

The ltxcmds package

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Abstract

The package `ltxcmds` exports some utility macros from the \LaTeX kernel into a separate namespace and also provides them for other formats such as `plain-TeX`.

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1 Documentation

1.1 Introduction

Many of my packages also support other formats such as plain- \TeX . Because I am rather familiar with the utility macros from \LaTeX 's kernel (e.g. `\@gobble`, `\@firstoftwo`), I found myself rewriting them again and again, because they are lacking in plain- \TeX .

Therefore this package provides often used macros and similar ones with the name prefix `\ltx@`. This avoids also faulty redefinitions. I remember an example where a package redefined `\@firstoftwo` with forgetting `\long`.

1.2 Numbers

<code>\ltx@zero</code>	→ 0
<code>\ltx@one</code>	→ 1
<code>\ltx@two</code>	→ 2
<code>\ltx@ccclv</code>	→ 255

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

1.3 Argument killers

<code>\ltx@gobble {⟨1⟩}</code>	→
<code>\ltx@gobbletwo {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩}</code>	→
<code>\ltx@gobblethree {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} {⟨3⟩}</code>	→
<code>\ltx@gobblefour {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} {⟨3⟩} {⟨4⟩}</code>	→

<code>\ltx@GobbleNum {⟨num⟩} {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} ... {⟨⟨num⟩⟩}</code>	→
---	---

The first argument $\langle num \rangle$ of macro `\ltx@GobbleNum` specifies, how many following arguments are eaten. Macro `\ltx@GobbleNum` is expandable in exact two expansion steps.

1.4 Argument grabbers

<code>\ltx@firstofone {⟨1⟩}</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle$
<code>\ltx@firstoftwo {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩}</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle$
<code>\ltx@secondoftwo {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩}</code>	→	$\langle 2 \rangle$

1.5 List helpers

<code>\ltx@carzero ... \@nil</code>	→
<code>\ltx@cdrzero ... \@nil</code>	→ ...

<code>\ltx@car {⟨1⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle$
<code>\ltx@cdr {⟨1⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	...

<code>\ltx@cartwo {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle \langle 2 \rangle$
<code>\ltx@cdrtwo {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	...

<code>\ltx@carthree {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} {⟨3⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle \langle 2 \rangle \langle 3 \rangle$
<code>\ltx@cdrthree {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} {⟨3⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	...

<code>\ltx@carfour {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} {⟨3⟩} {⟨4⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle \langle 2 \rangle \langle 3 \rangle \langle 4 \rangle$
<code>\ltx@cdrfour {⟨1⟩} {⟨2⟩} {⟨3⟩} {⟨4⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	...

<code>\ltx@CarNum {⟨num⟩} {⟨1⟩} ... {⟨⟨num⟩⟩} {⟨⟨num⟩+1⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	$\langle 1 \rangle \dots \langle \langle num \rangle \rangle \dots$
<code>\ltx@CdrNum {⟨num⟩} {⟨1⟩} ... {⟨⟨num⟩⟩} {⟨⟨num⟩+1⟩} ... \@nil</code>	→	$\langle \langle num \rangle + 1 \rangle \dots$

Macros `\ltx@CarNum` and `\ltx@CdrNum` are expandable in exact two expansion steps.

1.6 Tail recursion

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

1.7 Empty macro

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

<code>\ltx@space</code>	→	<code>␣</code>
<code>\ltx@percentchar</code>	→	<code>%</code>
<code>\ltx@backslashchar</code>	→	<code>\</code>
<code>\ltx@hashchar</code>	→	<code>#</code>

1.9 Boolean switch

<code>\ltx@newif {⟨cmd⟩}</code>

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

1.10 Command definitions

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

If $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$ is available, `\ifcsname` is used that does not have the side effect of defining undefined commands with meaning of `\relax`. This command is always expandable. Change in version 1.1: Also the meaning `\relax` is always considered “undefined”.

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

If $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$ is available, `\ifcsname` is used that does not have the side effect of defining undefined commands with meaning of `\relax`. Also it always checks for the meaning of `\relax` and considers this as undefined. This macro is not expandable without $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$.

<code>\ltx@LocalExpandAfter</code>

It expands the token after the next token but in a local context. That is the difference to `\expandafter`. The local context discards the side effect of `\csname` and let the command undefined after the expansion step.

1.11 Stripping

```
\ltx@RemovePrefix  
\ltx@StripPrefix
```

All tokens up to and including the next available character ‘>’ are thrown away. Usually it is used to strip the first part of the output of the commands `\meaning` or `\pdflastmatch`. Macro `\ltx@RemovePrefix` has the same meaning as L^AT_EX’s `\strip@prefix`, whereas macro `\ltx@StripPrefix` expands the next token once before stripping the prefix.

1.12 File management

All macros in this section are expandable like the counterparts of the L^AT_EX kernel. Also they can be used after the preamble.

1.12.1 File extensions

```
\ltx@clsextension  
\ltx@pkgextension
```

If `\@clsextension/\@pkgextension` exists then `\ltx@clsextension/\ltx@pkgextension` returns this macro, otherwise the result is `cls/sty`.

1.12.2 Load check

```
\ltx@ifclassloaded {<class>} {<yes>} {<no>}  
\ltx@ifpackageloaded {<package>} {<yes>} {<no>}
```

If the `<class>/<package>` are loaded the macros `\ltx@ifclassloaded/\ltx@ifpackageloaded` call the `<yes>` argument. Otherwise `<no>` is executed. Both `<class>` and `<package>` are specified without extension.

```
\ltx@iffileloaded {<file>} {<yes>} {<no>}
```

If L^AT_EX’s `\ProvidesFile` macro was called before using `<file>` as argument, then `\ltx@iffileloaded` calls `<yes>`, otherwise `<no>`. Therefore it is possible that the `<file>` is loaded, but `<no>` is executed because of a missing `\ProvidesFile`. The L^AT_EX kernel does not have a counterpart of `\ltx@iffileloaded`.

Note that the file name used in `\ProvidesFile` and `\ltx@iffileloaded` must match. For example, if T_EX’s default extension `.tex` was given in the first command, then it must also specified in the latter command and vice versa.

1.12.3 Version date check

```
\ltx@ifclasslater {<class>} {<date>} {<yes>} {<no>}  
\ltx@ifpackagelater {<package>} {<date>} {<yes>} {<no>}  
\ltx@iffilelater {<file>} {<date>} {<yes>} {<no>}
```

If a `\ProvidesClass/\ProvidesPackage/\ProvidesFile` command with exact the same class/package/file was executed before with an optional argument that starts with a L^AT_EX version date, then this version date is compared with the argument `<date>`. If they are equal or if the version date is the later date, then `<yes>` is called. In all other cases `<no>` is executed.

A L^AT_EX date has the format YYYY/MM/DD with YYYY as year with four digits, MM as month with two digits and DD as day with two digits. If pdfT_EX's `\pdfmatch` is available, then it is used to detect the version date, to reject invalid date formats and to reject some invalid dates. Dates before 1994/01/01 are always invalid, because version dates are introduced with L^AT_EX 2_ε in 1994.

1.13 Macro additions

```
\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro {<cmd>} {<addition>}
\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro {<cmd>} {<addition>}
```

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

1.14 Macro `\ltx@ifnextchar`

```
\ltx@ifnextchar {<char>} {<yes>} {<no>}
```

If next character is `<char>` then `<yes>` is called, otherwise `<no>`. The character is not removed.

1.15 `\ltx@leavevmode`, `\ltx@mbox`

```
\ltx@leavevmode
```

Macro `\ltx@leavevmode` calls pdfT_EX's `\quitvmode`. Otherwise it uses `\leavevmode` and defines it if necessary.

```
\ltx@mbox
```

Macro `\ltx@mbox` reimplements `\mbox` with two changes. It uses `\ltx@leavevmode` instead of `\leavevmode` and stops right after `\hbox`. Especially it does not grab the argument and allows the extended syntax of `\hbox`.

2 Implementation

2.1 Identification

```
1 (*package)
```

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L^AT_EX.

```
2 \begingroup
3 \catcode44 12 % ,
4 \catcode45 12 % -
5 \catcode46 12 % .
6 \catcode58 12 % :
7 \catcode64 11 % @
8 \catcode123 1 % {
9 \catcode125 2 % }
10 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@ltxcmds.sty\endcsname
11 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
12 \else
13 \def\empty{}%
14 \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
15 % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
```

```

16 \else
17 \catcode35 6 % #
18 \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
19 \def\x#1#2{%
20 \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
21 }%
22 \else
23 \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
24 \fi
25 \x{ltxcms}{The package is already loaded}%
26 \aftergroup\endinput
27 \fi
28 \fi
29 \endgroup

Package identification:
30 \begingroup
31 \catcode35 6 % #
32 \catcode40 12 % (
33 \catcode41 12 % )
34 \catcode44 12 % ,
35 \catcode45 12 % -
36 \catcode46 12 % .
37 \catcode47 12 % /
38 \catcode58 12 % :
39 \catcode64 11 % @
40 \catcode91 12 % [
41 \catcode93 12 % ]
42 \catcode123 1 % {
43 \catcode125 2 % }
44 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
45 \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
46 \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
47 \xdef#1{#4}%
48 }%
49 \else
50 \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
51 #2[#3]}%
52 \ifx#1\@undefined
53 \xdef#1{#3}%
54 \fi
55 \ifx#1\relax
56 \xdef#1{#3}%
57 \fi
58 }%
59 \fi
60 \expandafter\x\csname ver@ltxcms.sty\endcsname
61 \ProvidesPackage{ltxcms}%
62 [2010/04/26 v1.7 LaTeX kernel commands for general use (HO)]

63 \begingroup
64 \catcode123 1 % {
65 \catcode125 2 % }
66 \def\x{\endgroup
67 \expandafter\edef\csname LTXcms@AtEnd\endcsname{%
68 \catcode35 \the\catcode35\relax
69 \catcode64 \the\catcode64\relax
70 \catcode123 \the\catcode123\relax
71 \catcode125 \the\catcode125\relax
72 }%
73 }%
74 \x
75 \catcode35 6 % #
76 \catcode64 11 % @

```

```

77 \catcode123 1 % {
78 \catcode125 2 % }
79 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
80   \edef\LTXcmds@AtEnd{%
81     \LTXcmds@AtEnd
82     \catcode#1 \the\catcode#1\relax
83   }%
84   \catcode#1 #2\relax
85 }
86 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
87 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
88 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
89 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
90 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
91 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}% <
92 \TMP@EnsureCode{61}{12}% =
93 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}% >
94 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
95 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}% ‘
96 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
97 \TMP@EnsureCode{94}{12}% ^ (superscript) (!)
98 \TMP@EnsureCode{124}{12}% |

```

2.2 Numbers

```

\ltx@zero
99 \chardef\ltx@zero=0 %

\ltx@one
100 \chardef\ltx@one=1 %

\ltx@two
101 \chardef\ltx@two=2 %

\ltx@active
102 \chardef\ltx@active=13 %

\ltx@cclv
103 \chardef\ltx@cclv=255 %

```

2.3 Argument killers

```

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

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

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

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

\ltx@GobbleNum
108 \def\ltx@GobbleNum#1{%
109   \romannumeral
110   \csname ltx@zero%
111   \expandafter\LTXcmds@GobbleNum
112   \romannumeral\expandafter\ltx@firstofone
113   \expandafter{\LTXcmds@num#1}000{m\endcsname}%
114 }

```



```

\LTxcmds@GobbleNum
115 \def\LTxcmds@GobbleNum#1{%
116 \csname LTxcmds@G#1\LTxcmds@GobbleNum
117 }

```

```

\LTxcmds@Gm
118 \long\def\LTxcmds@Gm#1{%
119 \endcsname
120 }

```

2.4 Argument grabbers

```

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

```

```

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

```

```

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

```

2.5 List helpers

```

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

```

```

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

```

```

\ltx@carzero
126 \long\def\ltx@carzero#1\@nil{}%

```

```

\ltx@cdrzero
127 \long\def\ltx@cdrzero#1\@nil{#1}%

```

```

\ltx@cartwo
128 \long\def\ltx@cartwo#1#2#3\@nil{#1#2}

```

```

\ltx@cdrtwo
129 \long\def\ltx@cdrtwo#1#2#3\@nil{#3}

```

```

\ltx@carthree
130 \long\def\ltx@carthree#1#2#3#4\@nil{#1#2#3}

```

```

\ltx@cdrthree
131 \long\def\ltx@cdrthree#1#2#3#4\@nil{#4}

```

```

\ltx@carfour
132 \long\def\ltx@carfour#1#2#3#4#5\@nil{#1#2#3#4}

```

```

\ltx@cdrfour
133 \long\def\ltx@cdrfour#1#2#3#4#5\@nil{#5}

```

`\ltx@CarNum`

```
134 \def\ltx@CarNum#1{%
135   \romannumeral
136   \csname LTXcmds@CarNumFinish%
137   \expandafter\LTXcmds@CarNum
138   \romannumeral\expandafter\ltx@firstofone
139   \expandafter{\LTXcmds@num#1}000{x\endcsname}%
140 }
```

`\LTXcmds@CarNum`

```
141 \def\LTXcmds@CarNum#1{%
142   \csname LTXcmds@C#1\LTXcmds@CarNum
143 }
```

`\LTXcmds@Cm`

```
144 \long\def\LTXcmds@Cm#1#2{%
145   \endcsname{#1#2}%
146 }
```

`\LTXcmds@Cx`

```
147 \def\LTXcmds@Cx#1{%
148   \endcsname{}%
149 }
```

`\LTXcmds@CarNumFinish`

```
150 \long\def\LTXcmds@CarNumFinish#1#2\@nil{%
151   \ltx@zero
152   #1%
153 }
```

`\ltx@CdrNum`

```
154 \def\ltx@CdrNum#1{%
155   \romannumeral0%
156   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LTXcmds@CdrNum
157   \ltx@GobbleNum{#1}%
158 }
```

`\LTXcmds@CdrNum`

```
159 \long\def\LTXcmds@CdrNum#1\@nil{ #1}%
```

2.6 Tail recursion

`\ltx@ReturnAfterFi`

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

`\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi`

```
161 \long\def\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi#1\else#2\fi{\fi#1}
```

2.7 Empty macro

`\ltx@empty`

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

2.8 Characters

`\ltx@space`

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

`\ltx@percentchar`

```
164 \begingroup
165 \lccode'0='\%\relax
166 \lowercase{\endgroup
167 \def\ltx@percentchar{0}%
168 }
```

`\ltx@backslashchar`

```
169 \begingroup
170 \lccode'0='\%\relax
171 \lowercase{\endgroup
172 \def\ltx@backslashchar{0}%
173 }
```

`\ltx@hashchar`

```
174 \begingroup
175 \lccode'0='\#\relax
176 \lowercase{\endgroup
177 \def\ltx@hashchar{0}%
178 }
```

2.9 Boolean switch

`\ltx@newif`

```
179 \def\ltx@newif#1{%
180 \begingroup
181 \escapechar=-1 %
182 \expandafter\endgroup
183 \expandafter\LTxcmds@newif\string#1\@nil
184 }
```

`\LTxcmds@newif`

```
185 \begingroup
186 \escapechar=-1 %
187 \expandafter\endgroup
188 \expandafter\def\expandafter\LTxcmds@newif\string\if#1\@nil{%
189 \expandafter\edef\csname#1true\endcsname{%
190 \let
191 \expandafter\noexpand\csname if#1\endcsname
192 \noexpand\iftrue
193 }%
194 \expandafter\edef\csname#1false\endcsname{%
195 \let
196 \expandafter\noexpand\csname if#1\endcsname
197 \noexpand\iffalse
198 }%
199 \csname#1false\endcsname
200 }
```

2.10 Command definitions

`\ltx@LocalExpandAfter`

```
201 \def\ltx@LocalExpandAfter{%
202 \begingroup
203 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
```

```

204 \endgroup
205 \expandafter
206 }

207 \ltx@LocalExpandAfter
208 \ifx\csname ifcsname\endcsname\relax

```

\ltx@ifundefined

```

209 \def\ltx@ifundefined#1{%
210 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
211 \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
212 \else
213 \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
214 \fi
215 }%

```

\ltx@ifUndefined

```

216 \def\ltx@ifUndefined#1{%
217 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
218 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
219 \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
220 \else
221 \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
222 \fi
223 }%

224 \expandafter\ltx@gobble
225 \else
226 \expandafter\ltx@firstofone
227 \fi
228 {%

```

\ltx@ifundefined

```

229 \def\ltx@ifundefined#1{%
230 \ifcsname #1\endcsname
231 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
232 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
233 \else
234 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
235 \fi
236 \else
237 \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
238 \fi
239 }%

```

\ltx@ifUndefined

```

240 \let\ltx@ifUndefined\ltx@ifundefined
241 }

```

2.11 Stripping

\ltx@RemovePrefix

```

242 \def\ltx@RemovePrefix#1>{}

```

\ltx@StripPrefix

```

243 \def\ltx@StripPrefix{%
244 \expandafter\ltx@RemovePrefix
245 }

```

2.12 File management

2.12.1 File extensions

```
\ltx@clsextension
246 \def\ltx@clsextension{cls}
```

```
\ltx@pkgextension
247 \def\ltx@pkgextension{sty}
```

2.12.2 Load check

```
\ltx@iffileloaded
248 \def\ltx@iffileloaded#1{%
249 \ltx@ifundefined{ver#1}\ltx@secondoftwo\ltx@firstoftwo
250 }
```

```
\ltx@ifclassloaded
251 \def\ltx@ifclassloaded#1{%
252 \ltx@iffileloaded{#1.\ltx@clsextension}%
253 }
```

```
\ltx@ifpackageloaded
254 \def\ltx@ifpackageloaded#1{%
255 \ltx@iffileloaded{#1.\ltx@pkgextension}%
256 }
```

2.12.3 Version date check

```
\ltx@iffilelater
257 \def\ltx@iffilelater#1#2{%
258 \ltx@iffileloaded{#1}{%
259 \expandafter\LTXcmds@IfLater\expandafter{%
260 \number
261 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LTXcmds@ParseVersion
262 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{%
263 \csname ver@#1\endcsname
264 }%
265 \expandafter}\expandafter{%
266 \number
267 \expandafter\LTXcmds@ParseVersion\expandafter{#2}%
268 }%
269 }\ltx@secondoftwo
270 }
```

```
\LTXcmds@IfLater
271 \def\LTXcmds@IfLater#1#2{%
272 \ifcase 0%
273 \ifnum#1<19940101 %
274 \else
275 \ifnum#2<19940101 %
276 \else
277 \ifnum#2>#1 %
278 \else
279 1%
280 \fi
281 \fi
282 \fi
283 \ltx@space
284 \expandafter\ltx@secondoftwo
285 \else
```

```

286   \expandafter\ltx@firstoftwo
287   \fi
288 }

```

\ltx@ifclasslater

```

289 \def\ltx@ifclasslater#1{%
290   \ltx@ifclasslater{#1.\ltx@clsextension}%
291 }

```

\ltx@ifpackagelater

```

292 \def\ltx@ifpackagelater#1{%
293   \ltx@iffilelater{#1.\ltx@pkgextension}%
294 }

295 \ltx@ifUndefined{pdfmatch}{%

```

\LTXcmds@ParseVersion

```

296 \def\LTXcmds@ParseVersion#1{%
297   \LTXcmds@@ParseVersion#1000/00/00\@nil
298 }%

```

\LTXcmds@@ParseVersion

```

299 \def\LTXcmds@@ParseVersion#1#2#3#4/#5#6/#7#8#9\@nil{%
300   #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8%
301 }%

302 }{%

```

\LTXcmds@ParseVersion

```

303 \def\LTXcmds@ParseVersion#1{%
304   \ifnum\pdfmatch{%
305     ~%
306     (199[4-9] | [2-9] [0-9] [0-9] [0-9])/%
307     (0[1-9] | 1[0-2])/%
308     (0[1-9] | [1-2] [0-9] | 3[0-1])%
309   }{#1}=1 %
310   \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfastmatch1 %
311   \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfastmatch2 %
312   \ltx@StripPrefix\pdfastmatch3 %
313   \else
314     0%
315   \fi
316 }%
317 }

```

2.13 Macro additions

\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro

```

318 \def\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro#1#2{%
319   \ifx\ltx@undefined#1%
320     \let#1\ltx@empty
321   \else
322     \ifx\relax#1%
323       \let#1\ltx@empty
324     \fi
325   \fi
326   \begingroup
327     \toks0\expandafter{#1#2}%
328     \xdef#1{\the\toks0}%
329   \endgroup
330 }

```

`\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro`

```
331 \def\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro#1#2{%
332   \global\let\LTXcmds@gtemp#1%
333   \ifx\ltx@undefined\LTXcmds@gtemp
334     \global\let\LTXcmds@gtemp\ltx@empty
335   \else
336     \ifx\relax\LTXcmds@gtemp
337       \global\let\LTXcmds@gtemp\ltx@empty
338     \fi
339   \fi
340   \begingroup
341     \toks0\expandafter{\LTXcmds@gtemp#2}%
342     \xdef\LTXcmds@gtemp{\the\toks0}%
343   \endgroup
344   \let#1\LTXcmds@gtemp
345 }
```

2.14 Macro `\ltx@ifnextchar`

`\ltx@ifnextchar`

```
346 \long\def\ltx@ifnextchar#1#2#3{%
347   \begingroup
348   \let\LTXcmds@CharToken= #1\relax
349   \toks\ltx@zero{#2}%
350   \toks\ltx@two{#3}%
351   \futurelet\LTXcmds@LetToken\LTXcmds@ifnextchar
352 }
```

`\LTXcmds@ifnextchar`

```
353 \def\LTXcmds@ifnextchar{%
354   \ifx\LTXcmds@LetToken\LTXcmds@CharToken
355     \expandafter\endgroup\the\toks\expandafter\ltx@zero
356   \else
357     \ifx\LTXcmds@LetToken\LTXcmds@SpaceToken
358       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\LTXcmds@@ifnextchar
359     \else
360       \expandafter\endgroup\the\toks
361       \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ltx@two
362     \fi
363   \fi
364 }
```

`\LTXcmds@@ifnextchar`

```
365 \begingroup
366   \def\x#1{\endgroup
367     \def\LTXcmds@@ifnextchar#1{%
368       \futurelet\LTXcmds@LetToken\LTXcmds@ifnextchar
369     }%
370   }%
371   \x{ }
```

`\LTXcmds@SpaceToken`

```
372 \begingroup
373   \def\x#1{\endgroup
374     \let\LTXcmds@SpaceToken= #1%
375   }%
376   \x{ }
```

2.15 `\ltx@leavevmode`, `\ltx@mbox`

`\ltx@leavevmode`

```
377 \ltx@ifundefined{quitvmode}{%
378   \ltx@ifundefined{leavevmode}{%
379     \ltx@ifundefined{voidb@x}{%
380       \ltx@ifundefined{newbox}{%
381         \def\ltx@leavevmode{%
382           \begingroup
383             \setbox\ltx@zero=\hbox{}}%
384           \begingroup
385             \setbox\ltx@zero=\hbox{\box\ltx@zero}%
386           \endgroup
387           \unhbox\ltx@zero
388         \endgroup
389       }%
390     }{%
391       \csname newbox\endcsname\LTXcmds@VoidBox
392       \ifvoid\LTXcmds@VoidBox
393       \else
394         \setbox\LTXcmds@VoidBox=\hbox{}}%
395       \begingroup
396         \setbox\LTXcmds@VoidBox=\hbox{\box\LTXcmds@VoidBox}%
397       \endgroup
398     \fi
399     \def\ltx@leavevmode{\unhbox\LTXcmds@VoidBox}%
400   }%
401 }{%
402   \def\ltx@leavevmode{\unhbox\voidb@x}%
403 }%
404 }{%
405   \let\ltx@leavevmode\leavevmode
406 }%
407 }{%
408   \let\ltx@leavevmode\quitvmode
409 }
```

`\ltx@mbox`

```
410 \def\ltx@mbox{%
411   \ltx@leavevmode
412   \hbox
413 }
```

2.16 Help macros

`\LTXcmds@num`

```
414 \ltx@ifundefined{numexpr}{%
415   \let\LTXcmds@num\number
416 }{%
417   \let\LTXcmds@num\numexpr
418 }

419 \LTXcmds@AtEnd
420 </package>
```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```
421 <*test1>
422 \catcode'\{=1 %
```



```

423 \catcode'\}=2 %
424 \catcode'\#=6 %
425 \catcode'\@=11 %
426 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
427 \countdef\count@=255 %
428 \fi
429 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
430 \long\def@gobble#1{}%
431 \fi
432 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
433 \long\def@firstofone#1{#1}%
434 \fi
435 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
436 \expandafter@firstofone
437 \else
438 \expandafter@gobble
439 \fi
440 {%
441 \def\loop#1\repeat{%
442 \def\body{#1}%
443 \iterate
444 }%
445 \def\iterate{%
446 \body
447 \let\next\iterate
448 \else
449 \let\next\relax
450 \fi
451 \next
452 }%
453 \let\repeat=\fi
454 }%
455 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
456 \count@=0 %
457 \loop
458 \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
459 \RestoreCatcodes
460 \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
461 }%
462 \ifnum\count@<255 %
463 \advance\count@ 1 %
464 \repeat
465
466 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
467 \count@=#1\relax
468 \loop
469 \catcode\count@=15 %
470 \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
471 \advance\count@ 1 %
472 \repeat
473 }
474 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
475 \def\LoadCommand{\input ltxcmds.sty\relax}%
476 \fi
477 \def\Test{%
478 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
479 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
480 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
481 \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
482 \catcode'\@=12 %
483 \catcode'\}=0 %
484 \catcode'\{=1 %

```

```

485 \catcode'\}=2 %
486 \catcode'\#=6 %
487 \catcode'\ [=12 %
488 \catcode'\]=12 %
489 \catcode'\%=14 %
490 \catcode'\ =10 %
491 \catcode13=5 %
492 \LoadCommand
493 \RestoreCatcodes
494 }
495 \Test
496 \csname @@end\endcsname
497 \end
498 </test1>

```

4 Test \ltx@GobbleNum

```

499 {*test-gobble}
500 \catcode'\{=1 %
501 \catcode'\}=2 %
502 \catcode'\#=6 %
503 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
504 \input ltxcmds.sty\relax
505 \else
506 \RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2010/04/26]%
507 \fi
508 \catcode'\@=11 %
509 \def\msg#\{ \immediate\write16}%
510 \msg{[Test \string\ltx@GobbleNum]}%
511 \long\def\Test#1=#2\{\%
512 \edef\StrA{\ltx@GobbleNum#1}%
513 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
514 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\StrAA
515 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\ltx@GobbleNum#1}%
516 \edef\StrB{#2}%
517 \ifx\StrA\StrB
518 \ifx\StrAA\StrB
519 \msg{* ok.}%
520 \else
521 \msg{StrAA: \StrAA}%
522 \msg{StrB: \StrB}%
523 \errhelp{Test: #1=#2}%
524 \errmessage{Test (two expansions) failed}%
525 \fi
526 \else
527 \msg{StrA: \StrA}%
528 \msg{StrB: \StrB}%
529 \errhelp{Test: #1=#2}%
530 \errmessage{Test (edef) failed!}%
531 \fi
532 }
533 \Test0abc=abc\\
534 \Test1abc=bc\\
535 \Test2abc=c\\
536 \Test3abcd=d\\
537 \Test4abcde=e\\
538 \Test5abcdef=f\\
539 \Test6abcdefg=g\\
540 \Test7abcdefgh=h\\
541 \Test8abcdefghi=i\\
542 \Test9abcdefghij=j\\
543 \Test{10}0123456789X=X\\

```

```

544 \Test{12}abcdefghijklm=m\\
545 \Test{700}%
546 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
547 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
548 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
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555 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
556 X=X\\
557 \Test{-1}abc=abc\\
558 \Test2\par\par\relax=\relax\\
559
560 \msg{[Test \string\ltx@CdrNum]}%
561 \long\def\Test#1=#2\\{%
562   \edef\StrA{\ltx@CdrNum#1\@nil}%
563   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
564   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\StrAA
565   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\ltx@CdrNum#1\@nil}%
566   \edef\StrB{#2}%
567   \ifx\StrA\StrB
568     \ifx\StrAA\StrB
569       \msg{* ok.}%
570     \else
571       \msg{StrAA: \meaning\StrAA}%
572       \msg{StrB: \meaning\StrB}%
573       \errhelp{Test: #1=#2}%
574       \errmessage{Test (two expansions) failed}%
575     \fi
576   \else
577     \msg{StrA: \StrA}%
578     \msg{StrB: \StrB}%
579     \errhelp{Test: #1=#2}%
580     \errmessage{Test (edef) failed!}%
581   \fi
582 }
583 \Test0abc=abc\\
584 \Test1abc=bc\\
585 \Test2abc=c\\
586 \Test3abcd=d\\
587 \Test4abcde=e\\
588 \Test5abcdef=f\\
589 \Test6abcdefg=g\\
590 \Test7abcdefgh=h\\
591 \Test8abcdefghi=i\\
592 \Test9abcdefghij=j\\
593 \Test{10}0123456789X=X\\
594 \Test{12}abcdefghijklm=m\\
595 \Test{700}%
596 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
597 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
598 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
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```

```

606 X=X\\
607 \Test{-1}abc=abc\\
608 \Test2\par\par\relax=\relax\\
609
610 \msg{[Test \string\ltx@CarNum]}%
611 \long\def\Test#1=#2\\{%
612   \edef\StrA{\ltx@CarNum#1\@nil}%
613   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\def
614   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\StrAA
615   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter{\ltx@CarNum#1\@nil}%
616   \edef\StrB{#2}%
617   \ifx\StrA\StrB
618     \ifx\StrAA\StrB
619       \msg{* ok.}%
620     \else
621       \msg{StrAA: \meaning\StrAA}%
622       \msg{StrB: \meaning\StrB}%
623       \errhelp{Test: #1=#2}%
624       \errmessage{Test (two expansions) failed}%
625     \fi
626   \else
627     \msg{StrA: \StrA}%
628     \msg{StrB: \StrB}%
629     \errhelp{Test: #1=#2}%
630     \errmessage{Test (edef) failed!}%
631   \fi
632 }
633 \Test0abc=\\
634 \Test1abc=a\\
635 \Test2abc=ab\\
636 \Test3abc=abc\\
637 \Test3abcd=abc\\
638 \Test4abcde=abcd\\
639 \Test{10}0123456789X=0123456789\\
640 \Test{12}abcdefghijklm=abcdefghijkl\\
641 \Test{700}%
642 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
643 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
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652 X=%
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662 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789%
663 \\
664 \Test{-1}abc=\\
665 \Test2\par\par\relax=\par\par\\
666 \cscname @@end\endcsname\end
667 /</test-gobble)

```

5 Installation

5.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

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

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

Bundle. All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

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

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for \TeX Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

5.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the `oberdiek.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

Script installation. Check the directory `TDS:scripts/oberdiek/` for scripts that need further installation steps. Package `attachfile2` comes with the Perl script `pdfatfi.pl` that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as `pdfatfi`. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

5.3 Package installation

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

```
tex ltxcmds.dtx
```

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

<code>ltxcmds.sty</code>	→ <code>tex/generic/oberdiek/ltxcmds.sty</code>
<code>ltxcmds.pdf</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/ltxcmds.pdf</code>
<code>test/ltxcmds-test1.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/ltxcmds-test1.tex</code>
<code>test/ltxcmds-test-gobble.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/ltxcmds-test-gobble.tex</code>
<code>ltxcmds.dtx</code>	→ <code>source/latex/oberdiek/ltxcmds.dtx</code>

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`.

5.4 Refresh file name databases

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

¹<ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/>

5.5 Some details for the interested

Attached source. The PDF documentation on CTAN also includes the `.dtx` source file. It can be extracted by AcrobatReader 6 or higher. Another option is `pdftk`, e.g. unpack the file into the current directory:

```
pdftk ltxcmds.pdf unpack_files output .
```

Unpacking with \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{ltxcmds.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with `pdf \LaTeX` :

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

6 History

[2009/08/05 v1.0]

- First version.

[2009/12/12 v1.1]

- Short title shortened.
- `\ltx@ifUndefined` added.

[2010/01/28 v1.2]

- `\ltx@RemovePrefix` and `\ltx@StripPrefix` added.
- `\ltx@ifclassloaded`, `\ltx@ifpackageloaded`, `\ltx@iffileloaded`, `\ltx@ifclasslater`, `\ltx@ifpackagelater`, `\ltx@iffilelater`, `\ltx@clsextension`, `\ltx@pkgextension` added.
- `\ltx@GlobalAppendToMacro`, `\ltx@LocalAppendToMacro` added.

[2010/03/01 v1.3]

- `\ltx@newif` added.
- `\ltx@ifnextchar` added.
- Numbers `\ltx@zero`, `\ltx@one`, `\ltx@two`, `\ltx@cc1v` added.

[2010/03/09 v1.4]

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

[2010/04/08 v1.5]

- `\ltx@cartwo`, `\ltx@cdrtwo`, `\ltx@carthree`, `\ltx@cdrthree`, `\ltx@carfour`, `\ltx@cdrfour` added.
- `\ltx@ReturnAfterFi` and `\ltx@ReturnAfterElseFi` fixed.

[2010/04/16 v1.6]

- `\ltx@leavevmode`, `\ltx@mbox` added.

[2010/04/26 v1.7]

- `\ltx@GobbleNum`, `\ltx@CdrNum`, `\ltx@CarNum` added.
- `\ltx@carzero`, `\ltx@cdrzero` added.
- `\ltx@hashchar` added.

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