

# The formular Package.\*

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*This package provides some commands useful for typesetting fields in  
formulars which are intended to be filled either manually or using T<sub>E</sub>X.*

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## 1 Examples

When typesetting forms there often arises the need for defining fields which consists of one or more lines where the customer can write something down manually. To support a unique appearance of those fields we contribute some commands which define general fields.

### 1.1 One-line Fields

The following piece of code declares and uses a simple one-line field `namef`:

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```

\newFRMfield{namef}{15mm}

This is \useFRMfield{namef}[John]
and \useFRMfield{namef}.

```

The output is the following:

This is John and \_\_\_\_\_.

More complicated fields may have a description and a default content.

```

\newFRMfield{namef}{15mm}[Name][nobody]

This is \useFRMfield{namef}[John]
and \useFRMfield{namef}
and \useFRMfield{namef}[]
and \useFRMfield{namef}[Fred Long Name]

```

Notice that the field grows with the content:

This is John and nobody and \_\_\_\_\_ and Fred Long Name

Name
Name
Name
Name

## 1.2 Different Styles

Each class of fields can have its own font style. Additionally there is a *ruled* style implemented. In the following we declare two one-line fields with different appearance:

```

\newFRMfield{placef}{40mm}[Place]

\setFRMfontfamily{cmr}
\setFRMfontshape{it}
\setFRMfontsize{12}
\setFRMruledstyle
\newFRMfield{sigf}{30mm}[Signature]

\useFRMfield{placef}[Somewhere], \useFRMfield{sigf}[U. N. Known]

```

Somewhere , *U. N. Known*  
Place Signature

## 1.3 Multi-line Environments

The following piece of code declares and uses two multi-line environments. Notice that there are two styles: The description of the field may appear on a separate line or not. Each environment has a description and a minimal number of lines.

```

\setFRMbreakstyle
\newFRMenvironment{env1}{Foobar}{2}

```

```

\setFRMinlinestyle
\newFRMenvironment{env2}{Barfoo}{3}

\begin{env1} This is break style \end{env1}
\begin{env2} This is inline style \end{env2}

```

Foo

This is break style

---



---

Barfoo This is inline style

---



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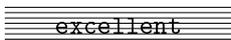
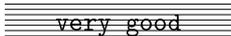
## 1.4 Containers

A container is a collection of fields. The container specifies which fields belong to it, and where the fields are to be printed. The following piece of code declares a container which contains three fields.

```

\newFRMcontainer{Grades}
{\setFRMruledstyle
 \newFRMfield{Ma}{30mm}[] [////]
 \newFRMfield{Ph}{30mm}[] [////]
 \newFRMfield{En}{30mm}[english grade] [////]
 }{%
 \parbox[t]{0.45\linewidth}{\baselineskip18pt
 Maths \dotfill\ \useFRMfield{Ma}\newline
 Physics \dotfill\ \useFRMfield{Ph}}\hfill
 \parbox[t]{0.45\linewidth}{%
 English \dotfill\ \useFRMfield{En}}%
 }
\begin{Grades}
 \setMa{excellent}
 \setPh{very good}
 \end{Grades}

```

Maths . . . . .		English . . . . .	
Physics . . . . .			

## 2 Command Description

### 2.1 Style Parameters

The commands explained in this section select the general appearance of the fields. A call to a command affects all fields which are declared subsequently (within the same scope).

`\setFRMrulewidth` The command

`\setFRMrulewidth{<dimen>}`

sets the thickness of the underlining rules to *<dimen>* (default: 0.1pt). The instruction `\setFRMrulewidth{0pt}` makes rules disappear.

`\setFRMrulesep` The command

`\setFRMrulesep{<dimen>}`

sets the vertical distance between the font baseline and the underlining rules (default: 2pt).

`\setFRMmargin` The command

`\setFRMmargin{<dimen>}`

sets the horizontal indentation of the content of multi-line `FRMenvironments` (default: 5pt).

`\setFRMbaselineskip` The command

`\setFRMbaselineskip{<dimen>}`

sets the `baselineskip` of the content of multi-line `FRMenvironments` (default: 18pt).

`\setFRMfontencoding` The `\setFRMfont...` commands select the font used for the content, and the corresponding `\setFRMdfont...` commands select the font of the description of one-line fields. For a description of the meaning of the parameters we refer to command `\usefont` in standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X2e documentation. Notice that `\setFRMfontsize` has only one parameter, since the `baselineskip` is selected with a separate command.

`\setFRMfontsize`

`\setFRMfontfamily`

`\setFRMfontseries`

`\setFRMfontshape`

All above commands can be supplied with an optional parameter specifying a (already declared) field. This enables to change the appearance of fields after declaration. The following example illustrates this:

```
\newFRMfield{foo}{3cm}
\setFRMfontsize[foo]{20pt}
```

To this end, there are some more commands which have only effect when this optional parameter is supplied:

`\setFRMcontent` The commands

`\setFRMdescription`

`\setFRMwidth`

`\setFRMcontent[<field>]{<content>}`

`\setFRMdescription[<field>]{<content>}`

set the (default) content and the description of the field, while

`\setFRMwidth[<field>]{<width>}`

changes the (minimal) width.

## 2.2 One-line Fields

A `FRMfield` consists of three ingredients:

1. The *content* of the field. This is a (maybe empty) one-line string.
2. A *horizontal rule*. The length of the rule is at least the minimal width of the field, but it grows with the content or the description. It is guaranteed that the rule exceeds the content at least by the amount which is set with `\setFRMmargin`.
3. The *description*. This is a (maybe empty) one-line string printed below the rule.

`\newFRMfield` A `FRMfield` must be declared as follows:

```
\newFRMfield{<field id>}{<width>}
\newFRMfield{<field id>}{<width>}[<description>]
\newFRMfield{<field id>}{<width>}[<description>][<default content>]
```

The field is associated with the style setting which is valid at this moment.

`\useFRMfield` When a field is declared, it can be used with the command

```
\useFRMfield{<name>}
\useFRMfield{<name>}[<content>]
```

If the `<content>` is not supplied to `\useFRMfield`, then the `<default content>` is printed.

`\renewFRMfield` The macro `\renewFRMfield` is nearly the same as `\newFRMfield`, but it changes an existing field rather than defining a new one.

`\setFRMruledstyle` Besides the style parameters discussed above, the user has the additional choice  
`\setFRMplainstyle` between the following two styles: With

```
\setFRMplainstyle
```

the content is underlined by a single rule. With

```
\setFRMruledstyle
```

the content is printed over a field of rules. The height of the ruled field adjusts automatically to the current font size.

## 2.3 Multi-line Environments

A `FRMenvironment` consists of three ingredients:

1. The *content* of the field. This is a (possibly empty) text.

2. A collection of *rules* which underline the content.
3. The *description*. This is a one-line string printed at the beginning of the environment.

`\newFRMenvironment` A `FRMenvironment` must be declared as follows:

```
\newFRMenvironment{<envid>}{<description>}{<default lines>}
```

As one may expect, the current style settings are associated with the environment from this point on. The `FRMenvironment` is used in the following way:

```
\begin{<envid>} <content> \end{<envid>}
\begin{<envid>}[<lines>] <content> \end{<envid>}
```

This will print a `FRMenvironment` with description `<description>` and content `<content>`. The environment extends to at least `<default lines>` many lines (or to `<lines>` lines, if the optional argument is supplied). If the `<content>` does not fit into this space, the environment is further extended and a warning is issued.

`\setFRMbaselineskip` The baselineskip of the content can be adjusted with

```
\setFRMbaselineskip{<dimen>}
```

`\setFRMmargin` The indentation of the content can be adjusted with

```
\setFRMmargin{<dimen>}
```

It defaults to 5pt.

`\setFRMbreakstyle` There are two styles implemented: The content may start in the same line as the description (`\setFRMinlinestyle`), or the description may appear on its own line (`\setFRMbreakstyle`). Notice that in `break` style, the description's line is not counted within the line range.

## 2.4 Containers

A `FRMcontainer` is a simple way to collect several `FRMfields` into one logical unit. The container defines the set of fields, their default content, and how to print the individual fields. This definition can go to the preamble of the document.

The content of the container will usually consist solely of commands which set the field's content. So the user must not care about the actual typesetting of the fields.

`\newFRMcontainer` The command

```
\newFRMcontainer{<cid>}{<init code>}{<apply code>}
```

defines a new container `<cid>`. The container will be used afterwards like a environment

`\begin{<cid> <container content> \end{<cid>}`

The *<init code>* may contain any code needed for setup of the container. In particular, one may employ at this point:

- All style setting commands `\setFRM...` of this package  
Notice that the container always initializes the settings to the situation which was valid when the call to `\newFRMcontainer` happens. This ensures that multiple calls to the same container always appear in the same style.
- The command `\newFRMfield` to declare local fields.

`\set...` Within the *<init code>* of a container, a call to `\newFRMfield{<field>}` defines one more command, namely `\set{<field>}`. The command

`\set{<field>}{<content>}`

is a convenient shortcut for

`\setFRMcontent[<field>]{<content>}`

It may be used in the content of the container to define the content of the individual fields. (See example in Section 1.4.)

### 3 The Implementation

```

1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
2 \ProvidesPackage{formular}[\filedate \space \fileversion]
3
4 \RequirePackage{xspace}
5 \def\FRM@err{\PackageError{formular}}
6 \def\FRM@warn{\PackageWarning{formular}}
7
8 \newlength\frm@margin
9 \newlength\frm@baselineskip
10 \newbox\frm@namebx
11 \newbox\frm@contbx
12 \newcount\frm@cnt
13 \newcount\frm@lbound
14 \newif\iffm@breakstyle
15 \newif\iffm@ruledstyle

```

#### 3.1 Global defaults

The current and global settings are stored internally in `\frm@...`. The settings of individual field *f* is stored in `\frm@f@...`

Auxiliary macros to define the `\setFRM...` commands. Those commands, when called with optional argument containing a field id, must check whether the field is declared and then modify its settings.

```

16 \newcommand{\FRM@generatesetcommand}[1]{%

```

```

17 \expandafter
18 \newcommand\expandafter{\csname setFRM#1\endcsname}[2] []{%
19   \ifx##1\relax\relax
20     \expandafter\def\csname frm@#1\endcsname{##2}\else
21     \ifundefined{frm@##1@content}
22       {\FRM@err{FRMfield ‘##1’ not declared.}}{%
23     \expandafter\def\csname frm@##1@#1\endcsname{##2}}\fi
24   }
25 }

```

This is for the handling of `\setFRM...style` commands. The call `\FRM@generatesetstylecommand{<a>}{<b>}{<c>}` generates `\setFRM<a>style` which itself will let `\iffrm@<b>style` to be `\if<c>`. For individual fields, the `\if...` are stored in one macro only.

```

26 \newcommand{\FRM@generatesetstylecommand}[3]{%
27   \expandafter
28   \newcommand\expandafter{\csname setFRM#1style\endcsname}[1] []{%
29     \ifx##1\relax\relax
30     \csname frm@#2style#3\endcsname \else
31     \ifundefined{frm@##1@content}
32       {\FRM@err{FRMfield ‘##1’ not declared.}}{%
33     \expandafter\let\csname iffrm@##1@#2style\endcsname
34     \endcsname \csname if#3\endcsname }\fi
35   }
36 }

```

This is for the handling of `\setFRM... counters and lengths`. Since we do not want to waste registers, we store the contents of registers in macros (rather than in registers) for the individual fields.

```

37 \newcommand{\FRM@generatesetlengthcommand}[1]{%
38   \expandafter
39   \newcommand\expandafter{\csname setFRM#1\endcsname}[2] []{%
40     \ifx##1\relax\relax
41     \csname frm@#1\endcsname=##2\relax \else
42     \ifundefined{frm@##1@content}
43       {\FRM@err{FRMfield ‘##1’ not declared.}}{%
44     \expandafter\def\csname frm@##1@#1\endcsname{##2}}\fi
45   }
46 }

```

The first two commands generated have no effect if called without the optional parameter.

```

47 \FRM@generatesetcommand{content}
48 \FRM@generatesetcommand{description}

```

Thickness of all rules

```

49 \FRM@generatesetcommand{rulewidth}
50 \setFRMrulewidth{0.1pt}

```

Vertical distance between baseline and an underlining rule

```

51 \FRM@generatesetcommand{rulesep}
52 \setFRMrulesep{2pt}

```

### 3.2 Defaults for one-line environments

Style of a one-line environment

```
53 \FRM@generatesetstylecommand{plain}{ruled}{false}
54 \FRM@generatesetstylecommand{ruled}{ruled}{true}
```

Default width of fields (not user accessible)

```
55 \def\frm@width{0pt}
```

### 3.3 Defaults for multi-line environments

Indentation of the content of a multi-line environment

```
56 \FRM@generatesetlengthcommand{margin}
57 \setFRMmargin{5pt}
```

\baselineskip within a multi-line environment

```
58 \FRM@generatesetlengthcommand{baselineskip}
59 \setFRMbaselineskip{18pt}
```

Style of a multi-line environment

```
60 \FRM@generatesetstylecommand{break}{break}{true}
61 \FRM@generatesetstylecommand{inline}{break}{false}
```

Default number of lines (not user accessible)

```
62 \frm@lbound=0
```

### 3.4 Font selection for the fields

Font shape of the content of all fields

```
63 \FRM@generatesetcommand{fontencoding}
64 \FRM@generatesetcommand{fontsize}
65 \FRM@generatesetcommand{fontfamily}
66 \FRM@generatesetcommand{fontseries}
67 \FRM@generatesetcommand{fontshape}
68 \setFRMfontencoding{T1}
69 \setFRMfontsize{10}
70 \setFRMfontfamily{cmtt}
71 \setFRMfontseries{m}
72 \setFRMfontshape{n}
```

Font shape of the description of one-line fields

```
73 \FRM@generatesetcommand{dfontencoding}
74 \FRM@generatesetcommand{dfontsize}
75 \FRM@generatesetcommand{dfontfamily}
76 \FRM@generatesetcommand{dfontseries}
77 \FRM@generatesetcommand{dfontshape}
78 \setFRMdfontencoding{T1}
79 \setFRMdfontsize{6}
80 \setFRMdfontfamily{cmss}
```

```
81 \setFRMdfontseries{m}
82 \setFRMdfontshape{n}
```

### 3.5 Auxiliary Macros for saving and restoring the settings

Store the current settings for a individual field. All T<sub>E</sub>X registers are also stored in macros.

```
83 \newcommand{\FRM@storeappearance}[1]{%
84   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@content\endcsname \frm@content
85   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@description\endcsname \frm@description
86   \expandafter\let\csname iffrrm@#1@breakstyle\endcsname \iffrrm@breakstyle
87   \expandafter\let\csname iffrrm@#1@ruledstyle\endcsname \iffrrm@ruledstyle
88   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@width\endcsname \frm@width
89   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@rulewidth\endcsname \frm@rulewidth
90   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@rulesep\endcsname \frm@rulesep
91   \expandafter\edef\csname frm@#1@lbound\endcsname{\the\frm@lbound}
92   \expandafter\edef\csname frm@#1@baselineskip\endcsname{\the\frm@baselineskip}
93   \expandafter\edef\csname frm@#1@margin\endcsname{\the\frm@margin}
94   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@fontfamily\endcsname \frm@fontfamily
95   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@fontseries\endcsname \frm@fontseries
96   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@fontsize\endcsname \frm@fontsize
97   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@fontshape\endcsname \frm@fontshape
98   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@fontencoding\endcsname \frm@fontencoding
99   \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@dfontfamily\endcsname \frm@dfontfamily
100  \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@dfontseries\endcsname \frm@dfontseries
101  \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@dfontsize\endcsname \frm@dfontsize
102  \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@dfontshape\endcsname \frm@dfontshape
103  \expandafter\let\csname frm@#1@dfontencoding\endcsname \frm@dfontencoding
104 }
```

Load the current settings from a individual field. All T<sub>E</sub>X registers which were stored in macros are retransformed into registers.

```
105 \newcommand{\FRM@restoreappearance}[1]{%
106   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@content
107     \csname frm@#1@content\endcsname
108   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@description
109     \csname frm@#1@description\endcsname
110   \expandafter\let\expandafter\iffrrm@breakstyle
111     \csname iffrrm@#1@breakstyle\endcsname
112   \expandafter\let\expandafter \iffrrm@ruledstyle
113     \csname iffrrm@#1@ruledstyle\endcsname
114 %
115   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@width
116     \csname frm@#1@width\endcsname
117   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@rulewidth
118     \csname frm@#1@rulewidth\endcsname
119   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@rulesep
120     \csname frm@#1@rulesep\endcsname
121 %
122   \expandafter
123     \frm@lbound\expandafter=\csname frm@#1@lbound\endcsname
124   \expandafter
```

```

125   \frm@baselineskip=\csname frm@#1@baselineskip\endcsname
126   \expandafter
127   \frm@margin=\csname frm@#1@margin\endcsname
128 %
129   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@fontencoding
130   \csname frm@#1@fontencoding\endcsname
131   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@fontseries
132   \csname frm@#1@fontseries\endcsname
133   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@fontshape
134   \csname frm@#1@fontshape\endcsname
135   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@fontsize
136   \csname frm@#1@fontsize\endcsname
137   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@fontfamily
138   \csname frm@#1@fontfamily\endcsname
139 %
140   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@dfontencoding
141   \csname frm@#1@dfontencoding\endcsname
142   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@dfontseries
143   \csname frm@#1@dfontseries\endcsname
144   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@dfontshape
145   \csname frm@#1@dfontshape\endcsname
146   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@dfontsize
147   \csname frm@#1@dfontsize\endcsname
148   \expandafter\let\expandafter\frm@dfontfamily
149   \csname frm@#1@dfontfamily\endcsname
150 }

```

Shorthands for actually switching to the font settings

```

151 \newcommand{\FRM@selectfont}{%
152   \fontsize{\frm@fontsize}{\the\frm@baselineskip}%
153   \usefont{\frm@fontencoding}{\frm@fontfamily}
154     {\frm@fontseries}{\frm@fontshape}%
155 }
156 \newcommand{\FRM@selectdfont}{%
157   \fontsize{\frm@dfontsize}{\the\frm@baselineskip}%
158   \usefont{\frm@dfontencoding}{\frm@dfontfamily}
159     {\frm@dfontseries}{\frm@dfontshape}%
160 }

```

### 3.6 One-line fields

`\newFRMfield` Parameter list:

- #1 field id
- #2 minimum field width
- #3 description (optional)
- #4 default content (optional)

```

161 \newcommand{\newFRMfield}[1]{%
162   \@ifundefined{frm@#1@content}
163     {\new@FRMfield{#1}}{\FRM@err{cannot
164       \string\new... existing field '#1'}}
165 }
166 \newcommand{\renewFRMfield}[1]{%

```

```

167 \@ifundefined{frm@#1@content}
168   {\FRM@err{cannot \string\renew... undeclared
169     field '#1'}}{\new@FRMfield{#1}}
170 }

```

`\new@FRMfield` We first must fiddle around with the two optional parameters. Then we set the default values (if any) and store all settings of the individual field.

```

171 \def\new@FRMfield#1#2{%
172   \@ifnextchar [%]
173   {\new@FRMfield@{#1}{#2}}{\new@FRMfield@@{#1}{#2} [] []}
174 \def\new@FRMfield@#1#2[#3]{%
175   \@ifnextchar [%]
176   {\new@FRMfield@@{#1}{#2}[#3]}{\new@FRMfield@@@{#1}{#2}[#3] []}
177 \def\new@FRMfield@@#1#2[#3][#4]{%
178   \def\frm@width{#2}
179   \def\frm@description{#3}
180   \def\frm@content{#4}
181   \FRM@storeappearance{#1}
182   \new@FRMcontainerhook{#1}
183 }

```

The hook is used by `\newFRMcontainer` to define the `\set...` shortcut afterwards.

```

184 \let\new@FRMcontainerhook@gobble
185 \def\new@FRMfieldspecials#1{%
186   \expandafter\def\csname set#1\endcsname##1{\setFRMcontent[#1]{##1}}
187 % \expandafter\def\csname use#1\endcsname{\useFRMfield{#1}\relax}
188 }

```

`\useFRMfield` Parameter list:

#1 field id  
#2 field content (optional)

```

189 \newcommand{\useFRMfield}[1]{%
190   \@ifundefined{frm@#1@content}
191   {\FRM@err{FRMfield '#1' is not declared.}}
192   {\use@FRMfield{#1}}
193 }
194 \def\use@FRMfield#1{%
195   \@ifnextchar [%]
196   {\use@FRMfield@{#1}}
197   {\use@FRMfield@@{#1}[\csname frm@#1@content\endcsname]\xspace}
198 }

```

This macro does the actual typesetting job. We must open a group to keep changes to the current settings (via `\FRM@restore...`) locally.

```

199 \def\use@FRMfield@#1[#2]{\begingroup
200   \FRM@restoreappearance{#1}%
201   \setbox\frm@contbx=\hbox{%
202     \FRM@selectfont
203     \kern\frm@margin #2\kern\frm@margin}%
204   \dp\frm@contbx0pt\relax

```

The baseline of the final field is the baseline of the content and has depth extending to the underlining rule. This makes alignment of more than one field on the same line less complex.

```
205 \leavevmode
206 \vtop to \frm@rulesep{%
207 \halign{\hfil##\hfil\cr
```

Enclose `\usebox` in braces. This circumvents a bug(?) in `pdftex.def` v0.03k of standard `graphicx` and `color` packages: Compiling with `pdflatex` would break here.

```
208 {\usebox{\frm@contbx}}\cr
209 \noalign{\kern\frm@rulesep
210 \iffrm@ruledstyle
211 \dimen0=\frm@fontsize pt\dimen2=0pt\relax
212 \loop
213 \kern-2pt\advance\dimen2 by 2pt%
214 \hrule height\frm@rulewidth \kern-\frm@rulewidth
215 \advance\dimen0 by-2pt%
216 \ifnum\dimen0>0%
217 \repeat
218 \kern\dimen2\relax
219 \fi
220 \hrule height\frm@rulewidth depth0pt \kern2pt}%
221 \FRM@selectdfont \frm@description\cr
222 \vrule width \frm@width height 0pt\cr}\vss
223 }\endgroup
224 }
```

### 3.7 Multi-line fields

`\newFRMenvironment` Parameter list:  
 #1 environment id  
 #2 description  
 #3 number of lines

```
225 \newcommand{\newFRMenvironment}[3]{%
226 \def\frm@description{#2}%
227 \frm@lbound=#3\relax
228 \FRM@storeappearance{env@#1}%
229 \newenvironment{#1}{%
230 \FRM@restoreappearance{env@#1}%
231 \@ifnextchar [%]
232 {\FRM@openenvironment}
233 {\FRM@openenvironment[\the\frm@lbound]}}%
234 }{%
235 \FRM@closeenvironment%
236 }%
237 }
```

Define the `\begin{}` part of the `FRMenvironment`.

```
238 \def\FRM@openenvironment[#1]{%
239 \frm@lbound=#1\relax
```

Set the description of the environment. If the current style is a `break` style, then extend the box to `\hsize`. The top line gets a “strut” of height `\frm@baselineskip` minus `\frm@rulesep`. The lowest line will have depth `\frm@rulesep`. Hence multiple environments fit smoothly to each other.

```
240 \setbox\frm@namebx\hbox
241     \iffm@breakstyle to\hsize\fi
242     {\frm@description\enspace
243     \skip0=\frm@baselineskip \advance\skip0-\frm@rulesep
244     \vrule width0pt height \skip0\hfil}%
```

Start the box containing the body.

```
245 \setbox\frm@contbx=\vtop\bgroup
246 \advance\hsize-2\frm@margin
```

Leave out the horizontal space needed for the description. If the description extends the whole line, allow for a line break after this.

```
247 \hskip-\frm@margin
248 \hskip\wd\frm@namebx
249 \hskip-\frm@margin\penalty0\relax
250 \hskip2\frm@margin
251 \FRM@selectfont
252 }
```

Define the `\end{}` part of the environment.

```
253 \newcommand{\FRM@closeenvironment}{%
```

Close the content box and count the number of lines below the baseline. Set the box with depth zero.

```
254 \par\egroup
255 \frm@cnt=\dp\frm@contbx
256 \dimen0=\frm@baselineskip
257 \divide\frm@cnt\dimen0\relax
258 \leavevmode\rlap{\dp\frm@contbx0pt \kern\frm@margin \usebox\frm@contbx}%
```

Now set the rules box. It must be shifted down, since the rules should be below the actual baseline.

```
259 \raise-\frm@rulesep\vtop{%
```

The first line contains the description and a rule (if it does not extend the whole line). The description is shifted back to be aligned with the baseline.

```
260 \hbox to\hsize{%
261     \dp\frm@namebx0pt%
262     \raise\frm@rulesep\hbox{\usebox{\frm@namebx}}\leaders \hrule
263     height \frm@rulewidth \hfill}
```

If there is no `break` style, then the first line contains already one rule and the line bound must be decreased by one.

```
264 \iffm@breakstyle\else \advance\frm@lbound-1\fi\relax
```

If the bound on the number of lines is exceeded then issue a warning.

```
265 \ifnum\frm@cnt>\frm@lbound\relax
```

```

266 \@tempcnta\frm@cnt \advance\@tempcnta-\frm@lbound\relax
267 \FRM@warn{Line bound in FRMenvironment exceeded by
268 \the\@tempcnta\space line(s)}
269 \else \frm@cnt\frm@lbound \fi

```

In each case, `\frm@cnt` contains the number of remaining rules. Plot them now. The depth of the final box is determined by the lowest rule.

```

270 \loop
271 \ifnum\frm@cnt>0\relax
272 \advance\frm@cnt-1\relax
273 \kern\frm@baselineskip \kern-\frm@rulewidth
274 \hrule height \frm@rulewidth\relax
275 \repeat
276 }%
277 }

```

### 3.8 Containers

`\newFRMcontainer` Parameter list:  
#1 container id  
#2 init code  
#3 apply code

We store the current settings for restore at the beginning of the init code. Moreover, we use the hook to let `\newFRMfield` also define the `\set...` shortcut afterwards.

```

278 \long\def\newFRMcontainer#1#2#3{%
279 \FRM@storeappearance{con@#1}%
280 \newenvironment{#1}{%
281 \let\new@FRMcontainerhook=\new@FRMfieldspecials
282 \FRM@restoreappearance{con@#1}#2}{#3}
283 }

```

Seems to be a convention:

```
284 \endinput
```

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