

smultiling.sty: Multilinguality Support for \TeX

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Abstract

The `smultiling` package is part of the \TeX collection, a version of $\text{\TeX}/\text{\LaTeX}$ that allows to markup $\text{\TeX}/\text{\LaTeX}$ documents semantically without leaving the document format, essentially turning $\text{\TeX}/\text{\LaTeX}$ into a document format for mathematical knowledge management (MKM).

The `smultiling` package adds multilinguality support for \TeX , the idea is that multilingual modules in \TeX consist of a module signature together with multiple language bindings that inherit symbols from it, which also account for cross-language coordination.

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1 Introduction

We have been using \TeX as the encoding for the Semantic Multilingual Glossary of Mathematics (SMGloM; see [IanJucKoh:sps14]). The SMGloM data model has been taxing the representational capabilities of \TeX with respect to multilingual support and verbalization definitions; see [Koh14], which we assume as background reading for this note.

1.1 \TeX Module Signatures

(monolingual) \TeX had the intuition that the symbol definitions ($\text{\textbackslash symdef}$ and $\text{\textbackslash symvariant}$) are interspersed with the text and we generate \TeX module signatures (SMS $\ast.\text{sms}$ files) from the \TeX files. The SMS duplicate “formal” information from the “narrative” \TeX files. In the SMGloM, we extend this idea by making the the SMS primary objects that contain the language-independent part of the formal structure conveyed by the \TeX documents and there may be multiple narrative “language bindings” that are translations of each other – and as we do not want to duplicate the formal parts, those are inherited from the SMS rather than written down in the language binding itself. So instead of the traditional monolingual markup in Figure 1, we we now advocate the divided style in Figure 2.

```
\begin{module}[id=foo]
\symdef{bar}{BAR}
\begin{definition}[for=bar]
  A \defiii{big}{array}{raster} ( $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ) is a\ldots, it is much bigger
  than a \defiii[sar]{small}{array}{raster}.
\end{definition}
\end{module}
```

Example 1: A module with definition in monolingual \TeX

We retain the old `module` environment as an intermediate stage. It is still useful for monolingual texts. Note that for files with a module, we still have to extract $\ast.\text{sms}$ files. It is not completely clear yet, how to adapt the workflows. We clearly need a `lmh` or editor command that transfers an old-style module into a new-style signature/binding combo to prepare it for multilingual treatment.

2 The User Interface

`langfiles` The `smultiling` package accepts the `langfiles` option that specifies – for a module $\langle mod \rangle$ that the module signature file has the name $\langle mod \rangle.\text{tex}$ and the language bindings of language with the ISO 639 language specifier $\langle lang \rangle$ have the file name $\langle mod \rangle.\langle lang \rangle.\text{tex}$.¹

¹EDNOTE: implement other schemes, e.g. the onefile scheme.

```

\usepackage[english,ngerman]{multiling}
\begin{modsig}{foo}
\symdef{bar}{BAR}
\sympi{sar}
\end{modsig}

\begin{modnl}[creators=miko,primary]{foo}{en}
\begin{definition}
  A \defiii[bar]{big}{array}{raster} ( $\bar{}$ ) is a\ldots, it is much bigger
  than a \defiii[sar]{small}{array}{raster}.
\end{definition}
\end{modnl}

\begin{modnl}[creators=miko]{foo}{de}
\begin{definition}
  Ein \defiii[bar]{gro"ses}{Feld}{Raster} ( $\bar{}$ ) ist ein\ldots, es
  ist viel gr"o"ser als ein \defiii[sar]{kleines}{Feld}{Raster}.
\end{definition}
\end{modnl}

```

Example 2: Multilingual \TeX for Figure 1.

2.1 Multilingual Modules

modsig There the `modsig` environment works exactly like the old `module` environment, only that the `id` attribute has moved into the required argument – anonymous module signatures do not make sense.

modnl The `modnl` environment takes two arguments the first is the name of the module signature it provides language bindings for and the second the ISO 639 language specifier of the content language. We add the `primary` key `modnl`, which can specify the primary language binding (the one the others translate from; and which serves as the reference in case of translation conflicts).²

\sympi There is another difference in the multilingual encoding: All symbols are introduced in the module signature, either by a `\symdef` or the new `\sympi` macro. `\sympi{<name>}` takes a symbol name `<name>` as an argument and reserves that name. The variant `\sympi*{<name>}` declares `<name>` to be a primary symbol; see [Koh14] for a discussion. \TeX provides variants `\symii` and `\symiii` – and their starred versions – for multi-part names.

2.2 Multilingual Definitions and Crossreferencing Terms

We do not need a new infrastructure for defining mathematical concepts, only the realization that symbols are language-independent. So we can use symbols for the coordination of corresponding verbalizations. As the example in Figure 2 already shows, we can just specify the symbol name in the optional argument of the `\defi` macro to establish that the language bindings provide different verbalizations of the same symbol.

²EdNOTE: ©DG: This needs to be implemented in LaTeXML

For multilingual term references the situation is more complex: For single-word verbalizations we could use `\atrefi` for language bindings. Say we have introduced a symbol `foo` in English by `\defi{foo}` and in German by `\defi[foo]{Foo}`. Then we can indeed reference it via `\trefi{foo}` and `\atrefi{Foo}{foo}`. But on the one hand this blurs the distinction between translation and “linguistic variants” and on the other hand does not scale to multi-word compounds as `bar` in Figure 2, which we would have to reference as `\atrefiii{gro"ses Feld Raster}{bar}`. To avoid this, the `smultiling` package provides the new macros `\mtrefi`, `\mtrefii`, and `\mtrefiii` for multilingual references. Using this, we can reference `bar` as `\mtrefiii[?bar]{gro"ses}{Feld}{Raster}`, where we use the (up to three) mandatory arguments to segment the lexical constituents.

`\mtref*`

The first argument is syntactically optional to keep the parallelity to `*def*` `*tref*` it specifies the symbol via its name $\langle name \rangle$ and module name $\langle mod \rangle$ in a MMT URI $\langle mod \rangle ? \langle name \rangle$. Note that MMT URIs can be relative:

1. `foo?bar` denotes the symbol `bar` from module `foo`
2. `foo` the module `foo` (the symbol name is induced from the remaining arguments of `\mtref*`)
3. `?bar` specifies symbol `bar` from the current module

Note that the number suffix `i`/`ii`/`iii` indicates the number of words in the actual language binding, not in the symbol name as in `\atref*`.

2.3 Multilingual Views

`viewsig`

Views receive a similar treatment as modules in the `smultiling` package. A multilingual view consists of a view signature marked up with the `viewsig` environment. This takes three required arguments: a view name, the source module, and the target module. The optional first argument is for metadata (display, title, creators, and contributors) and load information (frompath, fromrepos, topath, and torepos).³

```
\begin{viewsig}[creators=miko,]{norm-metric}{metric-space}{norm}
  \vassign{base-set}{base-set}
  \vassign{metric}{\funcdot{x,y}{\norm{x-y}}}
\end{viewsig}
```

Views have language bindings just as modules do, in our case, we have

```
\begin{gviewnl}[creators=miko]{norm-metric}{en}{norm}{metric-space}
  \obligation{metric-space}{obl.norm-metric.en}
  \begin{assertion}[type=obligation,id=obl.norm-metric.en]
    $\defeq{d(x,y)}{\norm{x-y}}$ is a \trefii[metric-space]{distance}{function}
  \end{assertion}
  \begin{sproof}[for=obl.norm-metric.en]
    {we prove the three conditions for a distance function:}
```

³EDNOTE: MK: that does not work yet, what we describe here is `mhviewig`; we need to refactor further.

```
...
\end{sproof}
\end{gviewnl}
```

3 Implementation

The general preamble for L^AT_EXML

```

1 <*txml>
2 # -*- CPERL -*-
3 package LaTeXML::Package::Pool;
4 use strict;
5 use LaTeXML::Package;
6 </txml>

```

3.1 Class Options

```

7 <*sty>
8 \newif\if@langfiles\@langfilesfalse
9 \DeclareOption{langfiles}{\@langfilestrue}
10 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{modules}}
11 \ProcessOptions
12 </sty>
13 <*txml>
14 DeclareOption('langfiles',sub {AssignValue('smultiling_langfiles',1,'global')});
15 DeclareOption(undef,sub {PassOptions('modules','sty',ToString(Digest(T_CS('\CurrentOption'))));
16 ProcessOptions();
17 </txml>

```

We load the packages referenced here.

```

18 <*sty>
19 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
20 \RequirePackage{modules}
21 </sty>
22 <*txml>
23 RequirePackage('modules');
24 </txml>

```

3.2 Signatures

modsig The `modsig` environment is just a layer over the `module` environment. We also redefine macros that may occur in module signatures so that they do not create markup.

```

25 <txml>RawTeX('
26 <*sty | txml>
27 \newenvironment{modsig}[2][]{%
28 \def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty\begin{module}[id=#2]\else\begin{module}[id=#2,#1]\fi}
29 {\end{module}}

```

viewsig The `viewsig` environment is just a layer over the `view` environment with the keys suitably adapted.

```

30 \newenvironment{viewsig}[4][]{\def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty%
31 \begin{view}[id=#2,ext=tex]{#3}{#4}\else\begin{view}[id=#2,#1,ext=tex]{#3}{#4}\fi}
32 {\end{view}}

```

`mhviewsig` The `mhviewsig` environment is just a layer over the `mhview` environment with the keys suitably adapted.

```
33 \newenvironment{mhviewsig}[4][\def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty%
34 \begin{mhview}[id=#2,ext=tex]{#3}{#4}\else\begin{mhview}[id=#2,#1,ext=tex]{#3}{#4}\fi}
35 {\end{mhview}}
36 \langle*sty | ltxml\rangle
37 \langle ltxml\rangle');
```

`\@sym*` has a starred form for primary symbols.

```
38 \langle*sty\rangle
39 \newcommand\syml{\ifstar\@syml@star\@syml}
40 \newcommand\@syml[1]{\if@importing\else Symbol: \textsf{#1}\fi}
41 \newcommand\@syml@star[1]{\if@importing\else Primary Symbol: \textsf{#1}\fi}
42 \newcommand\symlif{\ifstar\@symlif@star\@symlif}
43 \newcommand\@symlif[2]{\if@importing\else Symbol: \textsf{#1-#2}\fi}
44 \newcommand\@symlif@star[2]{\if@importing\else Primary Symbol: \textsf{#1-#2}\fi}
45 \newcommand\symlifif{\ifstar\@symlifif@star\@symlifif}
46 \newcommand\@symlifif[3]{\if@importing\else Symbol: \textsf{#1-#2-#3}\fi}
47 \newcommand\@symlifif@star[3]{\if@importing\else Primary Symbol: \textsf{#1-#2-#3}\fi}
48 \langle/sty\rangle
49 \langle*ltxml\rangle
50 DefConstructor('\syml OptionalMatch:* {}',
51   "<omdoc:symbol ?#1(role='primary')(role='secondary') name='#2'/>");
52 DefConstructor('\symlif OptionalMatch:* {} {}',
53   "<omdoc:symbol ?#1(role='primary')(role='secondary') name='#2-#3'/>");
54 DefConstructor('\symlifif OptionalMatch:* {} {} {}',
55   "<omdoc:symbol ?#1(role='primary')(role='secondary') name='#2-#3-#4'/>");
56 \langle/ltxml\rangle
```

3.3 Language Bindings

`modnl:*`

```
57 \langle*sty\rangle
58 \addmetakey{modnl}{load}
59 \addmetakey*{modnl}{title}
60 \addmetakey*{modnl}{creators}
61 \addmetakey*{modnl}{contributors}
62 \addmetakey{modnl}{srccite}
63 \addmetakey{modnl}{primary}[yes]
64 \langle/sty\rangle
65 \langle*ltxml\rangle
66 DefKeyVal('modnl','title','Semiverbatim');
67 DefKeyVal('modnl','load','Semiverbatim');
68 DefKeyVal('modnl','creators','Semiverbatim');
69 DefKeyVal('modnl','contributors','Semiverbatim');
70 DefKeyVal('modnl','primary','Semiverbatim');
71 \langle/ltxml\rangle
```

modnl The modnl environment is just a layer over the module environment and the \importmodule macro with the keys and language suitably adapted.

```

72 <*sty>
73 \newenvironment{modnl}[3][\metasetkeys{modnl}{#1}%
74 \def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty\begin{module}[id=#2.#3]\else\begin{module}[id=#2.#3,#1]\fi%
75 \if@langfiles\importmodule[load=#2,ext=tex]{#2}\else
76 \ifx\modnl@load\@empty\importmodule{#2}\else\importmodule[ext=tex,load=\modnl@load]{#2}\fi%
77 \fi}
78 {\end{module}}
79 </sty>
80 <*ltxml>
81 DefEnvironment('{modnl} OptionalKeyVals:modnl {}{}',
82     "?#excluded()(<omdoc:theory xml:id='#2.#3'>"
83     . "??&defined(&GetKeyVal(#1,'creators'))(<dc:creator>&GetKeyVal(#1,'creators')</dc:cr
84     . "??&defined(&GetKeyVal(#1,'title'))(<dc:title>&GetKeyVal(#1,'title')</dc:title>())"
85     . "??&defined(&GetKeyVal(#1,'contributors'))(<dc:contributor>&GetKeyVal(#1,'contribut
86     . "<omdoc:imports from='?&GetKeyVal(#1,'load')(&canonical_omdoc_path(&GetKeyVal(#1,'
87     . "#body"
88     . "</omdoc:theory>)",
89     afterDigestBegin=>sub {
90     my ($stomach, $whatsit) = @_;
91     my $keyval = $whatsit->getArg(1);
92     my $signature = ToString($whatsit->getArg(2));
93     my $language = ToString($whatsit->getArg(3));
94     if ($keyval) {
95     # If we're not given load, AND the langfiles option is in effect,
96     # default to #2
97     if ((! $keyval->getValue('load')) && (LookupValue('smultiling_langfiles')) {
98     $keyval->setValue('load',$signature); }
99     # Always load a TeX file
100    $keyval->setValue('ext','tex');
101    AssignValue('modnl_signature',$signature);
102    $keyval->setValue('id',"$signature.$language"); }
103    module_afterDigestBegin(@_);
104    importmoduleI(@_);
105    AssignValue(multiling => 1);
106    return; },
107    afterDigest =>\&module_afterDigest );
108 </ltxml>%$

```

mhmodnl:*

```

109 <*sty>
110 \addmetakey{mhmodnl}{repos}
111 \addmetakey{mhmodnl}{path}
112 \addmetakey*{mhmodnl}{title}
113 \addmetakey*{mhmodnl}{creators}
114 \addmetakey*{mhmodnl}{contributors}
115 \addmetakey{mhmodnl}{srccite}
116 \addmetakey{primary}{mhmodnl}[yes]

```



```

117 </sty>
118 <*ltxml>
119 DefKeyVal('mhmodnl','title','Semiverbatim');
120 DefKeyVal('mhmodnl','repos','Semiverbatim');
121 DefKeyVal('mhmodnl','path','Semiverbatim');
122 DefKeyVal('mhmodnl','creators','Semiverbatim');
123 DefKeyVal('mhmodnl','contributors','Semiverbatim');
124 DefKeyVal('mhmodnl','primary','Semiverbatim');
125 </ltxml>

```

mhmodnl The **mhmodnl** environment is just a layer over the module environment and the **\importmhmodule** macro with the keys and language suitably adapted.

```

126 <*sty>
127 \newenvironment{mhmodnl}[3][\metasetkeys{mhmodnl}{#1}%
128 \def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty\begin{module}[id=#2.#3]\else\begin{module}[id=#2.#3,#1]\fi%
129 \edef\@repos{\ifx\mhmodnl@repos\@empty\mh@currentrepos\else\mhmodnl@repos}
130 \if@langfiles\importmhmodule[repos=\@repos,load=#2,ext=tex]{#2}\else
131 \ifx\mhmodnl@load\@empty\importmodule{#2}\else\importmodule[ext=tex,load=\mhmodnl@load]{#2}\fi%
132 \fi}
133 {\end{module}}
134 </sty>
135 <*ltxml>
136 DefEnvironment('{mhmodnl} OptionalKeyVals:mhmodnl {}{}',
137     "?#excluded()(<omdoc:theory xml:id='#2.#3' >"
138     . "?&defined(&GetKeyVal(#1,'creators'))(<dc:creator>&GetKeyVal(#1,'creators')</dc:cr
139     . "?&defined(&GetKeyVal(#1,'title'))(<dc:title>&GetKeyVal(#1,'title')</dc:title>())"
140     . "?&defined(&GetKeyVal(#1,'contributors'))(<dc:contributor>&GetKeyVal(#1,'contribut
141     . "<omdoc:imports from=?&GetKeyVal(#1,'load')(&canonical_omdoc_path(&GetKeyVal(#1,'
142     . "#body"
143     . "</omdoc:theory>)",
144     afterDigestBegin=>sub {
145     my ($stomach, $whatsit) = @_;
146     my $keyval = $whatsit->getArg(1);
147     my $signature = ToString($whatsit->getArg(2));
148     my $language = ToString($whatsit->getArg(3));
149     my $repos = ToString(GetKeyVal($keyval,'torepos'));
150     my $current_repos = LookupValue('current_repos');
151     if (!$repos) { $repos = $current_repos; }
152     my $defpaths = LookupValue('defpath');
153     my $load_path = ($$defpaths{MathHub}).$repos.'/source/'.$signature;
154
155     if ($keyval) {
156     # If we're not given load, AND the langfiles option is in effect,
157     # default to #2
158     if ((! $keyval->getValue('path')) && (LookupValue('smultiling_langfiles')) {
159     $keyval->setValue('load',$load_path); }
160     # Always load a TeX file
161     $keyval->setValue('ext','tex');
162     $keyval->setValue('id',"$signature.$language"); }
163     module_afterDigestBegin(@_);

```

```

164   importmoduleI(@_);
165   return; },
166   afterDigest=>sub {
167     module_afterDigest(@_); }
168 </lxml>%$

```

EdN:4

viewnl The **viewnl** environment is just a layer over the **viewsketch** environment with the keys and language suitably adapted.⁴

```

169 <lxml>RawTeX('
170 <*sty | lxml>
171 \newenvironment{viewnl}[5][\def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty%
172 \begin{viewsketch}[id=#2.#3,ext=tex]{#4}{#5}\else%
173 \begin{viewsketch}[id=#2.#3,#1,ext=tex]{#4}{#5}\fi}
174 {\end{viewsketch}}

```

EdN:5

mhviewnl The **mhviewnl** environment is just a layer over the **mhviewsketch** environment with the keys and language suitably adapted.⁵

```

175 \newenvironment{mhviewnl}[5][\def\@test{#1}\ifx\@test\@empty%
176 \begin{mhviewsketch}[id=#2.#3,ext=tex]{#4}{#5}\else%
177 \begin{mhviewsketch}[id=#2.#3,#1,ext=tex]{#4}{#5}\fi}
178 {\end{mhviewsketch}}
179 </sty | lxml>
180 <lxml>');

```

3.4 Multilingual Statements and Terms

\mtref* we first first define an auxiliary conditional **\@instring** that checks if ? is in the first argument. **\mtrefi** uses it, if there is one, it just calls **\termref**, otherwise it calls **\@mtrefi**, which assembles the **\termref** after splitting at the ?.

```

181 <lxml>RawTeX('
182 <*sty | lxml>
183 \def\@instring#1#2{TT\fi\begin{group}\edef\x{\end{group}\noexpand\in@{#1}{#2}}\x\ifin@}
184 \newcommand\mtrefi[2][\if\@instring{?}{#1}\@mtref #1\relax{#2}\else\termref[cd=#1]{#2}\fi}
185 \def\@mtref#1?#2\relax{\termref[cd=#1,name=#2]}
186 \newcommand\mtrefis[2][\mtrefi[#1]{#2s}]
187 \newcommand\mtrefii[3][\mtrefi[#1]{#2 #3}]
188 \newcommand\mtrefiiis[3][\mtrefi[#1]{#2 #3s}]
189 \newcommand\mtrefiii[4][\mtrefi[#1]{#2 #3 #4}]
190 \newcommand\mtrefiiis[4][\mtrefi[#1]{#2 #3 #4s}]
191 </sty | lxml>
192 <lxml>');

```

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3.5 Finale

Finally, we need to terminate the file with a success mark for perl.

```
193 <ltxml>1;
```

3.6 Miscellaneneous

the `\ttl` macro (to-translate) is used to mark untranslated stuff. We need a better L^AT_EX treatment of this eventually that is integrated with MathHub.info.

```
\ttl
```

```
194 <ltxml>RawTeX(<'  
195 <*sty | ltxml>  
196 \newcommand\ttl[1]{\red{TTL: #1}}  
197 </sty | ltxml>  
198 <ltxml>'>;
```

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