

# The kvdefinekeys package

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## Abstract

Package kvdefinekeys provides `\kv@define@key` to define keys the same way as keyval's `\define@key`. However, it works also using ini-TeX.

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## 1 Documentation

### 1.1 Motivation

`\kvsetkeys` serves as replacement for keyval's `\setkeys`. This package adds macros to define keys, closing the gap `\kvsetkeys` leaves.

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\*Please report any issues at <https://github.com/ho-tex/oberdiek/issues>

<code>\kv@define@key {&lt;family&gt;} {&lt;key&gt;} [{&lt;default&gt;}] {&lt;definition&gt;}</code>
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Macro `\kv@define@key` reimplements `keyval`'s `\define@key`. Differences to the original:

- The defined keys also allow `\par` inside values.
- Shorthands of package `babel` are supported in family and key names.
- Macro `\kv@define@key` is made robust if  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's `\protected` or L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's `\DeclareRobustCommand` are found.

## 2 Implementation

### 2.1 Identification

```
1 <*package>
```

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```
2 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
3   \catcode13=5 % ^~M
4   \endlinechar=13 %
5   \catcode35=6 % #
6   \catcode39=12 % '
7   \catcode44=12 % ,
8   \catcode45=12 % -
9   \catcode46=12 % .
10  \catcode58=12 % :
11  \catcode64=11 % @
12  \catcode123=1 % {
13  \catcode125=2 % }
14  \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@kvdefinekeys.sty\endcsname
15  \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
16  \else
17    \def\empty{}%
18    \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
19      % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
20    \else
21      \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
22        \def\x#1#2{%
23          \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
24        }%
25      \else
26        \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
27      \fi
28      \x{kvdefinekeys}{The package is already loaded}%
29      \aftergroup\endinput
30    \fi
31  \fi
32 \endgroup%
```

Package identification:

```
33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
34   \catcode13=5 % ^~M
35   \endlinechar=13 %
36   \catcode35=6 % #
37   \catcode39=12 % '
38   \catcode40=12 % (
39   \catcode41=12 % )
```

```

40 \catcode44=12 % ,
41 \catcode45=12 % -
42 \catcode46=12 % .
43 \catcode47=12 % /
44 \catcode58=12 % :
45 \catcode64=11 % @
46 \catcode91=12 % [
47 \catcode93=12 % ]
48 \catcode123=1 % {
49 \catcode125=2 % }
50 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
51 \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
52 \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
53 \xdef#1{#4}%
54 }%
55 \else
56 \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
57 #2[#{#3}]%
58 \ifx#1\@undefined
59 \xdef#1{#3}%
60 \fi
61 \ifx#1\relax
62 \xdef#1{#3}%
63 \fi
64 }%
65 \fi
66 \expandafter\x\csname ver@kvdefinekeys.sty\endcsname
67 \ProvidesPackage{kvdefinekeys}%
68 [2016/05/16 v1.4 Define keys (H0)]%
69 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
70 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
71 \endlinechar=13 %
72 \catcode123=1 % {
73 \catcode125=2 % }
74 \catcode64=11 % @
75 \def\x{\endgroup
76 \expandafter\edef\csname KVD@AtEnd\endcsname{%
77 \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
78 \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
79 \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
80 \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
81 \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
82 \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
83 \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
84 \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
85 }%
86 }%
87 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
88 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
89 \endlinechar=13 %
90 \catcode35=6 % #
91 \catcode64=11 % @
92 \catcode123=1 % {
93 \catcode125=2 % }
94 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
95 \edef\KVD@AtEnd{%
96 \KVD@AtEnd
97 \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax

```

```

98 }%
99 \catcode#1=#2\relax
100 }
101 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
102 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
103 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
104 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
105 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
106 \edef\KVD@AtEnd{\KVD@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

```

## 2.2 Package loading

```

107 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
108 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
109 \def\TMP@RequirePackage#1[#2]{%
110 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
111 \expandafter\ifx\csname ver@#1.sty\endcsname\relax
112 \input #1.sty\relax
113 \fi
114 }%
115 \TMP@RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2010/03/01]%
116 \else
117 \RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2010/03/01]%
118 \fi

```

## 2.3 Provide key defining macro

\kv@define@key

```

119 \ltx@ifundefined{protected}{%
120 \ltx@ifundefined{DeclareRobustCommand}{%
121 \def\kv@define@key#1#2{%
122 }{%
123 \DeclareRobustCommand*{\kv@define@key}[2]%
124 }%
125 }{%
126 \protected\def\kv@define@key#1#2{%
127 }%
128 }%
129 \begingroup
130 \csname @safe@activestrue\endcsname
131 \let\ifin\csname\iftrue
132 \edef\KVD@temp{\endgroup
133 \noexpand\KVD@DefineKey{#1}{#2}%
134 }%
135 \KVD@temp
136 }

```

\KVD@DefineKey

```

137 \def\KVD@DefineKey#1#2{%
138 \ltx@ifnextchar[{%
139 \KVD@DefineKeyWithDefault{#1}{#2}%
140 }{%
141 \long\expandafter\def\csname KV@#1@#2\endcsname##1%
142 }%
143 }

```

\KVD@DefineKeyWithDefault

```

144 \long\def\KVD@DefineKeyWithDefault#1#2[#3]{%
145 \expandafter\def\csname KV@#1@#2@default\endcsname

```

```

146 \expandafter{%
147   \csname KV@#1@#2\endcsname{#3}%
148 }%
149 \long\expandafter\def\csname KV@#1@#2\endcsname##1%
150 }

151 \KVD@AtEnd%
152 \</package>

```

## 3 Test

### 3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```

153 \<test1>

154 \catcode`\{=1 %
155 \catcode`\}=2 %
156 \catcode`\#=6 %
157 \catcode`\@=11 %
158 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
159   \countdef\count@=255 %
160 \fi
161 \expandafter\ifx\csname @gobble\endcsname\relax
162   \long\def\@gobble#1{%
163 \fi
164 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
165   \long\def\@firstofone#1{#1}%
166 \fi
167 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
168   \expandafter\@firstofone
169 \else
170   \expandafter\@gobble
171 \fi
172 {%
173   \def\loop#1\repeat{%
174     \def\body{#1}%
175     \iterate
176   }%
177   \def\iterate{%
178     \body
179     \let\next\iterate
180   \else
181     \let\next\relax
182   \fi
183   \next
184 }%
185 \let\repeat=\fi
186 }%
187 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
188 \count@=0 %
189 \loop
190   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
191     \RestoreCatcodes
192     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
193   }%
194 \ifnum\count@<255 %
195   \advance\count@ 1 %
196 \repeat

```

```

197
198 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
199   \count@=#1\relax
200   \loop
201     \catcode\count@=15 %
202     \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
203       \advance\count@ 1 %
204     \repeat
205 }
206 \def\RangeCatcodeCheck#1#2#3{%
207   \count@=#1\relax
208   \loop
209     \ifnum#3=\catcode\count@
210     \else
211       \errmessage{%
212         Character \the\count@\space
213         with wrong catcode \the\catcode\count@\space
214         instead of \number#3%
215       }%
216     \fi
217     \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
218       \advance\count@ 1 %
219     \repeat
220 }
221 \def\space{ }
222 \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
223   \def\LoadCommand{\input kvdefinekeys.sty\relax}%
224 \fi
225 \def\Test{%
226   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
227   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
228   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
229   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
230   \catcode`\@=12 %
231   \catcode`\|=0 %
232   \catcode`\%=14 %
233   \LoadCommand
234   \RangeCatcodeCheck{0}{36}{15}%
235   \RangeCatcodeCheck{37}{37}{14}%
236   \RangeCatcodeCheck{38}{47}{15}%
237   \RangeCatcodeCheck{48}{57}{12}%
238   \RangeCatcodeCheck{58}{63}{15}%
239   \RangeCatcodeCheck{64}{64}{12}%
240   \RangeCatcodeCheck{65}{90}{11}%
241   \RangeCatcodeCheck{91}{91}{15}%
242   \RangeCatcodeCheck{92}{92}{0}%
243   \RangeCatcodeCheck{93}{96}{15}%
244   \RangeCatcodeCheck{97}{122}{11}%
245   \RangeCatcodeCheck{123}{255}{15}%
246   \RestoreCatcodes
247 }
248 \Test
249 \csname @@end\endcsname
250 \end
251 </test1>

```

## 4 Installation

### 4.1 Download

**Package.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

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

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/kvdefinekeys.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  $\text{\TeX}$  Files” ([CTAN:pkg/tds](#)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

### 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
```

### 4.3 Package installation

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

```
tex kvdefinekeys.dtx
```

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

<code>kvdefinekeys.sty</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>tex/generic/oberdiek/kvdefinekeys.sty</code>
<code>kvdefinekeys.pdf</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/kvdefinekeys.pdf</code>
<code>test/kvdefinekeys-test1.tex</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/kvdefinekeys-test1.tex</code>
<code>kvdefinekeys.dtx</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>source/latex/oberdiek/kvdefinekeys.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  $\text{\TeX}$  distribution ( $\text{\TeX}$  Live, `mik $\text{\TeX}$` , ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example,  $\text{\TeX}$  Live users run `texhash` or `mktextlsr`.

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<sup>1</sup>[CTAN:pkg/kvdefinekeys](#)

## 4.5 Some details for the interested

**Unpacking with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain T<sub>E</sub>X:** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{kvdefinekeys.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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:

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

## 5 References

- [1] David Carlisle: *The keyval package*; 1999/03/16 v1.13; [CTAN:macros/latex/required/graphics/keyval.dtx](#).

## 6 History

**[2010/03/01 v1.0]**

- First version.

**[2010/08/19 v1.1]**

- Documentation fix, no code change.

**[2011/01/30 v1.2]**

- Already loaded package files are not input in plain T<sub>E</sub>X.

**[2011/04/07 v1.3]**

- Support for package `babel`'s shorthands added.
- `\kv@define@key` is made robust if available.

**[2016/05/16 v1.4]**

- Documentation updates.



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