

# NTG Document Class **brief** for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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, its 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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 \c@mparswitchtrue}
42 \fi
43 \DeclareOption{oneside}{\@twosidefalse \c@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           geentypulp,geenstreeppjes,adreslinks,%
67           nederland}
```

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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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@ \@plus2\p@ \@minus5\p@
73     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \@plus3\p@
74     \belowdisplayshortskip 6\p@ \@plus3\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@ \@plus3\p@ \@minus6\p@
81     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \@plus3\p@
82     \belowdisplayshortskip 6.5\p@ \@plus3.5\p@ \@minus3\p@
83     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip
84     \let\@listi\@listI}
85 \or
86   \renewcommand*\normalsize{%
87     \@setfontsize\normalsize\@xiipt{15}%
88     \abovedisplayskip 12\p@ \@plus3\p@ \@minus7\p@
89     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \@plus3\p@
90     \belowdisplayshortskip 6.5\p@ \@plus3.5\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
```

\small This is similar to \normalsize.

```

96 \ifcase\@ptsize
97   \newcommand*\small{%
98     \@setfontsize\small\@ixipt{11}%
99     \abovedisplayskip 8.5\p@ \@plus3\p@ \@minus4\p@
100    \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \@plus2\p@
101    \belowdisplayshortskip 4\p@ \@plus2\p@ \@minus2\p@
102    \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}
103 \or
104   \newcommand*\small{%
105     \@setfontsize\small\@xipt\@xiipt
106     \abovedisplayskip 10\p@ \@plus2\p@ \@minus5\p@
107     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \@plus3\p@
108     \belowdisplayshortskip 6\p@ \@plus3\p@ \@minus3\p@
109     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}

```

```

110 \or
111   \newcommand*\small{%
112     \@setfontsize\small\xipt{13.6}%
113     \abovedisplayskip 11\p@ \plus3\p@ \minus6\p@
114     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \plus3\p@
115     \belowdisplayshortskip 6.5\p@ \plus3.5\p@ \minus3\p@
116     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}
117 \fi

```

\footnotesize This is similar to \normalsize.

```

118 \ifcase\@ptsize
119   \newcommand*\footnotesize{%
120     \@setfontsize\footnotesize\@viiipt{9.5}%
121     \abovedisplayskip 6\p@ \plus2\p@ \minus4\p@
122     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \plus\p@
123     \belowdisplayshortskip 3\p@ \plus\p@ \minus2\p@
124     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}
125 \or
126   \newcommand*\footnotesize{%
127     \@setfontsize\footnotesize\@ixipt{11}%
128     \abovedisplayskip 8\p@ \plus2\p@ \minus4\p@
129     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \plus\p@
130     \belowdisplayshortskip 4\p@ \plus2\p@ \minus2\p@
131     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}
132 \or
133   \newcommand*\footnotesize{%
134     \@setfontsize\footnotesize\@xipt\@xiipt
135     \abovedisplayskip 10\p@ \plus2\p@ \minus5\p@
136     \abovedisplayshortskip \z@ \plus3\p@
137     \belowdisplayshortskip 6\p@ \plus3\p@ \minus3\p@
138     \belowdisplayskip \abovedisplayskip}
139 \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 140 \ifcase\@ptsize
\Large 141   \newcommand*\scriptsize{\@setfontsize\scriptsize\@viiipt\@viiipt}
\LARGE 142   \newcommand*\tiny{\@setfontsize\tiny\@vpt\@vpt}
\huge 143   \newcommand*\large{\@setfontsize\large\@xiipt{14}}
\Huge 144   \newcommand*\Large{\@setfontsize\Large\@xivpt{18}}
145   \newcommand*\LARGE{\@setfontsize\LARGE\@xviipt{22}}
146   \newcommand*\huge{\@setfontsize\huge\@xxpt{25}}
147   \newcommand*\Huge{\@setfontsize\Huge\@xxvpt{30}}
148 \or
149   \newcommand*\scriptsize{\@setfontsize\scriptsize\@viiipt{9.5}}
150   \newcommand*\tiny{\@setfontsize\tiny\@vpt\@viiipt}
151   \newcommand*\large{\@setfontsize\large\@xiipt{14}}
152   \newcommand*\Large{\@setfontsize\Large\@xivpt{18}}
153   \newcommand*\LARGE{\@setfontsize\LARGE\@xviipt{22}}
154   \newcommand*\huge{\@setfontsize\huge\@xxpt{25}}
155   \newcommand*\Huge{\@setfontsize\Huge\@xxvpt{30}}
156 \or
157   \newcommand*\scriptsize{\@setfontsize\scriptsize\@viiipt{9.5}}
158   \newcommand*\tiny{\@setfontsize\tiny\@vpt\@viiipt}

```

```

159 \newcommand*\large{\@setfontsize\large\@xivpt{18}}
160 \newcommand*\Large{\@setfontsize\Large\@xviip{22}}
161 \newcommand*\LARGE{\@setfontsize\LARGE\@xxpt{25}}
162 \newcommand*\huge{\@setfontsize\huge\@xxvpt{30}}
163 \let\Huge=\huge
164 \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.

```

165 \newfont\refkopfont{cmssq8}
166 \DeclareFixedFont\kleinvet{\encodingdefault}%
167           {\rmdefault}%
168           {\bfdefault}%
169           {\shapedefault}%
170           {7}

```

### 5.2 Paragraphing

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

```

171 \setlength\lineskip{1\p@}
172 \setlength\normallineskip{1\p@}

```

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

```
173 \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.

```

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

```

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

```

176 \@lowpenalty 51
177 \@medpenalty 151
178 \@highpenalty 301

```

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

```
179 % \clubpenalty 150
180 % \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.

```
181 % \displaywidowpenalty 50
182 % \predisplaypenalty 10000
183 % \postdisplaypenalty 0
```

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

```
184 % \interlinepenalty 0
```

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

```
185 % \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 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.

```
186 \setlength\headheight{37mm}
187 \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:

```
188 \setlength\footskip{25\p@}
```

\maxdepth The TeX primitive register \maxdepth has a function that is similar to that of \topskip. The register \cmaxdepth should always contain a copy of \maxdepth. In both plain TeX and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2.09 \maxdepth had a fixed value of 4pt; in native L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X2e 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.

```
189 \if@compatibility
190   \setlength\maxdepth{4\p@}
191 \else
192   \setlength\maxdepth{.5\topskip}
193 \fi
194 \setlength\cmaxdepth\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.

```
195 \setlength\textwidth{144mm}
196 \setlength\textheight{197mm}
197 \if@elfinch \addtolength\textheight{-17.6mm} \fi
\rightskip
@rightskip 198 \setlength@rightskip{0cm \oplus 5cm}
199 \setlength\rightskip{\@rightskip}
```

### 5.3.3 Margins

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

\evensidemargin 200 \setlength@tempdima{\paperwidth}

\marginparwidth 201 \addtolength@tempdima{-2in}
202 \addtolength@tempdima{-\textwidth}
203 \setlength\oddsidemargin {7.6mm}
204 \setlength\evensidemargin {\oddsidemargin}
205 \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.

```
206 \setlength\marginparsep {0\p@}
207 \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.

```
208 \setlength\topmargin{-12.4mm}
```

### 5.3.4 The address field

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

```
\vensterskip
@vensterskip 209 \newdimen\vensterskip
210 \setlength\vensterskip{50mm}
211 \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 212 \newdimen@firstheadheight
@othertextheight 213 \newdimen@otherheadheight
@otherheadsep 214 \newdimen@othertextheight
@vervolgsep 215 \newdimen@otherheadsep
216 \newdimen@vervolgsep
217 \setlength@otherheadsep{2mm}
```

```

\@prepareerhoofden
218 \def\@prepareerhoofden{%
219   \setlength{\vensterskip}{\vensterskip}%
220   \addtolength{\vensterskip}{-50mm}%
221   \setlength{\firstheadheight}{\headheight}%
222   \setlength{\otherheadheight}{\headheight}%
223   \setlength{\othertextheight}{\textheight}%
224 }

```

### 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
 

```

225 \newdimen\footsep
226 \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.
 

```

227 \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.
 

```

228 \setlength{\skip\footins}{10\p@ \oplus 2\p@ \minus 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.)

LaTeX extends TeX's \mark facility by producing two kinds of marks, a 'left' and a 'right' mark, using the following commands:

```

\markboth{\langle LEFT\rangle}{\langle RIGHT\rangle}: Adds both marks.
\markright{\langle RIGHT\rangle}: Adds a ‘right’ mark.
\leftmark: Used in the \@oddhead, \@oddfoot, \@evenhead or \@evenfoot
macros, it gets the current ‘left’ mark. \leftmark works like TeX’s \botmark
command.
\rightmark: Used in the \@oddhead, \@oddfoot, \@evenhead or \@evenfoot
macros, it gets the current ‘right’ mark. \rightmark works like TeX’s
\firstrightmark 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 \@mkboth command, which is \let by the pagestyle command (\ps@...) to \markboth for setting the heading or to \@gobbletwo to do nothing.

```
229 % %%\mark{{}{}%} % Initializes TeX’s marks <--- can vanish
```

#### 5.4.2 Defining the page styles

The pagestyles *empty* and *plain* are defined in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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.

```
230 \if@twoside
231   \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.

```
232   \def\@oddfoot{\voetregel\hss}%
233   \let\@evenfoot\@oddfoot
```

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

```
234   \def\@oddhead{%
235     \vbox to \@otherheadheight
236       {\vervolghoofd\vfil
237        \if@streepjes\streepjes{\@firstheadheight}\fi}\hss}
238   \let\@evenhead\@oddhead}
```

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

```
239 \else
240   \def\ps@headings{%
241     \def\@oddfoot{\voetregel\hss}%
242     \def\@oddhead{%
243       \vbox to \@otherheadheight
244         {\vervolghoofd\vfil
245          \if@streepjes\streepjes{\@otherheadheight}\fi}\hss}}
246 \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.

```
247 \def\ps@firstpage{%
248   \global\headheight=\@otherheadheight
249   \global\textheight=\@othertextheight %?? werkt dit ??
250   \global\headsep=\@otherheadsep
251   \def\@oddhead{\vbox to \@firstheadheight
252     {\briefhoofd\vfil
253      \if@streepjes\streepjes{\@firstheadheight}\fi}%
254     \hss}
255   \def\@evenhead{}%
256   \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.

```
257 \def\ps@empty{%
258   \let\@oddfoot\@empty\let\@oddhead\@empty
259   \let\@evenfoot\@empty\let\@evenhead\@empty}
```

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

```
260 \def\ps@plain{%
261   \let\@oddhead\@empty
262   \def\@oddfoot{\normalfont\hfil\thepage}%
263   \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 264 \def\name#1{\def\fromname{#1}}
265 \def\fromname{}
```

\ondertekening This macro stores the signature.

```
\signature 266 \newcommand*\ondertekening[1]{\def\fromsig{#1}}
\fromsig 267 \def\fromsig{}
268 \let\signature\ondertekening
```

```

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

\location
\fromlocation 270 \newcommand*{\location}[1]{\def\fromlocation{#1}}
271 \def\fromlocation{}

\telephone
\telephonenum 272 \newcommand*{\telephone}[1]{\def\telephonenum{#1}}
273 \def\telephonenum{}

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

```

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

```

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

```
290   \atprocess{\leavevmode\ignorespaces #1}%

```

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

```
291   \atdefrefveld{\@Ad}{\geadresseerdetekst}{\toname}
```

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

```
292     \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'.

```
293     \@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.

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

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

```
301     {\setbox\@tempboxa=\vbox{\voetregel}
302      \global\footskip=\ht\@tempboxa
303      \global\advance\footskip by \footsep}%
304 }
```

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

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

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

```
314 \let\letter\brieft
315 \let\endletter\endbrieft
```

\@processto \@processto gets the \toname and \toaddress from the letter environment's \xproc macro argument. \xproc and \yproc are auxiliary macros.  
\@yproc 316 \long\def\@processto#1{\@xproc #1\@@@ifx\toaddress\empty
317 \else \yproc #1\fi}
318 \long\def\@xproc #1\#2@@{\def\toname{#1}\def\toaddress{#2}}
319 \long\def\yproc #1\#2@@{\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.

```
320 \newif\if@antwoordadres
321 \newcommand*\antwoordadres[1]{%
322   \qquad\! \antwoordadrestrue\renewcommand*\antwoordadres{#1}%
323 \newcommand*\antwoordadres{}%
324 \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.

325 \newdimen\adresveldbreedte

\adresveld This command formats the address window.

326 \newcommand\*{\adresveld}{%

327 \hbox{} \kern-\topskip

328 \kern\@vensterskip

329 \begingroup

Compute the width of the address window

330 \if@adresrechts

331 \setlength{\adresveldbreedte}{4\refveldbreedte} %

332 \addtolength{\adresveldbreedte}{-76mm} %

333 \def\@tempa{\moveright 76mm} %

334 \else

335 \let\@tempa\relax

336 \setlength{\adresveldbreedte}{83mm} %

337 \fi

Store the address in a box.

338 \setbox\@tempboxa\vtop{%

339 \hsize\adresveldbreedte

340 \normalsize

341 \parindent\z@ \parskip\z@

342 \rightskip0pt\@plus\adresveldbreedte

343 \let\\nobreakcr \toname \\ toaddress}

Format the return address if one was given.

344 {\baselineskip\z@\lineskip\z@

345 \if@antwoordadres

346 \@tempa\vbox to \z@{%

347 \hb@xt@{\adresveldbreedte}{%

348 \kleinvet

349 \def\\{\unskip\enspace{\textbullet}\enspace\ignorespaces} %

350 \@antwoordadres\hfil}

351 \kern2pt\hrule\@vss}

352 \fi

Print a small rule as typing aid if required.

353 \if@typhulp

354 \@tempa\llap{\vbox to \z@{\vskip9mm\streepje\@vss}}

355 \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.

356 \kern9mm \kern-\ht\@tempboxa \tempdima=\dp\@tempboxa

357 \@tempa\box\@tempboxa \kern-\tempdima

358 \vskip31mm}\endgroup}

### 6.2.2 The reference line

\refveldbreedte The width of the various fields in this line. It is determined in NEN 3516  
 359 \newdimen\refveldbreedte  
 360 \setlength\refveldbreedte{38mm}

\@defrefveld A macro to help in defining the various fields.  
 361 \def\@defrefveld#1#2{\setbox#1\@refveld{#2}{#3}}

\@refveld The macro \@refveld stores the formatted field in a box.  
 362 \def\@refveld#1#2{%
 363 \vtop{\hsize\refveldbreedte
 364 \parskip\z@\parindent\z@
 365 \everypar{}%
 366 \lineskip\z@\baselineskip12\p@
 367 \lineskip\z@
 368 \rightskip0\p@\plus\refveldbreedte\minus.5\refveldbreedte
 369 \vbox{\refkopfont\baselineskip10\p@#1\@par}
 370 \kern2\p@
 371 \strut #2}}

\@UB We allocate four box registers to store the four fields in  
 \@UK 372 \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  
 373 \newcommand\*\uwbriefvan[1]{\@defrefveld{\@UB}{\uwbrieftekst}{#1}}
 374 \let\yourletterof\uwbriefvan

\uwkenmerk The command \uwkenmerk can be used to show the reference of the letter to which  
 your letter is an answer  
 375 \newcommand\*\uwkenmerk[1]{\@defrefveld{\@UK}{\uwkenmerktekst}{#1}}
 376 \let\yourreference\uwkenmerk

\onskenmerk Store our reference in a box register.  
 377 \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.  
 378 \newcommand\*\datum[1]{\def\@tempa{}\def\@tempb{#1}%
 379 \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
 380 \setbox\@Dt\hbox{ }%
 381 \else
 382 \@defrefveld{\@Dt}{\datumtekst}{#1}%
 383 \fi}
 384 \let\date\datum

\referentieregel This collects all the information for the reference line.  
 385 \def\referentieregel{\hbox
 386 {\hb@xt@{\refveldbreedte{\copy\@UB\hfil}}%
 387 \hb@xt@{\refveldbreedte{\copy\@UK\hfil}}%
 388 \hb@xt@{\refveldbreedte{\copy\@OK\hfil}}%
 389 \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.

```
390 \newbox\@Ad  
391 \def\vervolgreferentieregel{  
392   \hbox{  
393     \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@Ad\hfil}%  
394     \hskip\refveldbreedte  
395     \hb@xt@\refveldbreedte{\copy\@Dt\hfil}%  
396     \refveld{\bladnummertekst}{\thepage}\hss}}}
```

### 6.2.3 The headers and footers

**\briefhoofd** The headings are empty by default.

```
397 \newcommand*\briefhoofd{}  
398 \newcommand*\vervolghoofd{\vbox{}}
```

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

```
399 \newcommand*\maakbriefhoofd{  
400   {\@ifstar {\@kortvervolgbriefhoofd}{\@langvervolgbriefhoofd}}  
401 \let\makeheader\maakbriefhoofd}
```

**\@kortvervolgbriefhoofd** This creates a shortened heading for following pages

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

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

```
408 \newcommand*\@langvervolgbriefhoofd[2]{  
409   \maakbriefhoofd{\#1}{\#2}  
410   \def\vervolghoofd{  
411     \vbox{\briefhoofd\vskip2mm  
412       \vervolgreferentieregel  
413       \vbox{}}}}
```

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

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

**\@voetruimte** A box to store the footer in.

```
420 \newbox\@voetruimte  
421 \setbox\@voetruimte=\hbox{}
```

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

```
422 \newcount\@voetteller
```

```

\voetregel \voetregel just copies the box \voetruimte.
423 \newcommand*\voetregel{\copy\voetruimte}

\voetitem A command to add an information field to the footer.
424 \newcommand*\voetitem[2]{%
425   \advance\voetteller by 1
426   \setbox\voetruimte\hb@xt@4\refveldbreedte{%
427     \unhbox\voetruimte
428     \ifcase\voetteller \relax \or \relax \or \hfil \else \hfill
429     \fi
430     \refveld{#1}{#2}\hskip0\p@ \oplus 3\refveldbreedte}}
431 \let\footitem\voetitem

```

#### 6.2.4 The little rules

\streepje A shorthand for one little rule.

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

\streepjes This prints the folding rules

```
433 \newcommand*\streepjes[1]{%
434   \vbox to \z@{%
```

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

```
435   \kern-#1\relax
436   \hb@xt@{\textwidth}{%
```

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

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

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

```
438   \rlap{\kern24mm\vouwstreepjes}
439   \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.

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

\vouwstreepjes This prints two folding rules.

```
441 \newcommand*\vouwstreepjes{%
442   \vtop{\kern\z@
443     \kern 95mm %% 108-13
444     \streepje %% denk maar dat dit geen dikte heeft
445     \kern 45mm %% 155-150
446     \streepje}}
```

#### 6.2.5 Page breaking control

\stopbreaks

```
447 \def\stopbreaks{\interlinepenalty \M
448   \def\par{\@par\nobreak}\let\\=\nobreakcr
449   \let\vspace\nobreakvspace}
```

```

\nobreakvspace
\nobreakvspacex 450 \def\nobreakvspace{\@ifstar{\nobreakvspace}{\nobreakvspace}}
\nobreakcrx 451
452 \def\nobreakvspace{\ifvmode\nobreak\vskip #1\relax\else
453             \bsphack\vadjust{\nobreak\vskip #1}\esphack\fi}
454 \def\nobreakcr{%
455   \let\reserved@e\relax
456   \let\reserved@f\relax
457   \vadjust{\nobreak}\@ifstar{\xnewline}{\xnewline}}
\startbreaks
458 \def\startbreaks{\let\\=\normalcr
459   \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.

```

460 \newcommand*\opening[1]{%
461   \thispagestyle{firstpage}%
462   \adresveld
463   \prevdepth=-1000\p@ \vskip-2\p@ %% ?????
464   \referentieregel
465   \dosubject #1\par\nobreak}

```

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

```

466 \def\dosubject{%
467   \ifx\empty\subject
468   \else
469     \par\noindent
470     \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{%
471       {\hangfrom{\refkopfont \betrefttekst \enspace}%
472        \normalfont\rmfamily\ignorespaces \subject\strut}%
473     \par
474   \fi}

```

```
\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.

```
475 \newcommand*\afsluiting[1]{\par\nobreak\vspace{\parskip}%
476   \stopbreaks
477   \ifx\empty\fromsig
478     \def\ondertekening##1{\def\fromsig{##1}\@afsluiting{#1}}%
479   \else
480     \@afsluiting{#1}%
481   \fi}
482 \let\closing\afsluiting
483 \def\open@aff{\vtop\bgroup\hsize.3\textwidth \raggedright}
```

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

```
484 \newcommand*\@afsluiting[1]{%
485   \def\en{\strut\egroup\open@af}%
486   \let\and\en
487   \noindent
488   \parbox{.5\textwidth}{%
489     \raggedright \ignorespaces #1\\[6\medskipamount]%
490   \leavevmode\open@af \fromsig \strut\egroup}}
```

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

```
\medskipamount 491 %\smallskipamount=.5\parskip
\bigskipamount 492 \medskipamount=\parskip
493 %\bigskipamount=2\parskip
```

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

```
\re 494 \newcommand*\betreft[1]{\def\@subject{#1}}
495 \let\onderwerp\betreft
496 \let\subject\betreft
497 \def\@subject{}%
498 \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`.

```

499 \newcommand*{\cc}[1]{\par\noindent
500   \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{\hangfrom{\normalfont\ccname: }%
501     \ignorespaces #1\strut}\par}
502 \newcommand*{\bijlage}[1]{\bijlagen{#1}\Bar}
503 \bijlagen which produces:
504   \bijlagen: Foo(2)
505   Bar
506 \newcommand*{\bijlagen}[1]{%
507   \par\noindent
508   \parbox[t]{\textwidth}{\hangfrom{\normalfont\bijlagetekst} }%
509     \ignorespaces #1\strut}\par}
510 \let\encl\bijlagen

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


512 \def\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
513 \def\returnaddress{}

\labelcount
514 \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.

```

515 \newcommand*\startlabels{\labelcount\z@
516   \pagestyle{empty}%
517   \let\texttop\relax
518   \topmargin -50\p@
519   \headsep \z@
520   \oddsidemargin -35\p@
521   \evensidemargin -35\p@
522   \textheight 10in
523   \colht\textheight \colroom\textheight \vsize\textheight
524   \textwidth 550\p@
525   \columnsep 26\p@
526   \ifcase \ptsize\relax
527     \normalsize
528   \or
529     \small
530   \or
531     \footnotesize
532   \fi
533   \baselineskip \z@
534   \lineskip \z@
535   \boxmaxdepth \z@
536   \parindent \z@
537   \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.

```

538 \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.

```

539 \newcommand*\mlabel[2]{%
540   \parbox[b][2in][c]{262\p@}{\strut\ignorespaces #2}%
541 }

```

\@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.

```

542 \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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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`.

<code>\leftmargin</code>	For efficiency, level-one list’s values are defined at top level, and <code>\@listi</code> is defined to set only <code>\leftmargin</code> .
<code>\leftmargini</code>	543 <code>\setlength{\leftmargini}{2.5em}</code>
<code>\leftmarginii</code>	The following three are calculated so that they are larger than the sum of <code>\labelsep</code> and the width of the default labels (which are ‘(m)’, ‘vii.’ and ‘M.’).
<code>\leftmarginiv</code>	544 <code>\setlength{\leftmarginii}{2.2em}</code>
<code>\leftmarginv</code>	545 <code>\setlength{\leftmarginiii}{1.87em}</code>
<code>\leftmarginvi</code>	546 <code>\setlength{\leftmarginiv}{1.7em}</code>
	547 <code>\setlength{\leftmarginv}{1em}</code>
	548 <code>\setlength{\leftmarginvi}{1em}</code>
	Here we set the top level <code>leftmargin</code> .
	549 <code>\setlength{\leftmargin}{\leftmargini}</code>
<code>\labelsep</code>	<code>\labelsep</code> is the distance between the label and the text of an item; <code>\labelwidth</code> is the width of the label.
<code>\labelwidth</code>	550 <code>\setlength{\labelsep}{5\p@}</code>
	551 <code>\setlength{\labelwidth}{\leftmargini}</code>
	552 <code>\addtolength{\labelwidth}{-\labelsep}</code>
<code>\partopsep</code>	When the user leaves a blank line before the environment an extra vertical space of <code>\partopsep</code> is inserted, in addition to <code>\parskip</code> and <code>\topsep</code> .
	553 <code>\setlength{\partopsep}{0\p@}</code>
<code>\topsep</code>	Extra vertical space, in addition to <code>\parskip</code> , added above and below list and paragraphing environments.
	554 <code>\setlength{\topsep}{.4em}</code>
<code>\@beginparpenalty</code>	These penalties are inserted before and after a list or paragraph environment.
<code>\@endparpenalty</code>	They are set to a bonus value to encourage page breaking at these points.
<code>\@itempenalty</code>	This penalty is inserted between list items.
	555 <code>\@beginparpenalty -\@lowpenalty</code>
	556 <code>\@endparpenalty -\@lowpenalty</code>
	557 <code>\@itempenalty -\@lowpenalty</code>
<code>\@listI</code>	<code>\@listI</code> defines top level and <code>\@listi</code> values of <code>\leftmargin</code> , <code>\parsep</code> , <code>\topsep</code> , <code>\@listi</code> and <code>\itemsep</code>
	These values have been taken from the ones in the document class <code>artikel3</code> .
	558 <code>\def{\@listI}{\leftmargin{\leftmargini}</code>
	559 <code>\labelsep{.5em}%</code>
	560 <code>\labelwidth{\leftmargin}</code>
	561 <code>\advance{\labelwidth}{-\labelsep}</code>
	562 <code>\topsep{.5\parskip}\@plus{\p@}</code>
	563 <code>\parsep{\z@}</code>
	564 <code>\itemsep{\parsep}}</code>
	565 <code>\let{\@listi}{\@listI}</code>

We have to initialise these parameters.

566 \@listi

\@listii Here are the same macros for the higher level lists.  
 567 \def\@listii {\leftmargin\leftmarginii  
 \listiv \labelsep .5em%  
 \listv \labelwidth\leftmarginii  
 \listvi \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep  
 571 \topsep -.5\parskip \@plus \p@  
 572 \parsep \z@  
 573 \itemsep\parsep}  
 574 \def\@listiif{\leftmargin\leftmarginii  
 575 \labelsep .5em%  
 576 \labelwidth\leftmarginii  
 577 \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep  
 578 \topsep -.5\parskip \@plus \p@  
 579 \parsep \z@  
 580 \partopsep \z@  
 581 \itemsep \topsep}  
 582 \def\@listiv {\leftmargin\leftmarginiv  
 583 \labelsep .5em%  
 584 \labelwidth\leftmarginiv  
 585 \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep  
 586 \topsep -.5\parskip \@plus \p@}  
 587 \def\@listv {\leftmargin\leftmargininv  
 588 \labelsep .5em%  
 589 \labelwidth\leftmargininv  
 590 \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep  
 591 \topsep -.5\parskip \@plus \p@}  
 592 \def\@listvi {\leftmargin\leftmargininvi  
 593 \labelsep .5em%  
 594 \labelwidth\leftmargininvi  
 595 \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep  
 596 \topsep -.5\parskip \@plus \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 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel (*ltlists.dtx*), but their representation is changed here.  
 \theenumii 597 \renewcommand\*{\theenumi}{\@arabic\c@enumi}  
 \theenumiv 598 \renewcommand\*{\theenumii}{\@alph\c@enumii}  
 599 \renewcommand\*{\theenumiii}{\@roman\c@enumiii}  
 600 \renewcommand\*{\theenumiv}{\@Alph\c@enumiv}  
 \labelenumi The label for each item is generated by the commands \labelenumi ... \labelenumiv.  
 \labelenumii 601 \newcommand\*{\labelenumi}{\theenumi.}  
 \labelenumiii 602 \newcommand\*{\labelenumii}{(\theenumii)}  
 \labelenumiv 603 \newcommand\*{\labelenumiii}{\theenumiii.}  
 604 \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 605 \renewcommand*\{\p@enumii}{\theenumi}
606 \renewcommand*\{\p@enumiii}{\theenumi(\theenumii)}
607 \renewcommand*\{\p@enumiv}{\p@enumiii\theenumiii}
```

### 6.4.3 Itemize

\labelitemi Itemization is controlled by \labelitemi, \labelitemii, \labelitemiii, and \labelitemiv, which define the labels of the various itemization levels: the symbols used are bullet, bold en-dash, asterisk and centred dot.

```
\labelitemiv 608 \newcommand*\{\labelitemi}{\textbullet}
609 \newcommand*\{\labelitemii}{\normalfont\bfseries \textendash}
610 \newcommand*\{\labelitemiii}{\textasteriskcentered}
611 \newcommand*\{\labelitemiv}{\textperiodcentered}
```

### 6.4.4 Description

**description** The description environment is defined here – while the itemize and enumerate environments are defined in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel (*ltlists.dtx*).

```
612 \newenvironment{description}
613   {\list{}{\labelwidth\z@ \itemindent-\leftmargin
614             \let\makelabel\descriptionlabel}}
615   {\endlist}
```

\descriptionlabel To change the formatting of the label, you must redefine \descriptionlabel.

```
616 \newcommand*\descriptionlabel[1]{\hspace\labelsep
617                               \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.

```
618 \newenvironment{verse}
619   {\let\\=\@centercr
620    \list{}{\setlength\itemsep{\z@}%
621              \setlength\itemindent{-15\p@}%
622              \setlength\listparindent{\itemindent}%
623              \setlength\rightmargin{\leftmargin}%
624              \addtolength\leftmargin{15\p@}}%
625   \item[]}
626   {\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.

```

627 \newenvironment{quotation}
628     {\list{}{\setlength\listparindent{1.5em}%
629         \setlength\itemindent{\listparindent}%
630         \setlength\rightmargin{\leftmargin}}%
631     \item[]%
632 \endlist}

```

### 6.5.3 Quote

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

```

633 \newenvironment{quote}
634     {\list{}{\setlength\rightmargin{\leftmargin}}%
635     \item[]%
636 \endlist}

```

### 6.5.4 Theorem

This document class does not define it's own theorem environments, the defaults, supplied by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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.  
637 \setlength\arraycolsep{5\p@}
- \tabcolsep** The columns in an tabular environment are separated by 2\tabcolsep.  
638 \setlength\tabcolsep{6\p@}
- \arrayrulewidth** The width of vertical rules in the array and tabular environments is given by \arrayrulewidth.  
639 \setlength\arrayrulewidth{.4\p@}
- \doublerulesep** The space between adjacent rules in the array and tabular environments is given by \doublerulesep.  
640 \setlength\doublerulesep{2\p@}

### 6.6.2 Tabbing

- \tabbingsep** This controls the space that the \` command puts in. (See L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X manual for an explanation.)  
641 \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.

642 \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.

643 \setlength\fboxsep{3\p@}

644 \setlength\fboxrule{.4\p@}

#### 6.6.5 Equation and eqnarray

\theequation The equation counter will be typeset using arabic numbers.

645 \renewcommand\*\theequation{\@arabic\c@equation}

\jot \jot is the extra space added between lines of an eqnarray environment. The default value is used.

646 % \setlength\jot{3pt}

\@eqnnum The macro \@eqnnum defines how equation numbers are to appear in equations. Again the default is used.

647 % \def\@eqnnum{(\theequation)}

### 6.7 Font changing

Here we supply the declarative font changing commands that were common in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X commands to execute in text mode and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X commands to execute in math mode.

\rm The commands to change the family.

\tt 648 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\rm}{\normalfont\rmfamily}{\mathrm}

\sf 649 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\sf}{\normalfont\sffamily}{\mathsf}

650 \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.

651 \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.

652 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\it}{\normalfont\itshape}{\mathit}

653 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\sl}{\normalfont\slshape}{\relax}

654 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\sc}{\normalfont\scshape}{\relax}

\cal The commands \cal and \mit should only be used in math mode, outside math 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’.

```
655 \DeclareRobustCommand*\{\cal\}{\@fontswitch{\relax}{\mathcal}}
656 \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.

```
657 \renewcommand*\{\footnoterule\}{%
658   \kern-\p@
659   \hrule \@width .4\columnwidth
660   \kern .6\p@}
```

\c@footnote Footnotes are numbered within chapters in the report and book document styles.

```
661 % \newcounter{footnote}
```

\@makefntext The footnote mechanism of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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<sub>E</sub>X 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.

```
662 \long\def\@makefntext#1{%
663   \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.

```
664 % \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.

```
665 \newcommand*{\dutchbrief}{%
666   \def\uwbrieftekst{Uw brief van}
667   \def\uwenmerktekst{Uw kenmerk}
668   \def\onskenmerktekst{Ons kenmerk}
669   \def\datumtekst{Datum}
670   \def\geadresseerdetekst{Geadresseerde}
671   \def\bladnummertekst{Bladnummer}
672   \def\vandaag{\number\day`\ifcase\month\or
673     januari\or februari\or maart\or april\or mei\or juni\or juli\or
674     augustus\or september\or oktober\or november\or december\fi
675     \space \number\year}
676   \def\betrefttekst{Onderwerp:}
677   \def\ccname{cc}
678   \def\bijlagetekst{Bijlage:}
679   \def\bijlagentekst{Bijlagen:}
680   \def\telefoontekst{telefoon}}
```

\englishbrief This stores English strings.

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

```

702 \def\bijlagentekst{Enclosures:}
703 \def\telefoontekst{telephone}

\americanbrief This stores American english strings
704 \newcommand*{\americanbrief}{%
705   \def\uwbrieftekst{Your letter of}
706   \def\uwkenmerktekst{Your reference}
707   \def\onskenmerktekst{Our reference}
708   \def\datumtekst{Date}
709   \def\geadresseerdetekst{To}
710   \def\bladnummertekst{Page}
711   \def\vandaag{\ifcase\month\or
712     January\or February\or March\or April\or May\or June\or
713     July\or August\or September\or October\or November\or December\fi
714     \space\number\day, \number\year}
715   \def\betrefttekst{Re:}
716   \def\ccname{cc}
717   \def\bijlagetekst{Enclosure:}
718   \def\bijlagentekst{Enclosures:}
719   \def\telefoontekst{telephone} }

\germanbrief This stores the German versions of the strings.
720 \newcommand*{\germanbrief}{%
721   \def\uwbrieftekst{Ihr Brief vom}
722   \def\uwkenmerktekst{Ihr Zeichen}
723   \def\onskenmerktekst{Unser Zeichen}
724   \def\datumtekst{Datum}
725   \def\geadresseerdetekst{An}
726   \def\bladnummertekst{Seite}
727   \def\vandaag{\number\day.\ifcase\month\or
728     Januar\or Februar\or M\"arz\or April\or Mai\or Juni\or
729     Juli\or August\or September\or Oktober\or November\or Dezember\fi
730     \space\number\year}
731   \def\betrefttekst{Betrifft:}
732   \def\ccname{Kopien an}
733   \def\bijlagetekst{Anlage:}
734   \def\bijlagentekst{Anlagen:}
735   \def\telefoontekst{Telefon} }

\frenchbrief And finally to store the french strings
736 \newcommand*{\frenchbrief}{%
737   \def\uwbrieftekst{Votre lettre du}
738   \def\uwkenmerktekst{Vos r\'ef\'erences:}
739   \def\onskenmerktekst{Nos r\'ef\'erences:}
740   \def\datumtekst{Date:}
741   \def\geadresseerdetekst{\`A l'attention de}
742   \def\bladnummertekst{Page}
743   \def\vandaag{\number\day\ifnum\day=1$^{\text{er}}$\fi
744     \ifcase\month\or janvier\or
745       f\'evrier\or mars\or avril\or mai\or juin\or
746       juillet\or ao\^ut\or septembre\or octobre\or
747       novembre\or d\'ecembre\fi \space \number\year}
748   \def\betrefttekst{Objet:}
749   \def\ccname{Copie \`a}

```

```
750 \def\bijlagetekst{Pi`ece jointe:}
751 \def\bijlagentekst{Pi`eces jointes:}
752 \def\telefoontekst{T`el`ephone:}
```

## 6.10 Two column mode

\columnsep This gives the distance between two columns in two column mode.  
753 \setlength\columnsep{10\p@}

\columnseprule This gives the width of the rule between two columns in two column mode. We have no visible rule.  
754 \setlength\columnseprule{0\p@}

## 6.11 The page style

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

```
755 \pagestyle{headings}
756 \pagenumbering{arabic}
```

## 6.12 Single or double sided printing

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

```
757 \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.

```
758 \let\@texttop\relax
```

We always start in one column mode.

```
759 \onecolumn
760 {/brief}
```