

NTG Document Class **brief** for L^AT_EX version 2e

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1 Introduction

This file contains the document class **brief** that was made available by Working Group 13 of the NTG (Nederlandstalige TeX Gebruikersgroep). It defines more commands than the standard document class **letter**, but a letter made with the **letter** document class is still processable with this document class.

2 Initial Code

In this part we define a few commands that are used later on.

\@ptsize	This control sequence is used to store the second digit of the pointsize we are typesetting in. So, normally, it's value is one of 0, 1 or 2.
1	\{*brief\}
2	\newcommand*\@ptsize{}
\if@typhulp	This switch is used to decide whether or not to put a small line on the paper that is used to align the paper in a typewriter.
3	\newif\if@typhulp
\if@streepjes	A switch to indicate if the ‘folding lines’ should be printed
4	\newif\if@streepjes
\if@adresrechts	This switch indicates if the addressing information is to be set on the left or on the right side of the letter.
5	\newif\if@adresrechts
\if@elfinch	A switch to remember whether we are using A4 or letter paper. (possibly obsolete)
6	\newif\if@elfinch

2.1 Setting Paper Sizes

The variables \paperwidth and \paperheight should reflect the physical paper size after trimming. For desk printer output this is usually the real paper size since there is no post-processing.

```

7 \DeclareOption{a4paper}
8   {\setlength{\paperheight}{297mm}%
9    \setlength{\paperwidth}{210mm}\@elfinchfalse}
10 \DeclareOption{a5paper}
11   {\ClassWarning{brief}{Paper size A5 not supported, using A4}%
12    \setlength{\paperheight}{297mm}%
13    \setlength{\paperwidth}{210mm}\@elfinchfalse}
14 \DeclareOption{b5paper}
15   {\ClassWarning{brief}{Paper size B5 not supported, using A4}%
16    \setlength{\paperheight}{297mm}%
17    \setlength{\paperwidth}{210mm}\@elfinchfalse}
18 \DeclareOption{letterpaper}
19   {\setlength{\paperheight}{11in}%
20    \setlength{\paperwidth}{8.5in}\@elfinchtrue}
21 \DeclareOption{USletter}
22   {\setlength{\paperheight}{11in}%
23    \setlength{\paperwidth}{8.5in}\@elfinchtrue}
24 \DeclareOption{legalpaper}
25   {\ClassWarning{brief}%
26    {Paper size ‘legal’ not supported, using ‘letter’}%
27    \setlength{\paperheight}{14in}%
28    \setlength{\paperwidth}{8.5in}\@elfinchtrue}
29 \DeclareOption{executivepaper}
30   {\ClassWarning{brief}}
```

```

31          {Paper size 'executive' not supported, using 'letter'}%
32      \setlength{\paperheight}{10.5in}%
33      \setlength{\paperwidth}{7.25in}\@elfinchtrue

```

2.2 Choosing the type size

The type size options are handled by defining `\@ptsize` to contain the last digit of the size in question and branching on `\ifcase` statements. This is done for historical reasons to stay compatible with other packages that use the `\@ptsize` variable to select special actions. It makes the declarations of size options less than 10pt difficult, although one can probably use 9 and 8 assuming that a class wont define both 8pt and 18pt options.

```

34 \DeclareOption{10pt}{\renewcommand*\@ptsize{0}}
35 \DeclareOption{11pt}{\renewcommand*\@ptsize{1}}
36 \DeclareOption{12pt}{\renewcommand*\@ptsize{2}}

```

2.3 Two-side or one-side printing

Two-sided printing was not supported in the L^AT_EX 2.09 version of this document-class.

```

37 \if@compatibility
38   \DeclareOption{twoside}{\@latexerr{No 'twoside' layout for letters}%
39                         \@eha}
40 \else
41   \DeclareOption{twoside}{\@twosidetrue \@mparswitchtrue}
42 \fi
43 \DeclareOption{oneside}{\@twosidefalse \@mparswitchfalse}

```

2.4 Draft option

If the user requests `draft` we show any overfull boxes. We could probably add some more interesting stuff to this option.

```

44 \DeclareOption{draft}{\setlength{\overfullrule}{5pt}}
45 \DeclareOption{final}{\setlength{\overfullrule}{0pt}}

```

2.5 Equation numbering on the left

The option `leqno` can be used to get the equation numbers on the left side of the equation.

```
46 \DeclareOption{leqno}{\input{leqno.clo}}
```

2.6 Flush left displays

The option `fleqn` redefines the displayed math environments in such a way that they come out flush left, with an indentation of `\mathindent` from the prevailing left margin.

```
47 \DeclareOption{fleqn}{\input{fleqn.clo}}
```

2.7 Typewriter alignment

```
48 \DeclareOption{typhulp}{\@typhulptrue}
49 \DeclareOption{geentyphulp}{\@typhulpfalse}
```

2.8 Folding lines

It is possible to print ‘folding lines’ on the far right side of the paper.

```
50 \DeclareOption{streepjes}{\@streepjestrue}
51 \DeclareOption{geenstreepjes}{\@streepjesfalse}
```

2.9 Address placement

The address information can be put either on the left or on the right side of the letter

```
52 \DeclareOption{adreslinks}{\@adresrechtsfalse}
53 \DeclareOption{adresrechts}{\@adresrechtstrue}
```

2.10 Support for different languages

In the original document style `brief` the options to support the various languages were all dutch words. To be compatible with both the old version of the document class and with the recommended set of language options we have at least two options for each language.

First Dutch,

```
54 \DeclareOption{nederland}{\AtEndOfClass{\dutchbrief}}
55 \DeclareOption{dutch}{\AtEndOfClass{\dutchbrief}}
```

then British English,

```
56 \DeclareOption{engels}{\AtEndOfClass{\englishbrief}}
57 \DeclareOption{english}{\AtEndOfClass{\englishbrief}}
```

American English,

```
58 \DeclareOption{USengels}{\AtEndOfClass{\americanbrief}}
59 \DeclareOption{american}{\AtEndOfClass{\americanbrief}}
```

German

```
60 \DeclareOption{duits}{\AtEndOfClass{\germanbrief}}
61 \DeclareOption{german}{\AtEndOfClass{\germanbrief}}
```

and finally french.

```
62 \DeclareOption{frans}{\AtEndOfClass{\frenchbrief}}
63 \DeclareOption{french}{\AtEndOfClass{\frenchbrief}}
64 \DeclareOption{francais}{\AtEndOfClass{\frenchbrief}}
```

3 Executing Options

Here we execute the default options to initialize certain variables.

```
65 \ExecuteOptions{a4paper,11pt,oneside,onecolumn,final,%
```

```

66           geentyphulp,geenstreepjes,adreslinks,%
67           nederlands}

```

The `\ProcessOptions` command causes the execution of the code for every option FOO which is declared and for which the user typed the FOO option in his `\documentclass` command. For every option BAR he typed, which is not declared, the option is assumed to be a global option. All options will be passed as document options to any `\usepackage` command in the document preamble.

```
68 \ProcessOptions\relax
```

Now that all the options have been executed we can define the user-level size changing commands. Their definition depends on which of the 10pt, 11pt or 12pt options was specified.

`\normalsize` The user level command for the main size is `\normalsize`. Internally L^AT_EX uses `\@normalsize` when it refers to the main size. `\@normalsize` will be defined to work like `\normalsize` if the latter is redefined from its default definition (that just issues an error message). Otherwise `\@normalsize` simply selects a 10pt/12pt size.

The `\normalsize` macro also sets new values for `\abovedisplayskip`, `\abovedisplayshortskip` and

```

69 \ifcase\@ptsize
70   \renewcommand*\normalsize{%
71     \@setfontsize\normalsize\@xipt\@xiipt
72     \abovedisplayskip 10\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus5\p@
73     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus3\p@
74     \belowdisplayshortskip 6\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus3\p@
75     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip
76     \let\@listi\@listI}
77 \or
78   \renewcommand*\normalsize{%
79     \@setfontsize\normalsize\@xiipt{13.6}%
80     \abovedisplayskip 11\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus6\p@
81     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus3\p@
82     \belowdisplayshortskip 6.5\p@ \oplus3.5\p@ \minus3\p@
83     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip
84     \let\@listi\@listI}
85 \or
86   \renewcommand*\normalsize{%
87     \@setfontsize\normalsize\@xiipt{15}%
88     \abovedisplayskip 12\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus7\p@
89     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus3\p@
90     \belowdisplayshortskip 6.5\p@ \oplus3.5\p@ \minus3\p@
91     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip
92     \let\@listi\@listI}
93 \fi

```

Make `\@normalsize` a synonymn for `\normalsize`.

```
94 \let\@normalsize\normalsize
```

We initially choose the normalsize font.

```
95 \normalsize
```

We use `\MakeRobust` instead of `\DeclareRobustCommand` above to avoid a log entry for the redefinition. But if we are running in a rollback situation (prior to 2015) we don't touch it.

```
96 \ifx\MakeRobust\undefined \else  
97   \MakeRobust\normalsize  
98 \fi
```

`\small` This is similar to `\normalsize`.

```
99 \ifcase\@ptsize  
100   \ DeclareRobustCommand\small{  
101     \@setfontsize\small\@ixpt{11}{%  
102       \abovedisplayskip 8.5\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus4\p@  
103       \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus2\p@  
104       \belowdisplayshortskip 4\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus2\p@  
105       \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}  
106 \or  
107   \ DeclareRobustCommand\small{  
108     \@setfontsize\small\@xiipt  
109       \abovedisplayskip 10\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus5\p@  
110       \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus3\p@  
111       \belowdisplayshortskip 6\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus3\p@  
112       \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}  
113 \or  
114   \ DeclareRobustCommand\small{  
115     \@setfontsize\small\@xiipt{13.6}{%  
116       \abovedisplayskip 11\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus6\p@  
117       \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus3\p@  
118       \belowdisplayshortskip 6.5\p@ \oplus3.5\p@ \minus3\p@  
119       \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}  
120 \fi
```

`\footnotesize` This is similar to `\normalsize`.

```
121 \ifcase\@ptsize  
122   \ DeclareRobustCommand\footnotesize{  
123     \@setfontsize\footnotesize\@viiipt{9.5}{%  
124       \abovedisplayskip 6\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus4\p@  
125       \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus\p@  
126       \belowdisplayshortskip 3\p@ \oplus\p@ \minus2\p@  
127       \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}  
128 \or  
129   \ DeclareRobustCommand\footnotesize{  
130     \@setfontsize\footnotesize\@ixpt{11}{%  
131       \abovedisplayskip 8\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus4\p@  
132       \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus\p@  
133       \belowdisplayshortskip 4\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus2\p@  
134       \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}  
135 \or
```

```

136   \DeclareRobustCommand\footnotesize{%
137     \@setfontsize\footnotesize\xpt\xiip
138     \abovedisplayskip 10\p@ \oplus2\p@ \minus5\p@
139     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \oplus3\p@
140     \belowdisplayshortskip 6\p@ \oplus3\p@ \minus3\p@
141     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}
142 \fi

\scriptsize These are all much simpler than the previous macros, they just select a new
\tiny fontsize, but leave the parameters for displays and lists alone.
\large 143 \ifcase\@ptsize
\Large 144   \DeclareRobustCommand\scriptsize{\@setfontsize\scriptsize\@viipt\@viiipt}
\LARGE 145   \DeclareRobustCommand\tiny{\@setfontsize\tiny\@vpt\@vpipt}
\huge 146   \DeclareRobustCommand\large{\@setfontsize\large\xiip{14}}
\Huge 147   \DeclareRobustCommand\Large{\@setfontsize\Large\xivpt{18}}
148   \DeclareRobustCommand\LARGE{\@setfontsize\LARGE\xviipt{22}}
149   \DeclareRobustCommand\huge{\@setfontsize\huge\xxpt{25}}
150   \DeclareRobustCommand\Huge{\@setfontsize\Huge\xxvpt{30}}
151 \or
152   \DeclareRobustCommand\scriptsize{\@setfontsize\scriptsize\@viiipt{9.5}}
153   \DeclareRobustCommand\tiny{\@setfontsize\tiny\@vpt\@vpipt}
154   \DeclareRobustCommand\large{\@setfontsize\large\xiip{14}}
155   \DeclareRobustCommand\Large{\@setfontsize\Large\xivpt{18}}
156   \DeclareRobustCommand\LARGE{\@setfontsize\LARGE\xviipt{22}}
157   \DeclareRobustCommand\huge{\@setfontsize\huge\xxpt{25}}
158   \DeclareRobustCommand\Huge{\@setfontsize\Huge\xxvpt{30}}
159 \or
160   \DeclareRobustCommand\scriptsize{\@setfontsize\scriptsize\@viiipt{9.5}}
161   \DeclareRobustCommand\tiny{\@setfontsize\tiny\@vpt\@vpipt}
162   \DeclareRobustCommand\large{\@setfontsize\large\xivpt{18}}
163   \DeclareRobustCommand\Large{\@setfontsize\Large\xviipt{22}}
164   \DeclareRobustCommand\LARGE{\@setfontsize\LARGE\xxpt{25}}
165   \DeclareRobustCommand\huge{\@setfontsize\huge\xxvpt{30}}
166   \let\Huge=\huge
167 \fi

```

4 Loading Packages

This class file does not load additional packages.

5 Document Layout

In this section we are finally dealing with the nasty typographical details.

5.1 Fonts

We use two fixed fonts in these letters.

```

168 \newfont\refkopfont{cmssq8}
169 \DeclareFixedFont\kleinvet{\encodingdefault}%
170           {\rmdefault}%
171           {\bfdefault}%
172           {\shadefont}%
173           {7}

```

5.2 Paragraphing

\lineskip These parameters control TeX's behaviour when two lines tend to come too close together.

```

174 \setlength\lineskip{1\p@}
175 \setlength\normallineskip{1\p@}

```

\baselinestretch This is used as a multiplier for **\baselineskip**. The default is to *not* stretch the baselines.

```
176 \renewcommand*\baselinestretch{}
```

\parskip **\parskip** gives extra vertical space between paragraphs and **\parindent** is the width of the paragraph indentation. Letters are typeset without paragraph indentation.

```

177 \setlength\parskip{0.7em \oplus .3em \ominus .2em}
178 \setlength\parindent{0\p@}

```

\@lowpenalty The commands **\nopagebreak** and **\nolinebreak** put in penalties to discourage these breaks at the point they are put in. They use **\@lowpenalty**, **\@medpenalty** or **\@highpenalty**, dependant on their argument.

```

179 \@lowpenalty 51
180 \@medpenalty 151
181 \@highpenalty 301

```

\clubpenalty These penalties are use to discourage club and widow lines. Because we use their **\widowpenalty** default values we only show them here, commented out.

```

182 % \clubpenalty 150
183 % \widowpenalty 150

```

\displaywidowpenalty Discourage (but not so much) widows in front of a math display and forbid breaking directly in front of a display. Allow break after a display without a penalty.
\predisplaypenalty Again the default values are used, therefore we only show them here.

```

184 % \displaywidowpenalty 50
185 % \predisplaypenalty 10000
186 % \postdisplaypenalty 0

```

\interlinepenalty Allow the breaking of a page in the middle of a paragraph.

```
187 % \interlinepenalty 0
```

\brokenpenalty We allow the breaking of a page after a hyphenated line.

```
188 % \brokenpenalty 0
```

5.3 Page Layout

All margin dimensions are measured from a point one inch from the top and lefthand side of the page.

5.3.1 Vertical spacing

\headheight The \headheight is the height of the box that will contain the running head. The \headsep \headsep is the distance between the bottom of the running head and the top of the text. \topskip is the \baselineskip for the first line on a page.

```
189 \setlength\headheight{37mm}  
190 \setlength\headsep {0mm}
```

\footskip The distance from the baseline of the box which contains the running footer to the baseline of last line of text is controlled by the \footskip. Bottom of page:
191 \setlength\footskip{25\p@}

\maxdepth The TeX primitive register \maxdepth has a function that is similar to that of \topskip. The register \@maxdepth should always contain a copy of \maxdepth. In both plain TeX and L^AT_EX 2.09 \maxdepth had a fixed value of 4pt; in native L^AT_EX2e mode we let the value depend on the typesize. We set it so that \maxdepth + \topskip = typesize × 1.5. As it happens, in these classes \topskip is equal to the typesize, therefor we set \maxdepth to half the value of \topskip.

```
192 \if@compatibility  
193   \setlength\maxdepth{4\p@}  
194 \else  
195   \setlength\maxdepth{.5\topskip}  
196 \fi  
197 \setlength\@maxdepth\maxdepth
```

5.3.2 The dimension of text

\textwidth The dimensions of the text are fixed; they are defined in the NEN norm which this class implements.

```
198 \setlength\textwidth{144mm}  
199 \setlength\textheight{197mm}  
200 \if@elfinch \addtolength\textheight{-17.6mm} \fi
```

\rightskip
\rightskip 201 \setlength@\rightskip{0cm \oplus 5cm}
202 \setlength\rightskip{\@rightskip}

5.3.3 Margins

\oddsidemargin Again, these dimensions are based on the NEN norm.

```
203 \setlength@\tempdima{\paperwidth}  
204 \addtolength@\tempdima{-2in}  
205 \addtolength@\tempdima{-\textwidth}
```

```

206 \setlength\oddsidemargin {7.6mm}
207 \setlength\evensidemargin {\oddsidemargin}
208 \setlength\marginparwidth {0\p@}

\marginparsep The horizontal space between the main text and marginal notes is determined by
\marginparsep, the minimum vertical separation between two marginal notes is
controlled by \marginparpush.
209 \setlength\marginparsep {0\p@}
210 \setlength\marginparpush{0\p@}

\topmargin The \topmargin is the distance between the top of ‘the printable area’ –which
is 1 inch below the top of the paper– and the top of the box which contains the
running head.
211 \setlength\topmargin{-12.4mm}

```

5.3.4 The address field

The address information has to be put on a specific place.

```

\vensterskip
@vensterskip 212 \newdimen\vensterskip
213 \setlength\vensterskip{50mm}
214 \newdimen\@vensterskip

```

5.3.5 Changing head and text heights

This class has a much higher head on the first page of a letter than on subsequent pages.

```

@firstheadheight
@otherheadheight 215 \newdimen\@firstheadheight
@othertextheight 216 \newdimen\@otherheadheight
@otherheadsep 217 \newdimen\@othertextheight
@vervolgsep 218 \newdimen\@otherheadsep
219 \newdimen\@vervolgsep
220 \setlength\@otherheadsep{2mm}

@prepareerhoofden
221 \def\@prepareerhoofden{%
222   \setlength\@vensterskip{\vensterskip}%
223   \addtolength\@vensterskip{-50mm}%
224   \setlength\@firstheadheight{\headheight}%
225   \setlength\@otherheadheight{\headheight}%
226   \setlength\@othertextheight{\textheight}%
227 }

```

5.3.6 Information in the foot

We also reserve some space at the bottom of the paper to print some information about the sender of the letter.

- \footsep The distance between the text and this foot information
228 \newdimen\footsep
229 \setlength{\footsep}{15mm}

5.3.7 Footnotes

- \footnotesep \footnotesep is the height of the strut placed at the beginning of every footnote. It equals the height of a normal \footnotesize strut in this class, thus no extra space occurs between footnotes.
230 \setlength{\footnotesep}{12\p@}
\footins \skip\footins is the space between the last line of the main text and the top of the first footnote.
231 \setlength{\skip\footins}{10\p@ \oplus 2\p@ \ominus 4\p@}

5.4 Page Styles

The page style *foo* is defined by defining the command \ps@*foo*. This command should make only local definitions. There should be no stray spaces in the definition, since they could lead to mysterious extra spaces in the output (well, that's something that should be always avoided).

- \@evenhead The \ps@... command defines the macros \@oddhead, \@oddfoot, \@evenhead, and \@evenfoot to define the running heads and feet—e.g., \@oddhead is the macro to produce the contents of the heading box for odd-numbered pages. It is called inside an \hbox of width \textwidth.

5.4.1 Marking conventions

To make headings determined by the sectioning commands, the page style defines the commands \chaptermark, \sectionmark, ..., where \chaptermark{*TEXT*} is called by \chapter to set a mark, and so on.

The \...mark commands and the \...head macros are defined with the help of the following macros. (All the \...mark commands should be initialized to no-ops.)

L^AT_EX extends T_EX's \mark facility by producing two kinds of marks, a 'left' and a 'right' mark, using the following commands:

- \markboth{\iLEFT}{\iRIGHT}: Adds both marks.
\markright{\iRIGHT}: Adds a 'right' mark.
\leftmark: Used in the \@oddhead, \@oddfoot, \@evenhead or \@evenfoot macros, it gets the current 'left' mark. \leftmark works like T_EX's \botmark command.

\rightmark: Used in the \oddhead, \oddfoot, \evenhead or \evenfoot macros, it gets the current ‘right’ mark. \rightmark works like TeX’s \firstmark command.

The marking commands work reasonably well for right marks ‘numbered within’ left marks—e.g., the left mark is changed by a \chapter command and the right mark is changed by a \section command. However, it does produce somewhat anomalous results if two \markboth’s occur on the same page.

Commands like \tableofcontents that should set the marks in some page styles use a \cmkboth command, which is \let by the pagestyle command (\ps@...) to \markboth for setting the heading or to \gobbletwo to do nothing.

```
232 % %%\mark{{}} % Initializes TeX's marks <--- can vanish
```

5.4.2 Defining the page styles

The pagestyles *empty* and *plain* are defined in the L^AT_EX kernel (*ltpage.dtx*), but these definitions are changed to a simpler version for this document class.

- \ps@headings The definition of the page style *headings* has to be different for two sided printing than it is for one sided printing.

```
233 \if@twoside
234   \def\ps@headings{%
```

The running feet contain some information about the sender of the letter. The feet are the same for even and odd pages.

```
235   \def\@oddfoot{\voetregel\hss}%
236   \let\@evenfoot\@oddfoot
```

The running head contains some information about this letter. The head is the same for even and odd pages.

```
237   \def\@oddhead{%
238     \vbox to \otherheadheight
239       {\vervolghoofd\vfil
240        \if@streepjes\streepjes{\firstheadheight}\fi}\hss}
241   \let\@evenhead\@oddhead}
```

For one sided printing we don’t need to define \evenhead so the definition is somewhat simpler.

```
242 \else
243   \def\ps@headings{%
244     \def\@oddfoot{\voetregel\hss}%
245     \def\@oddhead{%
246       \vbox to \otherheadheight
247         {\vervolghoofd\vfil
248          \if@streepjes\streepjes{\otherheadheight}\fi}\hss}}
249 \fi
```

- \ps@firstpage On the first page the head contains much more than on other pages, therefore the height of the head and text need to be adapted.

```

250 \def\ps@firstpage{%
251   \global\headheight=\@otherheadheight
252   \global\textheight=\@othertextheight %?? werkt dit ??
253   \global\headsep=\@otherheadsep
254   \def\@oddhead{\vbox to \@firstheadheight
255     {\briefhoofd\vfil
256      \if@streepjes\streepjes{\@firstheadheight}\fi}%
257     \hss}
258   \def\@evenhead{}%
259   \def\@oddfoot{\voetregel\hss} \let\@evenfoot\@oddfoot}

```

\ps@empty The definition of the page style *empty* is simple: No running head or foot at all.

```

260 \def\ps@empty{%
261   \let\@oddfoot\@empty\let\@oddhead\@empty
262   \let\@evenfoot\@empty\let\@evenhead\@empty}

```

\ps@plain The definition of the page style *plain* is again simple.

```

263 \def\ps@plain{%
264   \let\@oddhead\@empty
265   \def\@oddfoot{\normalfont\hfil\thepage}%
266   \def\@evenfoot{\normalfont\hfil\thepage}}

```

6 Document Markup

6.1 Global Declarations

The following declarations, shown with examples, give information about the sender:

- **\name{Dr. L. User}** : to be used for the return address on the envelope.
- **\signature{Larry User}** : goes after the closing.
- **\address{3245 Foo St.\Gnu York}** : used as the return address in the letter and on the envelope. If not declared, then an institutional standard address is used.
- **\location{Room 374}** : Acts as modifier to the standard institutional address.
- **\telephone{(415)123-4567}** : Just in case some style puts it on the letter.

```

\name
\fromname 267 \newcommand*\name[1]{\def\fromname{\#1}}
268 \def\fromname{}

```

\ondertekening This macro stores the signature.

```

\signature 269 \newcommand*\ondertekening[1]{\def\fromsig{\#1}}
\fromsig 270 \def\fromsig{}
271 \let\signature\ondertekening

```

```

\address
272 \newcommand*\address[1]{\maakbriefhoofd*{}{#1}{}}

\location
\fromlocation 273 \newcommand*\location[1]{\def\fromlocation{#1}}
274 \def\fromlocation{}

\telephone
\telephonenum 275 \newcommand*\telephone[1]{\def\telephonenum{#1}}
276 \def\telephonenum{}

\makelabels The \makelabels declaration causes mailing labels to be made.
277 \newcommand*\makelabels{%
At the beginning of the document, we need to activate the \cmlabel and
\@startlabels commands, as well as write \@startlabels to the .aux file.
278 \AtBeginDocument{%
279   \let\@startlabels\startlabels
280   \let\cmlabel\mlabel
281   \if@filesw
282     \immediate\write\@mainaux{\string\@startlabels}\fi}%
At the end of the document we need to write \clearpage to the .aux file.
283 \AtEndDocument{%
284   \if@filesw\immediate\write\@mainaux{\string\clearpage}\fi}%
\makelabels is allowed only before the \begin{document} command.
285 \@onlypreamble\makelabels

```

6.2 The generic letter commands

brief The **brief** environment creates a new letter, starting from page 1. (The first page is unnumbered.) It has a single argument, which is the addressee and his address, as in

```
\begin{brief}{Sam Jones \\
Institute for Retarded Study\\
Princeton, N.J.}
```

Local declarations, such as **\address**, can follow the **\begin{brief}**.

```
286 \newenvironment{brief}[1]
287   {\newpage
288   \if@twoside \ifodd\c@page
289     \else\thispagestyle{empty} \hbox{}\newpage\fi
290   \fi
291   \c@page\@ne
292   \interlinepenalty=200 % smaller than the TeXbook value
```

The **\leavevmode** and **\ignorespaces** commands are there for protecting against an empty argument.

```
293   \atprocesssto{\leavevmode\ignorespaces #1}{}%
```

Now we can start filling in the various fields in the references line. First the addressee.

```
294     \@defrefveld{\@Ad}{\geadresseerdetekst}{\toname}
```

Then the date. When nothing was specified we use \vandaag.

```
295     \ifdim\wd\@Dt=0cm \@defrefveld{\@Dt}{\datumtekst}{\vandaag}\fi
```

Now we can prepare the letterheads. It couldn't be done earlier because the user can specify that he uses a different kind of 'window envelope'.

```
296     \@prepareerhoofden
```

We may need to adapt the height of the head and the text body on the following pages. Therefore we measure the height of the head on those pages.

```
297     {\setbox\@tempboxa\vervolghoofd
298         \tempdima\ht\@tempboxa
299         \advance\tempdima by -\otherheadheight
300         \ifdim\tempdima>0\p@
301             \global\advance\otherheadheight by \tempdima
302             \global\advance\othertextheight by -\tempdima
303         \fi}
```

We have to do the same for the foot of the letter.

```
304     {\setbox\@tempboxa=\vbox{\voetregel}
305         \global\footskip=\ht\@tempboxa
306         \global\advance\footskip by \footsep}%
307 }
```

The end of the environment possibly writes the address information on the .aux file.

```
308     {\stopletter\@@par\pagebreak\@@par
309     \if@filesw
310         \begingroup
311             \let\\=\relax
312             \let\protect\unexpandable@protect
313             \immediate\write\auxout
314                 {\string\@mlabel{\returnaddress}{\toname\\\toaddress}}%
315         \endgroup
316     \fi}
```

letter The letter environment is a synonym for the brief environment, to provide compatibility with the standard **letter** document class.

```
317 \let\letter\brief
318 \let\endletter\endbrief
```

\@processsto \@processsto gets the \toname and \toaddress from the letter environment's \xproc macro argument. \xproc and \yproc are auxiliary macros.

```
\@yproc 319 \long\def\@processsto#1{\xproc #1\@empty\ifx\toaddress\empty
320             \else \yproc #1\@empty\fi}
321 \long\def\xproc #1\@empty{\def\toname{#1}\def\toaddress{#2}}
322 \long\def\yproc #1\@empty{\def\toaddress{#2}}
```

\antwoordadres The command `\antwoordadres` takes the return address as an argument. The various parts of the address should be separated by `\\"`, which will be turned into bullets.

```
323 \newif\if@antwoordadres
324 \newcommand*\antwoordadres[1]{%
325   \if@antwoordadres\renewcommand*\@antwoordadres{\#1}%
326 \newcommand*\@antwoordadres{}%
327 \let\replyaddress\antwoordadres
```

6.2.1 The address window

The address for the letter will be placed in such a way that a ‘window envelope’ can be used to send the letter.

\adresveldbreedte The width of the address window.

```
328 \newdimen\adresveldbreedte
```

\adresveld This command formats the address window.

```
329 \newcommand*\adresveld{%
330   \hbox{}\kern-\topskip
331   \kern\@vensterskip
332 \begingroup
```

Compute the width of the address window

```
333   \if@adresrechts
334     \setlength\adresveldbreedte{4\refveldbreedte}%
335     \addtolength\adresveldbreedte{-76mm}%
336     \def\@tempa{\moveright 76mm}%
337   \else
338     \let\@tempa\relax
339     \setlength\adresveldbreedte{83mm}%
340   \fi
```

Store the address in a box.

```
341 \setbox\@tempboxa\vtop{%
342   \hsize\adresveldbreedte
343   \normalsize
344   \parindent\z@\parskip\z@
345   \rightskip0\p@\@plus\adresveldbreedte
346   \let\\@nobreakcr \toname \\ \toaddress}
```

Format the return address if one was given.

```
347 {\baselineskip\z@\lineskip\z@
348 \if@antwoordadres
349   \if@tempa\vbox to \z@{%
350     \hb@xt@\adresveldbreedte{%
351       \kleinvet
352       \def\\{\unskip\enspace{\textbullet}\enspace\ignorespaces}%
353       \@antwoordadres\hfil}
354     \kern2\p@\hrule \vss}
355 \fi
```

Print a small rule as typing aid if required.

```
356      \if@typulp
357          \tempa\llap{\vbox to \z@\{vskip9mm\streepje\vss\}}
358      \fi
```

And finally print the address information. Note that this way of position the box which contains the address information has the advantage that no matter how high or deep the box is, the following information will always be printed in the same spot on the paper.

```
359      \kern9mm \kern-\ht\tempboxa \tempdima=\dp\tempboxa
360      \tempa\box\tempboxa \kern-\tempdima
361      \vskip31mm}\endgroup
```

6.2.2 The reference line

\refveldbreedte The width of the various fields in this line. It is determined in NEN 3516

```
362 \newdimen\refveldbreedte
363 \setlength\refveldbreedte{38mm}
```

\@defrefveld A macro to help in defining the various fields.

```
364 \def\@defrefveld#1#2#3{\setbox#1\@refveld{#2}{#3}}
```

\@refveld The macro \@refveld stores the formatted field in a box.

```
365 \def\@refveld#1#2{%
366     \vtop{\hsize\refveldbreedte
367         \parskip\z@\parindent\z@
368         \everypar{}%
369         \lineskiplimit\z@\baselineskip12\p@
370         \lineskip\z@
371         \rightskip0\p@ \oplus \refveldbreedte \minus .5\refveldbreedte
372         \vbox{\refkopfont\baselineskip10\p@#1\@@par}
373         \kern2\p@
374         \strut #2}}
```

\@UB We allocate four box registers to store the four fields in

\@UK 375 \newbox\@UB \newbox\@UK \newbox\@OK \newbox\@Dt

\@OK

\uwbriefvan The command \uwbriefvan can be used to show the date of the letter to which your letter is an answer

```
376 \newcommand*\uwbriefvan[1]{\@defrefveld{\@UB}{\uwbrieftekst}{#1}}
377 \let\yourletterof\uwbriefvan
```

\uwkenmerk The command \uwkenmerk can be used to show the reference of the letter to which your letter is an answer

```
378 \newcommand*\uwkenmerk[1]{\@defrefveld{\@UK}{\uwkenmerktekst}{#1}}
379 \let\yourreference\uwkenmerk
```

\onskenmerk Store our reference in a box register.

```
380 \newcommand*\onskenmerk[1]{\@defrefveld{\@OK}{\onskenmerktekst}{#1}}
```

\datum To store the date in a box register. When the user gives an empty argument no date will be printed. When he doesn't use \datum he will get today's date.

```
381 \newcommand*\datum[1]{\def\@tempa{}\def\@tempb{\#1}%
382   \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
383     \setbox\@Dt\hbox{ }%
384   \else
385     \edef\@defrefveld{\@Dt}{\datumtekst}{\#1}%
386   \fi}
387 \let\date\datum
```

\referentieregel This collects all the information for the reference line.

```
388 \def\referentieregel{\hbox
389   {\hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@UB\hfil}%
390    \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@UK\hfil}%
391    \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@OK\hfil}%
392    \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@Dt\hfil}\hss}}
```

\vervolgreferentieregel On the second and following pages a simple reference line can be printed. It contains the address information, the date and the page number.

\@Ad For this purpose we need to allocate another box register.

```
393 \newbox\@Ad
394 \def\vervolgreferentieregel{%
395   \hbox{%
396     \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@Ad\hfil}%
397     \hskip\refveldbreedte
398     \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@Dt\hfil}%
399     \erefveld{\bladnummertekst}{\thepage}\hss}}
```

6.2.3 The headers and footers

\briefhoofd The headings are empty by default.

```
400 \newcommand*\briefhoofd{}
401 \newcommand*\vervolghoofd{\vbox{}}
```

\maakbriefhoofd The usage of this command creates non-empty headers.

```
402 \newcommand*\maakbriefhoofd{%
403   {\@ifstar {\kortvervolgbriefhoofd}{\langvervolgbriefhoofd}}%
404 \let\makeheader\maakbriefhoofd}
```

\kortvervolgbriefhoofd This creates a shortened heading for following pages

```
405 \newcommand*\kortvervolgbriefhoofd[2]{%
406   \@maakbriefhoofd{\#1}{\#2}%
407   \def\vervolghoofd{%
408     \vbox{\hsize=4\refveldbreedte
409       \hb@xt@\hsize{\Large \normalfont\sffamily #1\strut\hfil}%
410       \hrule \kern2mm \vervolgreferentieregel}}}
```

\@langvervolgbriefhoofd This creates a long heading for following pages by just using \briefhoofd.

```
411 \newcommand*\@langvervolgbriefhoofd[2]{  
412   \@maakbriefhoofd{\#1}{\#2}  
413   \def\vervolghoofd{  
414     \vbox{\briefhoofd\vskip2mm  
415       \vervolgreferentieregel  
416       \vbox{}}}}
```

\@maakbriefhoofd This was used in the two preceding macros; it defines \briefhoofd.

```
417 \newcommand*\@maakbriefhoofd[2]{\def\briefhoofd{  
418   \vbox{\hsize=4\refveldbreedte  
419     \hb@xt@\hsize{\Large \normalfont\sffamily #1\strut\hfil}  
420     \hrule  
421     \moveright 3\refveldbreedte\refveld{\strut #2}{  
422       \vbox{}}}}
```

\@voetruimte A box to store the footer in.

```
423 \newbox\@voetruimte  
424 \setbox\@voetruimte=\hbox{}
```

\@voetteller We need to know how many items are placed in the footer.

```
425 \newcount\@voetteller
```

\voetregel \voetregel just copies the box \@voetruimte.

```
426 \newcommand*\voetregel{\copy\@voetruimte}
```

\voetitem A command to add an information field to the footer.

```
427 \newcommand*\voetitem[2]{%  
428   \advance\@voetteller by 1  
429   \setbox\@voetruimte\hb@xt@4\refveldbreedte{  
430     \unhbox\@voetruimte  
431     \ifcase\@voetteller \relax \or \relax \or \hfil \else \hfill  
432     \fi  
433     \refveld{\#1}{\#2}\hskip0\p0 \oplus 3\refveldbreedte}}  
434 \let\footitem\voetitem
```

6.2.4 The little rules

\streepje A shorthand for one little rule.

```
435 \newcommand*\streepje{\hb@xt@2mm{\rule{2mm}{.1pt}}}
```

\streepjes This prints the folding rules

```
436 \newcommand*\streepjes[1]{%  
437   \vbox to \z@{%
```

We have to backup to a position 13mm below the edge of the paper.

```
438   \kern-#1\relax  
439   \hb@xt@\textwidth{%
```

Then we can print a rule on the left side of the paper, half way down to align for a perforator.

```
440 \llap{\perfstreepje\kern24mm}\hfill
```

The folding rules are printed on the right hand side of the paper.

```
441 \rlap{\kern24mm\vouwstreepjes}
```

```
442 \vss}}
```

\perfstreepje Prints a `\streepje` halfway down the paper. A4 paper is 297 mm high; we start from a position 13mm below the edge of the paper. Hence the `\kern 135mm`.

```
443 \newcommand*\perfstreepje{\vtop{\kern\z@ \kern 135mm \streepje}}
```

\vouwstreepjes This prints two folding rules.

```
444 \newcommand*\vouwstreepjes{%
```

```
445 \vtop{\kern\z@
```

```
446 \kern 95mm %% 108-13
```

```
447 \streepje %% denk maar dat dit geen dikte heeft
```

```
448 \kern 45mm %% 155-150
```

```
449 \streepje}}
```

6.2.5 Page breaking control

\stopbreaks

```
450 \newcommand*\stopbreaks{\interlinepenalty \OM
```

```
451 \def\par{\@par\nobreak}\let\\=\nobreakcr
```

```
452 \let\vspace\nobreakvspace}
```

\nobreakvspace

```
\nobreakvspace 453 \DeclareRobustCommand\nobreakvspace
```

```
\nobreakcr 454 {\@ifstar{\nobreakvspace}{\nobreakvspace}}
```

```
455 \def\nobreakvspace#1{%
```

```
456 \ifvmode
```

```
457 \nobreak\vskip #1\relax
```

```
458 \else
```

```
459 \bsphack\vadjust{\nobreak\vskip #1}\esphack
```

```
460 \fi}
```

```
461 \def\nobreakcr{%
```

```
462 \let\reserved@e\relax
```

```
463 \let\reserved@f\relax
```

```
464 \vadjust{\nobreak}\@ifstar{\xnewline}{\xnewline}}
```

\startbreaks

```
465 \def\startbreaks{\let\\=\normalcr
```

```
466 \interlinepenalty 200\def\par{\@par\penalty 200\relax}}
```

\opening Text is begun with the `\opening` command, whose argument generates the salutation, as in

```
\opening{Dear Henry,}
```

This should produce everything up to and including the ‘Dear Henry,’ and a command that follows. Since there’s a `\vfil` at the bottom of every page, it can add vertical fil to position a short letter. It should use the following commands:

- `\toname` : name part of ‘to’ address. Will be one line long.
- `\toaddress` : address part of ‘to’ address. The lines separated by `\\"`.
- `\fromname` : name of sender.
- `\fromaddress` : argument of current `\address` declaration– null if none. Should use standard institutional address if null.
- `\fromlocation` : argument of current `\location` declaration–null if none.
- `\telephonenum` : argument of current `\telephone` declaration–null if none.

```
467 \newcommand*\opening[1]{%
468   \thispagestyle{firstpage}%
469   \adresveld
470   \prevdepth=-1000\p@ \vskip-2\p@ %% ???
471   \referentieregel
472   \dosubject #1\par\nobreak}
```

`\dosubject` This prints the subject of the letter if one was specified.

```
473 \def\dosubject{%
474   \ifx\empty\subject
475   \else
476     \par\noindent
477     \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{%
478       \hangfrom{\refkopfont \betrefttekst \enspace}%
479       \normalfont\rmfamily\ignorespaces \subject\strut}%
480   \par
481 }
```

`\afsluiting` The body of the letter follows, ended by a `\afsluiting` command, as in

```
\closing
\afsluiting{Yours truly,}
```

This commands generates the closing matter, and the signature. An obvious thing to do is to use a `\parbox` for the closing and the signature. Should use the following:

- `\fromsig` : argument of current `\signature` declaration or, if null, the `\fromname`.
- `\stopbreaks` : a macro that inhibits page breaking.

```
482 \newcommand*\afsluiting[1]{\par\nobreak\vspace{\parskip}%
483   \stopbreaks
484   \ifx\empty\fromsig
485     \def\ondertekening##1{\def\fromsig{##1}\afsluiting{##1}}%
```

```

486   \else
487     \@afsluiting{#1}%
488   \fi}
489 \let\closing\afsluiting
490 \def\open@af{\vtop\bgroup\hsize.3\textwidth \raggedright}

The internal command \@afsluiting takes care of printing the closing text.

491 \newcommand*\@afsluiting[1]{%
492   \def\en{\strut\egroup\open@af}%
493   \let\and\en
494   \noindent
495   \parbox{.5\textwidth}{%
496     \raggedright \ignorespaces #1\\[6\medskipamount]%
497     \leavevmode\open@af \fromsig \strut\egroup}}}
```

\smallskipamount Of these three, only \medskipamount is actually used above.

```

\medskipamount 498 %\smallskipamount=.5\parskip
\bigskipamount 499 \medskipamount=\parskip
500 %\bigskipamount=2\parskip
```

\betreft The command \betreft (\re) stores the subject of the letter.

```

\re 501 \newcommand*\betreft[1]{\def\@subject{#1}}
502 \let\onderwerp\betreft
503 \let\subject\betreft
504 \def\@subject{}
505 \let\re\betreft
```

\cc After the \closing you can put arbitrary stuff, which is typeset with zero \parindent and no page breaking. Commands designed for use after the closing are:

```
\cc{Tinker\>Evers\>Chance}
```

which produces:

```
cc: Tinker
      Evers
      Chance
```

Note the obvious use of \parbox.

```

506 \newcommand*\cc[1]{\par\noindent
507   \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{\hangfrom{\normalfont\ccname: }%
508                           \ignorespaces #1\strut}\par}
```

\bijlage \bijlagen{Foo(2)\>Bar}

\bijlagen which produces:

```
\encl bijlagen: Foo(2)
      Bar
```

```

509 \newcommand*\bijlage[1]{%
510   \par\noindent
511   \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{\hangfrom{\normalfont\bijlagetekst\ }}%
```

```

512     \ignorespaces #1\strut}\par}
513 \newcommand*\bijlagen[1]{%
514   \par\noindent
515   \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{\hangfrom{\normalfont\bijlagentekst\ }%
516     \ignorespaces #1\strut}\par}
517 \let\encl\bijlagen

```

\ps The only thing `\ps` needs to do is call `\startbreaks`, which allows page breaking again.

```
518 \newcommand*\ps{\par\startbreaks}
```

\stopletter The `\stopletter` command is called by `\endletter` to do the following:

- Add any desired fil or other material at the end of the letter.
- Define `\returnaddress` to be the return address for the mailing label. More precisely, it is the first argument of the `\mlabel` command described below. It should be defined to null if the return address doesn't appear on the labels. Any command, other than `\`, that should not be expanded until the `\mlabel` command is actually executed must be preceded by `\protect`. Whenever possible, `\protect` commands in the definition of `\returnaddress`—it's much more efficient that way. In particular, when the standard return address is used, you should define `\returnaddress` to something like `\protect\standardreturnaddress`.

```
519 \newcommand*\stopletter{}
```

6.3 Customizing the labels

Commands for generating the labels are put on the .AUX file, which is read in and processed by the `\end{document}` command. You have to define the following two commands:

- `\startlabels` : Should reset the page layout parameters if necessary.
- `\mlabel{<return address>}{<to address>}` : Command to generate a single label.

```
\returnaddress
520 \newcommand*\returnaddress{}
```

```
\labelcount
521 \newcount\labelcount
```

\startlabels The following `\startlabels` command sets things up for producing labels in two columns of five 2" × 4-1/4" labels each, suitable for reproducing onto Avery brand number 5352 address labels.

```
522 \newcommand*\startlabels{\labelcount\z@%
523   \pagestyle{empty}}%
```

```

524   \let\@texttop\relax
525   \topmargin -50\p@
526   \headsep \z@
527   \oddsidemargin -35\p@
528   \evensidemargin -35\p@
529   \textheight 10in
530   \@colht\textheight \@colroom\textheight \vsize\textheight
531   \textwidth 550\p@
532   \columnsep 26\p@
533   \ifcase \@ptsize\relax
534     \normalsize
535   \or
536     \small
537   \or
538     \footnotesize
539   \fi
540   \baselineskip \z@
541   \lineskip \z@
542   \boxmaxdepth \z@
543   \parindent \z@
544   \twocolumn\relax}

\@startlabels  \@startlabels is the command name that is written to the .aux file. It is a no-op at first, and defined to be the same as \startlabels in the \begin{document} hook.

545 \let\@startlabels=\relax

\mlabel  This command prints an address label; it is used when the user specified \makelabels in the preamble of his document. The command \mlabel takes two arguments; the second argument is supposed to be the address; the first argument can be used to print a return address. In this document class we ignore the first argument. Also the labels are supposed to be 2 inch high and 3.6 inch wide. When your address labels have a different width you will have to define your own \mlabel command.

546 \newcommand*\mlabel[2]{%
547   \parbox[b][2in][c]{262\p@}{\strut\ignorespaces #2}%
548 }

\@mlabel  \@mlabel is written to the .aux file in place of \mlabel. That allows to define it as a no-op per default, and activate it in the \begin{document} hook.

549 \let\@mlabel=\@gobbletwo

```

6.4 Lists

6.4.1 General List Parameters

The following commands are used to set the default values for the list environment's parameters. See the L^AT_EX manual for an explanation of the meanings

of the parameters. Defaults for the list environment are set as follows. First, `\rightmargin`, `\listparindent` and `\itemindent` are set to 0pt. Then, for a Kth level list, the command `\@listK` is called, where ‘K’ denotes ‘i’, ‘ii’, … , ‘vi’. (I.e., `\@listiii` is called for a third-level list.) By convention, `\@listK` should set `\leftmargin` to `\leftmarginK`.

```

\leftmargin \leftmargini For efficiency, level-one list's values are defined at top level, and \@listi is defined
\leftmargini to set only \leftmargin.
\leftmarginii 550 \setlength{\leftmargini} {2.5em}
\leftmarginiii The following three are calculated so that they are larger than the sum of
\leftmarginiv \labelsep and the width of the default labels (which are '(m)', 'vii.' and 'M.').
\leftmarginv 551 \setlength{\leftmarginii} {2.2em}
\leftmarginvi 552 \setlength{\leftmarginiii} {1.87em}
\leftmarginvii 553 \setlength{\leftmarginiv} {1.7em}
\leftmarginviii 554 \setlength{\leftmarginv} {1em}
\leftmarginix 555 \setlength{\leftmarginvi} {1em}

Here we set the top level leftmargin.
556 \setlength{\leftmargin} {\leftmargini}

\labelsep \labelsep is the distance between the label and the text of an item; \labelwidth
\labelwidth is the width of the label.
557 \setlength{\labelsep} {5\p@}
558 \setlength{\labelwidth}{\leftmargini}
559 \addtolength{\labelwidth}{-\labelsep}

\partopsep When the user leaves a blank line before the environment an extra vertical space
of \partopsep is inserted, in addition to \parskip and \topsep.
560 \setlength{\partopsep}{0\p@}

\topsep Extra vertical space, in addition to \parskip, added above and below list and
paragraphing environments.
561 \setlength{\topsep}{.4em}

\@beginparpenalty These penalties are inserted before and after a list or paragraph environment.
\@endparpenalty They are set to a bonus value to encourage page breaking at these points.

\@itempenalty This penalty is inserted between list items.
562 \@beginparpenalty -\@lowpenalty
563 \@endparpenalty -\@lowpenalty
564 \@itempenalty -\@lowpenalty

\@listI \@listI defines top level and \@listi values of \leftmargin, \parsep, \topsep,
\@listi and \itemsep
These values have been taken from the ones in the document class artikel3.
565 \def\@listI{\leftmargin\leftmargini
566 \labelsep.5em%
567 \labelwidth\leftmargin

```

```

568           \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
569           \topsep .5\parskip \oplus \p@
570           \parsep \z@ 
571           \itemsep\parsep}
572 \let\@listi\@listI

```

We have to initialise these parameters.

```
573 \@listi
```

\@listii Here are the same macros for the higher level lists.

```

\@listiii 574 \def\@listii {\leftmargin\leftmarginii
\@listiv 575           \labelsep .5em%
\@listv 576           \labelwidth\leftmarginii
\@listvi 577           \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
578           \topsep -.5\parskip \oplus \p@
579           \parsep \z@ 
580           \itemsep\parsep}
581 \def\@listiii{\leftmargin\leftmarginiii
582           \labelsep .5em%
583           \labelwidth\leftmarginiii
584           \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
585           \topsep -.5\parskip \oplus \p@
586           \parsep \z@ 
587           \partopsep \z@ 
588           \itemsep \topsep}
589 \def\@listiv {\leftmargin\leftmarginiv
590           \labelsep .5em%
591           \labelwidth\leftmarginiv
592           \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
593           \topsep -.5\parskip \oplus \p@}
594 \def\@listv {\leftmargin\leftmarginv
595           \labelsep .5em%
596           \labelwidth\leftmarginv
597           \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
598           \topsep -.5\parskip \oplus \p@}
599 \def\@listvi {\leftmargin\leftmarginvi
600           \labelsep .5em%
601           \labelwidth\leftmarginvi
602           \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
603           \topsep -.5\parskip \oplus \p@}

```

6.4.2 Enumerate

The enumerate environment uses four counters: *enumi*, *enumii*, *enumiii* and *enumiv*, where *enumN* controls the numbering of the Nth level enumeration.

```

\theenumi The counters are already defined in in the LATEX kernel (ltlists.dtx), but their
\theenumii representation is changed here.

\theenumiii 604 \renewcommand*\theenumi {\@arabic\c@enumi}
\theenumiv 605 \renewcommand*\theenumii {\@alph\c@enumii}

```

```

606 \renewcommand*\theenumiiif{\@roman\c@enumii}
607 \renewcommand*\theenumiv {\@Alph\c@enumiv}

\labelenumi The label for each item is generated by the commands \labelenumi ... \labelenumiv.
\labelenumii 608 \newcommand*\labelenumi {\theenumi.}
\labelenumiii 609 \newcommand*\labelenumii {\theenumii.}
\labelenumiv 610 \newcommand*\labelenumiii {\theenumiii.}
611 \newcommand*\labelenumiv {\theenumiv.}

\p@enumii The expansion of \p@enumN\theenumN defines the output of a \ref command
\p@enumiii when referencing an item of the Nth level of an enumerated list.
\p@enumiv 612 \renewcommand*\p@enumii {\theenumi}
613 \renewcommand*\p@enumiii {\theenumi(\theenumii)}
614 \renewcommand*\p@enumiv {\p@enumii\theenumiii}

```

6.4.3 Itemize

```

\labelitemi Itemization is controlled by \labelitemi, \labelitemii, \labelitemiii, and
\labelitemii \labelitemiv, which define the labels of the various itemization levels: the sym-
\labelitemiii bols used are bullet, bold en-dash, asterisk and centred dot.
\labelitemiv 615 \newcommand*\labelitemi {\labelitemfont \textbullet}
616 \newcommand*\labelitemii {\labelitemfont \bfseries \textendash}
617 \newcommand*\labelitemiii {\labelitemfont \textasteriskcentered}
618 \newcommand*\labelitemiv {\labelitemfont \textperiodcentered}

\labelitemfont The default definition for \labelitemfont is to reset the font to \normalfont so
that always the same symbol is produced regardless of surrounding conditions.
A possible alternative would be

```

```

\renewcommand\labelitemfont{%
  \fontseries\seriesdefault
  \fontshape\shapedefault\selectfont}

```

which resets series and shape doesn't touch the family.

```
619 \newcommand\labelitemfont{\normalfont}
```

6.4.4 Description

```

description The description environment is defined here – while the itemize and enumerate
environments are defined in the LATEX kernel (ltlists.dtx).
620 \newenvironment{description}
621   {\list{}{\labelwidth\z@\itemindent-\leftmargin
622     \let\makelabel\descriptionlabel}}
623   {\endlist}

\descriptionlabel To change the formatting of the label, you must redefine \descriptionlabel.
624 \newcommand*\descriptionlabel[1]{\hspace\labelsep
625   \normalfont\bfseries #1}

```

6.5 Defining new environments

6.5.1 Verse

- verse** The verse environment is defined by making clever use of the list environment's parameters. The user types \\ to end a line. This is implemented by \let'ing \\ equal \centercr.

```
626 \newenvironment{verse}
627     {\let\\=\@centercr
628      \list{}{\setlength\itemsep{\z@}%
629              \setlength\itemindent{-15\p@}%
630              \setlength\listparindent{\itemindent}%
631              \setlength\rightmargin{\leftmargin}%
632              \addtolength\leftmargin{15\p@}}%
633      \item[]}
634  {\endlist}
```

6.5.2 Quotation

- quotation** The quotation environment is also defined by making clever use of the list environment's parameters. The lines in the environment are set smaller than \textwidth. The first line of a paragraph inside this environment is indented.

```
635 \newenvironment{quotation}
636     {\list{}{\setlength\listparindent{1.5em}%
637              \setlength\itemindent{\listparindent}%
638              \setlength\rightmargin{\leftmargin}}%
639      \item[]}
640  {\endlist}
```

6.5.3 Quote

- quote** The quote environment is like the quotation environment except that paragraphs are not indented.

```
641 \newenvironment{quote}
642     {\list{}{\setlength\rightmargin{\leftmargin}}%
643      \item[]}
644  {\endlist}
```

6.5.4 Theorem

This document class does not define it's own theorem environments, the defaults, supplied by L^AT_EX kernel (ltthm.dtx) are available.

6.6 Setting parameters for existing environments

6.6.1 Array and tabular

- \arraycolsep** The columns in an array environment are separated by 2\arraycolsep.

```
645 \setlength\arraycolsep{5\p@}
```

\tabcolsep The columns in an tabular environment are separated by 2\tabcolsep.
646 \setlength\tabcolsep{6\p@}

\arrayrulewidth The width of vertical rules in the array and tabular environments is given by \arrayrulewidth.
647 \setlength\arrayrulewidth{.4\p@}

\doublerulesep The space between adjacent rules in the array and tabular environments is given by \doublerulesep.
648 \setlength\doublerulesep{2\p@}

6.6.2 Tabbing

\tabbingsep This controls the space that the \` command puts in. (See L^AT_EX manual for an explanation.)
649 \setlength\tabbingsep{\labelsep}

6.6.3 Minipage

\@minipagerestore The macro \@minipagerestore is called upon entry to a minipage environment to set up things that are to be handled differently inside a minipage environment. In the current styles, it does nothing.

\@mpfootins Minipages have their own footnotes; \skip\@mpfootins plays same rôle for footnotes in a minipage as \skip\footins does for ordinary footnotes.
650 \skip\@mpfootins = \skip\footins

6.6.4 Framed boxes

\fboxsep The space left by \fbox and \framebox between the box and the text in it.
\fboxrule The width of the rules in the box made by \fbox and \framebox.
651 \setlength\fboxsep{3\p@}
652 \setlength\fboxrule{.4\p@}

6.6.5 Equation and eqnarray

\theequation The equation counter will be typeset using arabic numbers.
653 \renewcommand*\theequation{\@arabic\c@equation}

\jot \jot is the extra space added between lines of an eqnarray environment. The default value is used.
654 % \setlength\jot{3pt}

\@eqnnum The macro \@eqnnum defines how equation numbers are to appear in equations. Again the default is used.
655 % \def\@eqnnum{(\theequation)}

6.7 Font changing

Here we supply the declarative font changing commands that were common in L^AT_EX version 2.09 and earlier. These commands work in text mode *and* in math mode. They are provided for compatibility, but one should start using the `\text...` and `\math...` commands instead. These commands are redefined using `\@renewfontswitch`, a command with three arguments: the user command to be defined; L^AT_EX commands to execute in text mode and L^AT_EX commands to execute in math mode.

- `\rm` The commands to change the family.
656 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\rm}{\normalfont\rmfamily}{\mathrm}`
- `\sf` 657 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\sf}{\normalfont\sffamily}{\mathsf}`
658 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\tt}{\normalfont\ttfamily}{\mathtt}`
- `\bf` The command to change to the bold series. One should use `\mdseries` to explicitly switch back to medium series.
659 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\bf}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\mathbf}`
- `\sl` And the commands to change the shape of the font. The slanted and small caps
`\it` shapes are not available by default as math alphabets, so those changes do nothing
`\sc` in math mode. One should use `\upshape` to explicitly change back to the upright shape.
660 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\it}{\normalfont\itshape}{\mathit}`
661 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\sl}{\normalfont\slshape}{\relax}`
662 `\DeclareOldFontCommand{\sc}{\normalfont\scshape}{\relax}`
- `\cal` The commands `\cal` and `\mit` should only be used in math mode, outside math
`\mit` mode they have no effect. Currently the New Font Selection Scheme defines these commands to generate warning messages. Therefore we have to define them ‘by hand’.
663 `\ DeclareRobustCommand*\{\cal\}{\@fontswitch{\relax}{\mathcal}}`
664 `\ DeclareRobustCommand*\{\mit\}{\@fontswitch{\relax}{\mathnormal}}`

6.8 Footnotes

- `\footnoterule` Usually, footnotes are separated from the main body of the text by a small rule. This rule is drawn by the macro `\footnoterule`. We have to make sure that the rule takes no vertical space (see `plain.tex`) so we compensate for the natural height of the rule of 0.4pt by adding the right amount of vertical skip.
To prevent the rule from colliding with the footnote we first add a little negative vertical skip, then we put the rule and make sure we end up at the same point where we began this operation.

```
665 \renewcommand*\footnoterule{%
666   \kern-.1p@
667   \hrule \width .4\columnwidth
668   \kern .6\p@}
```

- \c@footnote Footnotes are numbered within chapters in the report and book document styles.
669 % \newcounter{footnote}
- \@makefntext The footnote mechanism of L^AT_EX calls the macro \@makefntext to produce the actual footnote. The macro gets the text of the footnote as its argument and should use \@makefnmark to produce the mark of the footnote. The macro \@makefntext is called when effectively inside a \parbox of width \columnwidth (i.e., with \hsize = \columnwidth).

An example of what can be achieved is given by the following piece of T_EX code.

```
\long\def\@makefntext#1{%
  \setpar{\@par
    \tempdima = \hsize
    \advance\tempdima-10pt
    \parshape \one 10pt \tempdima}%
  \par
  \parindent 1em\noindent
  \hb@xt@{z@{\hss\@makefnmark}}#1}
```

The effect of this definition is that all lines of the footnote are indented by 10pt, while the first line of a new paragraph is indented by 1em. To change these dimensions, just substitute the desired value for ‘10pt’ (in both places) or ‘1em’. The mark is flushright against the footnote.

In these document classes we use a simpler macro, in which the footnote text is set like an ordinary text paragraph, with no indentation except on the first line of a paragraph, and the first line of the footnote. Thus, all the macro must do is set \parindent to the appropriate value for succeeding paragraphs and put the proper indentation before the mark.

```
670 \long\def\@makefntext#1{%
  \noindent\hb@xt@{\leftmargini}{\normalfont\@thefnmark.\hfil}}#1}
```

- \@makefnmark The footnote markers that are printed in the text to point to the footnotes should be produced by the macro \@makefnmark.
672 % \def\@makefnmark{\hb@xt@{\leftmargini}{\normalfont\@thefnmark.\hfil}}

6.9 Words

This document class supports a number of languages. All words that will be printed by the class code are stored in commands which can be redefined if you want to use a different language.

- \dutchbrief This stores dutch strings.
673 \newcommand*\dutchbrief{%
 674 \def\uwbrieftekst{Uw brief van}
 675 \def\uwkenmerktekst{Uw kenmerk}
 676 \def\onskenmerktekst{Ons kenmerk}}

```

677 \def\datumtekst{Datum}
678 \def\geadresseerdetekst{Geadresseerde}
679 \def\bladnummertekst{Bladnummer}
680 \def\vandaag{\number\day`\ifcase\month\or
681     januari\or februari\or maart\or april\or mei\or juni\or juli\or
682     augustus\or september\or oktober\or november\or december\fi
683     \space \number\year}
684 \def\betrefttekst{Onderwerp:}
685 \def\ccname{cc}
686 \def\bijlagetekst{Bijlage:}
687 \def\bijlagentekst{Bijlagen:}
688 \def\telefoontekst{telefoon}}

```

\englishbrief This stores English strings.

```

689 \newcommand*\englishbrief{%
690     \def\uwbrieftekst{Your letter of}
691     \def\uwkenmerktekst{Your reference}
692     \def\onskenmerktekst{Our reference}
693     \def\datumtekst{Date}
694     \def\geadresseerdetekst{To}
695     \def\bladnummertekst{Page}
696     \def\vandaag{\ifcase\day\or
697         1st\or 2nd\or 3rd\or 4th\or 5th\or
698         6th\or 7th\or 8th\or 9th\or 10th\or
699         11th\or 12th\or 13th\or 14th\or 15th\or
700         16th\or 17th\or 18th\or 19th\or 20th\or
701         21st\or 22nd\or 23rd\or 24th\or 25th\or
702         26th\or 27th\or 28th\or 29th\or 30th\or
703         31st\fi`\ifcase\month\or
704         January\or February\or March\or April\or May\or June\or
705         July\or August\or September\or October\or November\or December\fi
706         \space \number\year}
707     \def\betrefttekst{Re:}
708     \def\ccname{cc}
709     \def\bijlagetekst{Enclosure:}
710     \def\bijlagentekst{Enclosures:}
711     \def\telefoontekst{telephone}}

```

\americanbrief This stores American english strings

```

712 \newcommand*\americanbrief{%
713     \def\uwbrieftekst{Your letter of}
714     \def\uwkenmerktekst{Your reference}
715     \def\onskenmerktekst{Our reference}
716     \def\datumtekst{Date}
717     \def\geadresseerdetekst{To}
718     \def\bladnummertekst{Page}
719     \def\vandaag{\ifcase\month\or
720         January\or February\or March\or April\or May\or June\or
721         July\or August\or September\or October\or November\or December\fi
722         \space\number\day, \number\year}

```

```

723  \def\betrefttekst{Re:}
724  \def\ccname{cc}
725  \def\bijlagetekst{Enclosure:}
726  \def\bijlagentekst{Enclosures:}
727  \def\telefoontekst{telephone}}

```

\germanbrief This stores the German versions of the strings.

```

728 \newcommand*\germanbrief{%
729   \def\uwbrieftekst{Ihr Brief vom}
730   \def\uwkenmerktekst{Ihr Zeichen}
731   \def\onskenmerktekst{Unser Zeichen}
732   \def\datumtekst{Datum}
733   \def\geadresseerdetekst{An}
734   \def\bladnummertekst{Seite}
735   \def\vandaag{\number\day.\ifcase\month\or
736     Januar\or Februar\or M\''arz\or April\or Mai\or Juni\or
737     Juli\or August\or September\or Oktober\or November\or Dezember\fi
738     \space\number\year}
739   \def\betrefttekst{Betrifft:}
740   \def\ccname{Kopien an}
741   \def\bijlagetekst{Anlage:}
742   \def\bijlagentekst{Anlagen:}
743   \def\telefoontekst{Telefon}}

```

\frenchbrief And finally to store the french strings

```

744 \newcommand*\frenchbrief{%
745   \def\uwbrieftekst{Votre lettre du}
746   \def\uwkenmerktekst{Vos r\'ef\`erences:}
747   \def\onskenmerktekst{Nos r\'ef\`erences:}
748   \def\datumtekst{Date:}
749   \def\geadresseerdetekst{\`A l'attention de}
750   \def\bladnummertekst{Page}
751   \def\vandaag{\number\day\ifnum\day=1${er} $\fi
752     \ifcase\month\or janvier\or
753       f\''evrier\or mars\or avril\or mai\or juin\or
754       juillet\or ao\^ut\or septembre\or octobre\or
755       novembre\or d\''ecembre\fi \space\number\year}
756   \def\betrefttekst{Objet:}
757   \def\ccname{Copie \`a}
758   \def\bijlagetekst{Pi\`ece jointe:}
759   \def\bijlagentekst{Pi\`ees jointes:}
760   \def\telefoontekst{T\`el\`ephone:}}

```

6.10 Two column mode

\columnsep This gives the distance between two columns in two column mode.

```
761 \setlength\columnsep{10\p@}
```

\columnseprule This gives the width of the rule between two columns in two column mode. We have no visible rule.

```
762 \setlength\columnseprule{0\p@}
```

6.11 The page style

We have *headings* pages in this document class by default. We use arabic pagenumbers.

```
763 \pagestyle{headings}
764 \pagenumbering{arabic}
```

6.12 Single or double sided printing

We don't try to make each page as long as all the others.

```
765 \raggedbottom
```

\@texttop The document class `letter` sets `\@texttop` to `\vskip 0pt plus .00006fil` on the first page of a letter, which centers a short letter on the page. This class however doesn't want the letter to be centered on the page.

```
766 \let\@texttop\relax
```

We always start in one column mode.

```
767 \onecolumn
768 {/brief}
```

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Change History

v2.0b

\fromsig: Can't use
 (re)newcommand for \fromsig
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\re: Can't use (re)newcommand
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\labelitemiv: renamed

\labelitemii	to	v2.0m	
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\ps@headings:	Removed a typo (\othertheadheight)	18	
v2.0f		\adresveld: Set both \parskip and \parindent to zero in \adresveld	
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General:	Use \newcommand* instead of \newcommand in most places .	1	
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v2.0h		\labelitemiv: Changed -- to \textendash following classes.dtx	
General:	Added a \relax to prevent an incomplete \ifcase error	28	
v2.0i		Did similar for the bullet and centered dot.	
\englishbrief:	Repaired typo ..	28	
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v2.0k		\nobreakcr: Added setting of \reserved@e and \reserved@f as this is now needed for L ^A T _E X. 21	
\closing:	inserted the \noindent which was removed from \afsluiting	23	
removed a \noindent which caused an anomalous space to appear in the output	22		
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\makefnmark:	No longer use hidden math	32	
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\encl:	replace \reset@font with \normalfont; remove \rm ..	23	
\mlabel:	changed width of the labels slightly to prevent L ^A T _E X stuffing two on each line	25	
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General:	Use \hb@xt@ instead of \hbox to	1	
v2.0n		\adresveld: Put \textbullet in a group to keep the font change local	
\closing:	Added \leavevmode to get the signatures on one line	23	
\streepje:	Make the 'streepje's a little smaller	20	
\vouwstreepjes:	Change the positioning of the 'streepje's a little	21	
General:	Added a few more synonimes for commands	1	
v2.0s		\nobreakvspace: Made robust (L ^A T _E X pr/2049)	
\normalsize:	Roll back handling (gh/201)	21	
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\small: Use
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instead of \newcommand* 7

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