

The letltxmacro package

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Abstract

TeX's `\let` assignment does not work for L^AT_EX macros with optional arguments or for macros that are defined as robust macros by `\DeclareRobustCommand`. This package defines `\LetLtxMacro` that also takes care of the involved internal macros.

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1 Documentation

If someone wants to redefine a macro with using the old meaning, then one method is \TeX 's command `\let`:

```
\newcommand{\Macro}{\typeout{Test Macro}}
\let\SavedMacro=\Macro
\renewcommand{\Macro}{%
  \typeout{Begin}%
  \SavedMacro
  \typeout{End}%
}
```

However, this method fails, if `\Macro` is defined by `\DeclareRobustCommand` and/or has an optional argument. In both cases \LaTeX defines an additional internal macro that is forgotten in the simple `\let` assignment of the example above.

`\LetLtxMacro {<new macro>} {<old macro>}`

Macro `\LetLtxMacro` behaves similar to \TeX 's `\let` assignment, but it takes care of macros that are defined by `\DeclareRobustCommand` and/or have optional arguments. Example:

```
\DeclareRobustCommand{\Macro}[1][default]{...}
\LetLtxMacro{\SavedMacro}{\Macro}
```

Then macro `\SavedMacro` only uses internal macro names that are derived from `\SavedMacro`'s macro name. Macro `\Macro` can now be redefined without affecting `\SavedMacro`.

`\GlobalLetLtxMacro {<new macro>} {<old macro>}`

Like `\LetLtxMacro`, but the `<new macro>` is defined globally. Since version 2010/09/02 v1.4.

1.1 Supported macro definition commands

<code>\newcommand</code> , <code>\renewcommand</code>	latex/base
<code>\newenvironment</code> , <code>\renewenvironment</code>	latex/base
<code>\DeclareRobustCommand</code>	latex/base
<code>\newrobustcmd</code> , <code>\renewrobustcmd</code>	etoolbox
<code>\robustify</code>	etoolbox 2008/06/22 v1.6

2 Implementation

2.1 Show cases

2.1.1 letltxmacro-showcases.tex

```
1 <*showcases>
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \makeatletter
```

`\Line` The result is displayed by macro `\Line`. The percent symbol at line start allows easy grepping and inserting into the DTX file.

```
4 \newcommand*{\Line}[1]{%
5   \typeout{\@percentchar#1}%
6 }
```

```

7 \newcommand*{\ShowCmdName}[1]{%
8   \@ifundefined{#1}{}{%
9     \Line{%
10       \space\space(\expandafter\string\csname#1\endcsname) = %
11       (\expandafter\meaning\csname#1\endcsname)%
12     }%
13   }%
14 }
15 \newcommand*{\ShowCmds}[1]{%
16   \ShowCmdName{#1}%
17   \ShowCmdName{#1 }%
18   \ShowCmdName{\#1}%
19   \ShowCmdName{\#1 }%
20 }
21 \let\\ \@backslashchar

```

\ShowDef

```

22 \newcommand*{\ShowDef}[2]{%
23   \begingroup
24     \Line{%
25       \newcommand*{\DefString}{#2}%
26       \@onelevel@sanitize\DefString
27       \Line{\DefString}%
28       #2%
29       \ShowCmds{#1}%
30     }
31 }

32 \typeout{}
33 \Line{* LaTeX definitions:}
34 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
35   \newcommand{\cmd}[2][default]{}%
36 }
37 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
38   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}{}%
39 }
40 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
41   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}[2][default]{}%
42 }
43 \typeout{}

```

The minimal version of package etoolbox is 2008/06/12 v1.6a because it fixes \robustify.

```

44 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}[2008/06/12]%
45 \Line{}
46 \Line{* etoolbox's robust definitions:}
47 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
48   \newrobustcmd{\cmd}{}%
49 }
50 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
51   \newrobustcmd{\cmd}[2][default]{}%
52 }
53 \Line{}
54 \Line{* etoolbox's \string\robustify:}
55 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
56   \newcommand{\cmd}[2][default]{ } %
57   \robustify{\cmd}%
58 }
59 \ShowDef{cmd}{%
60   \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}{ } %
61   \robustify{\cmd}%
62 }
63 \ShowDef{cmd}{%

```

```

64 \DeclareRobustCommand{\cmd}[2][default]{ } %
65 \robustify{\cmd}%
66 }
67 \typeout{ }
68 \@@end
69 </showcases>

```

2.1.2 Result

* LaTeX definitions:

```

\newcommand {\cmd }[2][default]{ }
(\cmd) = (macro:-> \@protected@testopt \cmd \cmd {default})
(\cmd) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }{ }
(\cmd) = (macro:-> \protect \cmd_ )
(\cmd_ ) = (\long macro:->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }[2][default]{ }
(\cmd) = (macro:-> \protect \cmd_ )
(\cmd_ ) = (macro:-> \@protected@testopt \cmd_ \cmd_ {default})
(\cmd_ ) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

```

* etoolbox's robust definitions:

```

\newrobustcmd {\cmd }{ }
(\cmd) = (\protected\long macro:->)

\newrobustcmd {\cmd }[2][default]{ }
(\cmd) = (\protected macro:-> \@testopt \cmd {default})
(\cmd) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

* etoolbox's \robustify:

\newcommand {\cmd }[2][default]{ } \robustify {\cmd }
(\cmd) = (\protected macro:-> \@protected@testopt \cmd \cmd {default})
(\cmd) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }{ } \robustify {\cmd }
(\cmd) = (\protected macro:->)

\DeclareRobustCommand {\cmd }[2][default]{ } \robustify {\cmd }
(\cmd) = (\protected macro:-> \@protected@testopt \cmd_ \cmd_ {default})
(\cmd_ ) = (macro:-> \@protected@testopt \cmd_ \cmd_ {default})
(\cmd_ ) = (\long macro:[#1]#2->)

```

2.2 Package

```

70 <*package>

```

2.2.1 Catcodes and identification

```

71 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
72 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
73 \endlinechar=13 %
74 \catcode123=1 % {
75 \catcode125=2 % }
76 \catcode64=11 % @
77 \def\x{\endgroup
78 \expandafter\edef\csname llm@AtEnd\endcsname{%
79 \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
80 \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax

```

```

81      \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
82      \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
83      \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
84      \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
85      \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
86      \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
87    }%
88  }%
89  \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
90  \catcode13=5 % ^^M
91  \endlinechar=13 %
92  \catcode35=6 % #
93  \catcode64=11 % @
94  \catcode123=1 % {
95  \catcode125=2 % }
96  \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
97    \edef\llm@AtEnd{%
98      \llm@AtEnd
99      \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
100    }%
101    \catcode#1=#2\relax
102  }
103  \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
104  \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
105  \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
106  \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
107  \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
108  \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
109  \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}% :
110  \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}% >
111  \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
112  \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
113  \edef\llm@AtEnd{%
114    \llm@AtEnd
115    \escapechar\the\escapechar\relax
116    \noexpand\endinput
117  }
118  \escapechar=92 % ``\

```

Package identification.

```

119  \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
120  \ProvidesPackage{letltxmacro}%
121  [2010/09/02 v1.4 Let assignment for LaTeX macros (HO)]

```

2.2.2 Main macros

\LetLtxMacro

```

122  \newcommand*{\LetLtxMacro}{%
123    \llm@ModeLetLtxMacro}%
124  }

```

\GlobalLetLtxMacro

```

125  \newcommand*{\GlobalLetLtxMacro}{%
126    \llm@ModeLetLtxMacro\global
127  }

```

\llm@ModeLetLtxMacro

```

128  \newcommand*{\llm@ModeLetLtxMacro}[3]{%
129    \edef\llm@escapechar{\the\escapechar}%
130    \escapechar=-1 %
131    \edef\reserved@a{%
132      \noexpand\protect
133      \expandafter\noexpand
134      \csname\string#3 \endcsname

```



```

196     \fi
197     \fi
198     \ifx\llm@testopt\@empty
199     \else
200         \llm@protected\xdef\llm@GlobalTemp{%
201             \llm@testopt
202             \expandafter\noexpand
203             \csname\string#1\endcsname
204             {\the\toks@}%
205         }%
206     \fi
207     \expandafter\endgroup\ifx\llm@testopt\@empty
208         #3\let#1=#2\relax
209     \else
210         #3\let#1=\llm@GlobalTemp
211         #3\expandafter\let
212             \csname\string#1\expandafter\endcsname
213             \csname\string#2\endcsname
214     \fi
215 }{%
216     #3\let#1=#2\relax
217 }%
218 }

\llm@CheckParams
219 \def\llm@CheckParams#1:->#2\@nil{%
220     \begingroup
221     \def\x{#1}%
222     \ifx\x\llm@macro
223         \endgroup
224         \def\llm@protected{}%
225         \expandafter\@firstoftwo
226     \else
227         \ifx\x\llm@protectedmacro
228             \endgroup
229             \def\llm@protected{\protected}%
230             \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\@firstoftwo
231         \else
232             \endgroup
233             \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\@secondoftwo
234         \fi
235     \fi
236 }

\llm@macro
237 \def\llm@macro{macro}
238 \@onelevel@sanitize\llm@macro

\llm@protectedmacro
239 \def\llm@protectedmacro{\protected macro}
240 \@onelevel@sanitize\llm@protectedmacro

\llm@CarThree
241 \def\llm@CarThree#1#2#3#4\llm@nil{#1#2#3}%

\llm@CarTwo
242 \def\llm@CarTwo#1#2#3\llm@nil{#1#2}%
243 \llm@AtEnd%
244 \end{package}

```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```
245 {*test1}
246 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
247 \documentclass{minimal}
248 \makeatletter
249 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
250 \count@=0 %
251 \loop
252   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
253     \RestoreCatcodes
254     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
255   }%
256 \ifnum\count@<255 %
257   \advance\count@\@ne
258 \repeat
259
260 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
261   \count@=#1\relax
262   \loop
263     \catcode\count@=15 %
264   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
265     \advance\count@\@ne
266   \repeat
267 }
268 \def\Test{%
269   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
270   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
271   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
272   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{127}%
273   \catcode`\@=12 %
274   \catcode`\=0 %
275   \catcode`\{=1 %
276   \catcode`\}=2 %
277   \catcode`\#=6 %
278   \catcode`\[=12 %
279   \catcode`\]=12 %
280   \catcode`\%=14 %
281   \catcode`\_ =10 %
282   \catcode\13=5 %
283   \RequirePackage{letltxmacro}[2010/09/02]\relax
284   \RestoreCatcodes
285 }
286 \Test
287 \csname @@end\endcsname
288 \end
289 </test1}
```

3.2 Package tests

```
290 {*test2}
291 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
292 \nofiles
293 \documentclass{minimal}
294
295 \usepackage{letltxmacro}[2010/09/02]
296
297 \usepackage{qstest}
298 \IncludeTests{*}
299 \LogTests{log}{*}{*}
```



```

300
301 \makeatletter
302
303 \def\TestDef#1{%
304   \begingroup
305     \@makeother\%
306     \@makeother\%
307     \expandafter\@TestDef\csname #1\endcsname
308 }
309 \def\@TestDef#1#2{%
310   \edef\a{\expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning#1}%
311   \edef\b{\detokenize{#2}}%
312   \ifx\a\b
313     \else
314       \typeout{1 [\a]}%
315       \typeout{2 [\b]}%
316     \fi
317   \endgroup
318   \Expect*{\expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning#1}*{\detokenize{#2}}%
319 }
320 \def\TestEquals#1#2{%
321   \Expect*{%
322     \expandafter\ifx\csname#1\expandafter\endcsname
323       \csname#2\endcsname
324     equals%
325   \else
326     wrong%
327   \fi
328 }{equals}%
329 }
330 \def\SaveA{%
331   \let\SavedA\TestA
332   \expandafter\let\csname\string\SavedA\expandafter\endcsname
333     \csname\string\TestA\endcsname
334   \expandafter\let\csname SavedA \expandafter\endcsname
335     \csname TestA \endcsname
336 }
337 \def\CheckA{%
338   \TestEquals{SavedA}{TestA}%
339   \TestEquals{\string\SavedA}{\string\TestA}%
340   \TestEquals{SavedA }{TestA }%
341 }
342
343 \begin{qstest}{robust}{robust}
344   \begingroup
345     \DeclareRobustCommand*{\TestA}{Test}%
346     \SaveA
347     \TestDef{TestA}{\protect \TestA }%
348     \CheckA
349     \DeclareRobustCommand{\TestA}{Test}%
350     \SaveA
351     \TestDef{TestA}{\protect \TestA }%
352     \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
353     \TestDef{TestB}{\protect \TestB }%
354     \TestEquals{TestB }{TestA }%
355     \CheckA
356     \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestC\TestA
357     \CheckA
358   \endgroup
359   \TestDef{TestC}{\protect \TestC }%
360   \DeclareRobustCommand{\TestA}{Test}%
361   \TestEquals{TestC }{TestA }%

```

```

362 \end{qstest}
363
364 \begin{qstest}{default}{default}
365   \begingroup
366     \newcommand{\TestA}[1][\relax default \empty]{TestA #1}%
367     \SaveA
368     \TestDef
369     {TestA}{\@protected@testopt \TestA \TestA {\relax default \empty }}%
370     \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
371     \TestDef
372     {TestB}{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\relax default \empty }}%
373     \CheckA
374     \TestEquals{\string\TestB}{\string\TestA}%
375     \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestC\TestA
376     \CheckA
377   \endgroup
378   \TestDef
379   {TestC}{\@protected@testopt \TestC \TestC {\relax default \empty }}%
380   \newcommand{\TestA}[1][\relax default \empty]{TestA #1}%
381   \TestEquals{\string\TestC}{\string\TestA}%
382 \end{qstest}
383
384 \begin{qstest}{robustdefault}{robustdefault}
385   \begingroup
386     \DeclareRobustCommand{\TestA}[1][\default]{TestA}%
387     \SaveA
388     \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
389     \TestDef{TestB}{\protect \TestB }%
390     \TestDef{TestB }{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\default }}%
391     \CheckA
392     \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestC\TestA
393     \CheckA
394   \endgroup
395   \TestDef{TestC}{\protect \TestC }%
396   \TestDef{TestC }{\@protected@testopt \TestC \TestC {\default }}%
397 \end{qstest}
398
399 \begin{qstest}{plain}{plain}
400   \LetLtxMacro\NewRelax\relax
401   \Expect*{\meaning\relax}*{\string\relax}%
402   \Expect*{\meaning\NewRelax}*{\string\relax}%
403   \LetLtxMacro\NewHbox\hbox
404   \Expect*{\meaning\hbox}*{\string\hbox}%
405   \Expect*{\meaning\NewHbox}*{\string\hbox}%
406   \LetLtxMacro\NewEmpty\empty
407   \Expect*{\meaning\empty}{macro:->}%
408   \Expect*{\meaning\NewEmpty}{macro:->}%
409   \def\TestA{\iffalse}%
410   \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
411   \TestDef{TestB}{\iffalse }%
412   \TestEquals{TestA}{TestB}%
413 \end{qstest}
414 \usepackage{etoolbox}[2008/06/22]
415
416 \begin{qstest}{oldnewrobustcmd}{oldnewrobustcmd}
417   \begingroup
418     \protected\edef\TestA{%
419       \noexpand\@protected@testopt
420       \noexpand\TestA
421       \expandafter\noexpand\cename\string\TestA\endcsname
422       {\noexpand\default}%
423     }%

```

```

424 \expandafter\protected\expandafter
425 \def\csname\string\TestA\endcsname{TestA}%
426 \SaveA
427 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
428 \TestDef{TestB}{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\default }}%
429 \protected\edef\TestC{%
430 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
431 \noexpand\TestB
432 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestB\endcsname
433 {\noexpand\default}}%
434 }%
435 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
436 \CheckA
437 \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestD\TestA
438 \CheckA
439 \endgroup
440 \TestDef{TestD}{\@protected@testopt \TestD \TestD {\default }}%
441 \protected\edef\TestC{%
442 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
443 \noexpand\TestD
444 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestD\endcsname
445 {\noexpand\default}}%
446 }%
447 \TestEquals{TestD}{TestC}%
448 \end{qstest}
449
450 \begin{qstest}{newrobustcmd}{newrobustcmd}
451 \begingroup
452 \newrobustcmd{\TestA}[1][\default]{TestA}%
453 \SaveA
454 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
455 \TestDef{TestB}{\@testopt \TestB {\default }}%
456 \protected\edef\TestC{%
457 \noexpand\@testopt
458 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestB\endcsname
459 {\noexpand\default}}%
460 }%
461 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
462 \CheckA
463 \GlobalLetLtxMacro\TestD\TestA
464 \CheckA
465 \endgroup
466 \TestDef{TestD}{\@testopt \TestD {\default }}%
467 \protected\edef\TestC{%
468 \noexpand\@testopt
469 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestD\endcsname
470 {\noexpand\default}}%
471 }%
472 \TestEquals{TestD}{TestC}%
473 \end{qstest}
474
475 \begin{qstest}{robustifyopt}{robustifyopt}
476 \newcommand{\TestA}[2][\default]{}%
477 \TestDef{TestA}{\@protected@testopt \TestA \TestA {\default }}%
478 \robustify\TestA
479 \TestDef{TestA}{\@protected@testopt \TestA \TestA {\default }}%
480 \protected\edef\TestC{%
481 \noexpand\@protected@testopt
482 \noexpand\TestA
483 \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestA\endcsname
484 {\noexpand\default}}%
485 }%

```

```

486 \TestEquals{TestA}{TestC}%
487 \SaveA
488 \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
489 \TestDef{TestB}{\@protected@testopt \TestB \TestB {\default }}%
490 \protected\edef\TestC{%
491   \noexpand\@protected@testopt
492   \noexpand\TestB
493   \expandafter\noexpand\csname\string\TestB\endcsname
494   {\noexpand\default}%
495 }%
496 \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
497 \CheckA
498 \end{qstest}
499
500 \begin{qstest}{robustifydeclare}{robustifydeclare}
501   \DeclareRobustCommand\TestA{\iffalse}%
502   \robustify\TestA
503   \SaveA
504   \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
505   \TestDef{TestB}{\iffalse}%
506   % before etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\long\def
507   % since etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\def
508   \protected\def\TestC{\iffalse}%
509   \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
510   \CheckA
511 \end{qstest}
512
513 \begin{qstest}{robustifydeclarelong}{robustifydeclarelong}
514   \DeclareRobustCommand\TestA[1]{\iffalse}%
515   \robustify\TestA
516   \SaveA
517   \LetLtxMacro\TestB\TestA
518   \TestDef{TestB}{\iffalse}%
519   % before etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\long\def
520   % since etoolbox 2008/06/22: \protected\def
521   \protected\long\def\TestC#1{\iffalse}%
522   \TestEquals{TestB}{TestC}%
523   \CheckA
524 \end{qstest}
525 \csname @@end\endcsname
526 </test2>

```

4 Installation

4.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

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

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

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

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

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

¹<ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/>

4.2 Bundle installation

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

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

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

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

4.3 Package installation

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

```
tex letltxmacro.dtx
```

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

<code>letltxmacro.sty</code>	→ <code>tex/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro.sty</code>
<code>letltxmacro.pdf</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro.pdf</code>
<code>letltxmacro-showcases.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro-showcases.tex</code>
<code>test/letltxmacro-test1.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/letltxmacro-test1.tex</code>
<code>test/letltxmacro-test2.tex</code>	→ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/letltxmacro-test2.tex</code>
<code>letltxmacro.dtx</code>	→ <code>source/latex/oberdiek/letltxmacro.dtx</code>

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

4.4 Refresh file name databases

If your `TEX` distribution (`teTEX`, `mikTEX`, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, `teTEX` users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

4.5 Some details for the interested

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

```
pdftk letltxmacro.pdf unpack_files output .
```

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

plain `TEX`: Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

`LATEX`: Generate the documentation.

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

```
latex \let\install=y\input{letltxmacro.dtx}
```

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

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

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

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL^AT_EX:

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

5 Catalogue

The following XML file can be used as source for the [T_EX Catalogue](#). The elements `caption` and `description` are imported from the original XML file from the Catalogue. The name of the XML file in the Catalogue is `letltxmacro.xml`.

```
527 <*catalogue>
528 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='us-ascii'?>
529 <!DOCTYPE entry SYSTEM 'catalogue.dtd'>
530 <entry datestamp='$Date$' modifier='$Author$' id='letltxmacro'>
531   <name>letltxmacro</name>
532   <caption>Let assignment for LaTeX macros.</caption>
533   <authorref id='auth:oberdiek'>/>
534   <copyright owner='Heiko Oberdiek' year='2008,2010'>/>
535   <license type='lppl1.3'>/>
536   <version number='1.4'>/>
537   <description>
538     TeX&#x2019;s <tt>\let</tt> assignment does not work for LaTeX macros
539     with optional arguments or for macros that are defined
540     as robust macros by <tt>\DeclareRobustCommand</tt>. This package
541     defines <tt>\LetLtxMacro</tt> that also takes care of the involved
542     internal macros.
543     <p/>
544     The package is part of the <xref refid='oberdiek'>oberdiek</xref>
545     bundle.
546   </description>
547   <documentation details='Package documentation'
548     href='ctan:/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/letltxmacro.pdf'>/>
549   <ctan file='true' path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/letltxmacro.dtx'>/>
550   <miktex location='oberdiek'>/>
551   <texlive location='oberdiek'>/>
552   <install path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/oberdiek.tds.zip'>/>
553 </entry>
554 </catalogue>
```

6 History

[2008/06/09 v1.0]

- First version.

[2008/06/12 v1.1]

- Support for etoolbox's `\newrobustcmd` added.

- Support for etoolbox's `\robustify` added.

- Test file adapted for etoolbox 2008/06/22 v1.6.

- \GlobalLetLtxMacro added.

Numbers written in *italic* refer to the page where the corresponding entry is described; numbers underlined refer to the code line of the definition; plain numbers refer to the code lines where the entry is used.

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