

The `doc` and `shortvrb` Packages*

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Abstract

Roughly 30 years ago (version 1.0 was dated 1988/05/05) I wrote the first version of the `doc` package, a package to provide code documentation for T_EX code. Since then it has been used all over the place to document the L^AT_EX kernel and most of the packages that are nowadays available. The core code of version 2 (which is the current version) exists since 1998, i.e., for 20 years.

If I would restart from scratch I would do a lot of things differently these days and in fact several other people have tried to come up with better solutions. However, as the saying goes, a bad standard is better than none, `doc` has prevailed and changing it now in incompatible ways is probably not really helpful.

So this is version 3 of the package with some smaller extensions that are upwards compatible but hopefully serve well. Most important modifications are the integration of the `hypdoc` package to enable links within the document (in particular from the index) if so desired. Also integrated are the ideas from the `DoX` package by Didier Verna (although I offer a different interface that imho fits better with the rest of `doc`'s interfaces). Finally I updated a few odds and ends.

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[‡]Extraction of `shortvrb` package added by Joachim Schrod (TU Darmstadt).

[§]Version 3 now integrates code from Didier Verna's `DoX` package and some of his documentation was reused (a.k.a. stolen).

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1 Introduction

This is a new version of the `doc` package, written roughly 30 years after the initial release. As the package has been used for so long (and largely unchanged) it is absolutely important to preserve existing interfaces, even if we can agree that they could have been done better.

So this is a light-weight change, basically adding hyperlink support and adding a way to provide generally `doc` elements (not just macros and environments) and try to do this properly (which wasn't the case for environments either in the past). The ideas for this have been stolen from the `DoX` package by Didier Verna even though I didn't keep his interfaces.

Most of the documentation below is from the earlier release which accounts for some inconsistencies in presentation, mea culpa.

2 The User Interface

2.1 The driver file

If one is going to document a set of macros with the `doc` package one has to prepare a special driver file which produces the formatted document. This driver file has the following characteristics:

```
\documentclass[<options>]{<document-class>}
\usepackage{doc}
<preamble>
\begin{document}
<special input commands>
\end{document}
```

The *<document-class>* might be any document class, I usually use `article`.

In the *<preamble>* one should place declarations which manipulate the behavior of the `doc` package like `\DisableCrossrefs` or `\OnlyDescription`.

Finally the *<special input commands>* part should contain one or more `\DocInput` and/or `\IndexInput` commands. The `\DocInput` command is used for files prepared for the `doc` package whereas `\IndexInput` can be used for all kinds of macro files. See page 13 for more details of `\IndexInput`. Multiple `\DocInputs` can be used with a number of included files which are each self-contained self-documenting packages—for instance, each containing `\maketitle`.

As an example, the driver file for the `doc` package itself is the following text surrounded by `%<*driver>` and `%</driver>`. To produce the documentation you can simply run the `.dtx` file through L^AT_EX in which case this code will be executed (loading the document class `ltxdoc`, etc.) or you can extract this into a separate file by using the `docstrip` program. The line numbers below are added by `doc`'s formatting. Note that the class `ltxdoc` has the `doc` package preloaded.

```
1 %<*driver>
2 \documentclass{ltxdoc}
3
4 \usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
```

```

5 \usepackage{xspace}
6
7 \OnlyDescription
8
9 \EnableCrossrefs
10 %\DisableCrossrefs      % Say \DisableCrossrefs if index is ready
11 \CodelineIndex
12 \RecordChanges          % Gather update information
13 \SetupDoc{reportchangedates}
14 %\OnlyDescription      % comment out for implementation details
15 \setlength\hfuzz{15pt} % don't show so many
16 \hbadness=7000          % over- and underfull box warnings
17 \begin{document}
18   \DocInput{doc.dtx}
19 \end{document}
20 </driver>

```

2.2 Package options

New in v3

Starting with version 3 the `doc` package now offers a small number of package options to modify its overall behavior. These are:

hyperref, **nohyperref** Boolean (default **true**). Load the `hyperref` package and make index references to code lines and pages and other items clickable links. **nohyperref** is the complementary key.

multicol, **nomulticol** Boolean (default **true**). Load the `multicol` package for use in typesetting the index and the list of changes. **nomulticol** is the complementary key.

debugshow Boolean (default **false**). Provide various tracing information at the terminal and in the transcript file. In particular show which elements are indexed.

noindex Boolean (default **false**). If set, all automatic indexing is suppressed. This option can also be used on individual elements as described below.

noprint Boolean (default **false**). If set, then printing of element names in the margin will be suppressed. This option can also be used on individual elements as described below.

reportchangedates Boolean (default **false**). If set, then change entries list the date after the version number in the change log.

\SetupDoc Instead of providing options to the `doc` package you can call `\SetupDoc` and provide them there. This allows, for example, to change default values in case `doc` was already loaded earlier.

2.3 General conventions

A $\text{\TeX}$ file prepared to be used with the ‘`doc`’ package consists of ‘documentation parts’ intermixed with ‘definition parts’.

Every line of a ‘documentation part’ starts with a percent sign (%) in column one. It may contain arbitrary $\text{\TeX}$ or $\text{\LaTeX}$ commands except that the

character ‘%’ cannot be used as a comment character. To allow user comments, the characters `^^A` and `^^X` are both defined as a comment character later on.¹ Such ‘metacomments’ may also be included simply by surrounding them with `\iffalse ... \fi`.

All other parts of the file are called ‘definition parts’. They contain fractions of the macros described in the ‘documentation parts’.

If the file is used to define new macros (e.g. as a package file in the `\usepackage` macro), the ‘documentation parts’ are bypassed at high speed and the macro definitions are pasted together, even if they are split into several ‘definition parts’.

`macrocode` (*env.*) On the other hand, if the documentation of these macros is to be produced, the ‘definition parts’ should be typeset verbatim. To achieve this, these parts are surrounded by the `macrocode` environment. More exactly: before a ‘definition part’ there should be a line containing

```
%\begin{macrocode}
```

and after this part a line

```
%\end{macrocode}
```

There must be *exactly* four spaces between the % and `\end{macrocode}` — T_EX is looking for this string and not for the macro while processing a ‘definition part’.

Inside a ‘definition part’ all T_EX commands are allowed; even the percent sign could be used to suppress unwanted spaces etc.

`macrocode*` (*env.*) Instead of the `macrocode` environment one can also use the `macrocode*` environment which produces the same results except that spaces are printed as `\` characters.

2.4 Describing the usage of macros and environments

`\DescribeMacro` When you describe a new macro you may use `\DescribeMacro` to indicate that at this point the usage of a specific macro is explained. It takes one argument which will be printed in the margin and also produces a special index entry. For example, I used `\DescribeMacro{\DescribeMacro}` to make clear that this is the point where the usage of `\DescribeMacro` is explained.

As the argument to `\DescribeMacro` is a command name, many people got used to using the (incorrect) short form, i.e., omitting the braces around the argument as in `\DescribeMacro\foo`. This does work as long as the macro name consists only of “letters”. However, if the name contains special characters that are normally not of type “letter” (such as @, or in case of `expl3` _ and :) this will fail dramatically. `\DescribeMacro` would then receive only a partial command name (up to the first “non-letter”) e.g., `\DescribeMacro\foo@bar` would be equivalent to `\DescribeMacro{\foo} @bar` and you can guess that this can result in both incorrect output and possibly low-level error messages.

`\DescribeEnv` An analogous macro `\DescribeEnv` should be used to indicate that a L^AT_EX environment is explained. It will produce a somewhat different index entry and a slightly different display in the margin. Below I used `\DescribeEnv{verbatim}`.

New in v3

Starting with version 3 the `\Describe...` commands accept an optional argument in which you can specify either `noindex` or `noprint` to suppress indexing

¹In version 2 it was only `^^A`, but many keyboards combine `~` and `A` and automatically turn it into “Ä”; so `^^X` was added as an alternative in version 3.

or printing for that particular instance. Using both would be possible too, but pointless as then the commands wouldn't do anything any more.

2.5 Describing the definition of macros and environments

macro (*env.*) To describe the definition of a (new) macro we use the **macro** environment. It has one argument: the name of the new macro.² This argument is also used to print the name in the margin and to produce an index entry. Actually the index entries for usage and definition are different to allow an easy reference. This environment might be nested. In this case the labels in the margin are placed under each other. There should be some text—even if it's just an empty `\mbox{}`—in this environment before `\begin{macrocode}` or the marginal label won't print in the right place.

New in v3

In fact it is now allowed to specify several macros in the argument, separated by commas. This is a short form for starting several **macro** environments in direct succession. Of course, you should then have also only one matching `\end{macro}`.

`\MacrocodeTopsep` (*skip*) There also exist four style parameters: `\MacrocodeTopsep` and `\MacroTopsep` are used to control the vertical spacing above and below the **macrocode** and `\MacroIndent` (*dimen*) the **macro** environment, `\MacroIndent` is used to indent the lines of code and `\MacroFont` holds the font and a possible size change command for the code lines, the `verbatim[*]` environment and the macro names printed in the margin. If you want to change their default values in a class file (like `ltugboat.cls`) use the `\DocstyleParms` command described below. Starting with release 2.0a it can now be changed directly as long as the redefinition happens before the `\begin{document}` (if you change it later you might see strange typesetting effects if you are unlucky).

`\MacroFont` does not alter the font of `\verb` or `\verb*` because it is often used to make the font size of the code displays smaller, which would look odd if used within a paragraph. If you decide to use a different font family and want to use the same family with `\verb` you need to alter the font setup for `\ttfamily` in addition to `\MacroFont`.

environment (*env.*) For documenting the definition of environments one can use the environment **environment** which works like the **macro** environment, except that it expects an `<env-name>` (without a backslash) as its argument and internally provides different index entries suitable for environments. Nowadays you can alternatively specify a comma-separated list of environments.

New in v3

Starting with version 3 these environments accept an optional argument in which you can specify `noindex` or `noprint` or both to suppress indexing or printing for that particular instance. If any such setting is made on the environment level it overwrites whatever default was given when the `doc` element was defined or when the package was loaded.

2.6 Formatting names in the margin

`\PrintDescribeMacro` As mentioned earlier, some macros and environment print their arguments in the margin. The actual formatting is done by four macros which are user defined:
`\PrintDescribeEnv`
`\PrintMacroName`
`\PrintEnvName`

²This is a change to the style design I described in *TUGboat* 10#1 (Jan. 89). We finally decided that it would be better to use the macro name *with* the backslash as an argument.

able.³ They are named `\PrintDescribeMacro` and `\PrintDescribeEnv` (defining how `\DescribeMacro` and `\DescribeEnv` behave) and `\PrintMacroName` and `\PrintEnvName` (called by the `macro` and `environment` environments, respectively).

2.7 Providing further documentation items

New in v3

Out of the box the `doc` package offers the above commands and environments to document macros and environments. With version 3 this has now been extended in a generic fashion so that you can easily provide your own items, such as counters, length register, options etc.

`\NewDocElement` The general syntax for providing a new `doc` element is

```
\NewDocElement[⟨options⟩]{⟨element-name⟩}{⟨env-name⟩}
```

By convention the `⟨element-name⟩` has the first letter uppercased as in `Env` or `Macro`.

Such a declaration will define for you

- the command `\Describe⟨element-name⟩` which has the syntax

```
\Describe⟨element-name⟩[⟨options⟩]{⟨element⟩}
```

- the environment `⟨env-name⟩` which has the syntax

```
\begin{⟨env-name⟩}[⟨options⟩]{⟨element⟩}
```

- the display command `\PrintDescribe⟨element-name⟩` with the syntax

```
\PrintDescribe⟨element-name⟩{⟨element⟩}
```

- and the `\Print⟨element-name⟩Name` display command for the environment.

If any of the commands or the environment is already defined (which especially with the `⟨env-name⟩` is a danger) then you will receive an error telling you so.

`\RenewDocElement` If you want to modify an existing `doc` element use `\RenewDocElement` instead.

For example, the already provided “`Env`” `doc` element could have been defined simply by making the declaration `\NewDocElement{Env}{environment}` though that’s not quite what has been done, as we will see later.

`\ProvideDocElement` This declaration does nothing when the `doc` element is already declared, otherwise it works like `\NewDocElement`. It can be useful if you have many documentation files that you may want to process individually as well as together.

The `⟨options⟩` are keyword/value and define further details on how that `doc` element should behave. They are:

macrolike Boolean (default `false`). Does this `doc` element starts with a backslash?

envlike Boolean. Complementary option to **macrolike**.

³You may place the changed definitions in a separate package file or at the beginning of the documentation file. For example, if you don’t like any names in the margin but want a fine index you can simply redefine them accept their argument and do nothing with it.

toplevel Boolean (default **true**). Should all a top-level index entry be made? If set to **false** then either no index entries are produced or only grouped index entries (see **idxgroup** for details).

notoplevel Boolean. Complementary option to **toplevel**.

idxtype String (default *<env-name>*). What to put (in parentheses if non-empty) at the end of a top-level index entry.

printtype String (default *<empty>*). What to put (in parentheses if non-empty) after an element name in the margin.

idxgroup String (default *<env-name>s*). Name of the top-level index entry if entries are grouped. They are only grouped if this option is non-empty.

noindex Boolean (default **false**). If set this will suppress indexing for elements of this type. This setting overwrite any global setting of **noindex**.

noprint Boolean (default **false**). If set this will suppress printing the element name in the margin. This setting overwrite any global setting of **noprint**.

As usual giving a boolean option without a value sets it to **true**.

2.8 Displaying sample code verbatim

verbatim (*env.*) It is often a good idea to include examples of the usage of new macros in the text. Because of the % sign in the first column of every row, the **verbatim** environment

verbatim* (*env.*) is slightly altered to suppress those characters.⁴ The **verbatim*** environment is

\verb changed in the same way. The **\verb** command is re-implemented to give an error report if a newline appears in its argument. The **verbatim** and **verbatim*** environments set text in the style defined by **\MacroFont** (§2.5).

2.9 Using a special escape character

\SpecialEscapechar If one defines complicated macros it is sometimes necessary to introduce a new escape character because the ‘\’ has got a special **\catcode**. In this case one can use **\SpecialEscapechar** to indicate which character is actually used to play the rôle of the ‘\’. A scheme like this is needed because the **macrocode** environment and its counterpart **macrocode*** produce an index entry for every occurrence of a macro name. They would be very confused if you didn’t tell them that you’d changed **\catcodes**. The argument to **\SpecialEscapechar** is a single-letter control sequence, that is, one has to use **\|** for example to denote that ‘|’ is used as an escape character. **\SpecialEscapechar** only changes the behavior of the next **macrocode** or **macrocode*** environment.

The actual index entries created will all be printed with **** rather than **|**, but this probably reflects their usage, if not their definition, and anyway must be preferable to not having any entry at all. The entries *could* be formatted appropriately, but the effort is hardly worth it, and the resulting index might be more confusing (it would certainly be longer!).

⁴These macros were written by Rainer Schöpf [8]. He also provided a new **verbatim** environment which can be used inside of other macros.

2.10 Cross-referencing all macros used

`\DisableCrossrefs` As already mentioned, every macro name used within a `macrocode` or `macrocode*` environment will produce an index entry. In this way one can easily find out where a specific macro is used. Since $\TeX$ is considerably slower⁵ when it has to produce such a bulk of index entries one can turn off this feature by using `\DisableCrossrefs` in the driver file. To turn it on again just use `\EnableCrossrefs`.⁶

`\DoNotIndex` But also finer control is provided. The `\DoNotIndex` macro takes a list of macro names separated by commas. Those names won't show up in the index. You might use several `\DoNotIndex` commands: their lists will be concatenated. In this article I used `\DoNotIndex` for all macros which are already defined in $\LaTeX$.

All three above declarations are local to the current group.

Production (or not) of the index (via the `\makeindex` command) is controlled by using or omitting the following declarations in the driver file preamble; if neither is used, no index is produced. Using `\PageIndex` makes all index entries refer to their page number; with `\CodelineIndex`, index entries produced by `\DescribeMacro` and `\DescribeEnv` and possibly further `\Describe...` commands refer to a page number but those produced by the `macro` environment (or other `doc` element environments) refer to the code lines, which will be numbered automatically.⁷ The style of this numbering can be controlled by defining the macro `\theCodelineNo`. Its default definition is to use scriptsize arabic numerals; a user-supplied definition won't be overwritten.

`\theCodelineNo`

`\CodelineNumbered` When you don't wish to get an index but want your code lines numbered use `\CodelineNumbered` instead of `\CodelineIndex`. This prevents the generation of an unnecessary `.idx` file.

2.11 Producing the actual index entries

Several of the aforementioned macros will produce some sort of index entries. These entries have to be sorted by an external program—the current implementation assumes that the `makeindex` program by Chen [4] is used.

But this isn't built in: one has only to redefine some of the following macros to be able to use any other index program. All macros which are installation dependent are defined in such a way that they won't overwrite a previous definition. Therefore it is safe to put the changed versions in a package file which might be read in before the `doc` package.

To allow the user to change the specific characters recognized by his or her index program all characters which have special meaning in the `makeindex` program are given symbolic names.⁸ However, all characters used should be of `\catcode` other than 'letter' (11).

⁵This comment was written about 30 years ago. $\TeX$ is still considerably slower but while it took minutes to process a large document (such as the $\LaTeX$ kernel documentation) it takes seconds or less these days. Thus `\DisableCrossrefs` isn't really that necessary these days.

⁶Actually, `\EnableCrossrefs` changes things more drastically; any following call to `\DisableCrossrefs` which might be present in the source will be ignored.

⁷The line number is actually that of the first line of the first `macrocode` environment in the `macro` environment.

⁸I don't know if there exists a program which needs more command characters, but I hope not.

`\actualchar` The `\actualchar` is used to separate the ‘key’ and the actual index entry. The
`\quotechar` `\quotechar` is used before a special index program character to suppress its special
`\encapchar` meaning. The `\encapchar` separates the indexing information from a letter string
which `makeindex` uses as a $\TeX$ command to format the page number associated
with a special entry. It is used in this package to apply the `\main` and the `\usage`
`\levelchar` commands. Additionally `\levelchar` is used to separate ‘item’, ‘subitem’ and
‘subsubitem’ entries.

It is a good idea to stick to these symbolic names even if you know which index
program is used. In this way your files will be portable.

TODO: *describe old `\SpecialMainIndex` and `\SpecialUsageIndex`*

`\SpecialMainMacroIndex` To produce a main index entry for a macro the `\SpecialMainMacroIndex`
`\SpecialMainEnvIndex` macro⁹ may be used. It is called ‘special’ because it has to print its argument
verbatim. A similar macro, called `\SpecialMainEnvIndex` is used for indexing
the main definition point of an environment.¹⁰

`\SpecialMacroIndex` To index the usage of a macro or an environment `\SpecialMacroIndex` and
`\SpecialEnvIndex` `\SpecialEnvIndex` may be used.

All these macros are normally used by other macros; you will need them only
in an emergency.

New in v3

If further code elements are declared with `\NewDocElement{<name>}`... then
this sets up additional indexing commands, e.g., `\SpecialMain<name>Index`.

`\SpecialIndex`

The `macrocode` environment is automatically indexing macros (normally by
code line number). You can (with care) also do this manually by `\SpecialIndex`.
However, note that if `\CodelineIndex` is used this will generate an entry referring
to the last code line which is usually not what you want. It does, however, make
some sense if you always refer to pages only, i.e., if you use `\PageIndex`.

`\SpecialShortIndex`

For single character macros, e.g., `\{`, doesn’t always work correctly. For this
reason there is now also a special variant the can produce correct index entries for
them.

New in v3

`\SortIndex`

Additionally a `\SortIndex` command is provided. It takes two arguments—the
sort key and the actual index entry.

`\verbatimchar`

But there is one characteristic worth mentioning: all macro names in the index
are typeset with the `\verb*` command. Therefore one special character is needed
to act as a delimiter for this command. To allow a change in this respect, again
this character is referenced indirectly, by the macro `\verbatimchar`. It expands
by default to `+` but if your code lines contain macros with ‘+’ characters in their
names (e.g. when you use `\+`) then that caused a problem because you ended up
with an index entry containing `\verb+\++` which will be typeset as ‘\+’ and not
as ‘\+’. In version 3 this is now automatically taken care of (with the help of the
`\SpecialShortIndex` command).

New in v3

`\*` We also provide a `\*` macro. This is intended to be used for index entries like

index entries

Special macros for ~

Such an entry might be produced with the line

```
\index{index entries>Special macros for \*}
```

assuming that `>` is the `\levelchar` used by the index processor.

⁹This macro is called by the `macro` environment.

¹⁰This macro is called by the `environment` environment.

You can't use `\levelchar` in this situation because if `\index` is directly used in the document then its argument is written out fully verbatim. However, if you define your own index commands, expansion will happen on the way to the `.idx` file; and in that case you can use `\levelchar`—this is what the `doc` macros do. This then allows to change the indexing syntax easily, e.g.,

```
\newcommand\ltxconcept[2]{\index{#1\levelchar#2}}
...
\ltxconcept{index entries}{Special macros for \*}
```

2.12 Setting the index entries

After the first formatting pass through the `.dtx` file you need to sort the index entries written to the `.idx` file using `makeindex` or your favorite alternative. You need a suitable style file for `makeindex` (specified by the `-s` switch). A suitable one is supplied with `doc`, called `gind.ist`.

`\PrintIndex` To read in and print the sorted index, just put the `\PrintIndex` command as the last (commented-out, and thus executed during the documentation pass through the file) command in your package file. Precede it by any bibliography commands necessary for your citations. Alternatively, it may be more convenient to put all such calls amongst the arguments of the `\MaybeStop` macro, in which case a `\Finale` command should appear at the end of your file.

`theindex (env.)` Contrary to standard $\text{\LaTeX}$, the index is typeset in three columns by default. This is controlled by the $\text{\LaTeX}$ counter 'IndexColumns' and can therefore be changed with a `\setcounter` declaration. Additionally one doesn't want to start a new page unnecessarily. Therefore the `theindex` environment is redefined.

`IndexColumns (counter)` When the `theindex` environment starts it will measure how much space is left on the current page. If this is more than `\IndexMin` then the index will start on this page. Otherwise `\newpage` is called.

`\IndexMin (dimen)` Then a short introduction about the meaning of several index entries is typeset (still in onecolumn mode). Afterwards the actual index entries follow in multicolumn mode. You can change this prologue with the help of the `\IndexPrologue` macro. Actually the section heading is also produced in this way, so you'd better write something like:

```
\IndexPrologue{\section*{Index} The index entries underlined ...}
```

When the `theindex` environment is finished the last page will be reformatted to produce balanced columns. This improves the layout and allows the next article to start on the same page. Formatting of the index columns (values for `\columnsssep` etc.) is controlled by the `\IndexParms` macro. It assigns the following values:

```
\parindent    = 0.0pt          \columnsep    = 15.0pt
\parskip       = 0.0pt plus 1.0pt \rightskip   = 15.0pt
\mathsurround  = 0.0pt          \parfillskip  = -15.0pt
```

`\@idxitem` Additionally it defines `\@idxitem` (which will be used when an `\item` command is encountered) and selects `\small` size. If you want to change any of these values you have to define them all.

`\main` The page numbers for main index entries are encapsulated by the `\main` macro
`\usage` (underlining its argument) and the numbers denoting the description are encapsulated by the `\usage` macro (which produces *italics*). `\code` encapsulates page

or code line numbers in entries generated by parsing the code inside `macrocode` environments. As usual these commands are user definable.

2.13 Changing the default values of style parameters

`\DocstyleParms` If you want to overwrite some default settings made by the `doc` package, you can either put your declarations in the driver file (that is after `doc.sty` is read in) or use a separate package file for doing this work. In the latter case you can define the macro `\DocstyleParms` to contain all assignments. This indirect approach is necessary if your package file might be read before the `doc.sty`, when some of the registers are not allocated. Its default definition is null.

The `doc` package currently assigns values to the following registers:

<code>\IndexMin</code>	<code>= 80.0pt</code>	<code>\MacroTopsep</code>	<code>= 7.0pt plus 2.0pt minus 2.0pt</code>
<code>\marginparwidth</code>	<code>= 126.0pt</code>	<code>\MacroIndent</code>	<code>= 18.63434pt</code>
<code>\marginparpush</code>	<code>= 0.0pt</code>	<code>\MacrocodeTopsep</code>	<code>= 3.0pt plus 1.2pt minus 1.0pt</code>
<code>\tolerance</code>	<code>= 1000</code>		

2.14 Short input of verbatim text pieces

`\MakeShortVerb` It is awkward to have to type, say, `\verb|...|` continually when quoting verbatim bits (like macro names) in the text, so an abbreviation mechanism is provided. Pick a character `<c>`—one which normally has catcode ‘other’ unless you have very good reason not to—which you don’t envisage using in the text, or not using often. (I like `"`, but you may prefer `|` if you have `"` active to do umlauts, for instance.) Then if you say `\MakeShortVerb{<c>}` you can subsequently use `<c><text><c>` as the equivalent of `\verb<c><text><c>`; analogously, the `*`-form `\MakeShortVerb*{<c>}` gives you the equivalent of `\verb*<c><text><c>`. Use `\DeleteShortVerb{<c>}` if you subsequently want `<c>` to revert to its previous meaning—you can always turn it on again after the unusual section. The ‘short verb’ commands make global changes. The abbreviated `\verb` may not appear in the argument of another command just like `\verb`. However the ‘short verb’ character may be used freely in the `verbatim` and `macrocode` environments without ill effect. `\DeleteShortVerb` is silently ignored if its argument does not currently represent a short verb character. Both commands type a message to tell you the meaning of the character is being changed.

Please remember that the command `\verb` cannot be used in arguments of other commands. Therefore abbreviation characters for `\verb` cannot be used there either.

This feature is also available as a sole package, `shortvrb`.

2.15 Additional bells and whistles

We provide macros for logos such as `WEB`, `AMS-TeX`, `BibTeX`, `SLiTeX` and `PLAIN TeX`. Just type `\Web`, `\AmSTeX`, `\BibTeX`, `\SLiTeX` or `\PlainTeX`, respectively. `LaTeX` and `TeX` are already defined in `latex.tex`.

`\meta` Another useful macro is `\meta` which has one argument and produces something like *<dimen parameter>*.

`\OnlyDescription` You can use the `\OnlyDescription` declaration in the driver file to suppress the last part of your document (which presumably exhibits the code). To make

`\MaybeStop`

`\StopEventually`

New in v3

this work you have to place the command `\MaybeStop` at a suitable point in your file. This macro¹¹ has one argument in which you put all information you want to see printed if your document ends at this point (for example a bibliography which is normally printed at the very end). When the `\OnlyDescription` declaration is missing the `\MaybeStop` macro saves its argument in a macro called `\Finale` which can afterwards be used to get things back (usually at the very end). Such a scheme makes changes in two places unnecessary.

`\Finale`

Thus you can use this feature to produce a local guide for the T_EX users which describes only the usage of macros (most of them won't be interested in your definitions anyway). For the same reason the `\maketitle` command is slightly changed to allow multiple titles in one document. So you can make one driver file reading in several articles at once. To avoid an unwanted `pagestyle` on the title page the `\maketitle` command issues a `\thispagestyle{titlepage}` declaration which produces a plain page if the `titlepage` page style is undefined. This allows class files like `ltugboat.cls` to define their own page styles for title pages.

`\maketitle`

`\ps@titlepage`

`\AlsoImplementation`

Typesetting the whole document is the default. However, this default can also be explicitly selected using the declaration `\AlsoImplementation`. This overwrites any previous `\OnlyDescription` declaration. The L^AT_EX 2_ε distribution, for example, is documented using the `ltxdoc` class which allows for a configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. In such a file one could then add the statement

```
\AtBeginDocument{\AlsoImplementation}
```

to make sure that all documents will show the code part.

`\IndexInput`

Last but not least I defined an `\IndexInput` macro which takes a file name as an argument and produces a verbatim listing of the file, indexing every command as it goes along. This might be handy, if you want to learn something about macros without enough documentation. I used this feature to cross-reference `latex.tex` getting a verbatim copy with about 15 pages index.¹²

`\changes`

To maintain a change history within the file, the `\changes` command may be placed amongst the description part of the changed code. It takes three arguments, thus:

```
\changes{<version>}{<date>}{<text>}
```

The changes may be used to produce an auxiliary file (L^AT_EX's `\glossary` mechanism is used for this) which may be printed after suitable formatting. The `\changes` macro generates the printed entry in such a change history; because old versions¹³ of the `makeindex` program limit such fields to 64 characters, care should be taken not to exceed this limit when describing the change. The actual entry consists of the `<version>`, the `\actualchar`, the current macro name, a colon, the `\levelchar`, and, finally, the `<text>`. The result is a glossary entry for the

¹¹For about 30 years this macro was called `\StopEventually` which was due to a "false friend" misunderstanding. In the German language the word "eventuell" mean roughly "perhaps" which isn't quite the same as "eventually". But given that this is now used for so long and all over the place we can't drop the old name. So it is still there to allow processing all the existing documentation.

¹²It took quite a long time and the resulting `.idx` file was longer than the `.dvi` file. Actually too long to be handled by the `makeindex` program directly (on our MicroVAX) but the final result was worth the trouble.

¹³Before 2.6.

`<version>`, with the name of the current macro as subitem. Outside the `macro` environment, the text `\generalname` is used instead of the macro name. When referring to macros in change descriptions it is conventional to use `\cs{<macroname>}` rather than attempting to format it properly and using up valuable characters in the entry with old `makeindex` versions.

Note that in the history listing, the entry is shown with the page number that corresponds to its place in the source, e.g., general changes put at the very beginning of the file will show up with page number “1”, change entries placed elsewhere might have different numbers (not necessarily always very useful unless you are careful).

<code>\RecordChanges</code> <code>\PrintChanges</code> <code>\GlossaryMin (dimen)</code> <code>\GlossaryPrologue</code> <code>\GlossaryParms</code> <code>GlossaryColumns (counter)</code> <code>\bslash</code> <code>\MakePrivateLetters</code> <code>\DontCheckModules</code> <code>\CheckModules</code> <code>\Module</code> <code>\AltMacroFont</code> <code>StandardModuleDepth</code> <code>(counter)</code>	<p>To cause the change information to be written out, include <code>\RecordChanges</code> in the driver file. To read in and print the sorted change history (in two columns), just put the <code>\PrintChanges</code> command as the last (commented-out, and thus executed during the documentation pass through the file) command in your package file. Alternatively, this command may form one of the arguments of the <code>\MaybeStop</code> command, although a change history is probably <i>not</i> required if only the description is being printed. The command assumes that <code>makeindex</code> or some other program has processed the <code>.glo</code> file to generate a sorted <code>.gls</code> file. You need a special <code>makeindex</code> style file; a suitable one is supplied with <code>doc</code>, called <code>gglo.ist</code>.</p> <p>The <code>\GlossaryMin</code>, <code>\GlossaryPrologue</code> and <code>\GlossaryParms</code> macros and the counter <code>GlossaryColumns</code> are analogous to the <code>\Index...</code> versions. (The L^AT_EX ‘glossary’ mechanism is used for the change entries.)</p> <p>From time to time, it is necessary to print a <code>\</code> without being able to use the <code>\verb</code> command because the <code>\catcodes</code> of the symbols are already firmly established. In this instance we can use the command <code>\bslash</code> presupposing, of course, that the actual font in use at this point contains a ‘backslash’ as a symbol. Note that this definition of <code>\bslash</code> is expandable; it inserts a <code>_12</code>. This means that you have to <code>\protect</code> it if it is used in ‘moving arguments’.</p> <p>If your macros <code>\catcode</code> anything other than <code>@</code> to ‘letter’, you should redefine <code>\MakePrivateLetters</code> so that it also makes the relevant characters ‘letters’ for the benefit of the indexing. The default definition is just <code>\makeatletter</code>.</p> <p>The ‘module’ directives of the <code>docstrip</code> system [6] are normally recognized and invoke special formatting. This can be turned on and off in the <code>.dtx</code> file or the driver file using <code>\CheckModules</code> and <code>\DontCheckModules</code>. If checking for module directives is on (the default) then code in the scope of the directives is set as determined by the hook <code>\AltMacroFont</code>, which gives <i>small italic typewriter</i> by default in the New Font Selection Scheme but just ordinary <code>small typewriter</code> in the old one, where a font such as italic typewriter can’t be used portably (plug for NFSS); you will need to override this if you don’t have the italic typewriter font available. Code is in such a scope if it’s on a line beginning with <code>%<</code> or is between lines starting with <code>%<*<name list></code> and <code>%</<name list></code>. The directive is formatted by the macro <code>\Module</code> whose single argument is the text of the directive between, but not including, the angle brackets; this macro may be re-defined in the driver or package file and by default produces results like <code><+foo bar></code> with no following space.</p> <p>Sometimes (as in this file) the whole code is surrounded by modules to produce several files from a single source. In this case it is clearly not appropriate to format all code lines in a special <code>\AltMacroFont</code>. For this reason a counter <code>StandardModuleDepth</code> is provided which defines the level of module nesting which is still supposed to be formatted in <code>\MacroFont</code> rather than <code>\AltMacroFont</code>. The</p>
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default setting is 0, for this documentation it was set to

```
\setcounter{StandardModuleDepth}{1}
```

at the beginning of the file.

3 Examples and basic usage summary

3.1 Basic usage summary

To sum up, the basic structure of a .dtx file without any refinements is like this:

```
% <waffle>...
...
% \DescribeMacro{\fred}
% <description of fred's use>
...
% \MaybeStop{<finale code>}
...
% \begin{macro}{\fred}
% <commentary on macro fred>
% \begin{macrocode}
% <code for macro fred>
% \end{macrocode}
% \end{macro}
...
% \Finale \PrintIndex \PrintChanges
```

For further examples of the use of most—if not all—of the features described above, consult the doc.dtx source itself.

3.2 Examples

The default setup includes definitions for the doc elements “macro” and “environment”. They correspond to the following declarations:

```
\NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
               idxtype   = ,
               idxgroup  = ,
               printtype =
               ]{Macro}{macro}

\NewDocElement[macrolike = false ,
               idxtype   = env. ,
               idxgroup  = environments ,
               printtype = \textit{env.}
               ]{Env}{environment}
```

To showcase the new features of doc version 3 to some extend, the current documentation is done by redefining these declarations and also adding a few additional declarations on top.

For any internal command we document we use `Macro` and put all of them under the heading “`LATEX` commands” (note the use of `\actualchar`):

```
\RenewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
```

```

    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = ,
    idxgroup = LaTeX commands\actualchar\LaTeX{} commands ,
    printtype =
  ]{Macro}{macro}

```

We only have package environments so we use `Env` for those and group them as well:

```

\RenewDocElement[macrolike = false ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = env. ,
    idxgroup = Package environments,
    printtype = \textit{env.}
  ]{Env}{environment}

```

All the interface commands are also grouped together under the label “Package commands”, we use `InterfaceMacro` for them:

```

\NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = ,
    idxgroup = Package commands,
    printtype =
  ]{InterfaceMacro}{imacro}

```

And since we also have a few obsolete interfaces we add yet another category:

```

\NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = ,
    idxgroup = Package commands (obsolete),
    printtype =
  ]{ObsoleteInterfaceMacro}{omacro}

```

Another type of category are the package keys:

```

\NewDocElement[macrolike = false ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = key ,
    idxgroup = Package keys ,
    printtype = \textit{key}
  ]{Key}{key}

```

Finally we have $\TeX$ counters (with a backslash in front) and $\LaTeX$ counters (no backslash) and the two types of $\LaTeX$ length registers:

```

\NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = counter ,
    idxgroup = TeX counters\actualchar \protect\TeX{} counters ,
    printtype = \textit{counter}
  ]{TeXCounter}{tcounter}

```

```

\NewDocElement[macrolike = false ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype  = counter ,

```

```

        idxgroup = LaTeX counters\actualchar \LaTeX{} counters ,
        printtype = \textit{counter}
    ]{LaTeXCounter}{lcounter}

\NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype = skip ,
    idxgroup = LaTeX length\actualchar \LaTeX{} length (skip) ,
    printtype = \textit{skip}
]{LaTeXSkip}{lskip}

\NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
    toplevel = false,
    idxtype = dimen ,
    idxgroup = LaTeX length\actualchar \LaTeX{} length (dimen) ,
    printtype = \textit{dimen}
]{LaTeXDimen}{ldimen}

```

And we modify the appearance of the index: just 2 columns not 3 and all the code-line entries get prefixed with an “ℓ” (for line) so that they can easily be distinguished from page index entries.

```

\renewcommand\code[1]{\mbox{$\ell$-#1}}
\renewcommand\main[1]{\underline{\mbox{$\ell$-#1}}}
\setcounter{IndexColumns}{2}

```

4 Incompatibilities between version 2 and 3

The basic approach when developing version 3 was to provide a very high level of compatibility with version 2 so that nearly all older documents should work out of the box without the need for any adjustments.

But as with any change there are situations where that change can result in some sort of incompatibility, e.g., if a newly introduce command name was already been defined in the user document then there will be a conflict that is nearly impossible to avoid 100%.

As mentioned earlier, `doc` now supports options on several commands and environments and as a result it is necessary to use braces around the argument for `\DescribeMacro` if the “macro to be described” uses private letters such as `@` or `_` as part of its name. That was always the official syntax but in the past you could get away with leaving out the braces more often than you can now.

The old `doc` documentation also claimed that redefinitions of things like `\PrintDescribeMacro` could be done before loading the package (and not only afterwards) and `doc` would in that case not change those commands. As the setup mechanisms are now much more powerful and general such an approach is not really good. So with `doc` version 3 modifications have to be done after the `doc` package got loaded and the last modification will always win.

I’m tempted to drop compatibility with L^AT_EX 2.09 (but so far I have left it in).

In the past it was possible to use macros declared with `\outer` in the argument of `\begin{macro}` or `\DoNotIndex` even though `\outer` is not a concept supported in L^AT_EX. This is no longer possible. More exactly, it is no longer possible to

prevent them from being indexed (as `\DoNotIndex` can't be used), but you can pass them to the `macro` environment as follows:

```
\begin{macro}[outer]{\foo}
```

if `\foo` is a macro declared with `\outer`. The technical reason for this change is that in the past various other commands, such as `\{` or `\}` did not work properly in these arguments when they were passed as “strings” and not as single macro tokens. But by switching to macro tokens we can't have `\outer` macros because their feature is to be not allowed in arguments. So what happens above when you use `[outer]` is that the argument is read as a string with four character tokens so that it is not recognized as being `\outer`.

5 Old interfaces no longer really needed

Thirty years is a long time in the life of computer programs, so there are a good number of interfaces within `doc` that are really only of historical interest (or when processing equally old sources). We list them here, but in general we suggest that for new documentation they should not be used.

5.1 `makeindex` bugs

`\OldMakeindex` Versions of `makeindex` prior to 2.9 had some bugs affecting `doc`. One of these, pertaining to the `%` character doesn't have a work-around appropriate for versions with and without the bug. If you really still have an old version, invoke `\OldMakeindex` in a package file or the driver file to prevent problems with index entries such as `\%`, although you'll probably normally want to turn off indexing of `\%` anyway. Try to get an up-to-date `makeindex` from one of the `TEX` repositories.

5.2 File transmission issues

In the early days of the Internet file transmission issues have been a serious problem. There was a famous gateway in Rochester, UK that handled the traffic from the European continent to the UK and that consisted of two IBM machines running with different codepages (that had non-reversible differences). As a result “strange” `TEX` characters got replaced with something else with the result that the files became unusable.

To guard against this problem (or rather to detect it if something got broken in transfer I added code to `doc` to check a static character table and also to have a very simple checksum feature (counting backslashes).

These days the `\Checksum` is of little value (and a lot of pain for the developer) and character scrambling doesn't happen any more so the `\CharacterTable` is essentially useless. Thus neither should be used in new developments.

`\CharacterTable` To overcome some of the problems of sending files over the networks we developed two macros which should detect corrupted files. If one places the lines

```
\Checksum
%%\CharacterTable
%% {Upper-case  \A\B\C\D\E\F\G\H\I\J\K\L\M\N\O\P\Q\R\S\T\U\V\W\X\Y\Z
%% Lower-case  \a\b\c\d\e\f\g|h|i|j|k|l|m|n|o|p|q|r|s|t|u|v|w|x|y|z
%% Digits      \0\1\2\3\4\5\6\7\8\9
%% Exclamation \!      Double quote "      Hash (number) \#
```

%% Dollar	\\$	Percent	\%	Ampersand	\&
%% Acute accent	\'	Left paren	\(	Right paren	\)
%% Asterisk	*	Plus	\+	Comma	\,
%% Minus	\-	Point	\.	Solidus	\/
%% Colon	\:	Semicolon	\;	Less than	\<
%% Equals	\=	Greater than	\>	Question mark	\?
%% Commercial at	\@	Left bracket	\[	Backslash	\\
%% Right bracket	\]	Circumflex	\^	Underscore	_
%% Grave accent	\`	Left brace	\{	Vertical bar	
%% Right brace	\}	Tilde	\~}		
%%					

at the beginning of the file then character translation failures will be detected, provided of course, that the used `doc` package has a correct default table. The percent signs¹⁴ at the beginning of the lines should be typed in, since only the `doc` package should look at this command.

Another problem of mailing files is possible truncation. To detect these sort of errors we provide a `\Checksum` macro. The check-sum of a file is simply the number of backslashes in the code, i.e. all lines between the `macrocode` environments. But don't be afraid: you don't have count the code-lines yourself; this is done by the `doc` package for you. You simply have add

```
% \Checksum{0}
```

near the beginning of the file and use the `\MaybeStop` (which starts looking for backslashes) and the `\Finale` command. The latter will inform you either that your file has no check-sum (telling you the right number) or that your number is incorrect if you put in anything other than zero but guessed wrong (this time telling you both the correct and the incorrect one). Then you go to the top of your file again and change the line to the right number, i.e., line

```
% \Checksum{<number>}
```

and that's all.

While `\CharacterTable` and `\Checksum` have been important features in the early days of the public internet when `doc` was written as the mail gateways back then were rather unreliable and often mangled files they are these days more a nuisance than any help. They are therefore now fully optional and no longer recommended for use with new files.

6 Introduction to previous releases

Original abstract: This package contains the definitions that are necessary to format the documentation of package files. The package was developed in

Mainz in cooperation with the Royal Military College of Science. This is an update which documents various changes and new features in `doc` and integrates

¹⁴There are two percent signs in each line. This has the effect that these lines are not removed by the `docstrip.tex` program.

the features of `newdoc`.

The $\text{\TeX}$ macros which are described here allow definitions and documentation to be held in one and the same file. This has the advantage that normally very complicated instructions are made simpler to understand by comments inside the definition. In addition to this, updates are easier and only one source file needs to be changed. On the other hand, because of this, the package files are considerably longer: thus $\text{\TeX}$ takes longer to load them. If this is a problem, there is an easy remedy: one needs only to run the `docstrip.tex` program that removes nearly all lines that begin with a percent sign.

The idea of integrated documentation was born with the development of the $\text{\TeX}$ program; it was crystallized in Pascal with the WEB system. The advantages of this method are plain to see (it's easy to make comparisons [2]). Since this development, systems similar to WEB have been developed for other programming languages. But for one of the most complicated programming languages ($\text{\TeX}$) the documentation has however been neglected. The $\text{\TeX}$ world seems to be divided between:—

- a couple of “wizards”, who produce many lines of completely unreadable code “off the cuff”, and
- many users who are amazed that it works just how they want it to do. Or rather, who despair that certain macros refuse to do what is expected of them.

I do not think that the WEB system is *the* reference work; on the contrary, it is a prototype which suffices for the development of programs within the $\text{\TeX}$ world. It is sufficient, but not totally sufficient.¹⁵ As a result of WEB, new programming perspectives have been demonstrated; unfortunately, though, they haven't been developed further for other programming languages.

The method of documentation of $\text{\TeX}$ macros which I have introduced here should also only be taken as a first sketch. It is designed explicitly to run under $\text{\LaTeX}$ alone. Not because I was of the opinion that this was the best starting point, but because from this starting point it was the quickest to develop.¹⁶ As a result of this design decision, I had to move away from the concept of modularization; this was certainly a step backward.

I would be happy if this article could spark off discussion over $\text{\TeX}$ documentation. I can only advise anyone who thinks that they can cope without documentation to “Stop Time” until he or she completely understands the $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}$ - $\text{\TeX}$ source code.

Using the doc package

Just like any other package, invoke it by requesting it with a `\usepackage` command in the preamble. `doc`'s use of `\reversemarginpars` may make it incompatible with some classes.

Preface to version 1.7 (from around 1992)

This version of `doc.dtx` documents changes which have occurred since the last published version [5] but which have been present in distributed versions of `doc.sty` for some time. It also integrates the (undocumented) features of

¹⁵I know that this will be seen differently by a few people, but this product should not be seen as the finished product, at least as far as applications concerning $\text{\TeX}$ are concerned. The long-standing debate over ‘multiple change files’ shows this well.

¹⁶This argument is a bad one, however, it is all too often trotted out.

the distributed `newdoc.sty`.

The following changes and additions have been made to the user interface since the published version [5]. See §2 for more details.

Driver mechanism `\DocInput` is now used in the driver file to input possibly multiple independent `doc` files and `doc` no longer has to be the last package. `\IndexListing` is replaced by `\IndexInput`;

Indexing is controlled by `\PageIndex` and `\CodelineIndex`, one of which must be specified to produce an index—there is no longer a `\makeindex` in the default `\DocstyleParms`;

The macro environment now takes as argument the macro name *with* the backslash;

Verbatim text Newlines are now forbidden inside `\verb` and commands `\MakeShortVerb` and `\DeleteShortVerb` are provided for verbatim shorthand;

`\par` can now be used in `\DoNotIndex`;

Checksum/character table support for ensuring the integrity of distributions is added;

`\printindex` becomes `\PrintIndex`;

`multicol.sty` is no longer necessary to use `doc` or print the documentation (although it is recommended);

‘Docstrip’ modules are recognized and formatted specially.

As well as adding some completely new stuff, the opportunity has been taken to add some commentary to the code formerly in `newdoc` and that added after version 1.5k of `doc`. Since (as noted in the sections concerned) this commentary wasn’t written by Frank

Mittelbach but the code was, it is probably *not* true in this case that “if the code and comments disagree both are probably wrong”!

Bugs

There are some known bugs in this version:

- The `\DoNotIndex` command doesn’t work for some single character commands most noticeable `\%`.
- The ‘General changes’ glossary entry would come out after macro names with a leading `!` and possibly a leading `"`;
- If you have an old version of `make-index` long `\changes` entries will come out strangely and you may find the section header amalgamated with the first changes entry. Try to get an up-to-date one (see p. 18);
- Because the accompanying `make-index` style files support the inconsistent attribute specifications of older and newer versions `make-index` always complains about three ‘unknown specifier’s when sorting the index and changes entries.
- If `\MakeShortVerb` and `\DeleteShortVerb` are used with single character arguments, e.g., `{|}` instead of `{\|}` chaos may happen.

(Some ‘features’ are documented below.)

Wish list

- Hooks to allow `\DescribeMacro` and `\DescribeEnv` to write out to a special file information about the package’s ‘exported’ definitions which they describe. This

could subsequently be included in the `docstripped.sty` file in a suitable form for use by smart editors in command completion, spelling checking etc., based on the packages used in a document. This would need agreement on a ‘suitable form’.

- Indexing of the modules used in

`docstrip`’s `%<` directives. I’m not sure how to index directives containing module combinations;

- Writing out bibliographic information about the package;
- Allow turning off use of the special font for, say, the next guarded block.

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A big thank you to David Love who brought the documentation up-to-date again, after I neglected this file for more than two years. This was most certainly a tough job as many features added to `doc.dtx` after its publication in *TUGboat* have been never properly described. Beside this splendid work he kindly provided additional code (like “`docstrip`” module formatting) which I think every `doc` user will be grateful for.

7 The Description of Macros

Most of the following code is destined for `doc.sty` after processing with `docstrip` to include the module `style` indicated here. (All code in this file not appropriate to `doc.sty` has to be included explicitly by `docstrip` so that this `.dtx` file can be used as directly as a package file rather than the stripped version.) The usual font change for the conditionally-included lines between the `<*style>` and `</style>` directives is suppressed since only the lines with an explicit directive are special in this file.

```
21 <*package>
```

Under L^AT_EX 2_ε the test to avoid reading `doc` in twice is normally unnecessary. It was kept to only to stay compatible with L^AT_EX209 styles that `\input doc` directly.

```
22 \@ifundefined{macro@cnt}{\endinput}
```

```
\fileversion    As you can see I used macros like \fileversion to denote the version number
\filedate       and the date. They are defined at the very beginning of the package file (without
\docdate        a surrounding macrocode environment), so I don't have to search for this place
                here when I change the version number. You can see their actual outcome in a
                footnote to the title.
```

The first thing that we do next is to get ourselves two alternative comment signs. Because all sensible signs are already occupied, we will choose some that can only be entered indirectly:

```
23 \catcode'\^A=14
```

```
24 \catcode'\^X=14
```

We repeat this statement at the beginning of the document in case the `inputenc` package is used disabling it again.

```
25 \AtBeginDocument{\catcode'\^^A=14\relax\catcode'\^^X=14\relax}
```

7.1 Keys supported by doc

In the past this used `kvoptions` but this will be replaced by using `l3keys` at some point in the future. Right now this is only a lightweight shift—the code could and should be altered further.

TODO: *cleanup replacement of kvoptions*

Some keys are available as options for use in `\usepackage` some are for the generated item API's:

```
26 \DeclareKeys
27 {
28   noprint          .if      = {doc@noprint},
29   noindex          .if      = {doc@noindex},
30   hyperref         .if      = {doc@hyperref},
31   nohyperref       .ifnot    = {doc@hyperref},
32   multicol         .if      = {doc@multicol},
33   nomulticol       .ifnot    = {doc@multicol},
34   debugshow       .if      = {doc@debugshow},
35   reportchangedates .if      = {doc@reportchangedates},
36   toplevel         .if      = {doc@toplevel},
37   notoplevel       .ifnot    = {doc@toplevel},
38   macrolike        .if      = {doc@macrolike},
39   envlike          .ifnot    = {doc@macrolike},
40   idxtype          .store    = \doc@idxtype,
41   idxgroup         .store    = \doc@idxgroup,
42   printtype        .store    = \doc@printtype,
43   outer            .if      = {doc@outer},
44 }
```

Setting these options to true initially.

```
45 \doc@hyperreftrue
46 \doc@multicoltrue
47 \doc@topleveltrue
```

7.2 Processing the package keys

```
48 \ProcessKeyOptions
```

```
\ifscan@allowed \ifscan@allowed is the switch used to determine if the \active@escape@char
\scan@allowedtrue should start the macro scanning mechanism.
\scan@allowedfalse 49 \newif\ifscan@allowed \scan@allowedtrue
```

`\SetupDoc` We need to save the default value for some options because doc elements can locally set them.

TODO: *Use 2e interface for `\keys_set:nn` when available*

```
50 \def\SetupDoc#1{%
51   \csname keys_set:nn\endcsname{doc}{#1}%
52   \edef\doc@noprintdefault{\ifdoc@noprint true\else false\fi}%
53   \ifdoc@noindex
```

If we do not index by default then we should also turn off `\scan@allowed`.

```

54 \def\doc@noindexdefault{true}%
55 \scan@allowedfalse
56 \else
57 \def\doc@noindexdefault{false}%
58 \fi
59 }

60 \SetupDoc{} % just save the default values

```

7.3 Macros surrounding the ‘definition parts’

`macrocode` (*env.*) Parts of the macro definition will be surrounded by the environment `macrocode`. Put more precisely, they will be enclosed by a macro whose argument (the text to be set ‘verbatim’) is terminated by the string `%\end{macrocode}`. Carefully note the number of spaces. `\macrocode` is defined completely analogously to `\verbatim`, but because a few small changes were carried out, almost all internal macros have got new names. We start by calling the macro `\macro@code`, the macro which bears the brunt of most of the work, such as `\catcode` reassignments, etc.

```
61 \def\macrocode{\macro@code
```

Then we take care that all spaces have the same width, and that they are not discarded.

```
62 \frenchspacing \@vobeyspaces
```

Before closing, we need to call `\xmacro@code`. It is this macro that expects an argument which is terminated by the above string. This way it is possible to keep the `\catcode` changes local.

```
63 \xmacro@code}
```

`\macro@code` We will now begin with the macro that does the actual work:

```
64 \def\macro@code{%
```

In theory it should consist of a `trivlist` environment, but the empty space before and after the environment should not be too large.

```
65 \topsep \MacrocodeTopsep
```

The next parameter we set is `\@beginparpenalty`, in order to prevent a page break before such an environment.

```
66 \@beginparpenalty \predisplaypenalty
```

We then start a `\trivlist`, set `\parskip` back to zero and start an empty `\item`.

```
67 \if@inlabel\leavevmode\fi
68 \trivlist \parskip \z@ \item[]%
```

The `\item` command sets the `\@labels` box but that box is never typeset (as `\everypar` that normally does this gets redefined later). That is normally not an issue, but produces a problem when typesetting in mixed directions, (e.g., in Japanese), so we explicitly clear it for that use case.

```
69 \global\setbox\@labels\box\voidb@x
```

Additionally, everything should be set in `typewriter` font. Some people might prefer it somewhat differently; because of this the font choice is macro-driven.¹⁷

```
70 \macro@font
```

Because `\item` sets various parameters, we have found it necessary to alter some of these retrospectively.

```
71 \leftskip\@totalleftmargin \advance\leftskip\MacroIndent
72 \rightskip\z@ \parindent\z@ \parfillskip\@flushglue
```

The next line consists of the L^AT_EX definition of `\par` used in `\verbatim` and should result in blank lines being shown as blank lines.

```
73 \blank@linefalse \def\par{\ifblank@line
74 \leavevmode\fi
75 \blank@linetrue\@par
76 \penalty\interlinepenalty}
```

What use is this definition of `\par`? We use the macro `\obeylines` of [3] which changes all `^^M` to `\par` so that each can control its own indentation. Next we must also ensure that all special signs are normalized; that is, they must be given `\catcode 12`.

```
77 \obeylines
78 \@noligs
79 \let\do\@makeother \dospecials
```

If indexing by code lines is switched on the line number is incremented and set appropriately. We also check whether the start of the next line indicates a `docstrip` module directive and process it appropriately if so using `\check@module`.

```
80 \global\@newlistfalse
81 \global\@minipagefalse
82 \ifcodeline@index
83 \everypar{\global\advance\c@CodelineNo\@ne
84 \llap{\theCodelineNo\ \hskip\@totalleftmargin}%
85 \check@module}%
86 \else \everypar{\check@module}%
87 \fi
```

We also initialize the cross-referencing feature by calling `\init@crossref`. This will start the scanning mechanism when encountering an escape character.

```
88 \init@crossref}
```

`\ifblank@line` `\ifblank@line` is the switch used in the definition above. In the original `verbatim` environment the `\if@tempsw` switch is used. This is dangerous because its value `\blank@linefalse` may change while processing lines in the `macrocode` environment.

```
89 \newif\ifblank@line
```

`\endmacrocode` Because we have begun a `trivlist` environment in the `macrocode` environment, we must also end it. We must also act on the value of the `pm@module` flag (see below) and empty `\everypar`.

```
90 \def\endmacrocode{%
91 \ifpm@module \endgroup \pm@modulefalse \fi
92 \everypar{}%
93 \global\@inlabelfalse
94 \endtrivlist
```

¹⁷The font change has to be placed *after* the `\item`. Otherwise a change to `\baselineskip` will affect the paragraph above.

Additionally `\close@crossref` is used to do anything needed to end the cross-referencing mechanism.

```
95 \close@crossref}
```

`\MacroFont` Here is the default definition for the `\MacroFont` macro. With the new math font handling in NFSS2 it isn't any longer correct to suppress the math font setup since this is now handled differently. But to keep the font change fast we use only a single `\selectfont` (in `\small`) and do the rest by hand.

```
96 \@ifundefined{MacroFont}{%
97 \if@compatibility
```

Despite the above statement we will call `\small` first if somebody is using a L^AT_EX2.09 document with doc. I wouldn't have bothered since doc-sources should be up-to-date but since the request came from someone called David Carlisle ...:-)

```
98 \def\MacroFont{\small
99 \usefont\encodingdefault
100 \ttdefault
101 \mddefault
102 \shapedefault
103 }%
104 \else
105 \def\MacroFont{\fontencoding\encodingdefault
106 \fontfamily\ttdefault
107 \fontseries\mddefault
108 \fontshape\shapedefault
109 \small}%
110 \fi
111 }
```

`\AltMacroFont` Although most of the macro code is set in `\MacroFont` we want to be able to `\macro@font` switch to indicate module code set in `\AltMacroFont`. `\macro@font` keeps track of which one we're using. We can't do the same thing sensibly in OFSS as in NFSS.

```
112 \@ifundefined{AltMacroFont}{%
113 \if@compatibility
```

Again have `\small` first if we are in compat mode.

```
114 \def\AltMacroFont{\small
115 \usefont\encodingdefault
116 \ttdefault
117 \mddefault
118 \sldefault
119 }%
120 \else
121 \def\AltMacroFont{\fontencoding\encodingdefault
122 \fontfamily\ttdefault
123 \fontseries\mddefault
124 \fontshape\sldefault
125 \small
126 }%
127 \fi
128 }
```

To allow changing the `\MacroFont` in the preamble we defer defining the internally used `\macro@font` until after the preamble.

```
129 \AtBeginDocument{\let\macro@font\MacroFont}
```

`\check@module` This is inserted by `\everypar` at the start of each macrocode line to check whether `\ifpm@module` it starts with module information. (Such information is of the form `%<switch>`, where the `%` must be at the start of the line and `<switch>` comprises names with various possible separators and a possible leading `+`, `-`, `*` or `/` [6]. All that concerns us here is what the first character of `<switch>` is.) First it checks the `pm@module` flag in case the previous line had a non-block module directive i.e., not `%<*` or `%</`; if it did we need to close the group it started and unset the flag. `\check@module` looks ahead at the next token and then calls `\ch@percent` to take action depending on whether or not it's a `%`; we don't want to expand the token at this stage. This is all done conditionally so it can be turned off if it causes problems with code that wasn't designed to be docstripped.

```
130 \def\check@module{%
131   \ifcheck@modules
132     \ifpm@module \endgroup \pm@modulefalse \fi
133     \expandafter\futurelet\expandafter\next\expandafter\ch@percent
134   \fi}
135 \newif\ifpm@module
```

`\DontCheckModules` Here are two driver-file interface macros for turning the module checking on and `\CheckModules` off using the `check@modules` switch.

```
\ifcheck@modules 136 \def\DontCheckModules{\check@modulesfalse}
137 \def\CheckModules{\check@modulestrue}
138 \newif\ifcheck@modules \check@modulestrue
```

`\ch@percent` If the lookahead token in `\next` is `%12` we go on to check whether the following one is `<` and otherwise do nothing. Note the `\expandafter` to get past the `\fi`.

```
139 \def\ch@percent{%
140   \if \percentchar\next
141     \expandafter\check@angle
142   \fi}
```

`\check@angle` Before looking ahead for the `<` the `%` is gobbled by the argument here.

```
143 \def\check@angle#1{\futurelet\next\ch@angle}
```

`\ch@angle` If the current lookahead token is `<` we are defined to be processing a module directive can go on to look for `+` etc.; otherwise we must put back the gobbled `%`. With L^AT_EX 2_ε `<` is active so we have to be a bit careful.

```
144 \begingroup
145 \catcode'\<\active
146 \gdef\ch@angle{\ifx<\next
147   \expandafter\ch@plus@etc
148   \else \percentchar \fi}
```

`\ch@plus@etc` We now have to decide what sort of a directive we're dealing with and do the right `\check@plus@etc` thing with it.

```
149 \gdef\ch@plus@etc<{\futurelet\next\check@plus@etc}
150 \gdef\check@plus@etc{%
```

```

151     \if +\next
152         \let\next\pm@module
153     \else\if -\next
154         \let\next\pm@module
155     \else\if *\next
156         \let\next\star@module
157     \else\if /\next
158         \let\next\slash@module

```

At some point in the past the `docstrip` program was partly rewritten and at that time it also got support for a very special directive of the form `%<<` followed by an arbitrary string. This is used for “verbatim” inclusion in case of certain problem. We do not really attempt to pretty print that case but we need at least account for it since otherwise we get an error message since this is the only case where we will not have a closing `>`.

```

159     \else\ifx <\next
160         \percentchar
161     \else
162         \let\next\pm@module
163     \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
164     \next}
165 \endgroup

```

`\pm@module` If we’re not dealing with a block directive (`*` or `/`) i.e., it’s a single special line, we set everything up to the next `>` appropriately and then change to the special macro font inside a group which will be ended at the start of the next line. If the apparent module directive is missing the terminating `>` this will lose, but then so will the `docstrip` implementation. An alternative strategy would be to have `\pm@module` make `>` active and clear a flag set here to indicate processing the directive. Appropriate action could then be taken if the flag was found still to be set when processing the next line.

```

166 \begingroup
167 \catcode'\~=\active
168 \lccode'\~='>
169 \lowercase{\gdef\pm@module#1~}{\pm@moduletrue
170     \Module{#1}\begingroup

```

We switch to a special font as soon the nesting is higher than the current value of `\c@StandardModuleDepth`. We do a local update to the `\guard@level` here which will be restored after the current input line.

```

171     \advance\guard@level\@ne
172     \ifnum\guard@level>\c@StandardModuleDepth\AltMacroFont\fi
173 }

```

`\star@module` If the start or end of a module *block* is indicated, after setting the guard we have
`\slash@module` to check whether a change in the macrocode font should be done. This will be the case if we are already inside a block or are ending the outermost block. If so, we globally toggle the font for subsequent macrocode sections between the normal and special form, switching to the new one immediately.

```

174 \lowercase{\gdef\star@module#1~}{%
175     \Module{#1}%
176     \global \advance \guard@level\@ne
177     \ifnum \guard@level>\c@StandardModuleDepth

```

```

178 \global\let\macro@font=\AltMacroFont \macro@font
179 \fi}
180 \catcode'\>=\active
181 \gdef\slash@module#1>{%
182 \Module{#1}%
183 \global \advance \guard@level\m@ne
184 \ifnum \guard@level=\c@StandardModuleDepth
185 \global\let\macro@font\MacroFont \macro@font
186 \fi
187 }
188 \endgroup

```

StandardModuleDepth (*counter*) Counter defining up to which level modules are considered part of the main code. If, for example, the whole code is surrounded by a `%<*package>` module we better set this counter to 1 to avoid getting the whole code be displayed in typewriter italic.

```
189 \newcounter{StandardModuleDepth}
```

\guard@level (*counter*) We need a counter to keep track of the guard nesting.

```
190 \newcount \guard@level
```

\Module This provides a hook to determine the way the module directive is set. It gets as argument everything between the angle brackets. The default is to set the contents in sans serif text between `<>` with the special characters suitably `\mathcode`d by `\mod@math@codes`. (You can't just set it in a sans text font because normally `|` will print as an em-dash.) This is done differently depending on whether we have the NFSS or the old one. In the latter case we can easily change `\fam` appropriately.

```
191 \@ifundefined{Module}{%
```

With NFSS what we probably *should* do is change to a new `\mathversion` but I (Dave Love) haven't spotted an easy way to do so correctly if the document uses a version other than `normal`. (We need to know in what font to set the other groups.) This uses a new math alphabet rather than version and consequently has to worry about whether we're using `oldlfont` or not. I expect there's a better way...

```

192 \def\Module#1{\mod@math@codes$\langle\mathsf{#1}\rangle$}
193 }{}
```

\mod@math@codes As well as 'words', the module directive text might contain any of the characters `*/+-,&|!()` for the current version of `docstrip`. We only need special action for two of them in the math code changing required above: `|` is changed to a `\mathop` (it's normally "026A) and `&` is also made a `\mathop`, but in family 0. Remember that `&` will not have a special catcode when it's encountered.

```

194 \def\mod@math@codes{\mathcode'\|="226A \mathcode'\&="2026
195 \mathcode'\-="702D \mathcode'\+="702B
196 \mathcode'\:="703A \mathcode'\=="703D }
```

\MacrocodeTopsep (*skip*) In the code above, we have used two registers. Therefore we have to allocate them.

\MacroIndent (*dimen*) The default values might be overwritten with the help of the `\DocstyleParms` macro.

```

197 \newskip\MacrocodeTopsep \MacrocodeTopsep = 3pt plus 1.2pt minus 1pt
198 \newdimen\MacroIndent
199 \settowidth\MacroIndent{\rmfamily\scriptsize 00\ }

```

`macrocode*` (*env.*) Just as in the `verbatim` environment, there is also a ‘star’ variant of the `macrocode` environment in which a space is shown by the symbol `␣`. Until this moment, I have not yet used it (it will be used in the description of the definition of `\xmacro@code` below) but it’s exactly on this one occasion *here* that you can’t use it (cf. Münchhausens Marsh problem)¹⁸ directly. Because of this, on this one occasion we’ll cheat around the problem with an additional comment character. But now back to `\macrocode*`. We start with the macro `\macro@code` which prepares everything and then call the macro `\sxmacro@code` whose argument is terminated by the string `%␣␣␣␣\end{macrocode*}`.

```
200 \@namedef{macrocode*}{\macro@code\sxmacro@code}
```

As we know, `\sxmacro@code` and then `\end{macrocode*}` (the macro, not the string), will be executed, so that for a happy ending we still need to define the macro `\endmacrocode*`.

```
201 \expandafter\let\csname endmacrocode*\endcsname = \endmacrocode
```

`\xmacro@code` As already mentioned, the macro `\xmacro@code` expects an argument delimited by the string `%␣␣␣␣\end{macrocode}`. At the moment that this macro is called, the `\catcode` of TeX’s special characters are 12 (‘other’) or 13 (‘active’). Because of this we need to utilize a different escape character during the definition. This happens locally.

```

202 \begingroup
203 \catcode'\|=\z@␣\catcode'\[=\@ne␣\catcode'\]=\tw@

```

Additionally, we need to ensure that the symbols in the above string contain the `\catcodes` which are available within the `macrocode` environment.

```

204 \catcode'\{=12␣\catcode'\}=12
205 \catcode'\%=12␣\catcode'\_=\active␣\catcode'\=\active

```

Next follows the actual definition of `\macro@code`; notice the use of the new escape character. We manage to get the argument surrounded by the string `\end{macrocode}`, but at the end however, in spite of the actual characters used during the definition of this macro, `\end` with the argument `{macrocode}` will be executed, to ensure a balanced environment.

```
206 |gdef\xmacro@code#1%␣␣␣␣\end{macrocode}[#1|end[macrocode]]
```

`\sxmacro@code` The definition of `\sxmacro@code` is completely analogous, only here a slightly different terminating string will be used. Note that the space is not active in this environment.

```

207 |catcode'| =12
208 |gdef\sxmacro@code#1%      \end{macrocode*}[#1|end[macrocode*]]

```

because the `\catcode` changes have been made local by commencing a new group, there now follows the matching `\endgroup` in a rather unusual style of writing.

```
209 |endgroup
```

¹⁸Karl Friedrich Hieronymus Frhr. v. Münchhausen (*1720, †1797). Several books were written about fantastic adventures supposedly told by him (see [7] or [1]). In one story he escaped from the marsh by pulling himself out by his hair.

7.4 Macros for the ‘documentation parts’

To put the labels in the left margin we have to use the `\reversemarginpar` declaration. (This means that the `doc.sty` can’t be used with all classes or packages.) We also make the `\marginparpush` zero and `\marginparwidth` suitably wide.

```
210 \reversemarginpar
211 \setlength\marginparpush{0pt} \setlength\marginparwidth{8pc}
212 \setlength\marginparsep{\labelsep}
```

`\bslash` We start a new group in which to hide the alteration of `\catcodes`, and make `|` introduce commands, whilst `\` becomes an ‘other’ character.

```
213 {\catcode'\|= \z@ \catcode'\=12
```

Now we are able to define `\bslash` (globally) to generate a backslash of `\catcode` ‘other’. We then close this group, restoring original `\catcodes`.

```
214 |gdef|bslash{\}}
```

`verbatim (env.)` The `verbatim` environment holds no secrets; it consists of the normal L^AT_EX environment. We also set the `\@beginparpenalty` and change to the font given by `\MacroFont`.

```
215 \def\verbatim{\@beginparpenalty \predisplaypenalty \@verbatim
216 \MacroFont \frenchspacing \vobeyspaces \@xverbatim}
```

We deal in a similar way with the star form of this environment.

```
217 \@namedef{verbatim*}{\@beginparpenalty \predisplaypenalty \@verbatim
218 \@setupverbvisiblespace
219 \MacroFont \vobeyspaces \@sxverbatim}
```

`\@verbatim` Additionally we redefine the `\@verbatim` macro so that it suppresses `%` characters at the beginning of the line. The first lines are copied literally from `latex.tex`.

```
220 \def\@verbatim{\trivlist \item\relax
221 \if@minipage\else\vskip\parskip\fi
222 \leftskip\@totalleftmargin\rightskip\z@
223 \parindent\z@\parfillskip\@flushglue\parskip\z@
224 \language\l@nohyphenation
225 \@@par
226 \@tempwafalse
```

`\@verbatim` sets `^^M`, the end of line character, to be equal to `\par`. This control sequence is redefined here; `\@@par` is the paragraph primitive of T_EX.

```
227 \def\par{%
228 \if@tempwa
229 \leavevmode \null \@@par\penalty\interlinepenalty
230 \else
231 \@tempwattrue
232 \ifhmode\@@par\penalty\interlinepenalty\fi
233 \fi
```

We add a control sequence `\check@percent` to the definition of `\par` whose task it is to check for a percent character.

```
234 \check@percent}%
```

The rest is again copied literally from `latex.tex` (less `"`).

```
235 \let\do\@makeother \dospecials
236 \obeylines \verbatim@font \@noligs
237 \everypar \expandafter{\the\everypar \unpenalty}%
238 }
```

`\check@percent` Finally we define `\check@percent`. Since this must compare a character with a percent sign we must first (locally) change percent’s `\catcode` so that it is seen by $\text{\TeX}$. The definition itself is nearly trivial: grab the following character, check if it is a `%`, and insert it again if not. At the end of the `verbatim` environment this macro will peek at the next input line. In that case the argument to `\check@percent` might be a `\par` or a macro with arguments. Therefore we make the definition `\long` (`\par` allowed) and use the normal `\next` mechanism to reinsert the argument after the `\fi` if necessary. There is a subtle problem here, the equal sign between `\next` and `#1` is actually necessary. Do you see why? The omission of this token once caused a funny error.

```
239 {\catcode'\%=12
240 \long\gdef\check@percent#1{\ifx #1%\let\next\@empty \else
241                               \let\next=#1\fi \next}}
```

In the early versions of the package it also redefined `\verb` because that didn’t include the useful test for “newline” in the `verbatim` text. This is nowadays part of $\text{\LaTeX}$ so we do not redefine it any longer (the original code is still kept in the file after `\endinput` to keep the long history intact).

`\macro@cnt` (*counter*) The `macro` environment is implemented as a `trivlist` environment, whereby in order that the macro names can be placed under one another in the margin (corresponding to the macro’s nesting depth), the macro `\makelabel` must be altered. In order to store the nesting depth, we use a counter. We also need a counter to count the number of nested `macro` environments.

```
242 \newcount\macro@cnt \macro@cnt=0
```

`\MacroTopsep` (*skip*) Here is the default value for the `\MacroTopsep` parameter used above.

```
243 \newskip\MacroTopsep \MacroTopsep = 7pt plus 2pt minus 2pt
```

7.5 Formatting the margin

The following three macros should be user definable. Therefore we define those macros only if they have not already been defined.

7.6 Creating index entries by scanning ‘macrocode’

The following macros ensure that index entries are created for each occurrence of a $\text{\TeX}$ -like command (something starting with `\`) providing indexing has been turned on with `\PageIndex` or `\CodelineIndex`. With the default definitions of `\specialMainMacroIndex`, etc., the index file generated is intended to be processed by Chen’s `makeindex` program [4].

Of course, in *this* package file itself we’ve sometimes had to make | take the rôle of $\text{\TeX}$ ’s escape character to introduce command names at places where `\` has to belong to some other category. Therefore, we may also need to recognize

| as the introducer for a command when setting the text inside the `macrocode` environment. Other users may have the need to make similar reassignments for their macros.

`\SpecialEscapechar` The macro `\SpecialEscapechar` is used to denote a special escape character for the next `macrocode` environment. It has one argument—the new escape character given as a ‘single-letter’ control sequence. Its main purpose is defining `\special@escape@char` to produce the chosen escape character `\catcode` to 12 and `\active@escape@char` to produce the same character but with `\catcode` 13.

The macro `\special@escape@char` is used to *print* the escape character while `\active@escape@char` is needed in the definition of `\init@crossref` to start the scanning mechanism.

In the definition of `\SpecialEscapechar` we need an arbitrary character with `\catcode` 13. We use ‘~’ and ensure that it is active. The `\begingroup` is used to make a possible change local to the expansion of `\SpecialEscapechar`.

```
244 \begingroup
245 \catcode'\~\active
246 \gdef\SpecialEscapechar#1{%
247   \begingroup
```

Now we are ready for the definition of `\active@escape@char`. It’s a little tricky: we first define locally the uppercase code of ‘~’ to be the new escape character.

```
248   \uccode'\~'#1%
```

Around the definition of `\active@escape@char` we place an `\uppercase` command. Recall that the expansion of `\uppercase` changes characters according to their `\uccode`, but leaves their `\catcodes` untouched (cf. T_EXbook page 41).

```
249   \uppercase{\gdef\active@escape@char{~}}%
```

The definition of `\special@escape@char` is easier, we use `\string` to `\catcode` the argument of `\SpecialEscapechar` to 12 and suppress the preceding `\escapechar`.

```
250   \escapechar\m@ne \xdef\special@escape@char{\string#1}%
```

Now we close the group and end the definition: the value of `\escapechar` as well as the `\uccode` and `\catcode` of ‘~’ will be restored.

```
251   \endgroup}
252 \endgroup
```

`\init@crossref` The replacement text of `\init@crossref` should fulfill the following tasks:

- (1) `\catcode` all characters used in macro names to 11 (i.e., ‘letter’).
- (2) `\catcode` the ‘\’ character to 13 (i.e., ‘active’).
- (3a) `\let` the ‘\’ equal `\scan@macro` (i.e., start the macro scanning mechanism) if there is no special escape character (i.e., the `\special@escape@char` is ‘\’).
- (3b) Otherwise `\let` it equal `\bslash`, i.e. produce a printable \.
- (4) Make the *special escape character* active.
- (5) `\let` the active version of the special escape character (i.e., the expansion of `\active@escape@char`) equal `\scan@macro`.

The reader might ask why we bother to `\catcode` the ‘\’ first to 12 (at the end of `\macro@code`) then re-`\catcode` it to 13 in order to produce a `\_12` in case (3b) above. This is done because we have to ensure that ‘\’ has `\catcode` 13 within the `macrocode` environment. Otherwise the delimiter for the argument of `\xmacro@code` would not be found (parameter matching depends on `\catcodes`).

Therefore we first re-`\catcode` some characters.

```
253 \begingroup \catcode'\|=z0 \catcode'\=\active
```

We carry out tasks (2) and (3b) first.

```
254 |gdef|init@crossref{|catcode'\|active |let|bslash
```

Because of the popularity of the ‘@’ character as a ‘letter’ in macros, we normally have to change its `\catcode` here, and thus fulfill task (1). But the macro designer might use other characters as private letters as well, so we use a macro to do the `\catcode` switching.

```
255 |MakePrivateLetters
```

Now we `\catcode` the special escape character to 13 and `\let` it equal `\scan@macro`, i.e., fulfill tasks (4) and (5). Note the use of `\expandafter` to insert the chosen escape character saved in `\special@escape@char` and `\active@escape@char`.

```
256 |catcode|expandafter'|special@escape@char|active
```

```
257 |expandafter|let|active@escape@char|scan@macro}
```

```
258 |endgroup
```

If there is no special escape character, i.e., if `\SpecialEscapechar` is `\`, the second last line will overwrite the previous definition of `\_13`. In this way all tasks are fulfilled.

For happy documenting we give default values to `\special@escape@char` and `\active@escape@char` with the following line:

```
259 \SpecialEscapechar{\}
```

`\MakePrivateLetters` Here is the default definition of this command, which makes just the @ into a letter. The user may change it if he/she needs more or other characters masquerading as letters.

```
260 \@ifundefined{MakePrivateLetters}
```

```
261 {|let\MakePrivateLetters\makeatletter}{}
```

`\close@crossref` At the end of a cross-referencing part we prepare ourselves for the next one by setting the escape character to ‘\’.

```
262 \def\close@crossref{\SpecialEscapechar\}
```

7.7 Macros for scanning macro names

`\scan@macro` The `\init@crossref` will have made `\active` our `\special@escape@char`, so `\macro@namepart` that each `\active@escape@char` will invoke `\scan@macro` when within the `macrocode` environment. By this means, we can automatically add index entries for every T_EX-like command which is met whilst setting (in verbatim) the contents of `macrocode` environments.

```
263 \def\scan@macro{%
```

First we output the character which triggered this macro. Its version `\catcode` d to 12 is saved in `\special@escape@char`. We also call `\step@checksum` to generate later on a proper check-sum (see section 5.2 for details).

```
264 \special@escape@char
265 \step@checksum
```

If the `macrocode` environment contains, for example, the command `\\`, the second `\` should not start the scanning mechanism. Therefore we use a switch to decide if scanning of macro names is allowed.

```
266 \ifscan@allowed
```

The macro assembles the letters forming a `TEX` command in `\macro@namepart` so this is initially cleared; we then set `\next` to the *first* character following the `\` and call `\macro@switch` to determine whether that character is a letter or not.

```
267 \let\macro@namepart\@empty
268 \def\next{\futurelet\next\macro@switch}%
```

As you recognize, we actually did something else, because we have to defer the `\futurelet` call until after the final `\fi`. If, on the other hand, the scanning is disabled we simply `\let \next` equal ‘empty’.

```
269 \else \let\next\@empty \fi
```

Now we invoke `\next` to carry out what’s needed.

```
270 \next}
```

`\EnableCrossrefs` At this point we might define two macros which allow the user to disable or `\DisableCrossrefs` enable the cross-referencing mechanism. Processing of files will be faster if only main index entries are generated (i.e., if `\DisableCrossrefs` is in force).

```
271 \def\DisableCrossrefs{\@bsphack\scan@allowedfalse\@esphack}
```

The macro `\EnableCrossrefs` will also disable any `\DisableCrossrefs` command encountered afterwards.

```
272 \def\EnableCrossrefs{\@bsphack\scan@allowedtrue
273 \def\DisableCrossrefs{\@bsphack\@esphack}\@esphack}
```

`\macro@switch` Now that we have the character which follows the escape character (in `\next`), we can determine whether it’s a ‘letter’ (which probably includes `@`).

If it is, we let `\next` invoke a macro which assembles the full command name.

```
274 \def\macro@switch{\ifcat\noexpand\next a%
275 \let\next\macro@name
```

Otherwise, we have a ‘single-character’ command name. For all those single-character names, we use `\short@macro` to process them into suitable index entries.

```
276 \else \let\next\short@macro \fi
```

Now that we know what macro to use to process the macro name, we invoke it ...

```
277 \next}
```

`\short@macro` This macro will be invoked (with a single character as parameter) when a single-character macro name has been spotted whilst scanning within the `macrocode` environment.

First we take a look at the `\index@excludelist` to see whether this macro name should produce an index entry. This is done by the `\ifnot@excluded` macro which assumes that the macro name is saved in `\macro@namepart`. The character

mustn't be stored with a special category code or exclusion from the index won't work, so we use `\string` to normalize it the same way it is done in `\DoNotIndex`, i.e. everything ends up catcode 12 except for the space character.

```
278 \def\short@macro#1{%
279   \edef\macro@namepart{\string#1}%
```

Any indexing is then delegated to `\maybe@index@short@macro`. Depending on the actual character seen, this macro has to do different things, which is why we keep it separate from `\maybe@index@macro` to avoid the special tests in the more common case of a multi-letter macro name.

```
280   \maybe@index@short@macro\macro@namepart
```

Then we disable the cross-referencing mechanism with `\scan@allowedfalse` and print the actual character. The index entry was generated first to ensure that no page break intervenes (recall that a `^^M` will start a new line).

```
281   \scan@allowedfalse#1%
```

After typesetting the character we can safely enable the cross-referencing feature again. Note that this macro won't be called (since `\macro@switch` won't be called) if cross-referencing is globally disabled.

```
282   \scan@allowedtrue }
```

`\macro@name` We now come to the macro which assembles command names which consist of one or more 'letters' (which might well include `@` symbols, or anything else which has a `\catcode` of 11).

To do this we add the 'letter' to the existing definition of `\macro@namepart` (which you will recall was originally set to `\@empty`).

```
283 \def\macro@name#1{\edef\macro@namepart{\macro@namepart#1}%
```

Then we grab hold of the *next* single character and let `\more@macroname` determine whether it belongs to the letter string forming the command name or is a 'non-letter'.

```
284   \futurelet\next\more@macroname}
```

`\more@macroname` This causes another call of `\macro@name` to add in the next character, if it is indeed a 'letter'.

```
285 \def\more@macroname{\ifcat\noexpand\next a%
286   \let\next\macro@name
```

Otherwise, it finishes off the index entry by invoking `\macro@finish`.

```
287   \else \let\next\macro@finish \fi
```

Here's where we invoke whatever macro was `\let` equal to `\next`.

```
288   \next}
```

`\macro@finish` When we've assembled the full 'letter'-string which forms the command name, we set the characters forming the entire command name, and generate an appropriate `\index` command (provided the command name is not on the list of exclusions). The `'\'` is already typeset; therefore we only have to output all 'letters' saved in `\macro@namepart`.

```
289 \def\macro@finish{%
290   \macro@namepart
```

Then we call `\ifnot@excluded` to decide whether we have to produce an index entry. The construction with `\@tempa` is needed because we want the expansion of `\macro@namepart` in the `\index` command.¹⁹

```
291 % \ifnot@excluded
292 % \edef\@tempa{\noexpand\SpecialIndex{\bslash\macro@namepart}}%
293 % \@tempa \fi
294 \maybe@index@macro \macro@namepart
295 }
```

7.8 The index exclude list²⁰

The following part of the code is a new implementation using the L^AT_EX3 programming layer as the constructs and types provided therein are making programming much easier. Over time I will probably replace the rest of that `doc` code too.

```
296 \ExplSyntaxOn
```

`\l__doc_donotindex_seq` Local sequence that holds names (as strings) of commands that should not be indexed. Within a `doc` element environment that element is placed into the sequence so that it isn't unnecessarily index within that part of the code. As the sequence is local it will revert this setting at the end of the environment so that the command is indexed elsewhere (unless it is generally disabled from indexing).

`\g__doc_idxtype_prop` Global property list that holds for all commands that are special `doc` elements the type of the element. The key is the command name without backslash and the value is `doc` element type identifier, e.g., `\texttt{Length}` for length registers if that type has been set up. `doc` only indexes commands, that is things starting with an escape character, i.e., a backslash (by default). `doc` elements that do not start with an escape character, e.g., environments are not identified when parsing code so that aren't indexed automatically inside. Thus for them there is no point in keeping them in that property list.

`\doc_dont_index:n` Takes a list of commands (with backslash) as input and exclude all of them from the index. User facing we make this available as `\DoNotIndex`.

`\ShowIndexingState` Displays the current list of the exclude index list in a fairly low-level form.

`\RecordIndexType` This command takes two arguments: a command (with escape char) and its type (i.e., first mandatory argument of a `\NewDocElement` declaration). If `#1` should not be included from the index, then the data is used to record that this command is of this type. The information is then used to generate appropriate index entries. Obviously, index entries generated earlier will be listing the wrong type. Therefore this information is also placed into the `.aux` file so that it will be available at the beginning of further runs.

This command is internally executed as part of any `doc` element environment so it only needs to be explicitly given if for some reason a command with a special type has no corresponding environment.

`\l__doc_donotindex_seq` Declarations.

```
\g__doc_idxtype_prop 297 \seq_new:N \l__doc_donotindex_seq
298 \prop_new:N \g__doc_idxtype_prop
```

¹⁹The `\index` command will expand its argument in the `\output` routine. At this time `\macro@namepart` might have a new value.

²⁰Info: the incomplete commentary on `\DoNotIndex` and the macros it calls was written by Dave Love.

`\__doc_trace:e` A helper for tracing...

```
299 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_trace:e {
300   \legacy_if:nTF{ doc@debugshow }{ \iow_term:e } { \use_none:n }
301 }
```

`\doc_dont_index:n` Parses the argument a clist of commands with `\MakePrivateLetters` in force

`\__doc_dont_index:n` (so that special characters are recognized as being part of command names)

`\__doc_dont_index_aux:n` and puts each command without its backslash as a string into the sequence

`\l__doc_dontindex_seq`.

```
302 \cs_new:Npn \doc_dont_index:n {
303   \group_begin:
304     \MakePrivateLetters
305     \__doc_dont_index:n
306 }
```

```
307 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_dont_index:n #1 {
308   \group_end:
```

```
309   \__doc_trace:e{Disable~ indexing~ for~ '\tl_to_str:n{#1}' }
```

Adding the commands to the `\l__doc_dontindex_seq` sequence is done by mapping the function `\__doc_dont_index_aux:n` on each element in the clist.

```
310   \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__doc_dont_index_aux:n
311 }
```

We record each command by using its name as a string. This means more tokens in the sequence but it allows to compare names not “action” which is important as different commands may have the same meaning (e.g., they may not be defined at all),

```
312 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_dont_index_aux:n #1 {
313   \seq_put_right:Ne \l__doc_dontindex_seq {\expandafter\@gobble \string#1}
314 }
```

`\DoNotIndex` The document-level interface

```
315 \cs_set_eq:NN \DoNotIndex \doc_dont_index:n
```

`\ShowIndexingState` Some tracing information that may be helpful.

```
316 \def \ShowIndexingState {
317   \__doc_trace:e{Show~ doc~ indexing~ state:}
318   \seq_show:N \l__doc_dontindex_seq
319   \prop_show:N \g__doc_idxtype_prop
320 }
```

`\__doc_idxtype_put:Nn` **TODO:** *Change name of interface command!*

`\RecordIndexType`

`\RecordIndexTypeAux`

This is the internal form for `\RecordIndexType`. The first argument is turned into a string and the rest of the processing is then done by `\__doc_idxtype_put:nn`

```
321 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_idxtype_put:Nn #1#2 {
322   \exp_args:Ne \__doc_idxtype_put:nn { \cs_to_str:N #1 }{#2}
```

We also make an entry in the `.aux` file so that this declaration becomes immediately available in the next run. However, for this we aren’t reusing `\__doc_idxtype_put:N` (a.k.a. `\RecordIndexType`) since that would result in doubling such lines each time the document is run. Instead we use `\RecordIndexTypeAux` which is only updating the data structures without writing to the `.aux` file.

```

323 \protected@write\@auxout{}
324   {\string\RecordIndexTypeAux {\string#1 }{\#2} }
325 }

```

When we execute this code from the .aux we better not generate a new line in the .aux. Otherwise those would cumulate over time.

```

326 \cs_new:Npn \RecordIndexTypeAux #1#2 {
327   \exp_args:Ne \__doc_idxtype_put:nn { \cs_to_str:N #1 }{\#2}
328 }

```

Similarly, when the .aux is read at the end of the run we should disable that command to avoid unnecessary processing.

```

329 \AtEndDocument{
330   \cs_set_eq:NN \RecordIndexTypeAux \use_none:nn
331 }

```

Finally, we provide the user-level interface

```

332 \cs_set_eq:NN \RecordIndexType \__doc_idxtype_put:Nn

```

`\__doc_idxtype_put_scan:nn` When we want to record an index type for a scanned name we can't turn that into a csname and then call `\__doc_idxtype_put:Nn` because turning it into a csname may change the meaning of the name from “undefined” to `\relax`. Got bitten by that when processing the kernel sources containing `\@undefined` within the code: suddenly that wasn't undefined any longer. So here is another version that works only on characters as input. As we don't know whether or not they are proper strings already we first make sure that this is the case.

```

333 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_idxtype_put_scan:nn #1#2 {
334   \exp_args:Nf \__doc_idxtype_put:nn { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }{\#2}

```

In this case we also have to append a backslash when writing to the .aux file.

```

335 \protected@write\@auxout{}
336   {\string\RecordIndexTypeAux {\bslash #1 }{\#2} }
337 }

```

`\__doc_idxtype_put_scan:on` And here is the one we really need since the characters are stored in some macro.

```

338 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__doc_idxtype_put_scan:nn {o}

```

`\record@index@type@save` And here is the interface to the rest of the code:

```

339 \cs_set_eq:NN \record@index@type@save \__doc_idxtype_put_scan:on

```

`\__doc_idxtype_put:nn` This internal command takes two arguments: a command name as string (no backslash) and its type (i.e., first mandatory argument of a `\NewDocElement` declaration). If #1 is not in `\l__doc_donotindex_seq` it will add this data to the property list `\g__doc_idxtype_prop` using #1 as key and #2 as its value. If the key already exist its value will be overwritten. If the command is later marked for exclusion from the index the property list setting remains unchanged but as long as no index is produced for the command it will not be consulted.

Note: the command assumes that #1 is already in string form

```

340 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_idxtype_put:nn #1#2 {

```

No mystery here: if the command is not marked for exclusion from the index add the property. The extra `\tl_to_str:n` is a safety measure in case the input wasn't already in that form (should only be the case with broken input but ...)

```

341   \exp_args:Nnf
342   \seq_if_in:NnTF \l__doc_donotindex_seq {\tl_to_str:n{#1}}

```

Some tracing info ...

```

343      {
344      \__doc_trace:e{Not~ recording~ index~ type~ for~ '\bslash #1' }
345      }
346      {
347      \__doc_trace:e{Recording~ index~ type~ for~ '\bslash #1' ~ as~ #2 }

```

Stick the data into the property list:

```

348      \prop_gput:Nnn \g__doc_idxtype_prop {#1}{#2}
349      }
350 }

```

`\exp_args:co` A helper: construct a function and call it with its first argument expanded once:

```

351 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:co #1#2
352   { \cs:w #1 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:\exp_after:wN {#2} }

```

`\maybe@index@macro`

This takes a macro name (without backslash) as parsed within a macrocode environment and checks if it should get indexed (i.e., is not on the exclude list) and if so how (i.e., gets it index type property and makes the right choice depending on that).

`\maybe@index@macro` We first make sure that the argument is really a string (so that we have a defined situation) and then pass it on to `\__doc_maybe_index_aux:nN` to do the work. The second argument defines the indexing operation `\SpecialIndex` for multi-letter macros and below `\SpecialShortIndex` for single character macros.

```

353 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_maybe_index:o #1 {
354   \exp_args:Nf \__doc_maybe_index_aux:nN { \tl_to_str:o {#1} }
355   \SpecialIndex
356 }

```

And here is what we call it in the older non-expl3 code:

```

357 \cs_set_eq:NN \maybe@index@macro \__doc_maybe_index:o

```

`\maybe@index@short@macro` Single character macros are handled similarly but there the indexing is done by `\__doc_maybe_index_short:o` `\SpecialShortIndex` and it is simpler because we know that the argument contains a string token not letters.

```

358 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_maybe_index_short:o #1 {
359   \exp_args:No \__doc_maybe_index_aux:nN #1
360   \SpecialShortIndex
361 }
362 \cs_set_eq:NN \maybe@index@short@macro \__doc_maybe_index_short:o

```

`\__doc_maybe_index_aux:nN` Take a string (representing a macro without backslash) and make the right choices with respect to indexing.

```

363 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_maybe_index_aux:nN #1#2 {

```

A bit of tracing:

```

364   \__doc_trace:e{Searching~ for~ '\bslash #1'}

```

If the name is on the exclude list do nothing.

```

365   \seq_if_in:NnTF \l__doc_donotindex_seq {#1}

```

```

366 {
367   \_doc_trace:e{Not~ indexing~ '\backslash #1' }
368 }

```

Otherwise check if this name has an index type property attached to it.

```

369 {
370   \prop_get:NnNTF \g__doc_idxtype_prop {#1} \l__doc_idxtype_tl

```

If so construct and execute `\Code{idxtype}Index`²¹ which is done inside `\_doc_maybe_index_aux`

```

371 {
372   \exp_args:Ncno \_doc_maybe_index_aux:Nnn
373   { Code \tl_use:N \l__doc_idxtype_tl Index }
374   {code} {\backslash #1}
375 }

```

Otherwise execute `\SpecialIndex` which is a short form for `\CodeMacroIndex{code}` or execute `\SpecialShortIndex` which deals with some special cases for single letter macros.

```

376 {
377   \_doc_trace:e{Indexing~ '\backslash #1'\space (\string #2)}
378   \exp_args:No #2 {\backslash #1}
379 }
380 }
381 }

```

`\SpecialShortIndex` **TODO:** *to be documented; also needs cleaning up as it is a mix of old and new right now*

```

382 \cs_new:Npn \SpecialShortIndex #1 {
383   \@SpecialIndexHelper@ #1\@nil
384   \@bsphack
385   \ifdoc@noindex \else
386     \str_case_e:nnF {\@gtempa }
387     {
388       {\cs_to_str:N \^M } {\def\reserved@a{ \string \space \actualchar }
389       \def\reserved@b { \space }
390       \let\reserved@c \@empty
391     }

```

With the fix for `\_` we now have to look for a real space to handle that command sequence.

```

391 { ~ } {\def\reserved@a{ \string \space \actualchar }
392 {\def\reserved@b { \space }
393 {\let\reserved@c \@empty
394 {\c_left_brace_str} { \def\reserved@a{ \bgroup \actualchar }
395 {\def\reserved@b { \c_left_brace_str }
396 {\def\reserved@c { \noexpand\iffalse
397 {\c_right_brace_str
398 {\noexpand\fi }
399 {\c_right_brace_str} { \def\reserved@a{ \egroup \actualchar
400 {\noexpand\iffalse
401 {\c_left_brace_str
402 {\noexpand\fi }
403 {\def\reserved@b { \c_right_brace_str }
404 {\let\reserved@c \@empty

```

²¹I guess this should really be an internal name not a user-level one.

The case of `\verbatimchar` is tricky. We can't stick it into the normal `\verb` because we would then get something like `\verb+\++` which would come out as “\+” instead of `\+`. So we use the `\verb` to only generate the backslash and then use `\texttt` on the `\verbatimchar` itself. However, that is not enough if we are unlucky and somebody (like Will :-)) has used something like `&` with a special catcode for the `\verbatimchar`. We therefore also apply `\string` to it when we read it back.

```

405      {\verbatimchar} { \def\reserved@a{ \quotechar\verbatimchar
406                      \actualchar }
407                      \let\reserved@b \@empty
408                      \def\reserved@c
409                      { \string\texttt{\string\string\verbatimchar} } }
410    }
411    { \def\reserved@a {\quotechar \@gtempa \actualchar }
412      \def\reserved@b {\quotechar \@gtempa }
413      \let\reserved@c \@empty
414    \special@index {
415      \reserved@a
416      \string\verb
417      \quotechar *\verbatimchar \quotechar \bslash
418      \reserved@b
419      \verbatimchar
420      \reserved@c
421      \encapchar code}
422    \fi
423    \@esphack
424  }

```

`\__doc_maybe_index_aux:Nnn` Execute the function passed on as first argument taking argument 2 and 3 as input.

```

425 \cs_new:Npn \__doc_maybe_index_aux:Nnn #1#2#3 {

```

We have to be a little careful: as that function name is constructed it may not actually exist (as constructions generate `\relax` in `TEX` in that case). In that case we raise an error, otherwise we execute (with a little bit of tracing info):

```

426   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
427   {
428     \__doc_trace:e{Indexing~ '#3'\space as~
429                     \tl_use:N \l__doc_idxtype_tl }
430     #1{#2}{#3}
431   }
432   {
433     \PackageError{doc}{Doc~ element~
434                   '\tl_use:N \l__doc_idxtype_tl'~ unknown}%
435
436     {When~ using~ '\string\RecordIndexType'~ the~ type~ must~
437       be~ known~\MessageBreak
438       to~ the~ system,~ i.e.,~ declared~ via~
439       '\string\NewDocElement'\MessageBreak
440       before~ it~ can~ be~ used~ in~ indexing.}
441   }
442 }

```

Back to old style coding ...

7.9 Macros for generating index entries

Here we provide default definitions for the macros invoked to create index entries; these are either invoked explicitly, or automatically by `\scan@macro`. As already mentioned, the definitions given here presuppose that the `.idx` file will be processed by Chen's `makeindex` program — they may be redefined for use with the user's favorite such program.

To assist the reader in locating items in the index, all such entries are sorted alphabetically *ignoring* the initial `\`; this is achieved by issuing an `\index` command which contains the 'actual' operator for `makeindex`. The default value for the latter operator is `'@'`, but the latter character is so popular in L^AT_EX package files that it is necessary to substitute another character. This is indicated to `makeindex` by means of an 'index style file'; the character selected for this function is `=`, and therefore this character too must be specially treated when it is met in a T_EX command. A suitable index style file is provided amongst the supporting files for this style file in `gind.ist` and is generated from this source by processing with `docstrip` to extract the module `gind`. A similar style file `gglo.ist` is supplied for sorting the change information in the glossary file and is extracted as module `gglo`. First of all we add some information to the front of the `.ist` files.

```

444 </package>
445 <+gind|gglo>%% This is a MAKEINDEX style file which should be used to
446 <+gind>%% generate the formatted index for use with the doc
447 <+gglo>%% generate the formatted change history for use with the doc
448 <+gind|gglo>%% package. The TeX commands used below are defined in
449 <+gind|gglo>%% doc.sty. The commands for MAKEINDEX like 'level'
450 <+gind|gglo>%% 'item_x1' are described in 'Makeindex, A General
451 <+gind|gglo>%% Purpose, Formatter-Independent Index Processor' by
452 <+gind|gglo>%% Pehong Chen.
453 <+gind|gglo>

```

`\actualchar` First come the definitions of `\actualchar`, `\quotechar` and `\levelchar`. Note, `\quotechar` that our defaults are not the ones used by the `makeindex` program without a style `\levelchar` file.

```

454 <*package>
455 \@ifundefined{actualchar}{\def\actualchar{=}}{}
456 \@ifundefined{quotechar}{\def\quotechar{!}}{}
457 \@ifundefined{levelchar}{\def\levelchar{>}}{}
458 </package>
459 <+gind|gglo>actual '='
460 <+gind|gglo>quote '!'
461 <+gind|gglo>level '>'
462 <*package>

```

`\encapchar` The `makeindex` default for the `\encapchar` isn't changed.

```

463 \@ifundefined{encapchar}{\def\encapchar{||}}{}

```

`\verbatimchar` We also need a special character to be used as a delimiter for the `\verb*` command used in the definitions below.

```

464 \@ifundefined{verbatimchar}{\def\verbatimchar{+}}{}

```

`\@SpecialIndexHelper@` **TODO:** *doc or drop*

```

465 \begingroup
466 \catcode'\|=0
467 \catcode'\|=12
468 |gdef|@SpecialIndexHelper@#1#2|@nil{%
469   |if |noexpand#1|%
470     |gdef|@gtempa{#2}%
471   |else
472     |begingroup
473       |escapechar|m@ne
474       |expandafter|gdef|expandafter|@gtempa|expandafter{|string#1#2}%
475     |endgroup
476   |fi}
477 |endgroup

```

`\SortIndex` This macro is used to generate the index entries for any single-character command that `\scan@macro` encounters. The first parameter specifies the lexical order for the character, whilst the second gives the actual characters to be printed in the entry. It can also be used directly to generate index entries which differ in sort key and actual entry.

```

478 \def\SortIndex#1#2{%
479   \ifdoc@noindex\else
480     \index{#1\actualchar#2}%
481   \fi
482 }

```

`\LeftBraceIndex` These two macros fix the problems with `makeindex`. Note the ‘hack’ with `\RightBraceIndex` `\iffalse}\fi` to satisfy both `TEX` and the `makeindex` program. When this is written to the `.idx` file `TEX` will see both braces (so we get a balanced text). `makeindex` will also see balanced braces but when the actual index entry is again processed by `TEX` the brace in between `\iffalse \fi` will vanish.

```

483 \@ifundefined{LeftBraceIndex}{\def\LeftBraceIndex{%
484   \special@index{\bgroup\actualchar
485     \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
486     \quotechar*\verbatimchar
487     \quotechar\bslash{\verbatimchar\string\iffalse}\string\fi}}{}
488
489 \@ifundefined{RightBraceIndex}{\def\RightBraceIndex{%
490   \special@index{\egroup\actualchar\string\iffalse{\string\fi
491     \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
492     \quotechar*\verbatimchar\quotechar\bslash{\verbatimchar}}}{}}

```

`\PercentIndex` By default we assume a version of `makeindex` without the percent bug is being used.

```

493 \@ifundefined{PercentIndex}
494   {\def\PercentIndex{\it@is@a\percentchar}}{}

```

`\OldMakeindex` Here is one solution for the percent bug in makeindex. The macro `\percentchar` denotes a `%12`. Calling this from a package or the driver file sets things up appropriately.

```

495 \def\OldMakeindex{\def\PercentIndex{%
496   \special@index{\quotechar\percentchar\actualchar
497     \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
498     \quotechar*\verbatimchar\quotechar\backslash
499     \percentchar\percentchar\verbatimchar}}}
500 {\catcode'\%=12 \gdef\percentchar{%}}
```

`\it@is@a` This macro is supposed to produce a correct `\SortIndex` entry for a given character. Since this character might be recognized as a ‘command’ character by the index program used, all characters are quoted with the `\quotechar`.

```

501 \def\it@is@a#1{\special@index{\quotechar #1\actualchar
502   \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
503   \quotechar*\verbatimchar
504   \quotechar\backslash\quotechar#1\verbatimchar}}
```

7.10 Redefining the index environment

`\IndexMin` (*dimen*) If `multicol` is in use, when the index is started we compute the remaining space on the current page; if it is greater than `\IndexMin`, the first part of the index will then be placed in the available space. The number of columns set is controlled by the counter `\c@IndexColumns` which can be changed with a `\setcounter` declaration.

```

505 \newdimen\IndexMin      \IndexMin      = 80pt
506 \newcount\c@IndexColumns \c@IndexColumns = 3
```

`theindex` (*env.*) Now we start the multi-column mechanism, if appropriate. We use the $\text{\LaTeX}$ counter `\c@IndexColumns` declared above to denote the number of columns and insert the ‘index prologue’ text (which might contain a `\section` call, etc.). See the default definition for an example.

```

507 \ifdoc@multicol
508   \RequirePackage{multicol}
509   \renewenvironment{theindex}
510     {\begin{multicols}\c@IndexColumns[\index@prologue][\IndexMin]%
```

Then we make a few last minute assignments to read the individual index `\items` and finish off by ignoring any initial space.

```

511     \IndexParms \let\item\@idxitem \ignorespaces}%
```

`\endtheindex` At the end of the index, we have only to end the `multicols` environment.

```

512     {\end{multicols}}
```

If we can’t use `multicols` we warn the user and use an environment that’s basically the one from `article.sty`.

```

513 \else
514   \def\theindex{\@restonecoltrue\if@twocolumn\@restonecolfalse\fi
515     \columnseprule \z@ \columnsep 35\p@
516     \twocolumn[\index@prologue]%
517     \IndexParms \let\item\@idxitem \ignorespaces}
518   \def\endtheindex{\if@restonecol\onecolumn\else\clearpage\fi}
519 \fi
```

Here are the necessary `makeindex` declarations. We disable scanning of macro names inside the index with `\scan@allowedfalse` to avoid recursion.

```
520 </package>
521 <+gind>preamble
522 <+gind>"\n \\\begin{theindex} \n \\\makeatletter\scan@allowedfalse\n"
523 <+gind>postamble
524 <+gind>"\n\n \\\end{theindex}\n"
525 <*package>
```

`\IndexPrologue` The `\IndexPrologue` macro is used to place a short message into the document above the index. It is implemented by redefining `\index@prologue`, a macro which holds the default text. We'd better make it a `\long` macro to allow `\par` commands in its argument.

```
526 \long\def\IndexPrologue#1{\@bsphack\def\index@prologue{#1}\@esphack}
```

Now we test whether the default is already defined by another package file. If not we define it.

```
527 \@ifundefined{index@prologue}
528   {\def\index@prologue{\section*{Index}%
529     \markboth{Index}{Index}%
530     Numbers written in italic refer to the page
531     where the corresponding entry is described;
532     numbers underlined refer to the
533     \ifcodeline@index
534       code line of the
535     \fi
536     definition; numbers in roman refer to the
537     \ifcodeline@index
538       code lines
539     \else
540       pages
541     \fi
542     where the entry is used.
543   }}{}
```

`\IndexParms` These are some last-minute assignments for formatting the index entries. They are defined in a separate macro so that a user can substitute different definitions. We start by defining the various parameters controlling leading and the separation between the two columns. The entire index is set in `\small` size.

```
544 \@ifundefined{IndexParms}
545   {\def\IndexParms{%
546     \parindent \z@
547     \columnsep 15pt
548     \parskip 0pt plus 1pt
549     \rightskip 15pt
550     \mathsurround \z@
551     \parfillskip=-15pt
552     \small
```

`\@idxitem` Index items are formatted with hanging indentation for any items which may require more than one line.

```
\subsubitem 553   \def\@idxitem{\par\hangindent 30pt}%
```

Any sub-item in the index is formatted with a 15pt indentation under its main heading.

```
554 \def\subitem{\@idxitem\hspace*{15pt}}%
```

Whilst sub-sub-items go in a further 10pt.

```
555 \def\subsubitem{\@idxitem\hspace*{25pt}}%
```

`\indexspace` The `makeindex` program generates an `\indexspace` before each new alphabetic section commences. After this final definition we end the `\@ifundefined` and the definition of `\IndexParms`.

```
556 \def\indexspace{\par\vspace{10pt plus 2pt minus 3pt}}%
557 }
```

`\efill` This definition of `\efill` is intended to be used after index items which have no following text (for example, “*see*” entries). It just ensures that the current line is filled, preventing “`Underfull \hbox`” messages.

```
558 \def\efill{\hfill\nopagebreak}%
559 </package>
560 <+gind|gglo>item_x1 "\efill \n \subitem "
561 <+gglo>item_x2 "\ "
562 <+gind>item_x2 "\efill \n \subsubitem "
563 <*package>
```

`\pfill` The following definitions provide the `\pfill` command; if this is specified in the index style file to `makeindex` as the delimiter to appear after index items, then the intervening space before the referenced page numbers will be filled with dots, with a little white space interpolated at each end of the dots. If the line is broken the dots will show up on both lines.

```
564 \def\pfill{\unskip~%
565 \leaders\hbox to.6em{\hss .\hss}\hfill
566 \penalty500\strut\nobreak
567 \leaders\hbox to.6em{\hss .\hss}\hfil
568 ~\ignorespaces}%
569 </package>
570 <+gind|gglo>delim_0 "\pfill "
571 <+gind|gglo>delim_1 "\pfill "
572 <+gind|gglo>delim_2 "\pfill "
573 <*package>
```

`\*` Here is the definition for the `\*` macro. It isn’t used in this set of macros.

```
574 \def\*{\leavevmode\lower.8ex\hbox{$\,\widetilde{\ }$,\$}}
```

`\main` The *defining* entry for a macro name is flagged with the string `|main22` in the `\index` command; `makeindex` processes this so that the `\main` macro will be invoked to underline the page number(s) on which the *definition* of the macro will be found.

```
575 \@ifundefined{main}{\def\main#1{\underline{#1}}}{}
```

²²With the current definition of `\encapchar` substituted for `|`

`\usage` The `\usage` macro is used to indicate entries describing the usage of a macro. The corresponding page number(s) will be set in *italics*.

```
576 \ifundefined{usage}{\def\usage#1{\textit{#1}}{}}
```

`\code` The `\code` macro is used to indicate index entries to code lines that aren't main entries. By default we do nothing special with them the usage of a macro.

```
577 \ifundefined{code}{\def\code#1{#1}}{}
```

`\PrintIndex` This is the same as `\printindex` in the `makeidx` package.

```
578 \def\PrintIndex{\@input@{\jobname.ind}%
579 \global\let\PrintIndex\@empty}
```

We want headings in the index (and changes list) according to the initial character of the next block of entries and have to instruct `makeindex` appropriately. Unfortunately the specification for this changed sometime between versions 2.4 and 2.11 of `makeindex`. We provide both ways of doing it but unfortunately this will always produce a warning message from `makeindex`. This is for older versions:

```
580 </package>
581 <+gind,gglo>% The next lines will produce some warnings when
582 <+gind,gglo>% running Makeindex as they try to cover two different
583 <+gind,gglo>% versions of the program:
584 <+gind,gglo>lethead_prefix    "{\\bfseries\\hfil "
585 <+gind,gglo>lethead_suffix    "\\hfil}\\nopagebreak\\n"
586 <+gind>lethead_flag          1
587 <+gglo>lethead_flag           0
```

This works for newer ones:

```
588 <+gind,gglo>heading_prefix    "{\\bfseries\\hfil "
589 <+gind,gglo>heading_suffix    "\\hfil}\\nopagebreak\\n"
590 <+gind>headings_flag           1
591 <+gglo>headings_flag           0
592 <*package>
```

7.11 Dealing with the change history²³

To provide a change history log, the `\changes` command has been introduced. This takes three arguments, respectively, the version number of the file, the date of the change, and some detail regarding what change has been made. The second of these arguments is otherwise ignored, but the others are written out and may be used to generate a history of changes, to be printed at the end of the document. However, note that older versions of Chen's standard `makeindex` program limit any textual field to just 64 characters; therefore, is important that the number of characters in the second and third parameters should not exceed 61 altogether (to allow for the parentheses placed around the date).

²³The whole section was proposed by Brian HAMILTON KELLY. He also documented and debugged the macros as well as many other parts of this package.

`\changes` The output of the `\changes` command goes into the *Glossary_File* and therefore uses the normal `\glossaryentry` commands.²⁴ Thus `makeindex` or a similar program can be used to process the output into a sorted “glossary”. The `\changes` command commences by taking the usual measures to hide its spacing, and then redefines `\protect` for use within the argument of the generated `\indexentry` command.

We re-code nearly all chars found in `\sanitize` to letter since the use of special package which make some characters active might upset the `\changes` command when writing its entries to the file. However we have to leave % as comment and `\_` as *space* otherwise chaos will happen. And, of course the `\` should be available as escape character.

```

593 \def\changes{\@bsphack\beginngroup\@sanitize
594   \catcode'\z@ \catcode'\ 10 \MakePercentIgnore
595   \changes@}
596 \def\changes@#1#2#3{%
597   \protected@edef\@tempa{\noexpand\glossary{#1%
```

If asked for we also show the date of in the change log (after the version).

```

598           \ifdoc@reportchangedates
599           \space -- #2\fi
600           \levelchar
```

If the macro `\saved@macroname` doesn't contain any macro name (ie is empty) the current changes entry was done at top-level. In this case we precede it by `\generalname`.

```

601           \ifx\saved@macroname\@empty
```

Putting a ! at the beginning of the entry hopefully moves this entry to the very beginning during sorting.

```

602           \quotechar!%
603           \actualchar
604           \generalname
605           \else
606           \saved@indexname
607           \actualchar
608           \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
609           \quotechar*%
610           \verbatimchar\saved@macroname
611           \verbatimchar
612           \fi
613           :\levelchar #3}}%
614   \@tempa\endgroup\@esphack}
```

`\saved@macroname` The entries are sorted for convenience by the name of the most recently introduced macroname (i.e., that in the most recent `\begin{macro}` command). We therefore provide `\saved@macroname` to record that argument, and provide a default definition in case `\changes` is used outside a macro environment. (This is a *wicked* hack to get such entries at the beginning of the sorted list! It works providing no macro names start with ! or ".)

```

615 \def\saved@macroname{}
```

²⁴Note that a recent change in L^AT_EX 2.09 changed the command name in the `.glo` file from `\indexentry` to `\glossaryentry`. It is therefore necessary to have a special `makeindex` style file called `gglo.ist` to process this file correctly.

`\saved@indexname` The macroname being document without a backslash for the index (or the environment name which doesn't have one in the first place).

```
616 \def\saved@indexname{}
```

`\generalname` This macro holds the string placed before changes entries on top-level.

```
617 \def\generalname{General}
```

`\RecordChanges` To cause the changes to be written (to a .glo) file, we define `\RecordChanges` to invoke L^AT_EX's usual `\makeglossary` command.

```
618 \let\RecordChanges\makeglossary
```

`\GlossaryMin` (*dimen*) The remaining macros are all analogues of those used for the `theindex` environment. When the glossary is started we compute the space which remains at the bottom of the current page; if this is greater than `\GlossaryMin` then the first part of the glossary will be placed in the available space. The number of columns set are controlled by the counter `\c@GlossaryColumns` which can be changed with a `\setcounter` declaration.

```
619 \newdimen\GlossaryMin      \GlossaryMin      = 80pt
620 \newcount\c@GlossaryColumns \c@GlossaryColumns = 2
```

`theglossary` (*env.*) The environment `theglossary` is defined in the same manner as the `theindex` environment.

```
621 \ifdoc@multicol
622   \newenvironment{theglossary}{%
623     \begin{multicols}\c@GlossaryColumns
624       [\glossary@prologue][\GlossaryMin]%
625     \GlossaryParms \let\item\@idxitem \ignorespaces}%
626   {\end{multicols}}
627 \else
628   \newenvironment{theglossary}{%
629     \@restonecoltrue\if@twocolumn\@restonecolfalse\fi
630     \columnseprule \z@ \columnsep 35\p@
631     \twocolumn[\glossary@prologue]%
632     \GlossaryParms \let\item\@idxitem \ignorespaces}
633   {\if@restonecol\onecolumn\else\clearpage\fi}
634 \fi
```

Here are the necessary `makeindex` declarations with scanning disabled as for the index.

```
635 </package>
636 <+glo>preamble
637 <+glo>"\n \begin{theglossary} \n
638 <+glo>  \makeatletter\scan@allowedfalse\n"
639 <+glo>postamble
640 <+glo>"\n\n \end{theglossary}\n"
```

This difference from `gind.ist` is necessary if you have an up-to-date L^AT_EX.

```
641 <+glo>keyword "\\glossaryentry"
642 <*package>
```

`\GlossaryPrologue` The `\GlossaryPrologue` macro is used to place a short message above the glossary into the document. It is implemented by redefining `\glossary@prologue`, a macro which holds the default text. We better make it a long macro to allow `\par` commands in its argument.

```
643 \long\def\GlossaryPrologue#1{\@bsphack
644                               \def\glossary@prologue{#1}%
645                               \@esphack}
```

Now we test whether the default is already defined by another package file. If not we define it.

```
646 \@ifundefined{glossary@prologue}
647   {\def\glossary@prologue{\section*{\Change History}}%
648    \markboth{\Change History}{\Change History}}%
649   }{}
```

`\GlossaryParms` Unless the user specifies otherwise, we set the change history using the same parameters as for the index except that we make it sort of ragged right as it contains text that often doesn't break nicely in small columns.

```
650 \@ifundefined{GlossaryParms}{\let\GlossaryParms\IndexParms
651 \expandafter\def\expandafter\GlossaryParms\expandafter{\GlossaryParms
652   \rightskip 15pt plus 1fil
653   \parfillskip -15pt plus -1fil\relax}
654 }{}
```

`\PrintChanges` To read in and print the sorted change history, just put the `\PrintChanges` command as the last (commented-out, and thus executed during the documentation pass through the file) command in your package file. Alternatively, this command may form one of the arguments of the `\MaybeStop` command, although a change history is probably *not* required if only the description is being printed.

The command assumes that `makeindex` or some other program has processed the `.gls` file to generate a sorted `.gls` file.

```
655 \def\PrintChanges{\@input{\jobname.gls}%
656                  \global\let\PrintChanges\@empty}
```

7.12 Bells and whistles

`\MaybeStop` If `\AlsoImplementation` is in force the whole documentation including the code part will be typeset. This is the default.

`\Finale`

`\AlsoImplementation` 657 `\newcommand\AlsoImplementation{%`

`\OnlyDescription` To make this happen we have to define `\MaybeStop` in a way that its argument is typeset at the very end or more exactly at `\Finale`. For this we save its argument in the macro `\Finale`.

```
658 \long\def\MaybeStop##1{\@bsphack\gdef\Finale{##1%
```

But `\Finale` will be called at the very end of a file. This is exactly the point where we want to know if the file is uncorrupted. Therefore we also call `\check@checksum` at this point.

```
659                               \check@checksum}%
```

On the other hand: `\MaybeStop` is more or less a dividing point between description and code. So we start to look for the check-sum of the documented file by calling `\init@checksum`.

```
660          \init@checksum
661          \@esphack}%
662      }
```

Since `\AlsoImplementation` should be the default we execute it and thus `\MaybeStop` gets the desired meaning.

```
663 \AlsoImplementation
```

When the user places an `\OnlyDescription` declaration in the driver file the document should only be typeset up to `\MaybeStop`. We therefore have to redefine this macro.

```
664 \def\OnlyDescription{\@bsphack\long\def\MaybeStop##1{%
```

In this case the argument of `\MaybeStop` should be set and afterwards $\TeX$ should stop reading from this file. Therefore we finish this macro with

```
665      ##1\endinput}\@esphack}
```

If no `\MaybeStop` command is given we silently ignore a `\Finale` issued.

```
666 \let\Finale\relax
```

`\StopEventually` The old wrong name for `\MaybeStop`. We need to use `\def` (i.e., expansion) as `\MaybeStop` gets redefined once in a while.

```
667 \def\StopEventually{\MaybeStop}
```

`\meta` The `\meta` macro is a bit tricky. We want to allow line breaks at blanks in the argument but we don't want a break in between. In the past this was done by defining `\meta` in a way that a `_` is active when the argument is scanned. Words are then scanned into `\hboxes`. The active `_` will end the preceding `\hbox` add an ordinary space and open a new `\hbox`. In this way breaks are only possible at spaces. The disadvantage of this method was that `\meta` was neither robust nor could it be `\protected`. The new implementation fixes this problem by defining `\meta` in a radically different way: we prevent hyphenation by defining a `\language` which has no patterns associated with it and use this to typeset the words within the angle brackets.

```
668 \ifx\l@nohyphenation\undefined
669   \newlanguage\l@nohyphenation
670 \fi
```

```
671 \DeclareRobustCommand\meta[1]{%
```

Since the old implementation of `\meta` could be used in math we better ensure that this is possible with the new one as well. So we use `\ensuremath` around `\langle` and `\rangle`. However this is not enough: if `\meta@font@select` below expands to `\itshape` it will fail if used in math mode. For this reason we hide the whole thing inside an `\nfss@text` box in that case.

```
672   \ensuremath\langle
673   \ifmmode \expandafter \nfss@text \fi
674   {%
675     \meta@font@select
```

Need to keep track of what we changed just in case the user changes font inside the argument so we store the font explicitly.

```

676      \edef\meta@hyphen@restore
677      {\hyphenchar\the\font\the\hyphenchar\font}%
678      \hyphenchar\font\m@ne
679      \language\l@nohyphenation
680      #1\/%
681      \meta@hyphen@restore
682  }\ensuremath\rangle
683 }
```

`\meta@font@select` Make font used inside `\meta` customizable.

```

684 \def\meta@font@select{\itshape}
```

`\IndexInput` This next macro may be used to read in a separate file (possibly a package file that is *not* documented by this means) and set it verbatim, whilst scanning for macro names and indexing the latter. This could be a useful first pass in preparing to generate documentation for the file read.

```

685 \def\IndexInput#1{%
```

We commence by setting up a group, and initializing a `\trivlist` as is normally done by a `\begin{macrocode}` command.

```

686      \begingroup \macrocode
```

We also make spacing behave as in the `macrocode` environment, because otherwise all the spaces will be shown explicitly.

```

687      \frenchspacing \@vobeyspaces
```

Then it only remains to read in the specified file, and finish off the `\trivlist`.

```

688      \input{#1}\endmacrocode
```

Of course, we need to finish off the group as well.

```

689      \endgroup}
```

`\maketitle` The macro to generate titles is easily altered in order that it can be used more than once (an article with many titles). In the original, diverse macros were concealed after use with `\relax`. We must cancel anything that may have been put into `\@thanks`, etc., otherwise *all* titles will carry forward any earlier such setting!

```

690 \def\maketitle{\par
691      \begingroup \def \thefootnote {\fnsymbol {footnote}}%
692      \setcounter {footnote}\z@
693      \def\@makefnmark{\hbox to\z@{${\m@th~{\@thefnmark}}$\hss}}%
694      \long\def\@makefntext##1{\parindent 1em\noindent
695          \hbox to1.8em{\hss${\m@th~{\@thefnmark}}$}##1}%
696      \if@twocolumn \twocolumn [\@maketitle ]%
697      \else \newpage \global \@topnum \z@ \@maketitle \fi
```

For special formatting requirements (such as in TUGboat), we use `pagestyle titlepage` for this; this is later defined to be `plain`, unless already defined, as, for example, by `ltugboat.sty`.

```

698      \thispagestyle{titlepage}\@thanks \endgroup
```

If the driver file documents many files, we don't want parts of a title of one to propagate to the next, so we have to cancel these:

```
699      \setcounter {footnote}\z@
700      \gdef\@date{\today}\gdef\@thanks{}%
701      \gdef\@author{}\gdef\@title{}
```

`\ps@titlepage` When a number of articles are concatenated into a journal, for example, it is not usual for the title pages of such documents to be formatted differently. Therefore, a class such as `ltugboat` can define this macro in advance. However, if no such definition exists, we use pagestyle `plain` for title pages.

```
702 \ifundefined{ps@titlepage}
703   {\let\ps@titlepage=\ps@plain}{}
```

`\MakeShortVerb` This arranges an abbreviation for `\verb` such that if you say `\MakeShortVerb{\<c>}` subsequently using `<c><text><c>` is equivalent to `\verb<c><text><c>`.²⁵ In addition, the fact that `<c>` is made active is recorded for the benefit of the `verbatim` and `macrocode` environments. Note particularly that the definitions below are global. The first thing we do (it needn't be first) is to record the—presumably new—special character in `\dospecials` and `\@sanitize` using `\add@special`.

Some unwary user might issue `\MakeShortVerb` for a second time, we better protect against this. We assume that this happened if a control sequence `\cc<c>` is bound, the probability that this name is used by another module is low. We will output a warning below, so that a possible error might be noticed by the programmer if he reads the LOG file. (Should have used module internal names, 'though.)

`\MakeShortVerb*` This arranges an abbreviation for `\verb*` such that if you say `\MakeShortVerb*{\<c>}` subsequently using `<c><text><c>` is equivalent to `\verb*<c><text><c>`.

```
704 </package>
705 <*package | shortvrb>
706 \def\MakeShortVerb{
707   \ifstar
708     {\def\@shortvrbrdef{\verb*}\@MakeShortVerb}%
709     {\def\@shortvrbrdef{\verb}\@MakeShortVerb}}
```

`\@MakeShortVerb`

```
710 \def\@MakeShortVerb#1{%
711   \expandafter\ifx\csname cc\string#1\endcsname\relax

712     \@shortvrbrinfo{Made }{#1}\@shortvrbrdef
713     \add@special{#1}%
```

Then the character's current catcode is stored in `\cc<c>`.

```
714   \expandafter
715   \xdef\csname cc\string#1\endcsname{\the\catcode'#1}%
```

The character is spliced into the definition using the same trick as used in `\verb` (for instance), having activated `~` in a group.

```
716   \begingroup
717     \catcode'\~\active \lccode'\~'#1%
718     \lowercase{%
```

²⁵Warning: the commentary in the rest of this section was written by Dave Love.

The character's old meaning is recorded in `\ac<c>` prior to assigning it a new one.

```

719     \global\expandafter\let
720     \csname ac\string#1\endcsname~%
721     \expandafter\gdef\expandafter~\expandafter{\@shortvrbdef~}%
722     \endgroup

```

Finally the character is made active.

```

723     \global\catcode'#1\active

```

If we suspect that `<c>` is already a short reference, we tell the user. Now he or she is responsible if anything goes wrong...

```

724     \else

725     \@shortvrbinfo\@empty{#1 already}%
726                                     {\@empty\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
727                                     (*)}%
728     \fi}

```

\DeleteShortVerb Here's the means of undoing a `\MakeShortVerb`, for instance in a region where you need to use the character outside a verbatim environment. It arranges for `\dospecials` and `\@sanitize` to be altered appropriately, restores the saved catcode and, if necessary, the character's meaning (as stored by `\MakeShortVerb`). If the catcode wasn't stored in `\cc<c>` (by `\MakeShortVerb`) the command is silently ignored.

```

729 \def\DeleteShortVerb#1{%
730   \expandafter\ifx\csname cc\string#1\endcsname\relax

731     \@shortvrbinfo\@empty{#1 not}%
732                                     {\@empty\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
733                                     (*)}%
734   \else

735     \@shortvrbinfo{Deleted }{#1 as}%
736                                     {\@empty\verb% % to fool emacs
737                                     % highlighting
738                                     (*)}%
739     \rem@special{#1}%
740     \global\catcode'#1\csname cc\string#1\endcsname

```

We must not forget to reset `\cc<c>`, otherwise the check in `\MakeShortVerb` for a repeated definition will not work.

```

741     \global \expandafter\let \csname cc\string#1\endcsname \relax
742     \ifnum\catcode'#1=\active
743       \begingroup
744         \catcode'\~\active   \lccode'\~'#1%
745         \lowercase{%
746           \global\expandafter\let\expandafter~%
747           \csname ac\string#1\endcsname}%
748       \endgroup \fi \fi}

```

\@shortvrbinfo Helper function for info messages.

```

749 \def\@shortvrbinfo#1#2#3{%
750   <shortvrb>   \PackageInfo{shortvrb}{%
751   <!shortvrb>   \PackageInfo{doc}{%
752     #1\expandafter\@gobble\string#2 a short reference
753                                     for \expandafter\string#3}}

```

`\add@special` This helper macro adds its argument to the `\dospecials` macro which is conventionally used by verbatim macros to alter the catcodes of the currently active characters. We need to add `\do\langle` to the expansion of `\dospecials` after removing the character if it was already there to avoid multiple copies building up should `\MakeShortVerb` not be balanced by `\DeleteShortVerb` (in case anything that uses `\dospecials` cares about repetitions).

```

754 \def\add@special#1{%
755   \rem@special{#1}%
756   \expandafter\gdef\expandafter\dospecials\expandafter
757     {\dospecials \do #1}%

```

Similarly we have to add `\@makeother\langle` to `\@sanitize` (which is used in things like `\index` to re-catcode all special characters except braces).

```

758   \expandafter\gdef\expandafter\@sanitize\expandafter
759     {\@sanitize \@makeother #1}}

```

`\rem@special` The inverse of `\add@special` is slightly trickier. `\do` is re-defined to expand to nothing if its argument is the character of interest, otherwise to expand simply to the argument. We can then re-define `\dospecials` to be the expansion of itself. The space after `'##1` prevents an expansion to `\relax`!

```

760 \def\rem@special#1{%
761   \def\do##1{%
762     \ifnum'#1='##1 \else \noexpand\do\noexpand##1\fi}%
763   \xdef\dospecials{\dospecials}%

```

Fixing `\@sanitize` is the same except that we need to re-define `\@makeother` which obviously needs to be done in a group.

```

764   \begingroup
765     \def\@makeother##1{%
766       \ifnum'#1='##1 \else \noexpand\@makeother\noexpand##1\fi}%
767     \xdef\@sanitize{\@sanitize}%
768   \endgroup}
769 </package | shortvrb>
770 <*package>

```

7.13 Providing a checksum and character table²⁶

`\init@checksum` The checksum mechanism works by counting backslashes in the macrocode. This initializes the count (when called from `\MaybeStop`).

```

771 \def\init@checksum{\relax
772   \global\slash@cnt\z@}

```

`\check@checksum` This reports the sum compared with the value (`\slash@cnt`) the file advertises. It's called from `\Finale` (if that hasn't been re-defined).

```

773 \def\check@checksum{\relax
774   \ifnum\check@sum>\m@ne

```

We do nothing if the checksum in the file is negative (or not given as it is initialized with -1).

```

775     \ifnum\check@sum=\z@
776       \typeout{*****}

```

²⁶Warning: the commentary in this section was written by Dave Love.

```

777     \typeout{* This macro file has no checksum!}%
778     \typeout{* The checksum should be \the\bslash@cnt!}%
779     \typeout{*****}%
780   \else
781     \ifnum\check@sum=\bslash@cnt
782       \typeout{*****}%
783       \typeout{* Checksum passed *}%
784       \typeout{*****}%
785     \else
786       \PackageError{doc}{Checksum not passed
787         (\the\check@sum<>\the\bslash@cnt)}%
788       {The file currently documented seems to be wrong.^^J%
789         Try to get a correct version.}%
790     \fi
791   \fi
792 \fi
793 \global\check@sum\m@ne}

```

`\check@sum` (*counter*) We need to define counters, `\bslash@cnt` for the number of backslashes counted and `\check@sum` for the value advertised by the file if any. A negative value means there is no checksum checking which is the default.

```

794 \newcount\check@sum      \check@sum = \m@ne
795 \newcount\bslash@cnt     \bslash@cnt = \z@

```

`\Checksum` This is the interface to setting `\check@sum`.

```

796 \def\Checksum#1{\@bspack\global\check@sum#1\relax\@espack}

```

`\step@checksum` This advances the count when a backslash is encountered in the macrocode.

```

797 \def\step@checksum{\global\advance\bslash@cnt\@ne}

```

`\CharacterTable` The user interface to the character table-checking does some `\catcode`ing and then compares the following table with the stored version. We need to have `@` of type “other” within the table since this is the way it is usually returned when reading in a normal document. To nevertheless have a private letter we use `~` for this purpose. `~` does no harm as a “letter” as it comes last in the table and therefore will not gobble following space.

```

798 \def\CharacterTable{\begingroup \CharTableChanges \character@table}

```

`\character@table` This does the work of comparing the tables and reporting the result. Note that the following code is enclosed in a group with `~` catcoded to letter.

```

799 \begingroup
800   \catcode'\~=11
801   \gdef\character@table#1{\def\used~table{#1}%
802     \ifx\used~table\default~table
803       \typeout{*****}%
804       \typeout{* Character table correct *}%
805       \typeout{*****}%
806     \else
807       \PackageError{doc}{Character table corrupted}
808       {\the\wrong@table}

```

```

809      \show\default~table
810      \show\used~table
811      \fi
812      \endgroup}

```

`\CharTableChanges` When the character table is read in we need to scan it with a fixed set of `\catcodes`. The reference table below was defined by assuming the normal `\catcodes` of `TEX`, i.e. `@` is of type other and the only token of type “letter” are the usual letters of the alphabet. If, for some reason, other characters are made “letters” then their `\catcodes` need to be restored before checking the table. Otherwise spaces in the table are gobbled and we get the information that the tables are different, even if they are actually equal. For this reason `\CharTableChanges` can be set up to locally restore the `\catcodes` of such “letters” to “other”.

```

813      \global\let\CharTableChanges\@empty

```

`\default~table` Here’s what the table *should* look like (modulo spaces).

```

814      \makeatother
815      \gdef\default~table
816      {Upper-case   \A\B\C\D\E\F\G\H\I\J\K\L\M\N\O\P\Q\R\S\T\U\V\W\X\Y\Z
817       Lower-case   \a\b\c\d\e\f\g|h|i\j\k\l|m\n\o\p\q\r\s\t\u\v\w\x\y\z
818       Digits        \0\1\2\3\4\5\6\7\8\9
819       Exclamation   \!      Double quote  \"      Hash (number) \#
820       Dollar         \$      Percent       \%      Ampersand      \&
821       Acute accent   \'      Left paren   \ (     Right paren    \)
822       Asterisk       \*      Plus         \+      Comma          \,
823       Minus          \-      Point        \.      Solidus         \ /
824       Colon          \:      Semicolon    \;      Less than      \<
825       Equals         \=      Greater than \>      Question mark  \?
826       Commercial at \@    Left bracket  \[      Backslash      \\
827       Right bracket \]      Circumflex   \^      Underscore     \_
828       Grave accent   \`      Left brace   \{      Vertical bar   \|
829       Right brace    \}      Tilde        \~}
830      \endgroup

```

`\wrong@table` We need a help message in case of problems.

```

831      \newhelp\wrong@table{Some of the ASCII characters are corrupted.^^J
832                          I now \string\show\space you both tables for comparison.}

```

7.14 Attaching line numbers to code lines²⁷

The code in this section allows index entries to refer to code line numbers—the number of the first line of macrocode in the `macro` environment.

`\codeline@index` Indexing by code line is controlled by the `codeline@index` switch.

`\CodelineNumbered`

```

833      \newif\ifcodeline@index \codeline@indexfalse
834      \let\CodelineNumbered\codeline@indextrue

```

²⁷Warning: the commentary was written by Dave Love.

`\codeline@wrindex` The code index entries are written out by `\special@index`. If indexing is by code line this is `\let` to `\codeline@wrindex`; if indexing is by page it is just `\index`. However, if `\nofiles` is given, we omit writing such an index entry at all.

```
835 \def\codeline@wrindex#1{\if@filesw
836     \begingroup
837     \set@display@protect
838     \immediate\write\@indexfile
839         {\string\indexentry{#1}%
840          {\number\c@CodelineNo}}%
841     \endgroup
842     \fi}
```

`\special@index` By default no index entries are written out.

```
843 \let\special@index = \@gobble
```

`\CodelineIndex` This switches on use of the index file with `\makeindex`, sets the switch to indicate code line numbering and defines `\special@index` appropriately.

```
844 \def\CodelineIndex{\makeindex
845                     \codeline@indextrue
846                     \let\special@index\codeline@wrindex}
```

`\PageIndex` `\PageIndex` is similar.

```
847 \def\PageIndex{\makeindex
848                 \codeline@indexfalse
849                 \let\special@index\index}
```

`CodelineNo` (*counter*) We need a counter to keep track of the line number.

```
850 \newcount\c@CodelineNo \c@CodelineNo\z@
```

`\theCodelineNo` This provides a hook to control the format of line numbers which may be defined in a class file.

```
851 \@ifundefined{theCodelineNo}
852 {\ifx\selectfont\undefined
853   \def\theCodelineNo{\rmfamily\scriptsize\arabic{CodelineNo}}%
854   \else
855   \def\theCodelineNo{\reset@font\scriptsize\arabic{CodelineNo}}%
856   \fi}
857 {}
```

7.15 Layout Parameters for documenting package files

`\tolerance` People documenting package files would probably rather have things “sticking out” in overfull `\hboxes` and poorish spacing, because they probably don’t want to spend a lot of time on making all the line breaks perfect!

```
858 \tolerance=1000\relax
```

The following `\mathcode` definitions allow the characters ‘\’ and ‘@’ to appear in `\ttfamily` font when invoked in math mode;²⁸ particularly for something like

²⁸You may wonder why the definitions state that both characters belong to the *variable family* (i.e. the number 7 in front). The reason is this: Originally the `\mathcode` of `\` was defined to be “075C”, i.e. ordinary character number 92 (hex 5C) in math family number 7 which is the typewriter family in standard L^AT_EX. But this file should not depend on this specific setting, so I changed these `\mathcodes` to work with any family assignments. For an example see the article about the new font selection scheme.

`\@abc=1.`

If an *old* version of the `german` package is in force, then the “” character is active and would upset the definition of the *<16-bit number>* quantities below, therefore we change the `\catcode` of “” inside a group, and use `\global`.

```
859 { \catcode'\="=12
860   \global\mathcode'\="705C \global\mathcode'\@="7040 }
```

`\DocstyleParms` This macro can be used, for example, to assign new values to `\MacrocodeTopsep` and `\MacroIndent` and some other internal registers. If it is already defined, the default definition won't be carried out. Note that it is necessary to assign new values via this macro if it should be done in a class file (like `ltugboat.cls` for example) since the registers are undefined before `doc.sty` is read in. The default values for the internal registers are scattered over this file.

```
861 \@ifundefined{DocstyleParms}{\DocstyleParms}
```

Clear out `\DocstyleParms` after use (or non-use).

```
862 \let\DocstyleParms\relax
```

`\AmSTeX` Here are a few definitions which can usefully be employed when documenting package files: now we can readily refer to `\AmSTeX`, `\BibTeX` and `\SliTeX`, as well as the usual `\TeX` and `\LaTeX`.

```
863 \@ifundefined{AmSTeX}
864   {\def\AmSTeX{\leavevmode\hbox{$\mathcal A\kern-.2em\lower.376ex%
865     \hbox{$\mathcal M$}\kern-.2em\mathcal S$-\TeX}}}{\}
866 \@ifundefined{BibTeX}
867   {\def\BibTeX{\rmfamily B\kern-.05em%
868     \textsc{i}\kern-.025em b\kern-.08em%
869     T\kern-.1667em\lower.7ex\hbox{E}\kern-.125emX}}}{\}
870 \@ifundefined{SliTeX}
871   {\def\SliTeX{\rmfamily S\kern-.06emL\kern-.18em\raise.32ex\hbox
872     {\scshape i}\kern-.03em\TeX}}}{\}
```

`\PlainTeX` There's even a `\PLAINTeX` and a `\WEB`.

```
\Web 873 \@ifundefined{PlainTeX}{\def\PlainTeX{\textsc{Plain}\kern2pt\TeX}}{\}
874 \@ifundefined{Web}{\def\Web{\textsc{Web}}}{\}
```

7.16 Changing the `\catcode` of %

`\MakePercentIgnore` And finally the most important bit: we change the `\catcode` of “%” so that it is ignored (which is how we are able to produce this document!). We provide two commands to do the actual switching.

```
875 \def\MakePercentIgnore{\catcode'\%9\relax}
876 \def\MakePercentComment{\catcode'\%14\relax}
```

`\DocInput` The two macros above are now used to define the `\DocInput` macro which was introduced in version v1.5l (or so) of the `doc` package. In older versions `\MakePercentIgnore` was placed at the very end of `doc.sty`.

```
877 \def\DocInput#1{\MakePercentIgnore\input{#1}\MakePercentComment}
```

7.17 GetFileInfo

`\GetFileInfo` Define `\filedate` and friends from info in the `\ProvidesPackage` etc. commands.

```

878 \def\GetFileInfo#1{%
879   \def\filename{#1}%
880   \def\@tempb##1 ##2 ##3\relax##4\relax{%
881     \def\filedate{##1}%
882     \def\fileversion{##2}%
883     \def\fileinfo{##3}}%
884   \edef\@tempa{\csname ver@#1\endcsname}%
885   \expandafter\@tempb\@tempa\relax? ? \relax\relax}

```

8 Integrating hypdoc

If the option `hyperref` is selected (which is the default), then we load the `hypdoc` package. We do that as late as possible so that we don't generate option clashes if it is also loaded in the preamble. That package currently changes more commands than it should (not knowing about their new definitions defined below) so we have to save and restore a few.

Midterm all this code in `hypdoc` should be directly included in `doc`. For now, while they are separate we have to do this juggling.

```

886 \AddToHook{begindocument/before}[doc/hyperref]{%
887   \ifdoc@hyperref

```

Annoying to code around issue #22

```

888   \expandafter\let\expandafter\doc@eoph@@k\csname doc.sty-h@@k\endcsname

```

We require the package without any option so if it was already loaded there is no option clash.

```

889   \RequirePackage{hypdoc}
890   \expandafter\let\csname doc.sty-h@@k\endcsname\doc@eoph@@k

```

The package adds new definitions for `\special@index` into `\CodelineIndex` and `\PageIndex` but since we might be loading it very late we are already past them (in the preamble). So we test the final state and do it here, if necessary.

```

891   \ifx\special@index\@gobble % do we write index entries at all?
892   \else
893     \ifcodeline@index
894       \let\special@index\HD@codeline@wrindex
895     \else
896       \let\special@index\HD@page@wrindex
897     \fi
898   \fi

```

The `amsmath` documentation uses `\env` in headings and with `hyperref` enabled this causes trouble in bookmarks.

TODO: *fix elsewhere eventually*

```

899   \AddToHook{class/amstdx/after}{%
900     \pdfstringdefDisableCommands{\let\env\@empty }}%

```

That package also adds extra code into `\index` entries but it doesn't know about all the stuff that `doc` does (now). So we need to provide us with two helpers that handle the `\encapchar` case in some entries.

```

901 \def\doc@providetarget{\HD@target}%
902 \def\doc@handleencap#1{\encapchar hdclindex{\the\c@HD@hypercount}{#1}}%

```

If that package is not loaded these helpers do little to nothing.

```

903 \else
904 \let\doc@providetarget\@empty
905 \def\doc@handleencap#1{\encapchar #1}%

```

We define the next commands just in case the user changed the option `hyperref` from `true` to `false` without removing the auxiliary files.

```

906 \def\hdclindex#1#2{\ifx\@nil#2\@nil\else\csname #2\expandafter\endcsname\fi}%
907 \def\hdpindex #1{\ifx\@nil#1\@nil\else\csname #1\expandafter\endcsname\fi}%
908 \fi
909 }

```

9 Integrating the DoX package code

The code in this section is largely taken over from the DoX package by Didier with only minor modifications (so far). This means it is a bit back and forth and both the code and the documentation need further updates.

9.1 DoX environments

```

\@doc@env TODO: original doc – fix
\@doc@env@ {(\are-we-macrolike)}{(\item)}{(\indextype)}{(\name)}

```

In `doc.sty`, the `macro` and `environment` environments go through the `\m@cro@` macro which implements specific parts by testing a boolean condition as its first argument. This mechanism is not extensible, so I have to hack away a more generic version that would work for any new `dox` item, only which looks pretty much like the original one (with the addition of options management).

First step is to see if we have a comma-separated list of names in `#3` and if so we call the macro doing the work individually for each

```

910 \ExplSyntaxOn
911 \long\def\@doc@env#1#2#3{
The \endgroup here closes the scanning of names (using special catcodes).
912 \endgroup
913 \clist_map_inline:nn {#3} { \@doc@env@{#1}{#2}{##1} }
914 }
915
916 \ExplSyntaxOff

```

And here is the payload for each name from the given list:

```

917 \long\def\@doc@env#1#2#3{%
918 \topsep\MacroTopsep
919 \trivlist
920 \edef\saved@macroname{\string#3}%

```

Since version 2.1g, `doc` creates a `\saved@indexname` command which is used by `\changes`. We now support that as well. The expansion of this command depends on whether the documented item is macrolike or not, which we don't know here (it's only known by `\NewDocElement`). That's why we need one specific command generating `\saved@indexname` the right way for every single item. These

commands are named `\@Save<item>IndexName`; they are technically part of the generated API, only not meant for public use.

TODO: *above docu is no longer right (but code probably needs further changes anyway)*

#1 is either TT (for true = macrolike) or TF. If true then we drop the first char from `\saved@macroname` and store the result in `\saved@indexname` and use the latter for sorting in the index.

```

921   \if #1%
922     \edef\saved@indexname{\expandafter\@gobble\saved@macroname}%
923 %

```

If the `doc` element described is macrolike but not a normal “macro” then its type should be recorded and this is the places where this happens. For macros (which should make up the bulk of these items) we don’t do this and for anything else that looks from an indexing perspective like a macro we don’t do that either to keep the list of exceptions small. That would be the case if the indexing command `\Code<doc-element>Index` is equivalent to `\CodeMacroIndex`.

```

924   \expandafter\ifx
925     \csname Code#2Index\endcsname
926     \CodeMacroIndex
927   \else
928     \record@index@type@save
929     {\saved@indexname}{#2}%
930   \fi
931 \else
932   \let\saved@indexname\saved@macroname
933 \fi
934 %
935 \def\makelabel##1{\llap{##1}}%
936 \if@inlabel
937   \let\@tempa\@empty
938   \count@macro@cnt
939   \loop\ifnum\count@>\z@
940     \edef\@tempa{\@tempa\hbox{\strut}}\advance\count@\m@ne
941   \repeat
942   \edef\makelabel##1{\llap{\vtop to\baselineskip{\@tempa\hbox{##1}\vss}}}%
943   \advance\macro@cnt\@ne
944 \else
945   \macro@cnt\@ne
946 \fi
947 \ifdoc@noprint
948   \item
949 \else
950   \edef\@tempa{%
951     \noexpand\item[%

```

The second notable modification to the original macro involves dynamically constructing the name of the print macro:

```

952     \noexpand\doc@providetarget
953     \noexpand\strut
954     \noexpand\@nameuse{Print#2Name}{\saved@macroname}}}%
955   \@tempa
956 \fi
957 \ifdoc@noindex\else

```

```
958 \global\advance\c@CodelineNo\@ne
```

and the third one involves dynamically constructing the name of the index macro:

```
959 \csname SpecialMain#2Index\expandafter\endcsname
960 \expandafter{\saved@macroname}\nobreak
961 \global\advance\c@CodelineNo\m@ne
962 \fi
```

Suppress further `\index` entries when we are within a `macrolike` environment. There is no point doing that for non-`macrolike` environments as index entries are only generated for items starting with a backslash anyway.

TODO: *fix*

```
963 \if#1\expandafter\DoNotIndex \expandafter {\saved@macroname}\fi
964 \ignorespaces}
```

```
\doc@env {\true-value}\{<item>}\{<options>}
```

Handle optional arguments and call `\doc@env`. Because environments can be nested, we can't rely on grouping for getting options default values. Hence, we need to reset the options at every call.

TODO: *Use 2e interface for `\keys_set:nn` when available*

```
965 \def\doc@env#1#2[#3]{%
966 \@nameuse{doc@noprint\doc@noprintdefault}%
967 \@nameuse{doc@noindex\doc@noindexdefault}%
968 \csname keys_set:nn\endcsname{doc}{#3}%
969 \begingroup
970 \ifdoc@outer
971 \catcode'\12
972 \fi
973 \MakePrivateLetters
974 \@doc@env{#1}{#2}%
975 }
```

9.2 doc descriptions

```
\@doc@describe {\<item>}\{<name>}
```

```
976 \def\@doc@describe#1#2{%
977 \ifdoc@noprint\else
978 \marginpar{\raggedleft
```

The `hyperref` target has to be in horizontal mode (which is the case if it is after the `\strut`).

```
979 \strut
980 \doc@providetarget
981 \@nameuse{PrintDescribe#1}{#2}}%
982 \fi
983 \ifdoc@noindex\else
984 \@nameuse{Special#1Index}{#2}%
985 \fi
986 \@esphack
987 \endgroup
988 \ignorespaces}
```

`\doc@describe` $\{\langle item \rangle\}[\langle options \rangle]$

Handle optional arguments and call `\@doc@describe`.

TODO: Use 2e interface for `\keys_set:nn` when available

```
989 \def\doc@describe#1[#2]{%
990   \leavevmode\@bsphack
991   \csname keys_set:nn\endcsname{doc}{#2}%
992   \@doc@describe{#1}}
```

9.3 API construction

`\@temptokenb` A scratch register (which may have been defined elsewhere)

```
993 \@ifundefined{temptokenb}{\newtoks\@temptokenb}{}
```

`\doc@createspecialmainindex` $\{\langle item \rangle\}\{\langle idxttype \rangle\}\{\langle idxcat \rangle\}$

`createspecialmainmacrolikeindex` $\{\langle item \rangle\}\{\langle idxttype \rangle\}\{\langle idxcat \rangle\}$

TODO: original doc – fix

The “macrolike” version does something similar to doc’s `\SpecialIndex@` macro, but simplified. Let’s just hope nobody will ever define `\_` or nonletter macros as macrolike doc elements...

```
994 \def\doc@createspecialindexes#1#2#3{%
995   \@temptokena{\space (#2)}%
996   \@temptokenb{#3:}%
997   \@nameedef{SpecialMain#1Index}##1{%
998     \noexpand\@bsphack
999     \ifdoc@toplevel
1000       \noexpand\special@index{##1\noexpand\actualchar
1001         {\string\ttfamily\space##1}%
1002         \ifx\@nil#2\@nil\else \the\@temptokena \fi
1003         \noexpand\encapchar main}%
1004       \fi
1005       \ifx\@nil#3\@nil\else
1006         \noexpand\special@index{\the\@temptokenb\noexpand\levelchar
1007           ##1\noexpand\actualchar{\string\ttfamily\space##1}%
1008           \noexpand\encapchar main}%
1009       \fi
1010       \noexpand\@esphack}%
1011   \@nameedef{Special#1Index}##1{%
1012     \noexpand\@bsphack
1013     \ifdoc@toplevel
1014       \noexpand\doc@providetarget
1015       \noexpand\index{##1\noexpand\actualchar{\string\ttfamily\space##1}%
1016         \ifx\@nil#2\@nil\else \the\@temptokena \fi
1017         \noexpand\doc@handleencap{usage}}%
1018     \fi
1019     \ifx\@nil#3\@nil\else
1020       \noexpand\index{\the\@temptokenb\noexpand\levelchar
1021         ##1\noexpand\actualchar{\string\ttfamily\space##1}%
1022         \noexpand\doc@handleencap{usage}}%
1023     \fi
1024     \noexpand\@esphack}}
```

```

1025 \def\doc@createspecialmacrolikeindexes#1#2#3{%
1026   \@temptokena{\space (#2)}%
1027   \@temptokenb{#3:}%
1028   \@namedef{Code#1Index}##1##2{%
1029     \noexpand\@SpecialIndexHelper@##2\noexpand\@nil
1030     \noexpand\@bsphack
1031     \noexpand\ifdoc@noindex\noexpand\else
1032       \ifdoc@toplevel
1033         \noexpand\special@index{\noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\actualchar
1034 \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
1035 \noexpand\quotechar*\noexpand\verbatimchar
1036 \noexpand\bslash\noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\verbatimchar
1037 \ifx\@nil#2\@nil\else \the\@temptokena \fi
1038 \noexpand\encapchar ##1}%
1039   \fi
1040   \ifx\@nil#3\@nil\else
1041     \noexpand\special@index{\the\@temptokenb\noexpand\levelchar
1042 \noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\actualchar
1043 \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
1044 \noexpand\quotechar*\noexpand\verbatimchar
1045 \noexpand\bslash\noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\verbatimchar
1046 \noexpand\encapchar ##1}%
1047   \fi
1048   \noexpand\fi
1049   \noexpand\@esphack}%
1050 \@namedef{SpecialMain#1Index}##1{%
1051   \expandafter\noexpand\csname Code#1Index\endcsname
1052   {main}-{##1}}%
1053 \@namedef{Special#1Index}##1{%
1054   \noexpand\@SpecialIndexHelper@##1\noexpand\@nil
1055   \noexpand\@bsphack
1056   \noexpand\ifdoc@noindex\noexpand\else
1057     \ifdoc@toplevel
1058       \noexpand\doc@providetarget
1059       \noexpand\index{\noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\actualchar
1060 \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
1061 \noexpand\quotechar*\noexpand\verbatimchar
1062 \noexpand\bslash\noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\verbatimchar
1063 \ifx\@nil#2\@nil\else \the\@temptokena \fi
1064 \noexpand\doc@handleencap{usage}}%
1065   \fi
1066   \ifx\@nil#3\@nil\else
1067     \noexpand\index{\the\@temptokenb\noexpand\levelchar
1068 \noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\actualchar
1069 \string\verb% % to fool emacs highlighting
1070 \noexpand\quotechar*\noexpand\verbatimchar
1071 \noexpand\bslash\noexpand\@gtempa\noexpand\verbatimchar
1072 \noexpand\doc@handleencap{usage}}%
1073   \fi
1074   \noexpand\fi
1075   \noexpand\@esphack}}

```

\doc@createdescribe {\<item>}

```

1076 \def\doc@createdescribe#1{%
1077   \@namedef{Describe#1}{%

```

Because of the optional argument we have to set `\MakePrivateLetters` already before parsing that (fingers crossed). Otherwise incorrect but quite common usage, such as `\DescribeMacro\foo@bar` will break because the scan for the optional argument will tokenize the following input (i.e., `\foo` in that case) before the `@` sign becomes a letter. As a result `DescribeMacro` would receive only `\foo` as its argument.

```

1078     \begingroup
1079     \MakePrivateLetters
1080     \@ifnextchar[%]
1081     {\doc@describe{#1}}{\doc@describe{#1}[]}}

```

```
\doc@createenv {\langle item\rangle}{\langle envname\rangle}
```

```

1082 \def\doc@createenv#1#2#3{%
1083   \@namedef{#3}{%
1084     \@ifnextchar[%]
1085     {\doc@env{#1}{#2}}{\doc@env{#1}{#2}[]}}%

```

Instead of letting the end of the environment to `\endtrivlist` we use one level of expansion. This way any possible change in that environment (if that ever happens) is properly reflected.

```

1086   \@namedef{end#3}{\endtrivlist}%
1087   % \expandafter\let\csname end#3\endcsname\endtrivlist
1088 }

```

```
\@nameedef
```

```
1089 \def\@nameedef#1{\expandafter\edef\csname #1\endcsname}
```

9.4 API creation

The whole user interface is created in one macro call.

```
defaults:
```

```

idxtype    = #3
idxgroup   = #3s
printtype  =

```

```
\doc@declareerror
```

```

1090 \def\doc@declareerror#1#2{%
1091   \PackageError{doc}{Doc element '#1/#2' already defined?\@gobble}%
1092   {There is already a definition for
1093     '\string\Print#1Name',\MessageBreak
1094     '\string\PrintDescribe#1'
1095     or the environment '#2'.\MessageBreak
1096     Maybe you are overwriting something by mistake!\MessageBreak
1097     Otherwise use '\string\RenewDocElement' instead.}%
1098 }

```

```
\doc@notdeclarederror
```

```

1099 \def\doc@notdeclarederror#1#2{%
1100   \PackageError{doc}{Doc element '#1/#2' unknown}%

```

```

1101      {I expected an existing definition for
1102      '\string\Print#1Name',\MessageBreak
1103      '\string\PrintDescribe#1' and
1104      the environment '#2' but\MessageBreak
1105      not all of them are defined.\MessageBreak
1106      Maybe you wanted to use
1107      '\string\NewDocElement'?}%
1108 }

```

`\doc@ignoredinfo`

```

1109 \def\doc@ignoredinfo#1#2{%
1110   \PackageInfo{doc}{Doc element '#1/#2' declaration
1111   ignored}%
1112 }

```

`\NewDocElement` [*<options>*]{*<name>*}{*<envname>*}

```

1113 \newcommand\NewDocElement[3][{}]{%
1114   \@ifundefined{Print#2Name}%
1115   {\@ifundefined{PrintDescribe#2}%
1116     {\@ifundefined{#3}%
1117       {\@ifundefined{end#3}%
1118         {\@NewDocElement{#1}}%
1119         \doc@declareerror
1120       }\doc@declareerror
1121     }\doc@declareerror
1122   }\doc@declareerror
1123   {#2}{#3}%
1124 }

```

`\ProvideDocElement` [*<options>*]{*<name>*}{*<envname>*} This does nothing unless the doc element could be declared with `\NewDocElement`.

```

1125 \newcommand\ProvideDocElement[3][{}]{%
1126   \@ifundefined{Print#2Name}%
1127   {\@ifundefined{PrintDescribe#2}%
1128     {\@ifundefined{#3}%
1129       {\@ifundefined{end#3}%
1130         {\@NewDocElement{#1}}%
1131         \doc@ignoredinfo
1132       }\doc@ignoredinfo
1133     }\doc@ignoredinfo
1134   }\doc@ignoredinfo
1135   {#2}{#3}%
1136 }

```

`\RenewDocElement` [*<options>*]{*<name>*}{*<envname>*}

```

1137 \newcommand\RenewDocElement[3][{}]{%
1138   \@ifundefined{Print#2Name}\doc@notdeclarederror
1139   {\@ifundefined{PrintDescribe#2}\doc@notdeclarederror
1140   {\@ifundefined{#3}\doc@notdeclarederror

```

```

1141             {\@ifundefined{end#3}\doc@notdeclarederror
1142              {\@NewDocElement{#1}}}%
1143         }%
1144     }%
1145 }%
1146 {#2}{#3}%
1147 }

\@NewDocElement {<options>}{<name>}{<envname>}
1148 \def\@NewDocElement#1#2#3{%
1149     \doc@macrolikefalse
1150     \doc@topleveltrue
1151     TODO: Use 2e interface for \keys_set:nn when available
1152     \def\doc@idxtype{#3}%
1153     \def\doc@idxgroup{#3s}%
1154     \let\doc@printtype\@empty
1155     \csname keys_set:nn\endcsname{doc}{#1}%

\Print...Name {<name>}
TODO: extremely messy this with so many \expandafteers ... should reim-
plement in expl3
1155 \ifx\doc@printtype\@empty
1156     \@temptokena{}%
1157 \else
1158     \@temptokena\expandafter{\expandafter
1159         \textnormal\expandafter{\expandafter
1160             \space\expandafter
1161             (\doc@printtype)}}}%
1162 \fi
1163 \@nameedef{Print#2Name}##1{%
1164     {\noexpand\MacroFont
1165         \ifdoc@macrolike
1166             \noexpand\string
1167         \fi
1168         ##1%
1169         \the\@temptokena
1170     }}%

\PrintDescribe... {<name>}
1171 \expandafter\let\csname PrintDescribe#2\expandafter\endcsname
1172             \csname Print#2Name\endcsname

\SpecialMain...Index {<name>}
\Special...Index {<name>}
1173 \edef\doc@expr{%
1174     \ifdoc@macrolike
1175         \noexpand\doc@createspecialmacrolikeindexes
1176     \else
1177         \noexpand\doc@createspecialindexes

```

```

1178     \fi
1179     {#2}%
1180   }%
1181   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
1182   \doc@expr
1183   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
1184   {\expandafter\doc@idxtype\expandafter}\expandafter
1185   {\doc@idxgroup}%

```

```

\Describe... [⟨options⟩]{⟨name⟩}
1186   \doc@createdescribe{#2}%

```

`\metaDocElement (env.)` **TODO:** *can't have formatting in argument – fix*
 [⟨options⟩]{⟨name⟩}

```

1187   \ifdoc@macrolike
1188     \doc@createenv{TT}{#2}{#3}%
1189   \else
1190     \doc@createenv{TF}{#2}{#3}%
1191   \fi
1192 }

```

9.5 Setting up the default doc elements

9.5.1 Macro facilities

Macros get only a single index entry (no index group, no index type) and they do not get any label either when printing in the margin.

```

1193 \NewDocElement[macrolike = true ,
1194               idxtype   = ,
1195               idxgroup  = ,
1196               printtype =
1197               ]{Macro}{macro}

```

`\SpecialMainIndex` In doc v2 we had `\SpecialMainIndex` and `\SpecialMainEnvIndex` but now with additional doc elements we always add the element name after “Main” so this would be `\SpecialMainMacroIndex`. We use `\def` not `\let` so any redefinition of `\SpecialMainMacroIndex` will be transparent.

```

1198 \def\SpecialMainIndex{\SpecialMainMacroIndex}

```

`\SpecialUsageIndex` doc v2 also had `\SpecialUsageIndex` which is now called `\SpecialMacroIndex` generating the “usage” index entry for a macro. Again we provide that as an alias via `\def`.

In fact the documentation of doc v2 claimed that one can use this for both macros and environments but that was never true as for environments the result was that the first character was dropped in sorting of the index. The correct way is to use `\SpecialEnvIndex` for this.

```

1199 \def\SpecialUsageIndex{\SpecialMacroIndex}

```

`\SpecialIndex`

```

1200 \def\SpecialIndex      {\CodeMacroIndex{code}}

```

9.5.2 Environment facilities

Providing documentation support for environments. Here we differ from doc V2 by marking the environments with “(env.)” when printing the name in the margin.

```

1201 \NewDocElement[macrolike = false ,
1202                 idxtype    = env.    ,
1203                 idxgroup   = environments ,
1204                 printtype = \textit{env.}
1205                 ]{Env}{environment}

```

To be able to restore the definition after hypdoc is loaded we better save them beforehand. We only load the package at the end of the preamble, but the user might do this earlier and then chaos is ensured. Thus, to support this generally we save them directly before the package is loaded. In this way the user can still alter the definition for \PrintDescribeMacro and friends in the preamble.

```

1206 \AddToHook{package/hypdoc/before}{%
1207   \let\@@PrintDescribeMacro \PrintDescribeMacro
1208   \let\@@PrintDescribeEnv   \PrintDescribeEnv
1209   \let\@@PrintMacroName     \PrintMacroName
1210   \let\@@PrintEnvName       \PrintEnvName
1211   \let\@@SpecialUsageIndex  \SpecialUsageIndex
1212   \let\@@SpecialEnvIndex    \SpecialEnvIndex
1213   \let\@@SortIndex          \SortIndex
1214   \let\@@DescribeMacro      \DescribeMacro
1215   \let\@@DescribeEnv        \DescribeEnv
1216 }

```

After hypdoc got loaded we need to reset those macros again. This is done in the generic hook package/hypdoc/after.

```

1217 \AddToHook{package/hypdoc/after}{%
1218   \let\PrintDescribeMacro \@@PrintDescribeMacro
1219   \let\PrintDescribeEnv   \@@PrintDescribeEnv
1220   \let\PrintMacroName     \@@PrintMacroName
1221   \let\PrintEnvName       \@@PrintEnvName
1222   \let\SpecialUsageIndex  \@@SpecialUsageIndex
1223   \let\SpecialEnvIndex    \@@SpecialEnvIndex
1224   \let\SortIndex          \@@SortIndex
1225   \let\DescribeMacro      \@@DescribeMacro
1226   \let\DescribeEnv        \@@DescribeEnv
1227 }

```

10 Misc additions

\cs

```

1228 \DeclareRobustCommand\cs[1]{\texttt{\backslash #1}}

```

amstex has its own definition for \cs but that now gets overwritten because the class loads doc afterwards. So for now we reinstall it here.

TODO: *fix elsewhere*

```

1229 \AddToHook{class/amstex/after}{%
1230   \DeclareRobustCommand\cs[1]{%
1231     \@boxorbreak{%
1232       \ntt

```

```

1233      \addbslash#1\@empty
1234      \xp\@xp\@xp\@indexcs\@xp\@nobslash\string#1\@nil
1235    }%
1236  }%
1237  \def\cnf\cs}%
1238 }

```

We can now finish the `docstrip` main module.

```

1239 </package>

```

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