# makedoc—Preprocessing documentation by T<sub>E</sub>X

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#### Abstract

makedoc provides commands for generating LATEX input from a package file in order to typeset the latter's documentation (somewhat similar and opposite to docstrip)—with v0.3 a single one usually suffices. Certain comment marks are removed, listing commands are inserted, and some (configurable) typographical txt $\rightarrow$ TEX corrections are applied.—This continues the policy of niceverb to minimize documentation markup in package files. makedoc extends and exemplifies the parsing package fifinddo. After an edit (and test) of your package, you get the new documentation in one run (or the usual number of runs) of the documentation driver file.—The present approach is meant to be an alternative to the standard doc package and its \DocInput. It provides less than doc does, rather deliberately. It may be helpful at least for the development of small packages, or at least at early stages.

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## 1 Introduction

The abstract will not be repeated in this section. Let me add instead that I was in dire need of such a package, I got stuck with my packages because I lost orientation in them, and I was unhappy with the forms of documentations of my other packages, and documenting them with the standard IATEX doc system was not attractive for me (neither considered helpful). I also worked on Windows until September 2008, and I find a system like the present one still more attractive then using (learning!) other filtering utilities (see below on awk). And I may work on Windows once again and don't want to depend on installing some . . . there—I really would like to have powerful tools for everything depending on nothing but TeX/IATEX!

## 2 Prior work and what is new

It is, of course, not a new idea to get around comment marks % to typeset the documentation. doc's \DocInput does this by making % an "ignored" character. This way you cannot use % for commenting comments (so doc offers a "new

comment mark" ^^A). You also cannot use % for commenting out code (that you are pondering—or using for debugging—only).

Moreover, doc requires enclosing package code explicitly by environment commands (behind comment marks). Stephan I. Böttcher with his lineno.sty and Grzegorz Murzynowski in gmdoc aimed at doing away with this requirement. lineno.sty contains awk scripts to remove starting comment marks and to insert listing commands. A file lineno.tex is generated that typesets the documentation. By the way, lineno.sty is full of discussions, but it is not docstripped—the maintainers never have received a complaint that inputting lineno.sty were too slow.

gmdoc seems to get around comment marks and insert listing commands while typesetting by a refined version of \DocInput, through some careful detecting and analysing comment marks, the approach resembles detection of lists in wiki.sty. And this is a matter of principles—comparing the approaches of preprocessing (lineno.sty) and "smart typesetting" (gmdoc, wiki). Sometimes preprocessing seems to be simpler, sometimes detecting while typesetting. (Another example is the preprocessor easylatex of which wiki.sty is a much reduced "while typesetting" variant.) "While typesetting" may be easier when single characters or sequences of two or three encode markup information—but such detection can badly interfere with other packages etc. "Preprocessing" may be easier when entire "strings" of characters decide, which may be anywhere in a file line.

makedoc chooses *preprocessing*, as lineno.sty, but by *TEX*. There is a general discussion of this choice in the documentation of fifinddo. Preprocessing here can be done in the same IATEX run as typesetting, though you can avoid incompatabilities with packages needed for typesetting (by inputting them only *after* preprocessing).

lineno.sty exemplifies why preprocessing with  $T_{E\!X}$  may be preferable to preprocessing with other utilities: When I took over maintenance of lineno.sty, I needed hard work to get the awk script running. The Munich awk seemed not to behave as the Kiel awk (I chose a Munich nawk and reworked the script a little).  $T_{E\!X}$  seems to have better fixed functionality than other utilities!

A different alternative to LATEX's doc system is Paul Isambert's CodeDoc where the code environments extract package code in typesetting the documentation.

## 3 Styles supported (parsers provided)

We find different styles of documenting LATEX packages. As the main aspects I consider (i) telling code from comments and (ii) markup in comments. (You may find more details on the next matters in the "implementation" section.)

 $<sup>^1\</sup>mathrm{See}$  gmdoc.pdf on \DocInput. You can learn a lot from this 220 pages document! I also find pauldoc and xdoc inspiring.

## 3.1 Telling code from comments

Comment marks (usually '%' in the case of TeX) probably were named so to mark "comments" as opposed to code ... great, but actually, in "daily practice," they are so handy—and used—for "commenting out" code, i.e., managing code versions in a simple way: one does not actually want to delete code, one might want to use it another time, maybe for debugging ... or to remind of earlier attempts that should not be tried again ...

This is a problem for high-quality typesetting of documentation. Code should be typeset about as you see it on the screen—monospaced, this allows structuring by indenting, it is common practice to use a typewriter typeface for this. Real comments should be typeset in high quality as usual with IATEX. Little dilemmas therefore occur with "hidden code" ("commented-out"). A comment mark starts the line, but obviously it is not really a comment and rather should be typeset like code (and otherwise they may break). Another problem are comments at the end of a code line. Sometimes they are "real comments" (gmdoc supports this style). But sometimes this is only another version of "version management," code "commented-out."

I like the style of writing packages described before and use it all the time. I mark "real comments" with two adjacent comment marks and an ensuing space to distinguish them clearly from code commented out. This style is presently the one supported by makedoc as default. This way only a line starting with \(\mathbb{X}\_\subseteq\) is considered a "real" comment line. The first three characters are removed, and the rest is typeset in high quality. Any other lines are typeset verbatim. The makedoc parser doing this has an "identifier" \(\mathbb{PPScomment}\) ("percent, percent, space"). Another identifier \(\mathbb{comment}\) is a placeholder for the comment parser to be used, by default it is an alias for PPScomment. Lines just containing \(\mathbb{X}\_\subseteq\) (without the space) may be used to suppress empty code lines preceding section titles and for keeping some visual, relieving space between code and comment lines.

The style I described previously may be considered "unprofessional." The many LATEX packages documented using the doc/.dtx system don't use comment marks for "commenting-out". Or one may mark code commented out by putting no space between the percent mark and the code. With v0.4 of makedoc, this style is supported as PScomment. You can directly call this as (main-parser) as described below, or you can switch to it by

\CopyFDconditionFromTo{PScomment}{comment}

## 3.2 Markup in comments

Packages using the doc/.dtx system as well as alternative highly developed systems mentioned above use (enhanced) usual  $\LaTeX$  syntax for markup of comments. Other packages just use an ASCII style without any markup. My idea was to support the latter style by some  $\texttt{txt} \rightarrow \texttt{IATEX}$  functionality. makedoc does this using a file mdoccorr.cfg which is very small right now.

I also thought of introducing another sort of "decent" markup not needing much more space than the "ASCII kernel" of the comments. This is to some extent implemented in niceverb.sty. I thought of the syntax of editing *Wikipedia* pages; this is partially implemented in wiki.sty which unfortunately is not yet compatible with niceverb.

But makedoc implements one *Wikipedia* feature in a different way than wiki.sty (cf. wikicheat.pdf) that looks about as follows:

```
%%_==_Section_==
%%_===_Subsection_===
%%_====_Subsubsection_====
```

i.e., you type  $==_{\square}\langle title \rangle_{\square}==$  in place of \section{ $\langle title \rangle$ } etc. The parser must replace  $====\langle title \beta \rangle===$  before  $===\langle title 2 \rangle===$  and the latter before  $==\langle title 1 \rangle===$ . In fact, makedoc provides three parsers for these situations:

\SectionLevelThreeParseInput is the most general parser offered. If it does not find two strings '====' enclosing something, it passes to

\SectionLevelTwoParseInput which unless finding two strings === enclosing something passes to

\SectionLevelOneParseInput ... passes to the comment detector comment.

## 4 Requirements

makedoc requires LATEX  $2\varepsilon$  (supporting star forms of \newcommand etc.) as TEX-format, the package fifinddo.sty from the same directory (on CTAN etc.) as where makedoc.sty is, and the LATEX-package moreverb by Robin Fairbairns (after others)—it should be installed anyway, or you can get its latest version (v2.3, 2008/06/03?) from CTAN.

makedoc's .txt $\to$ TEX functionality moreover needs a file mdoccorr.cfg that should have come along with makedoc.sty and fifinddo.sty. You may need to have a modified copy of it in the directory of your main .tex file  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .tex fitting special needs of your project.

## 5 Using makedoc the simplest way

In the most simple case, you are preparing documentation for a package file  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .sty only, and you prepare a file  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .tex containing

```
\verb|\title{\textsf}| ---a_{\sqcup} LaTeX \\ | Package_{\sqcup} for_{\sqcup} \\ | whatever \\ | Wh
```

and \maketitle etc. about your package.<sup>2</sup> The documentation will be produced by running  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .tex with LATEX (e.g., latex  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .tex).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>With niceverb and \title after \begin{document}, you may replace '\textsf{ $\langle jobname \rangle$ }' by '' $\langle jobname \rangle$ ''.

First,  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .tex must have \usepackage{makedoc} in its preamble. There are no package options.

Second, to typeset the commented implementation from  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .sty, include in  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .tex's document environment a line

```
\MakeInputJobDoc{\langle header-lines \rangle}{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}
```

 $\langle header-lines \rangle$  refers to a non-negative integer as follows: We think the most simple and useful way of typesetting the first lines of a package file including license and copyrights is "depicting them as image," i.e., verbatim. We could try to determine the number of these lines by parsing, but we won't do so soon. Please just count them and enter the number as  $\langle header-lines \rangle$ —and change it until you can accept the outcome.

## 6 Steps of advanced usage

## 6.1 Different main parsers (second mandatory argument)

\MakeInputJobDoc's mandatory syntax actually is

```
[\MakeInputJobDoc{\langle header-lines\rangle}{\langle main-parser\rangle}]
```

 $\langle main-parser \rangle$  refers to the parsing macro that is applied to each input line whose number is greater than  $\langle header-lines \rangle$ . Examples for  $\langle main-parser \rangle$  are named in section 3 above.  $\ensuremath{\backslash} SectionLevelThreeParseInput$  is just the most general one. For efficiency (!? or also to avoid problems?) you may replace Three by Two or by One, if the ==== or the === feature is not used in  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .sty. If the "Wikipedia sectioning" feature is not used at all, use

```
\MakeInputJobDoc{\langle header-lines \rangle}{\ProcessInputWith{comment}}
```

—provided you want to adopt the '%%\_' style of marking comments, cf. section 3. For the '%\_' style instead, use

```
|\mbox{\comment}| \mbox{\comment}| \mb
```

## 6.2 Different extensions (optional arguments)

If your package to be documented is a  $class\ \langle jobname \rangle$ .cls, a local configuration file  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .cfg or something else— $\langle jobname \rangle$ . $\langle ext-in \rangle$ , e.g.,  $\langle ext-in \rangle$ =cls or  $\langle ext-in \rangle$ =cfg, use

```
\label{localization} $$ \MakeInputJobDoc[\langle ext-in\rangle] {\langle header\rangle} {\langle parser\rangle} $$
```

Moreover,  $\MakeInputJobDoc$  writes an intermediate file  $\langle jobname \rangle$ . doc and then  $\mbox{inputs}$  it. If you do not like doc as extension for the written file name

(maybe you use  $\langle jobname \rangle$ .doc for something different already), preferring extension  $\langle ext\text{-}out \rangle$ , use

```
[\mbox{\tt MakeInputJobDoc} \mbox{\tt $[\langle ext\text{-}in\rangle]$} \mbox{\tt $[\langle ext\text{-}out\rangle]$} \mbox{\tt $\{\langle header\rangle\}$} \mbox{\tt $\{\langle parser\rangle\}$}]
```

Yes, you must state  $\langle ext\text{-}in \rangle$  then as well, I can't help ... If even  $\langle jobname \rangle$  is wrong in your view, see next step ...

## 6.3 Commands modifying \MakeInputJobDoc's behaviour

Already  $\langle jobname \rangle$  may not be what you want. E.g., you may want to collect documentations of some other files  $\langle job-1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle job-2 \rangle$ , ... in a single  $\langle jobname \rangle$ . Then precede \MakeInputJobDoc with

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\mbox{renewcommand*{\mbox{\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{}\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\mbox{$\m
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etc. (please reason yourself about additional requirements  $\dots$ ) As a matter of fact,  $\MakeInputJobDoc$  reads

```
\mbox{\em MdJobName.} \langle ext\mbox{-}in \rangle and writes \mbox{\em MdJobName.} \langle ext\mbox{-}out \rangle
```

Stated another way, (jobname) above referred to \mdJobName.

\MakeInputJobInput moreover (by default) produces one dot per input line processed on screen to show progress. The reason is that makedoc issues the command \ProcessLineMessage{\message{.}}. Already this trivial thing seems to slow down processing considerably (nowadays). \MakeInputJobInput will run faster if preceded by

```
\ProcessLineMessage{}
```

which will suppress any message about processing. However, the message may be helpful in trouble-shooting.

### 6.4 Separating preprocessing from typesetting

To some surprise, I observe that \MakeInputJobDoc works. This is quite a new discovery of mine (2010/03/13); before I thought that, for safety, preprocessing should happen inside a local group preceding \documentclass. \MakeInputJobDoc works like \MakeInputJobDoc described above, yet it just preprocesses the package to be documented, waiting for an

$$\left\langle input\{\left\langle jobname\right\rangle .\left\langle ext\text{-}out\right\rangle \right\}$$

in the document environment to typeset the documentation. So makedoc.tex once had in its preamble

{\RequirePackage{makedoc} \\_\ProcessLineMessage{} I did experience some truth in my earlier safety policy: With niceverb "running," \MakeJobDoc cannot (easily) be used in the document environment. \MakeInputJobDoc in fact does some niceverb switching (provided niceverb has been loaded) when making use of \MakeJobDoc.

Thinking of this "safety" approach, especially grouping ({\code}), I had not much cared for compatibility with other packages in choosing makedoc macro names.

## 6.5 Other makedoc (and fifindo) script commands

The next script commands may be considered of a lower level than  $\mbox{\tt MakeInputJobDoc}$ , they underlie the latter commands. We also list commands from fifinddo.sty that may be useful or, indeed, are needed for preparing package documentations. This may result in ideas on how do use the script commands for different purposes than for preparing package documentations—e.g., apply  $\mbox{\tt txt} \rightarrow \mbox{\tt TeX}$  preprocessing to arbitrary text files.

### 6.5.1 Choosing parameter values for next preprocessing run

This actually continues section 6.3.

\ResultFile{\langle output\rangle} \langle \text{(from fifinddo)} \text{ determines (and opens through the TEX primitive \openout) the file \langle output\rangle \text{ which will contain the result of preprocessing the package file.}

 $\Lagrange Text{LaTeXresultFile} \{\langle output \rangle\}\$  —see next section.

 $\MainDocParser{\langle parser \rangle}$  determines the  $\langle parser \rangle$  as in the second mandatory argument of  $\MakeJobDoc$ .

We are now describing some parameters which rather must be switched "manually" instead of being modifiable by comfortable makedoc script commands.

With the "Wikipedia sectioning" feature, you may change the outcome regarding levels. Assume, e.g., the package file has titles along the scheme  $==_{\sqcup}\langle title\rangle_{\sqcup}==$  only, but these should become subsections of the "implementation" section of the corresponding .tex file. Then

 $\verb|\command*{\mdSectionLevelOne}{\string\subsection}|$ 

– see the implementation of the sectioning feature for details.

There is a command

\NoEmptyInputLines and a parameter macro \OnEmptyInputLine

which is modified by the former. However, I cannot say much about them right now, I think they just were a difficult matter that I soon decided no longer to think about for a while (cf. the implementation). About the same holds for the hook \textstyle\text

The  $txt \rightarrow T_EX$  functionality is implemented through a hook

## $\MakeDocCorrectHook\{\langle characters \rangle\}$

makedoc initializes it as an alias of LATEX's \Offirstofone, i.e., it won't change \( \characters \). mdoccorr.cfg should redefine it so it really "corrects" \( \characters \). You might try other definitions of \MakeDocCorrectHook for different "correcting" functions. It should be noted that (currently) \MakeDocCorrectHook must be \( expandable \), fifinddo.sty provides setup for (expandable) chains of expandable replacements. The "Wikipedia" sectioning feature moreover uses expandable trimming (single) surrounding spaces, this might be provided in a more general way.\( \frac{3}{2} \)

### 6.5.2 "Manual" insertions to the output file

WriteProvides (from fifindo) writes a \ProvidesFile line into  $\langle output \rangle$  that declares the file to be generated by fifindo.

\LaTeXresultFile{ $\langle output \rangle$ } issues \ResultFile{ $\langle output \rangle$ } and then writes a \ProvidesFile line into  $\langle output \rangle$  that declares the file to be generated by makedoc.

### 6.5.3 Processing input and closing output

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} $$ \mbox{$\langle input \rangle$} $ \mbox{$reads mdoccorr.cfg (for \mbox{$MakeDocCorrectHook}, see above),} \\ $$ \mbox{$copies $\langle number \rangle$ according to \mbox{$MeaderLines (see above) from $\langle input \rangle$ into $\langle output \rangle$ (according to \mbox{$ResultFile}), then processes the remaining lines of $\langle input \rangle$ according to $$\mbox{$MainDocParser (writing several things to $\langle output \rangle$).} $$ $$ \mbox{$MakeDoc invokes} $$$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The trimspaces package has been a *model* for this feature here. It cannot be used directly here because it reads blank spaces as TEX characters with category code 10 while makedoc reads blank spaces as "other" characters (category code 12) in order to *keep* all blank spaces.

```
\MakeCloseDoc\{\langle input\rangle\}\ issues \MakeDoc\{\langle input\rangle\}\CloseResultFile.
```

Using \MakeDoc instead of \MakeCloseDoc allows processing additional  $\langle input \rangle$  files writing into the same  $\langle output \rangle$ . Or maybe you want to add some additional lines manually to  $\langle output \rangle$  using \WriteResult.

## 7 Examples

## 7.1 nicetext, especially mdoccorr.cfg

The documentations of fifinddo, makedoc, and niceverb themselves are typeset using makedoc. fifinddo.pdf documents fifinddo.sty, typeset from fifinddo.tex, likewise makedoc.pdf and niceverb.pdf. The Wikipedia syntax feature

```
\%\%_===_\subsection_\===
```

is used in fifinddo.sty and niceverb.sty only.

Along with makedoc should come files makedoc.tpl—a template makedoc script, and a file fdtxttex.tex that should start a dialogue on trying \MakeDocCorrectHook if you can manage to run it (WinShell?). With other definitions of \MakeDocCorrectHook—see below—you can use this dialogue for arbitrary replacement jobs (as an application of fifinddo rather than makedoc).

fifinddo.pdf, makedoc.pdf, and niceverb.pdf were typeset with the following typographical corrections in mdoccorr.cfg that defines \MakeDocCorrectHook:

```
\ProvidesFile{mdoccorr.cfg}[2010/03/29
                     local typographical corrections
                     with 'makedoc.sty']
\% ... also demonstrates 'niceverb.sty'---see the typeset
%% documentation of the present file in 'makedoc.pdf'.
%%
%% |\SetPatternCodes{<commands>}| redefines
%% '\PatternCodes' to be used in parsing and replacing
%% (some ''sanitizing"). %% improved line breaks 2010/03/29
\SetPatternCodes{\MakeOther\\\MakeOther\ }
%%
%% |\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<subst>}{<id-next>}|%
%% \footnote{Yes,
%% &\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<subst>}{<id-next>}.}
\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{etc}{etc. }{etc.\ }{LEAVE}
%% So you can keep inter-sentence space after 'etc.'
%% by a code line break.
%%
%% |\PrependExpandableAllReplacer{<id>){<find>}{<subst>}|:
```

```
%% ... but think of 'cf.~'. Don't leave 'cf.' at code line end!
    \PrependExpandableAllReplacer{dots}{...}{$\dots$}
    %% ... chain starts here, and here |\MakeDocCorrectHook| (silently)
    %% enters through a default variant |\SetCorrectHookJobLast|
    %% of |\SetCorrectHookJob{<id>>}|:
    \SetCorrectHookJobLast
    %% |\ResetPatternCodes| resets '\PatternCodes' to their default
    %% value (which is '\fdPatternCodes'):
    \ResetPatternCodes
    %% ... restores 'fifinddo' default.
    \endinput
    HISTORY
    2009/04/05 with makedoc v0.2
    2010/03/11 broke some too long code lines
    2010/03/16 rendered 'mdoccorr.cfg'
    2010/03/22 try \Prepend...
    2010/03/23 corrected 'cf'
    2010/03/29 use \SetPatternCodes etc.
 This code also exemplifies the syntax niceverb provides for writing about LATEX
 macros. It is typeset here with makedoc.sty and then looks thus:
    \ProvidesFile{mdoccorr.cfg}[2010/03/29
1
                          local typographical corrections
2
                          with 'makedoc.sty']
3
 ... also demonstrates niceverb.sty—see the typeset documentation of the present
 file in makedoc.pdf.
    \overline{\SetPatternCodes\{\langle commands\rangle\}\} redefines \PatternCodes to be used in
 parsing and replacing (some "sanitizing").
    \SetPatternCodes{\MakeOther\\\MakeOther\ }
 [\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{\langle id \rangle} {\langle find \rangle} {\langle subst \rangle} {\langle id-next \rangle}]^4
    \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{etc}{etc. }{etc.\ }{LEAVE}
 So you can keep inter-sentence space after etc. by a code line break.
    \PrependExpandableAllReplacer\{\langle id \rangle\}\{\langle find \rangle\}\{\langle subst \rangle\}:
    \PrependExpandableAllReplacer{cf}{cf. }{cf.\ } %% corr. 2010/03/23
 ... but think of cf.~. Don't leave cf. at code line end!
    \PrependExpandableAllReplacer{dots}{...}{$\dots$}
   <sup>4</sup>Yes, \MakeExpandableAllReplacer\{\langle id \rangle\}\{\langle find \rangle\}\{\langle subst \rangle\}\{\langle id-next \rangle\}.
```

```
... chain starts here, and here MakeDocCorrectHook (silently) enters through
 a default variant \ \SetCorrectHookJobLast of \SetCorrectHookJob\{\langle id \rangle\}\:
    \SetCorrectHookJobLast
  ResetPatternCodes resets \PatternCodes to their default value (which is
  \fdPatternCodes):
    \ResetPatternCodes
 ... restores fifinddo default.
    \endinput
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    HISTORY
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    2009/04/05 with makedoc v0.2
    2010/03/11 broke some too long code lines
14
    2010/03/16 rendered 'mdoccorr.cfg'
15
    2010/03/22 try \Prepend...
16
    2010/03/23 corrected 'cf'
    2010/03/29 use \SetPatternCodes etc.
 And this is the content of the intermediate generated file:
    \ProvidesFile{mdoccorr.doc}[2010/03/30 automatically generated with makedoc.sty]
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \ProvidesFile{mdoccorr.cfg}[2010/03/29
                           local typographical corrections
                           with 'makedoc.sty']
    \end{mdPackageCode}
    $\dots$ also demonstrates 'niceverb.sty'---see the typeset
    documentation of the present file in 'makedoc.pdf'.
     |\SetPatternCodes{<commands>}| redefines
     '\PatternCodes' to be used in parsing and replacing
     (some ''sanitizing"). %% improved line breaks 2010/03/29
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \SetPatternCodes{\MakeOther\\\MakeOther\ }
    \end{mdPackageCode}
     |\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>}{<find>}{<subst>}{<id-next>}|%
    \footnote{Yes,
    &\MakeExpandableAllReplacer{<id>){<find>}{<subst>}{<id-next>}.}
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \MakeExpandableAllReplacer{etc}{etc. }{etc.\ }{LEAVE}
    \end{mdPackageCode}
    So you can keep inter-sentence space after 'etc.'
    by a code line break.
    |\PrependExpandableAllReplacer{<id>){<find>}{<subst>}|:
```

```
\begin{mdPackageCode}
    \end{mdPackageCode}
    $\dots$ but think of 'cf.~'. Don't leave 'cf.' at code line end!
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \PrependExpandableAllReplacer{dots}{...}{$\dots$}
    \end{mdPackageCode}
    $\dots$ chain starts here, and here |\MakeDocCorrectHook| (silently)
    enters through a default variant |\SetCorrectHookJobLast|
    of |\SetCorrectHookJob{<id>>}|:
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \SetCorrectHookJobLast
    \end{mdPackageCode}
    |\ResetPatternCodes| resets '\PatternCodes' to their default
    value (which is '\fdPatternCodes'):
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \ResetPatternCodes
    \end{mdPackageCode}
    $\dots$ restores 'fifinddo' default.
    \begin{mdPackageCode}
    \endinput
    HISTORY
    2009/04/05 with makedoc v0.2
    2010/03/11 broke some too long code lines
    2010/03/16 rendered 'mdoccorr.cfg'
    2010/03/22 try \Prepend...
    2010/03/23 corrected 'cf'
    2010/03/29 use \SetPatternCodes etc.
55
    \end{mdPackageCode}
```

## 7.2 Packages from other authors

substr.tex should typeset a nicely formatted documentation of Harald Harder's substr.sty, see my own result substr.pdf. substr.sty is a rare case of the '%%' commenting style that nicetext has used itself.

arseneau.tex should typeset nicely formatted documentations of a few packages by Donald Arseneau, see my own result arseneau.pdf. This demonstrates the usual  $\mbox{`\%}_{\sqcup}$ ' commenting style that makedoc supports with v0.4.

## 8 Implementation

### 8.1 Preliminaries

Head of file (Legalese):

```
%% Macro package 'makedoc.sty' for LaTeX2e,
    %% copyright (C) 2009 2010 Uwe L\"uck,
        http://www.contact-ednotes.sty.de.vu
3
    \% -- author-maintained in the sense of LPPL below --
4
    %% for preparing documentations from packages.
    \def\fileversion{0.4} \def\filedate{2010/03/30}
    %% This file can be redistributed and/or modified under
9
    % the terms of the LaTeX Project Public License; either
10
    \% version 1.3a of the License, or any later version.
11
    %% The latest version of this license is in
12
           http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
13
14
    %% We did our best to help you, but there is NO WARRANTY.
15
    %% Please report bugs, problems, and suggestions via
16
17
    %%
         http://www.contact-ednotes.sty.de.vu
18
    %%
19
    \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
20
    % 1994/12/01: \newcommand* etc.
    \ProvidesPackage{makedoc}[\filedate\space v\fileversion\space
22
23
                               TeX input from *.sty (UL)]
```

\PackageCodeTrue and \PackageCodeFalse set \ifPackageCode globally, so redefinition of ~ (playing a key role in fifinddo) may be kept local. Note the capital T and F!

```
24 \newcommand*{\PackageCodeTrue} {\global\let\ifPackageCode\iftrue}
```

25 \newcommand\*{\PackageCodeFalse}{\global\let\ifPackageCode\iffalse}

\ifPackageCode is used to determine whether a listing environment must be \begun or \ended. You may also want to suppress empty code lines, while empty lines should issue a \par break in "comment" mode.

Since \newif is not used, \ifPackageCode must be declared explicitly. Declaration of new \ifs must be early in case they occur in code that is skipped by another \if...[TODO!? cf. others 2010/03/15]

### 26 \PackageCodeFalse

makedoc is an extension of fifinddo on which it depends.

### 27 \RequirePackage{fifinddo}[2009/04/13]

Both fifinddo and makedoc use the "underscore" \_ as "private letter" and restore its standard "subscript" function (*TeXbook Chap. 7*) at their end. Push/pop functionality as with @ and \RequirePackage is missing here. So after loading fifinddo, we need to declare our private letter (again).

according to fifinddo.

28 \catcode'\\_=11 %% underscore used in control words

## 8.2 \MakeDocCorrectHook ("txt2TeX")

[\MakeDocCorrectHook] is predefined to leave its argument without the enclosing braces, otherwise unchanged:

29 \let\MakeDocCorrectHook\@firstofone

Less efficiently, the same could have been set up as

30 % \newcommand\*{\MakeDocCorrectHook}[1]{\ProcessStringWith{#1}{LEAVE}}

It may be *redefined* in a *configuration* file like makedoc.cfg or the makedoc script file applying to a single package file in order to, e.g., converting plain text to TEX input conforming to typographical conventions, making \$\dots\$ from '...', e.g. Replace LEAVE in the previous suggestion by an identifier whose job you have defined before, and use \renewcommand in place of \newcommand. See an example in makedoc.cfg.

You can test your own \MakeDocCorrectHook by

 $\verb|\typeout{\MakeDocCorrectHook}| \langle \textit{test-string} \rangle \}|$ 

... provided (sometimes)  $\MakeOther\L$  ... You can even change it using  $\IfInputLine$  from fifinddo in the midst of preprocessing a package documentation.

### 8.3 Distinguishing package code from comments

Use of comment marks is a matter of personal style. Only lines starting with the sequence [%] are typeset in  $T_EX$  quality under the present release. Lines just containing [%] (without the space) are used to suppress empty code lines preceding section titles (while keeping some visual space in the package file). There is a preferable way to do this, however not in the present release ...

The parsing macros must be set up reading % and  $\square$  as "other" characters. Using the optional arguments for this creates difficulties that can be somewhat avoided by redefining [\PatternCodes].

31 \SetPatternCodes{\MakeOther\%\MakeOther\ }%% 2010/03/30

The next line sets the "sandbox" for the detecting macro, as it is coined in the documentation of fifinddo, with "identifier" PPScomment.

32 \MakeSetupSubstringCondition{PPScomment}{\%\% }{{\#1}}

The last argument stores the expanded input line for reference by macros called. The next line is a test whether the setup works.

33 % \expandafter \show \csname \setup\_substr\_cond PPScomment\endcsname

Here comes the definition of the corresponding testing macro. #3 is the expanded input line from above. The \If...commands, \fdInputLine, \fdInputLine, and \RemoveDummyPatternArg are from fifinddo.

 $\label{lem:makeSubstringConditional} $$34 \ \BeringConditional{PPScomment}_{\%} $$ $$ \DecideCommentCode{#1}_{42}_{43}\PPstring}$ 

\\DecideCommentCode{#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}\] is shared with the parser for the '% $\sqcup$ ' commenting style.

- 36 \newcommand\*{\DecideCommentCode}[4]{%
- 37 \IffDinputEmpty{\OnEmptyInputLine}{%

The empty line test comes early to offer control with \OnEmptyInputLine both in code and comment mode. Maybe it should always?

```
38 \IffDempty{#1}%
39 \{\TreatAsComment{\%}
40 \RemoveDummyPatternArg\MakeDocCorrectHook{#2}}}\%
41 \{\ifx\fdInputLine#4\%}
42 \\ifPackageCode\else \WriteResult{\}\fi\%
```

... allows paragraphs in comments.

43

\else \TreatAsCode{#3}\fi}}

Job [PScomment] deals with the [%] commenting style:

- 44 \MakeSetupSubstringCondition{PScomment}{% }{{#1}}
- 45 \MakeSubstringConditional{PScomment}{%}#3{%
- 46 \DecideCommentCode{#1}{#2}{#3}\PercentChar}

\PercentChar is from fifinddo.—Return to \fdPatternCodes:

47 \ResetPatternCodes %% 2010/03/30

\PPstring stores the line suppressing empty code lines with the '\%\\_' style:

48 \newcommand\*{\PPstring}{} \xdef\PPstring{\PercentChar\PercentChar}

**comment** will be a "generic" identifier to call a comment line detector. It might be predefined to issue an "undefined" error; however this release predefines it to behave like PPScomment:

49 \CopyFDconditionFromTo{PPScomment}{comment}

This means that the '%%', commenting style is assumed by default.

### \CopyFDconditionFromTo{PScomment}{comment}

switches to the '%' style (with the Wikipedia sectioning parser). Or just choose

### \ProcessInputWith{PScomment}

as  $\langle main\text{-}parser \rangle$  (without the Wikipedia feature). Alternative still to be considered:

- 50 % \@namedef{\setup\_substr\_cond comment}{%
- 51 % \PackageError{makedoc}{Job 'comment' not defined}%

## 8.4 Choice of package code environment

With v0.3, we adopt the solution for typesetting package code that was implemented in the former makedoc.cfg. So we rely on the listing and listingcont environments of the moreverb package.

The earlier idea was that makedoc.sty uses an undefined LATEX environment packagecode that will be defined in makedoc.cfg. An accompanying idea was that makedoc works before the \documentclass line inside a group, while makedoc.cfg is read after the \documentclass line.

We now want to simplify things. We replace

```
packagecode by mdPackageCode
```

and define the new environment globally here. moreverb and our choice for \listinglabel are called at \begin{document}—outside the possible group.

```
53 \gdef\mdPackageCode{%
54 \small
Get rid of niceverb stuff:
55 % \MakeOther\'\MakeOther\'\% probably OK with moreverb
56 \MakeOther\<\MakeOther\|\%</pre>
```

From the next occurrence of the environment onwards, listing must be replaced by listingcont. We must copy the previous code diligently.

```
\gdef\mdPackageCode{\small \MakeOther\<\MakeOther\|%
57
                            \listingcont}%
58
       \left\{1\right\}
59
     \gdef\endmdPackageCode{%
60
61
       \endlisting
       \global\let\endmdPackageCode\endlistingcont}
62
63
     \AtBeginDocument{%
       \RequirePackage{moreverb}%
64
       \renewcommand*{\listinglabel}[1]{%
65
         \llap{\scriptsize\rmfamily\the#1}\hskip\listingoffset\relax}%
66
    }
67
```

\[ \ResetCodeLineNumbers \] may be needed to reset moreverb's (global!) code line number settings (first line number + modulo for displaying) when combining documentations of more than one package with the present solution for implementing mdPackageCode:

```
68 \newcommand*{\ResetCodeLineNumbers}{%
69 \global\listing@line\@ne \gdef\listing@step{\@ne}}
```

## 8.5 Dealing with comments

\TreatAsComment{\langle text\rangle}\] writes  $\langle text \rangle$  to the documentation file. If we had "package code" (were in "code mode") so far, the listing environment is ended first.

```
70 \newcommand*{\TreatAsComment}[1]{%
71 \ifPackageCode
72 \WriteResult{\string\end{mdPackageCode\@empty}}%
```

The \Qempty here is a lazy trick to save self-documentation fighting verbatim's "highlight" of finding ends of listings (to be improved).

We always use \string to prevent macro expansion in \writeing in place of LATEX's \protect, as long as fifinddo simply uses the primitive \write in place of LATEX's \proteced@write ...

```
73 \PackageCodeFalse
74 \EveryComment
75 % \_empty_code_lines_false
76 \fi
77 \WriteResult{#1}}
```

Here, \times \text{EveryComment} is a macro hook for inserting material that should not appear in a listing environment, I had tried this successfully:

```
\gdef\EveryComment{%
   \global\let\EveryComment\relax
  \WriteResult{\string\AutoCmdVerbSyntax}}
```

Initialized:

78 \global\let\EveryComment\relax \%% should be changed globally.

### 8.6 Sectioning

We provide a facility from wiki.sty that imitates the sectioning syntax used in editing *Wikipedia* pages, in a different implementation (better compatibility) and in a more general way. On Wikipedia, ==\_Definition\_== works similar as \section{Definition} does with LATEX. With the present implementation, you can type, e.g.,

There are three detector macros made for programmers. The most general one is In the following definitions, there is a single tilde to prevent = symbols being gobbled by the test (realized by accident).

 $\$  \SectionLevelThreeParseInput:

```
79 \newcommand*{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}{%
80 \expandafter \test_sec_level_iii \fdInputLine ~=====&}
\[
\SectionLevelTwoParseInput\]
81 \newcommand*{\SectionLevelTwoParseInput}{%
82 \expandafter \test_sec_level_ii \fdInputLine ~=====&}
```

```
and \SectionLevelOneParseInput
```

```
83 \newcommand*{\SectionLevelOneParseInput}{% 
84 \expandafter \test_sec_level_i \fdInputLine ~====&}
```

allow skipping deeper levels for efficiency.

In the terminology of the fifinddo documentation, the previous three commands are "sandbox builders." The following three commands are the corresponding "substring conditionals." However, fifinddo so far only deals with *single* substrings, while here we are dealing with *pairs* of substrings. We are not using general setup macros, but define the parsing macros "manually," as it is typical in many other macros in latex.ltx and other LATEX packages. You can fool our macros easily, there is no syntax check.

```
85
     \IfFDempty{#2}%
86
              {\test_sec_level_ii #1=====&}%
87
              {\WriteSection\mdSectionLevelThree{#2}}}
88
    \def\test_sec_level_ii#1===#2===#3&{%
89
     \IfFDempty{#2}%
90
              {\test_sec_level_i
                                 #1====&}%
91
              {\WriteSection\mdSectionLevelTwo{#2}}}
92
    93
94
     \IfFDempty{#2}%
              {\RemoveTildeArg \ProcessStringWith{#1}{comment}}%
95
              {\WriteSection\mdSectionLevelOne{#2}}}
96
```

\ProcessStringWith here passes the expanded \fdInputLine to the general comment detector.

in the documentation file and switches into "comment mode." One possible space between = and the beginning of  $\langle text \rangle$  and one possible space between the end of  $\langle text \rangle$  and = are removed. The method of dealing with surrounding blank spaces is new with v0.3, moreover we now rely on a new method in niceverb.sty v0.3 to support its single right quote feature in section titles.<sup>5</sup>

```
97 \newcommand*{\WriteSection}[2]{%
98 \TreatAsComment{^^J#1{\trim_correct{#2}}^^J}}
```

Trimming "other" spaces is a little more clumsy than what the trimspaces package does whose code is by Morten Høgholm. It still has inspired the following.

```
99 \begingroup \MakeOther\ %% CARE! we must not indent ...
100 \long\gdef\trim_correct#1{\trim_fosp$#1$ $}
101 \long\gdef\trim_fosp#1$ {%
102 \IffDempty{#1}{\trim_losp$}{\trim_losp#1$ }}
```

So we have a string '\trim\_losp\$ $\langle text \rangle$ \$ $_{\square}$ \$'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>\ignorespaces and \unskip used previously do not work in PDF bookmarks.

```
long\gdef\trim_losp$#1 ${\tidy_sp_trim#1$} So we have a string '\tidy_sp_trim\langle text \rangle$\_$'or '\tidy_sp_trim\langle text \rangle$$'. \long\gdef\tidy_sp_trim#1$#2${\MakeDocCorrectHook{#1}} \endgroup
```

We insert \section using \mdSectionLevelOne etc. which the programmer can redefine, e.g., when the documentation is part of a \section (or even deeper) according to the "documentation driver" file.

This sectioning feature is not used in (the documentation) of makedoc.sty—definitions of the parsing macros fool the same macros ...

### 8.7 Commented code

 $\TreatAsCode{\langle text \rangle}\$  is the opposite to  $\TreatAsComment{\langle text \rangle}$ :

```
109
      \newcommand*{\TreatAsCode}[1]{%
110
       \ifPackageCode
            \_empty_code_lines_true
111
112
       \else
          \WriteResult{\string\begin{mdPackageCode}}%
113
114
          \PackageCodeTrue
115
       \WriteResult{#1}%
116
         \WriteResult{\maybe_result_empty_line #1}%
117
          \let\maybe_result_empty_line\empty
     %
118
     }
119
```

## 8.8 Dealing with empty input lines

\OnEmptyInputLine is a default setting (or hook) for what to do with empty lines in the input file. The default is to insert an empty line in the output file:

120 \newcommand\*{\OnEmptyInputLine}{\WriteResult{}}

\NoEmptyCodeLines changes the setting to suppressing empty code lines, while in "comment mode" an empty input line does insert an empty line, for starting a new paragraph:

```
121 \newcommand*{\NoEmptyCodeLines}{%% suppress empty code lines
122 \renewcommand*{\OnEmptyInputLine}{%
123 \ifPackageCode \else \WriteResult{}\fi}}
```

There is a better policy—didn't work so far ...

## 8.9 Bundling typical things: script commands

Practical experience suggested the following shorthands, combining commands from makedoc and fifinddo.

### 8.9.1 Output file and \filelist entry

```
124 \newcommand*{\LaTeXresultFile}[1]{%
125 \ResultFile{#1}\%\% \WriteProvides}
126 \WriteResult{\%}
127 \string\ProvidesFile{\result_file_name}\%
128 \[\the\year/\two@digits\month/\two@digits\day\space\]
129 automatically generated with makedoc.sty]}}\%
```

### 8.9.2 Choose input file and run!

 $[MakeDoc{\langle input \rangle}]$  preprocesses  $\langle input \rangle$  to render input for LATEX, considering what is typical for a LATEX package as the  $\langle input \rangle$  one here:

```
30 \newcommand*{\MakeDoc}[1]{%
```

In case of a "header" (see below) we change into "code mode":

The loop follows. There is a placeholder  $\mbox{\tt makd\_doc\_line\_body}$  that is predefined below and can be changed while processing the  $\langle input \rangle$  file.

```
136 \ProcessFileWith{#1}{%

137 \CountInputLines %% stepping line counter is standard

138 \make_doc_line_body

139 \process_line_message}%
```

Currently the "VERSION HISTORY" or, more generally, a final part of the  $\langle input \rangle$  file is typeset verbatim (for "tabbing" in the version history), so we must leave "code mode" finally:

```
\ifPackageCode
\text{\string\end{\mdPackageCode\@empty}}\% self-doc-trick
\text{\PackageCodeFalse \% TODO both lines makedoc command!? 2009/04/08
\text{\fi}
```

When the  $\langle input \rangle$  file has been processed, certain default settings might be restored—in case another  $\langle input \rangle$  file is processed for the same documentation document:

```
144 % \HeaderLines{0}%
145 % \MainDocParser{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}% TODO!? 2009/04/08
146 }
```

 $\MakeCloseDoc{\langle input\rangle}$  just is a shorthand for

 $MakeClose{\langle input \rangle}\CloseResultFile$ 

where \CloseResultFile is from fifinddo.

```
147 \newcommand*{\MakeCloseDoc}[1]{\MakeDoc{#1}\CloseResultFile}
```

\MakeDoc and \MakeCloseDoc actually process the  $\langle input \rangle$  file, depending on certain parameters some of which are set by the commands described next.

#### 8.9.3 Preamble vs. main part of input file

A LATEX package typically has a "header" or "preamble" (automatically inserted by docstrip) with very scarce information on which file it is and what it provides, and with much more Legalese. Typesetting it in TeX quality may be more misleading than typesetting it verbatim. So we typeset it verbatim. Now: where does the "header" end? \NeedsTeXFormat might be considered the border.—Yet it seems to be more simple and reliable just to act in terms of the number of lines that the header should be long. This length  $\langle how-many-lines \rangle$  is declared by \NeedsTeAEderLines{\langle how-many-lines \rangle}:

```
148 \newcommand*{\HeaderLines}{\def\header_lines}
149 \HeaderLines{0}
```

So the default is that there aren't any header lines, unless another  $\mbox{\tt HeaderLines}$  is issued before some  $\mbox{\tt MakeDoc}$ . The way input is parsed after the "header" is set by  $\mbox{\tt MainDocParser}\{\langle parsing-command \rangle\}$ .

150 \newcommand\*{\MainDocParser}{\def\main\_doc\_parser}

\SectionLevelThreeParseInput from section 8.6 is the default, two alternatives are defined there, another one is \ProcessInputWith{comment} from fifinddo and section 8.3 (general dividing into code and comments).

151 \MainDocParser{\SectionLevelThreeParseInput}

Here is how \HeaderLines and \MainDocParser act:

```
152 \def\make_doc_line_body{%
153 \IfInputLine{>\header_lines}%
154 \{\let\make_doc_line_body\main_doc_parser
155 \make_doc_line_body}% %% switch to deciding
156 \{\TreatAsCode{\fdInputLine}}} %% header verbatim
```

#### 8.9.4 Screen messages

\ProcessLineMessage{\command\}\] is designed to choose a screen (or log) message \(\chicommand\). \ProcessLineMessage{\message{.}}\) has a result like with docstrip. You just get one dot on screen per input line as a simple confirmation that the program is not hung up. However, the message may slow down a run considerably (if so, choose \ProcessLineMessage{}\) in the script). But it is better for beginner users of the package, so made default.

```
157 \newcommand*{\ProcessLineMessage}{\def\process_line_message}
```

158 % % \ProcessLineMessage{} %% no, still more efficient:

159 % \let\process\_line\_message\relax

160 \ProcessLineMessage{\message{.}}

#### 8.9.5 Bundling-bundling Standalones

 $\MakeInputJobDoc{\langle header-lines \rangle}{\langle main-parser \rangle}$  by default produces a file

```
\jobname.doc from \jobname.sty
```

with some standard settings.<sup>6</sup> mdoccorr.cfg (for .txt $\rightarrow$ LATEX functionality) is read, \HeaderLines{\langle header-lines\rangle} and \MainDocParser{\langle main-parser\rangle} and finally \MakeCloseDoc{\jobname.sty}{\jobname.doc} are executed. Here \jobname expands to the file name base of the .tex file you are running. It is assumed that you are preparing documentation for \jobname.tex for your \jobname.sty. In order to produce  $\langle my\text{-}job\rangle$ .doc from  $\langle my\text{-}job\rangle$ .sty instead,

```
\mbox{renewcommand{\mdJobName}}{\langle my-job\rangle}
```

If your input file has a different file name extension  $\langle in\text{-}ext \rangle$  than 'sty', use an optional argument of \MakeInputJobDoc:

```
[\] MakeInputJobDoc[\langle in\text{-}ext\rangle] \{\langle header\rangle\} \{\langle parser\rangle\}
```

If the output file should have a different extension  $\langle out\text{-}ext \rangle$  than 'doc', you must use two optional arguments as follows:

```
\label{localization} $$\operatorname{MakeInputJobDoc}[\langle in\text{-}ext\rangle] [\langle out\text{-}ext\rangle] \{\langle header\rangle\} \{\langle parser\rangle\}$$
```

\MakeInputJobDoc does not execute \ProcessLineMessage, you can use the latter before so \MakeInputJobDoc respects it.

\[ \MakeJobDoc \] does the same as \MakeInputJobDoc apart from typesetting the  $\langle created \rangle$  file, so the latter needs an additional \input{ $\langle created \rangle$ }.

My original idea was that all preprocessing of package files to be documented should  $\langle happen \rangle$  before \documentclass—loading makedoc.sty included—inside a group (' $\{\langle happen \rangle\}$ '—in order to avoid compatibility issues). However, it now appears to me that loading makedoc the usual way in the document preamble and processing the package file (that is to be documented) within the document environment works well enough and will be easier to comprehend.

This is the code for both \MakeJobDoc and \MakeInputJobDoc:

 $<sup>^6</sup>$ This command is new with v0.3.

```
\@ifdefinable{\mdJobName}{\let\mdJobName\jobname}
161
      \newif\if_makedoc_input_
162
      \newcommand*{\MakeInputJobDoc}{\_makedoc_input_true
163
                                      \make_job_doc_read}
164
     \newcommand*{\MakeJobDoc}
                                     {\_makedoc_input_false
165
166
                                      \make_job_doc_read}
167
     \newcommand*{\make_job_doc_read}[1][sty]
168
                  {\@testopt{\make_job_doc[#1]}{doc}}
```

Reading files as follows would fail with active niceverb settings, so we issue \noNiceVerb if it is defined. We do it inside a group in case niceverb settings are to be restored afterwards.

```
\def\make_job_doc[#1][#2]#3#4{%
169
        \begingroup
170
171
          \@ifundefined{noNiceVerb}{}%
                        {\let\MakeNormal\MakeNormalHere \noNiceVerb}%
172
          \input{mdoccorr.cfg}%
173
         %% <- TODO warning if not found!?</pre>
174
         %%
                     or if one from TEXMF/ used inadvertently!?
175
         %%
                      avoid reading twice!? 2010/03/11
176
          %% <- TODO stack danger in group!? 2010/03/13</pre>
177
         %% <- TODO or read it from 'makedoc' already! 2010/03/13
178
          \LaTeXresultFile{\mdJobName.#2}%
179
          \HeaderLines{#3}%
180
181
          \MainDocParser{#4}%
          \MakeCloseDoc{\mdJobName.#1}%
182
```

For type setting the file just created, some nicetext features may be needed  $\dots$  so restore the previous ones  $\dots$ 

```
183 \endgroup
184 \if_makedoc_input_\input{\mdJobName.#2}\fi
185 }
```

This feature may *change*.

### 8.10 Leave the package

```
186 \catcode'\_=8 %% restores underscore use for subscripts
187 \endinput
```

### 8.11 VERSION HISTORY

```
v0.1
             2009/04/03
                          very first version, tested on morgan.sty
188
189
     v0.2
            2009/04/05
                          \OnEmptyInputLine, \NoEmptyCodeLines
190
                          comment -> PPScomment, \IfFDinputEmpty,
191
                          \EveryComment, \PPstring may be par break
                          \InputString -> \fdInputLine,
192
             2009/04/08
                          \section -> \subsection; documentation!
193
             2009/04/08f. \MakeDoc
194
```

105		2009/04/12	"'line too long" w/o redefining \PatternCodes;
195		2009/04/12	
196		0000/04/40	\MakeDocCorrectHook
197		2009/04/13	tilde with sectioning
198	v0.3		\WriteSection 'trimspaces'-like
199		2010/03/09	"fool" ("wiki" sectioning) nicer worded,
200			more use of '' in place of '\dots';
201			different treatment of package code environment
202			(new separate subsection); clarification on
203			\ProcessInputWith{comment}
204		2010/03/10	supplied '\ref'
205		2010/03/11	\MakeCloseDoc; corrected "undifined";
206			\par\noindent in ''Sectioning"; \MakeJobDoc
207		2010/03/12	&.&.&.; updated copyright
208		2010/03/13	corr.: '_' not ''other"; tried to explain my
209			earlier reasoning about '\ifPackageCode';
210			\MakeInputJobDoc
211		2010/03/14	\make_doc_job without \niceverb_aux_cat
212		2010/03/15	another remark to \ifPackageCode
213		2010/03/16	use box with comment line markers;
214			mdcorr -> mdoccorr
215		2010/03/18	report on using \EveryComment
216		2010/03/19	,, -> "
217	v0.4	2010/03/23	"Distinguishing"
218		2010/03/24	"both in"
219		2010/03/27	switch back to \fdPatternCodes
220		2010/03/28	include '%' commenting style
221		2010/03/29	\ResetCodeLineNumbers
222		2010/03/30	use \SetPatternCodes, \ResetPatternCodes
223			·

The previous empty code line is the one  $T_EX$  insists to add at every end of a file it writes.