# The democodetools and democodelisting DEPRECATED

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#### Abstract

This has been DEPRECATED in favour of **codedescribe**. It isn't supported since late 2022. The following documentation is just for the historical record. Loading this will generate an error (package deprecated), IF you really want to use it, you can still use it as \usepackage{democodetools-1.0.1}.

### Abstract

This is 'yet another doc/docx/doc3' package. It is designed to be 'as class independent as possible', meaning: it makes no assumption about page layout (besides 'having a marginpar') or underline macros. Furthermore, it's assumed that \maketitle and the abstract environment were modified by the underline class, so alternatives (based on the article class) are provided. The main idea is to be able to document a package/class loading it first and then this, so that it is possible not only to document the 'syntax' but also to show the end result 'as is' when using that other specific class/package.

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# 1 Introduction

The packages/classes doc/docx/doc3 (and for that matter doctools) where designed to be used with dtx files, which is handy for package developers, as long as one is fine with the 'default article' format (which is true most of the time). This came to be from the willingness of having the 'new look and feel' used in doc3, but, instead

of having to rely on a standard class, being able to use any class as the base one, which allows to 'demonstrate the documented commands with the final layout'.

democodelisting defines a few macros to display and demonstrate LATEX code verbatim (using listings and scontents), whilst democodetools defines a series of macros to display/enumerate macros and environments (somewhat resembling the doc3 style).

# 2 democodelisting Package

It requires two packages: listings and scontents

Defines an environment: stcode and

4 commands: \DemoCode, \DisplayCode, \TabbedDisplayCode and \setdclisting.

# 2.1 In Memory Code Storage

Thanks to scontents (expl3 based) it's possible to store LATEX code snippets in a exp13 key.

```
stcode \begin{stcode} [\langle keys\rangle] \end{stcode}
```

This environment is an alias to scontents environment (from scontents package), all scontents keys are valid, with an additional one: st which is an alias to the store-env key. The environment body is stored verbatim in the st named key.

# 2.2 Code Display/Demo

```
\\\DisplayCode \\DisplayCode [\langle dclisting-keys\] {\langle st-name \rangle}
    \DemoCode \DemoCode [\dclisting-keys\] {\st-name\}
```

\DisplayCode just typesets \( st-name \) (the key-name created with stcode), in verbatim mode with syntax highlight.

\DemoCode first typesets (st-name), as above, then it executes said code. Finally \TabbedDemoCode does the same, but typesetting it, and executed code, side by side. N.B. Both typeset and executed code are placed inside a minipage so that, when executing the code, one can have, for instance, 'normal' paragraph indentation.

For Example:

LATEX Code:

```
\begin{stcode} [st=stmeta]
   Some \LaTeX~coding, for example: \ldots.
\end{stcode}
This will just typesets \Key{stmeta}:
\DisplayCode{stmeta}
and this will demonstrate it, side by side with source code:
\TabbedDemoCode[numbers=left,codeprefix={inner code},resultprefix={inner result
     }]{stmeta}
```

```
LATEX Result:
```

This will just typesets stmeta:

LATEX Code:

```
Some \LaTeX~coding, for example: \ldots.
```

and this will demonstrate it, side by side with source code:

inner code inner result

```
Some \LaTeX~coding, for example:
  \ldots.
```

Some LATEX coding, for example: ....

# \setdclisting \setdclisting {\dclisting-keys\}

Instead of setting/defining (dclisting-keys) per \Demo/\Display call, one can set those globally, better said, in the called context group.

N.B.: All \Display/\Demo commands create a local group (\begingroup) in which the (dclisting-keys) are defined, and discarded once said local group is closed. \setdclisting defines those keys in the current context/group (\def, \edef)

# 2.2.1 \(\dclisting\)-keys\(\rangle\)

Using a key = value syntax, one can fine tune listings syntax highlight.

\dclisting-keysettexcs, settexcs2, settexcs3

texcs, texcs2, texcs3

texcsstyle, texcs2style, texcs3style

Those define sets of LATEX commands (csnames), the set variants initialize/redefine those sets (an empty list, clears the set), while the others extend those sets. The style ones redefines the command display style (an empty par) resets the style to it's default).

setkeywd, setkeywd2, setkeywd3 keywd, keywd2, keywd3 keywdstyle, keywd2style, keywd3style Same for other *keywords* sets.

setemph, setemph2, setemph3 emph, emph2, emph3 emphstyle, emph2style, emph3style for some extra emphasis sets.

# numbers, numberstyle

numbers possible values are none (default) and left (to add tinny numbers to the left of the listing). With numberstyle one can redefine the numbering style.

stringstyle, commentstyle

to redefine strings and comments formatting style.

#### bckgndcolor

to change the listing background's color.

codeprefix, resultprefix

those set the codeprefix (default: LATEX Code:) and resultprefix (default: LATEX Result:)

# 3 democodetools Package

# 3.1 Environments

Macros Envs

```
\begin{Macros} {\macrolist\} [\langle space\]
\begin{Envs} {\( \text{envlist} \) } [\( \text{space} \)]
```

Those are the two main environments to describe Macros and Environments. Both typeset (macrolist) (csv list) or (envlist) (csv list) in the margin. The opcional (space) is "added" to the left marging length. N.B. Each element of the list gets \detokenize

## Syntax \begin{Syntax}

The Syntax environment sets the fontsize and activates \obeylines, so one can list macros/cmds/keys use, one per line.

LaTeX Code:

```
\begin{Envs}{Macros,Envs}
\begin{Syntax}%
\Macro{\begin{Macros}}{macrolist}
\Macro{\begin{Envs}}{envlist}
\end{Syntax}
Those are the two main ...
\end{Envs}
```

Values

```
Args \begin{Args}
Keys \begin{Args+}
     \begin{Keys}
     \begin{Keys+}
     \begin{Values}
     \begin{Values+}
     \begin{Options}
     \begin{Options+}
```

Those environments are all the same, starting a dedicated description list. Together with the many \Description... commands, one can list all Options, Args, Keys, Values as needed. The + form are meant to be used with the \Description...+ forms, for in text lists. The non + form are meant to have the many 'descriptors' in the margin par.

# 3.2 Describe Commands

```
\backless \DescribeMacro \DescribeMacro*!+{\langle csname \range} [\langle oarglist \range] {\langle marglist \range}
                                   typesets the macro name in bold face.
                                   (marglist) is treated as an expandable code, 'as is'.
                                   the macro name is typeseted in text.
                                   macro name (\detokenize)
                    (oarglist) csv list of optional args.
                     (marglist) csv list of mandatory args.
  \DescribeArg \DescribeArg*+ [\langle type \rangle] \{\langle arg \rangle\}
  \verb|\DescribeKey \LoseribeKey*+[\langle type \rangle] {\langle arg \rangle}|
\DescribeValue
\DescribeOption
\DescribePackage
```

```
\DescribeValue*+ [\langle type \rangle] {\langle arg \rangle}
\DescribeOption*+ [\langle type \rangle] {\langle arg \rangle}

* typesets it in bold face.

+ typesets in text (not in marginpar)
\langle type \rangle key/arg/... format
\langle arg \rangle key/arg/... name.
```

# 3.3 Macros Typeset

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} $$ \Macro {\langle csname \rangle} <\langle embl \rangle > [\langle olist \rangle] {\langle mlist \rangle} \\ & \Macro! {\langle csname \rangle} <\langle embl \rangle > {\langle par.desc. \rangle} \\ \end{tabular}$ 

When describing a macro \( \cong \) (Command Sequence, csname) the \( \cong \) and \( \lambda \) ist \( \are \) are comma separated lists (csv) of optional and mandatory arguments. \( \lambda \) are optional, single char, 'embellishment' tokens, like \*! +. Finally, in the ! form, the \( \arg \) par.desc. \( \rangle \) is any text representing the macro parameter list (for non regular, non usual, cases).

LaTeX Code:

LATEX Result:

# 3.4 Args Typeset

Those are meant to typeset the diverse kinds of 'command's arguments' (mandatory, optional, parenthesis . . .).  $\mbox{Meta{arg}}$  typesets  $\mbox{arg}$  as  $\mbox{arg}$ .

 $\langle type \rangle$  defaults to Meta (it's the csname of any valid formatting command, like Meta, textbf, etc.)

(arg) the argument name itself.

LATEX Code:

LATEX Result:

# 3.5 Keys Typeset

```
\overline{\text{Kev}} \Key [\langle \text{pre} \rangle] {\langle \text{key} \rangle}
\Keylst \Keylst [\default\] {\keylst\}
\KeyUse \KeyUse \{\langle \text{key} \rangle\} value
```

To typeset a (Key) or (keylst) (csv list). (pre) is just prepended to (key) whilst ⟨default⟩ is the default key value. \KeyUse is just a short-cut for a, possible, common construction.

LATEX Code:

# LATEX Result:

```
\Key{Akey}
                                            Akey
                                           Akey, Bkey
                                                                            Default: Bkey
\Keylst [Bkey] {Akey, Bkey}
                                            keyA = \langle arg \rangle
\KeyUse{keyA}{arg}
```

```
\ensuremath{\mathsf{NEnv}}\ \ensuremath{\mathsf{Env}}\ \ensuremath{[\langle \mathtt{pre}\rangle]}\ \{\langle \mathtt{key}\rangle\}
     \Pack \Pack [\langle pre \rangle] {\langle key \rangle}
\frac{\text{Value }\langle \text{Value } | \langle \text{pre} \rangle | \{\langle \text{key} \rangle\}}{\{\langle \text{key} \rangle\}}
```

Similar to \Key above, they will typeset a \( \Key \). \( \( \pre \) is just prepended to \( \key \) whilst (default) is the default key value.

## 3.6 Others

# \MetaFmt \MetaFmt\* [\langle type \rangle]

It sets the font size, series, face as defined by  $\langle type \rangle$ ,  $\langle type \rangle$  being one of Oarg, Marg, Parg, Xarg, Macro, Code, Key, KeyVal, Option, Value, Default. The star version uses bold.

 $\MarginNote \MarginNote {\langle text \rangle}$ 

As the name implies, to add small margin notes.

```
\dcAuthor \dcAuthor {\langle name \rangle}
       \dcDate \dcDate {\langle date \rangle}
      \dcTitle
                   \dcTitle {\langle title \rangle}
\dcMakeTitle
                   \dcMakeTitle
```

Those allow one to define (as in standard article, book, report classes) the document author, date and date \dcMakeTitle will write a typical title+author heading (as in the article class).

# dcAbstract \begin{dcAbstract} \end{dcAbstract}

Same as above, for the abstract.