

# The `titling` package\*

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## Abstract

The `titling` package provides control over the typesetting of the `\maketitle` and `\thanks` commands. The values of `\title`, `\author` and `\date` are also retained, and there may be multiple titles in a document. New titling elements may be defined for printing by `\maketitle`.

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## 1 Introduction

The format for typesetting the `\maketitle` command is fixed in the standard  $\LaTeX$  classes. The `titling` package provides some controls for modifying the appearance of the titling information presented via `\maketitle`.

This manual is typeset according to the conventions of the  $\LaTeX$  `DOCSTRIP` utility which enables the automatic extraction of the  $\LaTeX$  macro source files [GMS94].

Section 2 describes the usage of the `titling` package and commented source code is in Section 3.

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## 2 The titling package

The typeset format of the `\maketitle` command is virtually fixed within the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X standard classes. The `titling` package provides a set of formatting commands that can be used to modify the appearance of the titling information; that is, the contents of the `\title`, `\author` and `\date` commands. It also keeps the values of these commands so that they may be printed again later in the document.

The package inhibits the normal automatic cancellation of titling commands after `\maketitle`. This means that you can have multiple instances of the same, or perhaps different, titles in one document. Hooks are provided so that additional titling elements can be defined and printed by `\maketitle`.

The `\thanks` command is enhanced to provide various configurations for both the marker symbol and the layout of the thanks notes.

### 2.1 Commands and environments

#### 2.1.1 Restyling the titling

The `titling` package provides a configurable `\maketitle` command.

<code>\pretitle</code>	These six commands each have a single argument, like <code>\pretitle{<i>text</i>}</code> and
<code>\posttitle</code>	<code>\posttitle{<i>text</i>}</code> . The argument to these commands control the typesetting of
<code>\preauthor</code>	the standard elements of the document's <code>\maketitle</code> command. The <code>\title</code> is
<code>\postauthor</code>	effectively processed between the <code>\pretitle</code> and <code>\posttitle</code> commands; that is,
<code>\predate</code>	like:
<code>\postdate</code>	<code>{\pretitle \title \posttitle}</code>

and similarly for the `\author` and `\date` commands. The commands are initialised to mimic the normal result of `\maketitle` typesetting in the `article/report` classes. For example, the default definitions of the `\...title...` and `\...author...` commands are:

```
\pretitle{\begin{center}\LARGE}
\posttitle{\par\end{center}\vskip 0.5em}
\preauthor{\begin{center}
\large \lineskip 0.5em%
\begin{tabular}[t]{c}}
\postauthor{\end{tabular}\par\end{center}}
\predate{\begin{center}\large}
\postdate{\par\end{center}}
```

They can be changed to obtain different effects. For example to get a right justified sans-serif title and a left justified small caps date:

```
\pretitle{\begin{flushright}\LARGE\sffamily}
\posttitle{\par\end{flushright}\vskip 0.5em}
\predate{\begin{flushleft}\large\scshape}
\postdate{\par\end{flushleft}}
```

**NOTE:** The above commands differ from the similar ones in version 1.0 of this package. So, if you have upgraded from v1.0 to v2.0, beware.

As another example, the following (slightly edited) was sent to me by Jason Harrison ([harrison@cs.ubc.ca](mailto:harrison@cs.ubc.ca)) on 2002/02/18.

I'm trying to format my latest conference paper for a conference that doesn't supply a latex class (only a MSWord example, sigh) and I ran into a problem that I'm not sure if it's an interaction of the titling package [it's not] or just no one ever cares because hitting return gets you an output when latex complains:

```
! Argument of \reserved@a has an extra }.
<inserted text>
      \par
1.46      \end{tabular}}
? x
```

What I did was to define my authors list using the following methodology:

```
\preauthor{}
\DeclareRobustCommand{\authorthing}{
\begin{center}
\begin{tabular}{ccc}
  Jason Harrison & Kellogg S. Booth & Brian D. Fisher \\
  \multicolumn{3}{c}{Department of Computer Science} \\
  \multicolumn{3}{c}{and} \\
  \multicolumn{3}{c}{Media and Graphics Interdisciplinary Centre} \\
  \multicolumn{3}{c}{University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC Canada}
\end{tabular}
\end{center}
\author{\authorthing}
\postauthor{}
```

Thus latex does not complain and I get the formatting I want. Perhaps you'd add this to the titling documentation for those of us who can't follow the usual conventions because of the strange conventions of a strange conference.

Changing the above example a little, when authors are from different organizations you may be required to flag these. This is one way of doing that.

```
\preauthor{\large}
\DeclareRobustCommand{\authoring}{
\begin{center}
  Smith\dag and Wesson\# \\
  \dagHouse, \#Barn \\
  The OK Corral
\end{center}}
```

```
\author{\authoring}
\postauthor{\par}
```

`\droptitle` The `\maketitle` command puts the title at a particular height on the page. Unless it is used with the `titlepage` option of the standard classes it starts a new page. You can change the vertical position of the title via the length `\droptitle`. Giving this a positive value will lower the title and a negative value will raise it. The default definition is:

```
\setlength{\droptitle}{0pt}.
```

`\maketitlehooka` The `\maketitle` command as defined by the titling package is essentially

```
\maketitlehookb
\maketitlehookc
\maketitlehookd
\renewcommand{\maketitle}{%
  \vspace*{\droptitle}
  \maketitlehooka
  {\pretitle \title \posttitle}
  \maketitlehookb
  {\preauthor \author \postauthor}
  \maketitlehookc
  {\predate \date \postdate}
  \maketitlehookd
}
```

The four hook commands are provided so that additional elements may be added to `\maketitle`. These are initially defined to do nothing but can be renewed. For example, some publications want a statement about where an article is published immediately before the actual titling text. The following defines a command `\published` that can be used to hold the publishing information which will then be automatically printed by `\maketitle`.

```
\newcommand{\published}[1]{%
  \gdef\puB{#1}}
\newcommand{\puB}{}
\renewcommand{\maketitlehooka}{%
  \par\noindent \puB}
```

You can then say:

```
\published{Originally published in
           \textit{The Journal of ...}\thanks{Reprinted with permission}}
...
\maketitle
```

to print both the published and the normal titling information. Note that nothing extra had to be done in order to use the `\thanks` command in the argument to the new `\published` command.

`titlingpage` When one of the standard classes is used with the `titlepage` option, `\maketitle`

puts the title elements on an unnumbered page and then starts a new page numbered page 1. The standard classes also provide a `titlepage` environment which starts a new unnumbered page and at the end starts a new page numbered 1. You are entirely responsible for specify exactly what and where is to go on this title page. Do not use `\maketitle` within the `titlepage` environment as it will start yet another page.

The `titlingpage` environment falls between the `titlepage` option and the `titlepage` environment. Within the `titlingpage` environment you can use the `\maketitle` command, and any others you wish. The `pagestyle` is `empty`; at the end it starts another ordinary page numbered page 1.

For example, to put both the title and an abstract on a title page

```
\begin{document}
\begin{titlingpage}
\setlength{\droptitle}{30pt} % lower the title
\maketitle
\begin{abstract}...\end{abstract}
\end{titlingpage}
```

By default, titling information is centered with respect to the width of the text block. Occasionally someone asks on the `comp.text.tex` newsgroup how to center the titling information on a title page with respect to the width of the physical page. If the textblock is centered with respect to the physical page, then the default centering suffices. If the textblock is not physically centered, then the titling information either has to be shifted horizontally or `\maketitle` has to be made to think that the textblock has been shifted horizontally.

One solution is to use the `titlingpage` environment and the `chnpage` package<sup>1</sup>, which lets you temporarily adjust the location of the textblock. Remember that TeX starts its page measurements at a distance of 1 inch + `\hoffset` (default 0pt) in from the left side of the physical sheet; this is the zero point for the `\evensidemargin` and the `\oddsidemargin`. Let  $H$  be the value of (1 inch + `\hoffset`),  $M$  be the `\dotsidemargin`,  $T$  be the `\textwidth` and  $P$  be the width of the physical page, and let  $X$  be the distance between the righthand edge of the text block and the right side of the physical sheet. Then

$$H + M + T + X = P$$

and the textblock is  $H + M$  in from the left side of the page. For the textblock to be centered on the physical page, we must have  $X = H + M$ . If the textblock is not physically centered, then the margin value,  $M$  can be adjusted to made it so. Let  $d$  be the amount to be added to  $M$  to center the textblock. Some simple algebra leads to

$$d = (P - T)/2 - M - H$$

as the amount to be added to the `\dotsidemargin` to center the textblock. For example, assume that the `\textwidth` is 5 inches, the `\dotsidemargins` are both

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<sup>1</sup>Available from CTAN as file `chnpage.sty`.

2 inches, and `\hoffset` is zero (i.e.,  $H$  is 1 inch). Then to center the textblock, 1.25 inches must be subtracted from the margin if it is printed on US letterpaper, where the paper width is 8.5 inches. A different adjustment would be required if A4 paper was used instead. See the `chnpage` documentation for details, but a physically centred title can now be achieved by

```
\usepackage{chnpage}
...
\begin{titlingpage}
  \chngtxt{}{-1.25in}{-1.25in}{ }
  \maketitle
\end{titlingpage}
```

`\calccentering` If you don't want to do the above calculations by hand, `\calccentering{<length>}{<margin>}` will do it for you. The `<length>` argument must be the name of a pre-existing length command, including the backslash, and the `<margin>` is the value of the appropriate `\evensidemargin` or `\oddsidemargin`. After calling `\calccentering`, `<length>` is the amount to be added to the margin to center the textblock. An example usage is

```
\begin{titlingpage}
  \newlength{\addtoeven}
  \newlength{\addtoodd}
  \calccentering{\addtoeven}{\evensidemargin}
  \calccentering{\addtoodd}{\oddsidemargin}
  \chngtxt{}{-\addtoeven}{\addtoodd}{ }
  ....
\end{titlingpage}
```

The `\calccentering` macro requires the length `\paperwidth` to be set to the physical width of the paper you will be printing on. If your paper matches the paper size option in for the document class then this is done for you.

You do not necessarily have to define a new length for the purposes of `\calccentering`. Any existing length will do, such as `\unitlength`, provided it will be otherwise unused between performing the calculation and changing the margins (and that you can, if necessary reset it to its original value — the default value for `\unitlength` is 1pt). There are also some lengths provided by the package that you may consider using, such as `\droptitle`, `\thanksmarkwidth` or `\thanksmargin`.

`\thetitle` `\theauthor` `\thedata` In the usual document classes, the `\title`, `\author` and `\date` macros used for `\maketitle` are unavailable once `\maketitle` has been issued. The package provides the `\thetitle`, `\theauthor` and `\thedata` commands that can be used for printing these elements of the title later in the document, if desired.

The titling package prevents the standard classes' habit of automatically killing the titling commands after `\maketitle` has been issued. You can have multiple `\title`, `\author`, `\date` and `\maketitle` commands in your document if you wish. For example, some reports are issued with a title page, followed by an executive

summary, and then they have another, possibly modified, title at the start of the main body of the report. This can be accomplished like this:

```

\title{Cover title}
...
\begin{titlingpage}
\maketitle
\end{titlingpage}
...
\title{Body title}
\maketitle
...

```

`\killtitle`      The `\killtitle` macro makes all aspects of titling, including `\thetitle` etc, unavailable from the point that it is issued (using this command will save some macro space if the `\thetitle`, etc., commands are not required). Using this command is the titling package's manual version of the automatic killing performed by the standard classes. The `\keepthetitle` command performs a similar function, except that it keeps the `\thetitle`, `\theauthor` and `\thedata` commands, while killing everything else. The `\emptythanks` command discards any text from prior use of `\thanks`. This command is useful when `\maketitle` is used multiple times — the `\thanks` commands in each use just stack up the texts for output at each use, so each subsequent use of `\maketitle` will output all previous `\thanks` texts together with any new ones. To avoid this, put `\emptythanks` before each `\maketitle` after the first.

### 2.1.2 Restyling the thanks

The titling package provides a configurable `\thanks` command. As a side effect of modifications to the `\thanks` command, the thanks text can be one or more paragraphs, unlike the standard `\thanks` text which is restricted to a single paragraph.

`\thanksmarkseries`      In the standard classes, `\thanks{}` are marked with symbols in the titling and footnotes unless on a titlepage where they are marked with numbers. The command `\thanksmarkseries{<format>}` command can be used to change the marking style. The `<format>` argument is the name of one of the formats for printing a counter. The name is the same as that of a counter format but without the backslash. The default matches the standard class defaults. To have the titlepage marks as symbols instead of numerals do:

```
\thanksmarkseries{fnsymbol}
```

or to use lowercase letters do:

```
\thanksmarkseries{alph}
```

Just for convenience the `\symbolthanksmark` command sets the series to be footnote symbols (so you don't have to use the first example above). Using the standard classes the potential names for `<format>` are: `arabic`, `roman`, `Roman`, `alph`, `Alph`, and `fnsymbol`. Other classes or packages may provide more or fewer names.

`\continuousmarks`      The `\thanks` command uses the footnote counter, and normally the counter

is zeroed after the titling so that the footnote marks start from 1. If the counter should not be zeroed, then just specify `\continuousmarks`. This might be required if numerals are used as the thanks markers.

`\thanksheadextra`     The `\thanksheadextra{⟨pre⟩}{⟨post⟩}` command will insert `⟨pre⟩` and `⟨post⟩` before and after the thanks markers in the titling block.

`\thanksfootextra`     Similarly `\thanksfootextra{⟨pre⟩}{⟨post⟩}` inserts `⟨pre⟩` and `⟨post⟩` before and after the thanks markers in the footnotes.

By default `⟨pre⟩` and `⟨post⟩` are empty in both cases. For example, to put parentheses round the titling markers and to have a full stop (a period) after the footnote markers do:

```
\thanksheadextra{(){} } and
\thanksfootextra{.}.
```

`\thanksmark`     It is sometimes desirable to have the same thanks text be applied to, say, four out of six authors, these being the first 3 and the last one. The command `\thanksmark{⟨n⟩}` is similar to `\footnotemark[⟨n⟩]` in that it prints a thanks mark identical to that of the `⟨n⟩`'th `\thanks` command. No changes are made to any thanks in the footnotes.

`\thanksgap`     The marks in the titling block printed by the `\thanks` and `\thanksmark` commands take zero space. This is acceptable if they come at the end of a line, but not in the middle of a line. Use the `\thanksgap{⟨length⟩}` command immediately after a mid-line `\thanks` or `\thanksmark` command to add `⟨length⟩` amount of space before the next word. For example, if there are three authors from two different institutions:

```
\author{Alpha\thanks{ABC},
         Omega\thanks{XYZ}\thanksgap{1ex} and
         Beta\thanksmark{1}}
```

`\thanksmarkwidth`     The thanks mark in the footnote is typeset right justified in a box of width `\thanksmarkwidth`. The first line of the thanks text starts after this box. The initialisation is `\setlength{\thanksmarkwidth}{1.8em}` giving the default position.

`\thanksmargin`     The value of the length `\thanksmargin` controls the indentation the second and subsequent lines of the thanks text, with respect to the end of the mark box. As examples:

`\setlength{\thanksmargin}{0em}` will align the left hand ends of of a multiline thanks text, while:

`\setlength{\thanksmargin}{-\thanksmarkwidth}` will left justify any second and subsequent lines of the thanks text. This last setting is the initialised value, giving the default appearance.

`\thanksfootmark`     A thanks mark in the footnote region is typeset by `\thanksfootmark`. The code for this is roughly:

```
\newcommand{\thanksfootmark}{%
  \hbox to\thanksmarkwidth{\hfil\normalfont%
    \thanksscript{\thanksfootpre \thefootnote \thanksfootpost}}}
```

where `\thanksfootpre` and `\thanksfootpost` are specified via the `\thanksfootextra`

macro. You should not need to change the definition of `\thanksfootmark` but you may want to change the default definitions of one or more of the macros it uses.

`\thanksscript`

Note that the thanks mark, together with the `\...pre` and `\...post` commands form the argument to the `\thanksscript` command. This is initially defined as:

```
\newcommand{\thanksscript}[1]{\textsuperscript{#1}}
```

so that `\thanksscript` typesets its argument as a superscript, which is the default for thanks notes. If you would prefer the mark to be set at the baseline instead, for example, just do:

```
\renewcommand{\thanksscript}[1]{#1},
```

 and if you also wanted very small symbols on the baseline you could do:

```
\renewcommand{\thanksscript}[1]{\tiny #1}.
```

 Alternatively

```
\renewcommand{\thanksscript}[1]{#1}
```

```
\thanksfootextra{\bfseries}{.}
```

will give a bold baseline mark followed by a dot.

Using combinations of `\thanksscript`, `\thanksmargin`, `\thanksmarkwidth` and `\thanksfootextra` you can easily define different layouts for the thanks footnotes. Here are some sample combinations, but to shorten them I have ignored any `\renewcommands` and `\setlengths`, leaving these to be implied as necessary.

- Setting `\thanksfootextra{\hfill}` left justifies the mark in its box:
  - `\thanksscript{\llap{#1\space}}`, `\thanksmarkwidth{0em}` and `\thanksmargin{0em}` puts the baseline mark in the margin and the text left justified.
  - Using `\thanksscript{#1}`, `\thanksmarkwidth{1em}` and `\thanksmargin{-\thanksmarkwidth}` makes the baseline mark and text left adjusted.
  - `\thanksscript{#1}`, `\thanksmarkwidth{1em}` and `\thanksmargin{0em}` puts the baseline mark left adjusted and the text indented and aligned, like this marked sentence is typeset.
- Setting `\thanksfootextra{ }` and `\thanksscript{#1}` right justifies the baseline mark and a space in the mark box:
  - The normal style is defined by `\thanksmarkwidth{1.8em}` and `\thanksmargin{-\thanksmarkwidth}` which put the mark indented and the text left adjusted, like a normal indented paragraph.
  - `\thanksmarkwidth{1.8em}` and `\thanksmargin{0em}` put the mark indented and the text indented and aligned.

`\makethanksmark`

`\makethanksmarkhook`

The macro `\makethanksmark` typesets both the thanks marker (via `\thanksfootmark`) and the thanks text. You probably will not need to change its default definition. Just in case, though, `\makethanksmark` calls the macro `\makethanksmarkhook` before it does any typesetting. The default definition of this is:

```
\newcommand{\makethanksmarkhook}{},
```

 which does nothing.

You can redefine `\makethanksmarkhook` to do something useful. For example, if you wanted a slightly bigger baseline skip you could do:

```
\renewcommand{\makethanksmarkhook}{\fontsize{8}{11}\selectfont}
```

where the numbers 8 and 11 specify the point size of the font and the baseline skip respectively. In this example 8pt is the normal `\footnotesize` in a 10pt document, and 11pt is the baselineskip for `\footnotesize` text in an 11pt document (the baseline skip is 9.5pt in a 10pt document); adjust these numbers to suit.

`\thanksrule`  
`\usethanksrule`  
`\cancelthanksrule`

By default, there is no rule above `\thanks` text that appears in a `titlingpage` environment. If you want a rule in that environment, put `\usethanksrule` before the `\maketitle` command, which will then print a rule according to the current definition of `\thanksrule`. `\thanksrule` is initialised to be a copy of `\footnoterule` as it is defined at the end of the preamble. The definition of `\thanksrule` can be changed after `\begin{document}`. If the definition of `\thanksrule` is modified and a `\usethanksrule` command has been issued, then the redefined rule may also be used for footnotes. Issuing the command `\cancelthanksrule` will cause the normal `\footnoterule` definition to be used from thereon; another `\usethanksrule` command can be issued later if you want to swap back again.

The parameters for the vertical positioning of footnotes and thanks notes, and the default `\footnoterule` are described below. You may need to change one or more of these if the vertical spacings of footnotes and thanks notes are meant to be different.

`\footnotesep`  
`\skip`

The length `\footnotesep` controls the vertical spacing between footnotes (and thanks notes), and is initialised by the class to give no extra spacing for a `\footnotesize` font. You can change the spacing by

```
\addtolength{\footnotesep}{...}
```

The length `\skip\footins` defines the vertical spacing between the bottom of the main text and the top of the first line of the first footnote. Likewise this can be changed by

```
\addtolength{\skip\footins}{...}
```

The total vertical distance between the bottom of the main text and the baseline of the first line of the first footnote is `\footnotesep + \skip\footins`.

`\footnoterule`

The `\footnoterule` command is defined in the LaTeX kernel and redefined in the standard classes. An '@less' definition, which is slightly less efficient than that in the classes, is:

```
\renewcommand{\footnoterule}{%
  \kern -3pt % call this kerna
  \hrule height 0.4pt width 0.4\columnwidth
  \kern 2.6pt % call this kernb
}
```

This produces a horizontal rule from the left margin to 40% of the `\columnwidth` with thickness 0.4pt. The rule must not take up any vertical space, which means that `kerna + kernb` must equal the thickness of the rule. The rule is located a distance `\skip\footins + kerna` below the bottom of the main text. So, to

move the rule upwards, decrease the value of `kerna` and increase that of `kernb`, and the reverse to move the rule downwards.

`\appendiargdef`

This is only noted here as someone may find it useful in another context. Get the `patchcmd` package [Dow00] if you need to make other additions to definitions. The internal command `\appendiargdef{<macro>}{<stuff>}` appends `<stuff>` at the end of the current definition of `<macro>`, where `<macro>` is the name of a macro (including the backslash) which takes a single argument. For example the following are two equivalent definitions of `\mymacro`:

```
\newcommand{\mymacro}[1]{#1 is a violinist}
\appendiargdef{\mymacro}{ in spite of being tone deaf}
% or
\newcommand{\mymacro}[1]{# is a violinist in spite of being tone deaf}
```

The usual advice about creating a one-column `abstract` in a two-column document is to write code like this:

```
\documentclass[twocolumn...]{...}
...
\twocolumn[
  \begin{@twocolumnfalse}
    \maketitle           % need full-width title
    \begin{abstract}
      abstract text...
    \end{abstract}
  \end{@twocolumnfalse}
]
... hand make footnotes for any \thanks commands
...
```

The `titling` package gives no assistance for doing this, but the `abstract` package [Wil01] provides a command that caters for the somewhat non-intuitive `... hand make footnotes ...` aspect.

### 3 The package code

To try and avoid name clashes, all the internal commands include the string `@bs` (this code was initially part of the `abstract` package).

#### 3.1 Preliminaries

Announce the name and version of the package, which requires  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$ .

```
1 <*usc>
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{titling}[2004/09/26 v2.1c maketitle typesetting]
4
```

The original code for `\maketitle` is shown in Section A. Changes to `\maketitle` and friends are defined here.

```

\prettitle To provide some flexibility in the titling style of the document, user level commands
\@bsprettitle are provided that can be changed to reconfigure the appearance resulting from
\posttitle \maketitle.
\@bsposttitle 5 \newcommand{\prettitle}[1]{\def\@bsprettitle{#1}}
\preauthor 6 \newcommand{\posttitle}[1]{\def\@bsposttitle{#1}}
\@bspreauthor 7 \newcommand{\preauthor}[1]{\def\@bspreauthor{#1}}
\postauthor 8 \newcommand{\postauthor}[1]{\def\@bspostauthor{#1}}
\@bspostauthor 9 \newcommand{\predate}[1]{\def\@bspredate{#1}}
\predate 10 \newcommand{\postdate}[1]{\def\@bspostdate{#1}}
\@bspredate 11
\postdate
\@bspostdate
    These are defined initially to mimic the normal LATEX style.
12 \if@titlepage
13 \prettitle{\begin{center}\LARGE}
14 \posttitle{\par\end{center}\vskip 2em}
15 \preauthor{\begin{center}
16 \large \lineskip .75em%
17 \begin{tabular}[t]{c}}
18 \postauthor{\end{tabular}\par\end{center}}
19 \predate{\begin{center}\large}
20 \postdate{\par\end{center}}
21 \else
22 \prettitle{\begin{center}\LARGE}
23 \posttitle{\par\end{center}\vskip 0.5em}
24 \preauthor{\begin{center}
25 \large \lineskip .5em%
26 \begin{tabular}[t]{c}}
27 \postauthor{\end{tabular}\par\end{center}}
28 \predate{\begin{center}\large}
29 \postdate{\par\end{center}}
30 \fi
31

\maketitlehooka The four hooks which will be called by \maketitle. These are initially vacuous.
\maketitlehookb 32 \newcommand{\maketitlehooka}{}
\maketitlehookc 33 \newcommand{\maketitlehookb}{}
\maketitlehookd 34 \newcommand{\maketitlehookc}{}
35 \newcommand{\maketitlehookd}{}
36

\thanksmarkseries These are for specifying the kind of series for thanks markers.
\@bsmarkseries 37 \newcommand{\thanksmarkseries}[1]{%
\symbolthanksmark 38 \def\@bsmarkseries{\renewcommand{\thefootnote}{\@nameuse{#1}{footnote}}}}
39 \newcommand{\symbolthanksmark}{\thanksmarkseries{\fnsymbol}}
```

`\continuousmarks` These are for (non) zeroing of the footnote counter.

`\@bscontmark` 40 `\newcommand{\@bscontmark}{\setcounter{footnote}{0}}`  
41 `\newcommand{\continuousmarks}{\def\@bscontmark{}}`

`\thanksheadextra` These are for inserting stuff before and after a mark in the titling.

`\@bsthanksheadpre` 42 `\newcommand{\thanksheadextra}[2]{%`  
`\@bsthanksheadpost` 43 `\def\@bsthanksheadpre{#1}%`  
44 `\def\@bsthanksheadpost{#2}}`

`\thanksfootextra` These are for inserting stuff before and after a thanks mark in the footnoting.

`\thanksfootpre` 45 `\newcommand{\thanksfootextra}[2]{%`  
`\thanksfootpost` 46 `\def\thanksfootpre{#1}%`  
47 `\def\thanksfootpost{#2}}`  
48

`\thanksmark` This adds a thanks mark. The `\footnotemark` could have been used directly but it is fragile in a moving argument.

49 `\DeclareRobustCommand{\thanksmark}[1]{\footnotemark[#1]}`

`\thanksgap` This specifies some horizontal space.

50 `\newcommand{\thanksgap}[1]{\hspace{#1}}`

`\tamark` This stores the current definition of `\@thefnmark`. For some reason using `\@thefnmark` directly only gave the last value.

51 `\newcommand{\tamark}{\@thefnmark}`  
52

`\thanksmarkwidth` A length determining the size of the box for typesetting a thanks marker.

53 `\newlength{\thanksmarkwidth}`

`\thanksmargin` A length determining the inset of thanks footnotes.

54 `\newlength{\thanksmargin}`

`\thanksscript` A wrapper round the actual mark stuff to be typeset. This is initialised to give a superscript mark.

55 `\newcommand{\thanksscript}[1]{\textsuperscript{#1}}`

`\makethanksmarkhook` A vacuous macro used as a hook into `\makethanksmark`.

56 `\newcommand{\makethanksmarkhook}{}`

`\thanksfootmark` This typesets the thanks footnote mark.

57  
58 `\newcommand{\thanksfootmark}{%`  
59 `\hb@xt@\thanksmarkwidth{\hfil\normalfont\thanksscript{%`  
60 `\thanksfootpre \tamark \thanksfootpost}}}`  
61

`\makethanksmark` This sets the general indentations for the thanks footnote, and typesets the mark. The code is a simplified version of that for typesetting ToC entries.

```

62 \newcommand{\makethanksmark}{%
63   \leavevmode%
64   \makethanksmarkhook\relax
65   \parindent 1em\noindent
66   \leftskip\thanksmargin\relax
67   \advance\leftskip \thanksmarkwidth \null\nobreak\hskip -\leftskip
68   \thanksfootmark
69 }
70

```

`\usethanksrule` Simple macros that let `\footnoterule` to another rule definition.

`\cancelthanksrule`

```

71 \newcommand{\usethanksrule}{\let\footnoterule\thanksrule}
72 \newcommand{\cancelthanksrule}{\let\footnoterule\@bsfootnoterule}
73

```

Now set up the thanks defaults.

```

74 \if@titlepage
75   \thanksmarkseries{arabic}    % normal footnote numbers
76 \else
77   \thanksmarkseries{fnsymbol}
78 \fi
79 \thanksheadextra{}{}
80 \thanksfootextra{}{}
81 \setlength{\thanksmarkwidth}{1.8em}
82 \setlength{\thanksmargin}{-\thanksmarkwidth}
83

```

`\thanksrule` These are saved versions of the `\footnoterule` definition as it is at the end of the

`\@bsfootnoterule` preamble.

```

84 \AtBeginDocument{%
85   \let\thanksrule\footnoterule
86   \let\@bsfootnoterule\footnoterule
87 }
88

```

`\droptitle` A titling block has `\droptitle` amount of additional vertical space above it (normally zero).

```

89 \newlength{\droptitle}
90 \setlength{\droptitle}{0pt}
91

```

`\maketitle` The following is a modification of `\maketitle` as in the article, report, and book classes (see Section A for the original definition).

```

92 \providecommand{\maketitle}{}
93 \if@titlepage
94   \renewcommand{\maketitle}{\begin{titlepage}%
95     \let\footnotesize\small

```

```

96 \let\footnoterule\relax
97 \let \footnote \thanks
98 \@bsmarkseries
99 \def\@makefnmark{\rlap{\@textsuperscript{%
100 \normalfont\@bsthanksheadpre \tamark \@bsthanksheadpost}}}%
101 \long\def\@makefntext##1{\makethanksmark ##1}
102 \null\vfil
103 \vskip 60\p@
104 \vspace*{\droptitle}
105 \maketitlehooka
106 {\@bspretitle \@title \@bsposttitle}
107 \maketitlehookb
108 {\@bspreauthor \@author \@bspostauthor}
109 \maketitlehookc
110 {\@bspredate \@date \@bspostdate}
111 \maketitlehookd
112 \par
113 \@thanks
114 \vfil\null
115 \end{titlepage}%
116 \@bscontmark % \setcounter{footnote}{0}%
117 %% \@bsmtitleempty
118 } % end titlepage defs
119 \else
120 \renewcommand{\maketitle}{\par
121 \begingroup
122 \@bsmarkseries
123 \def\@makefnmark{\rlap{\@textsuperscript{%
124 \normalfont\@bsthanksheadpre \tamark \@bsthanksheadpost}}}%
125 \long\def\@makefntext##1{\makethanksmark ##1}
126 \if@twocolumn
127 \ifnum \col@number=\@ne
128 \maketitle
129 \else
130 \twocolumn[\maketitle]%
131 \fi
132 \else
133 \newpage
134 \global\@topnum\z@
135 \maketitle
136 \fi
137 \thispagestyle{plain}\@thanks
138 \endgroup
139 \@bscontmark % \setcounter{footnote}{0}%
140 %% \@bsmtitleempty
141 } % end non-titlepage

```

`\@maketitle` I use `\def\@maketitle` to account for the cases where the main class does not have titling commands, and to ensure an existing `\@maketitle` gets overridden.

142

```

143 \def\@maketitle{%
144   \newpage
145   \null
146   \vskip 2em%
147     \vspace*{\droptitle}
148   \maketitlehooka
149   {\@bspretitle \@title \@bsposttitle}
150   \maketitlehookb
151   {\@bspreauthor \@author \@bspostauthor}
152   \maketitlehookc
153   {\@bspredate \@date \@bspostdate}
154   \maketitlehookd
155   \par
156   \vskip 1.5em}
157 \fi
158

```

**titlingpage** The `titlingpage` environment sets the `pagestyle` to be empty, disables the footnote rule and ensures that the page is single column. At the end it switches back to `twocolumn` if necessary, and then starts a new page as number 1.

```

159 \newenvironment{titlingpage}%
160   {%
161     \let\footnoterule\relax
162     \let\footnotesize\small
163     \if@twocolumn
164       \@restonecoltrue\onecolumn
165     \else
166       \@restonecolfalse
167     \fi
168     \thispagestyle{empty}
169     \setcounter{page}\@ne
170   }{%
171     \thispagestyle{empty}
172     \if@restonecol\twocolumn \else \newpage \fi
173     \if@twoside\else \setcounter{page}\@ne\fi
174

```

**\calccentering** This macro calculates the amount to be added to a `...sidemargin` in order to center the `textblock`. Call as `\calccentering{\length}{...sidemargin}` and it sets `\length` to the required value.

```

175 \newcommand{\calccentering}[2]{
176   #1 = \paperwidth
177   \advance #1 by -\textwidth
178   \divide #1 by \tw@
179   \advance #1 by -#2
180   \advance #1 by -\hoffset
181   \advance #1 by -1in
182 }

```

183

`\emptythanks` This macro discards all prior `\thanks` texts.

```
184 \newcommand{\emptythanks}{\global\let\@thanks\@empty}
185
```

`\@bsmtitleempty` `\@bsmtitleempty` is a helper macro to save some macro space. It empties some elements of `\maketitle`.

```
186 \newcommand{\@bsmtitleempty}{%
187   \global\let\maketitle\relax
188   \global\let\@maketitle\relax
189   \global\let\title\relax
190   \global\let\author\relax
191   \global\let\date\relax
192   \global\let\thanksmarkseries\relax
193   \global\let\thanksheadextra\relax
194   \global\let\thanksfootextra\relax
195   \global\let\thanksmark\relax
196   \global\let\thanksgap\relax
197 }
198
```

`\keepthetitle` This macro undefines all the titling commands except for `\thetitle`, `\theauthor` and `\thedata`.

```
199 \newcommand{\keepthetitle}{%
200   \@bsmtitleempty
201   \global\let\thanks\relax
202   \global\let\and\relax
203   \global\let\@thanks\@empty
204   \global\let\@title\@empty
205   \global\let\@author\@empty
206   \global\let\@date\@empty
207 }
208
```

`\killtitle` `\killtitle` undefines the remaining macros of `\maketitle`.

```
209 \providecommand{\killtitle}{}
210 \renewcommand{\killtitle}{%
211   \keepthetitle
212   \global\let\thetitle\relax
213   \global\let\theauthor\relax
214   \global\let\thedata\relax
215 }
216
```

`\appendiargdef` The code is copied from the abstract package.

```
217 \providecommand{\appendiargdef}[2]{\begingroup
218   \toks@\expandafter{#1{##1}#2}%
219   \edef\@bsx{\endgroup \def\noexpand#1###1{\the\toks@}}%
```

```

220 \@bsx}
221
\thetitle In order to make the \title, etc., values available for printing their definitions
\theauthor need extending to save their arguments (see Section A for their original defini-
\thedata tions). We have to make sure that extraneous material, like \thanks, is excluded
from the saved texts.
222 \appendiargdef{\title}{%
223 \begingroup
224 \renewcommand{\thanks}[1]{ }
225 \renewcommand{\thanksmark}[1]{ }
226 \renewcommand{\thanksgap}[1]{ }
227 \protected@xdef\thetitle{#1}
228 \endgroup}
229 \appendiargdef{\author}{%
230 \begingroup
231 \renewcommand{\thanks}[1]{ }
232 \renewcommand{\and}{\unskip, }
233 \renewcommand{\thanksmark}[1]{ }
234 \renewcommand{\thanksgap}[1]{ }
235 \protected@xdef\theauthor{#1}
236 \endgroup}
237 \appendiargdef{\date}{%
238 \begingroup
239 \renewcommand{\thanks}[1]{ }
240 \renewcommand{\thanksmark}[1]{ }
241 \renewcommand{\thanksgap}[1]{ }
242 \protected@xdef\thedata{#1}
243 \endgroup}
244
The end of this package.
245 </usc>

```

## A Original code for making a title

These are the kernel commands (from `ltsect.dtx`) for the elements of `\maketitle`.

```

\def\title#1{\gdef\@title{#1}}
\def\@title{\@latex@error{No \noexpand\title given}\@ehc}
\def\author#1{\gdef\@author{#1}}
\def\@author{\@latex@warning@no@line{No \noexpand\author given}}
\def\date#1{\gdef\@date{#1}}
\def\@date{\today}
\def\thanks#1{\footnotemark
\protected@xdef\@thanks{\@thanks
\protect\footnotetext[\the\c@footnote]{#1}}%
}

```

```

\let\@thanks\@empty
\def\and{%                % \begin{tabular}
  \end{tabular}%
  \hskip 1em \@plus.17fil%
  \begin{tabular}[t]{c}%  % \end{tabular}

```

This is the version of \maketitle and \@maketitle from classes.dtx.

```

\if@titlepage
\newcommand{\maketitle}{\begin{titlepage}%
  \let\footnotesize\small
  \let\footnoterule\relax
  \let \footnote \thanks
  \null\vfil
  \vskip 60\p@
  \begin{center}%
    {\LARGE \@title \par}%
    \vskip 3em%
    {\large
     \lineskip .75em%
     \begin{tabular}[t]{c}%
       \@author
     \end{tabular}\par}
    \vskip 1.5em%
    {\large \@date \par}%
  \end{center}\par
  \@thanks
  \vfil\null
\end{titlepage}%
\setcounter{footnote}{0}%
\global\let\thanks\relax
\global\let\maketitle\relax
\global\let\@maketitle\relax
\global\let\@thanks\@empty
\global\let\@author\@empty
\global\let\@date\@empty
\global\let\@title\@empty
\global\let\title\relax
\global\let\author\relax
\global\let\date\relax
\global\let\and\relax
}
\else
\newcommand{\maketitle}{\par
  \begingroup
    \renewcommand\thefootnote{\@fnsymbol\c@footnote}%
    \def\@makefnmark{\rlap{\@textsuperscript{\normalfont\@thefnmark}}}%
    \long\def\@makefntext##1{\parindent 1em\noindent
      \hb@xt@1.8em{

```

```

        \hss\@textsuperscript{\normalfont\@thefnmark}##1}%
\if@twocolumn
  \ifnum \col@number=\@ne
    \maketitle
  \else
    \twocolumn[\maketitle]%
  \fi
\else
  \newpage
  \global\@topnum\z@
  \maketitle
\fi
\thispagestyle{plain}\@thanks
\endgroup
\setcounter{footnote}{0}%
\global\let\thanks\relax
\global\let\maketitle\relax
\global\let\@maketitle\relax
\global\let\@thanks\@empty
\global\let\@author\@empty
\global\let\@date\@empty
\global\let\@title\@empty
\global\let\title\relax
\global\let\author\relax
\global\let\date\relax
\global\let\and\relax
}

\def\@maketitle{%
  \newpage
  \null
  \vskip 2em%
  \begin{center}%
    \let \footnote \thanks
    {\LARGE \@title \par}%
    \vskip 1.5em%
    {\large
      \lineskip .5em%
      \begin{tabular}[t]{c}%
        \@author
      \end{tabular}\par}
    \vskip 1em%
    {\large \@date}%
  \end{center}
  \par
  \vskip 1.5em}
\fi

```

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