

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8 History

[2010/04/01 v0.01 – 2011/05/13 v0.46]

- Diverse β -versions during the creation of this package.

[2011/05/14 v1.0a]

- Upload to <http://www.ctan.org/pkg/thumbs>.

[2011/05/18 v1.0b]

- When more than one thumb mark is places at one single page, the variables containing the values (text, colour, backgroundcolour) of those thumb marks are now created dynamically. Theoretically, one can now have 2 147 483 647 thumb marks at one page instead of six thumb marks (as with **thumbs** version 1.0a), but I am quite sure that some other limit will be reached before the 2 147 483 647th thumb mark.
- Bug fix: When a document using the **thumbs** package was compiled, and the **.aux** and **.tmb** files were created, and the **.tmb** file was deleted (or renamed or moved), while the **.aux** file was not deleted, and the document was compiled again, and the **.aux** file was reused, then reading from the then empty **.tmb** files resulted in an endles loop. Fixed.
- Minor details.

When you find a mistake or have a suggestion for an improvement of this package, please send an e-mail to the maintainer, thanks! (Please see BUG REPORTS in the README.)

Note: Q, X, and Y are not missing in the following index, but no command *beginning* with any of these letters has been used in this **thumbs** package.

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