

textcsc:
A package for caps-to-small-caps text

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1 Overview

It is a longstanding typographic practice to typeset lengthy abbreviations as small-capitals to avoid unsightly groups of capital letters. Using the standard \LaTeX commands for small capitals (`\textsc` and `\scshape`) this requires the input letters to be typed in lowercase. For example, to produce `FBI`, one types `\textsc{fbi}`. This use of lowercase creates problems. Users of screenreaders or other accessibility software, as well as people who copy-paste the text from your `PDF` to quote you, will only encounter the lowercase. If the document has been converted to another format, like an e-book or webpage, the small caps formatting may not convert with it. Even if the format carries when convert by Pandoc or other programme to `HTML`, web users who block remote fonts or disable scripts may see, as a fallback, unsightly or confusing lower-case letters jammed together.

Thus, for users of `Lua \LaTeX` or `X \LaTeX` , this package provides two very simple commands that produce caps-to-small-caps text, taking advantage of existing OpenType features. These two commands neatly help solve the problem of ensuring that all capitals can be used to avoid confusion with other formats or usages, without compromising the traditional typographic practice.

2 Usage

In your preamble put:

```
\usepackage{textcsc}
```

To use a switch analagous to `\scshape` simply use `\cscshape`.

```
The \cscshape CIA\normalfont and the \cscshape FBI
```

Produces:

The CIA and the FBI

To use a macro analagous to `\textsc` simply use `\textcsc`:

The `\textcsc{CIA}` and the `\textcsc{FBI}`

Produces:

The CIA and the FBI

3 Development

Bugs, feature requests, *etc*, should be submitted to the project's official GitHub page: github.com/ezgranet/textcsc.

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5 Implementation

```
4
5 \def\textcscversionnumber{1.1}
6 \ProvidesPackage{textcsc-dev}
7 [2023/04/24\textcscversionnumber\
8   Command for caps-to-small-caps-text]
9 % This work may be distributed and/or modified under the
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11 % of this license or (at your option) any later version.
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13 %   http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
14 % and version 1.3c or later is part of all distributions of LaTeX
15 % version 2005/12/01 or later.
16 %
17 % This work has the LPPL maintenance status `maintained'.
18 %
19 % The Current Maintainer of this work is Elijah Z Granet
20 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
21 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
22 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
23 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
24 % %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
25 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
26 % Warning that you need
27 % fontspec
28 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
29 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
30 \RequirePackage{iftex}
31 \ifPDFTeX {
32   \PackageError{textcsc}
33     {You are using pdfTeX but this package only works
34     \MessageBreak with XeTeX or LuaTeX}{}
35 }
36 \fi
37 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
```

```

38 %%%%%%%%%%%
39 %%%%%%%%%%%
40 % Dependencies
41 %%%%%%%%%%%
42 %%%%%%%%%%%
43 \RequirePackage{fontspec}
44 %%%%%%%%%%%
45 %%%%%%%%%%%
46 % the switch
47 %%%%%%%%%%%
48 %%%%%%%%%%%
49 \newcommand{\cscshape}{\scshape\addfontfeature{RawFeature={+c2sc}}}}
50 %%%%%%%%%%%
51 %%%%%%%%%%%
52 % the macro
53 %%%%%%%%%%%
54 %%%%%%%%%%%
55 \newcommand{\textcsc}[1]{\{\cscshape%
56 #1%
57 }}
58
59 %%%%%%%%%%%
60 %%%%%%%%%%%
61 % all done
62 %%%%%%%%%%%
63 %%%%%%%%%%%

```

6 Version History

6.6.1 1.1.0

24 April 2023: Update to fix issue with LetterSpace property not carrying over.

6.6.2 1.0.0

22 September 2022: Package creation