

# The **typed-checklist** package\*

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## Abstract

The main goal of the `typed-checklist` package is to provide means for typesetting checklists in a way that stipulates users to explicitly distinguish checklists for goals, for tasks, for artifacts, and for milestones – i.e., the *type* of checklist entries. The intention behind this is that a user of the package is coerced to think about what kind of entries he/she adds to the checklist. This shall yield a clearer result and, in the long run, help with training to distinguish entries of different types.

## 1 Motivation and Disambiguation

The development of this package was driven with two goals in mind:

1. having a package with which one can easily typeset checklists and in a way that separates content from layout;
2. having a thinking tool that helps distinguishing between goals and tasks.

The first goal felt natural to me since from time to time I manage checklists in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X documents, mostly because I like it when the result looks typeset nicely. The second goal arose from an observation about some of my own checklists as well as checklists created by others: Quite frequently, the checklists mixed goals and tasks or had goals formulated as tasks and vice versa. As a consequence, the checklists were formulated unnecessarily unclear and were more difficult to understand by others.

This package approaches particularly the second goal by providing checklists with a *type*. A checklist of a particular type shall then only contain entries of this type.

While the package allows one to define custom checklist types (see [Section 4](#)), it comes with four basic types: Artifact, Goal, Milestone, and Task. In this documentation, the terms “artifact”, “goal”, “milestone”, and “task” will be used along the lines of the following definitions (highlights added):

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- artifact:** – “An **object** made or shaped by human hand.” ([Wiktionary](#))
- goal:** – “An observable and measurable **end result** having one or more objectives to be achieved within a more or less fixed timeframe.” ([BusinessDictionary.com](#))  
– “the **end** toward which effort is directed” ([Merriam-Webster](#))  
– “The object of a person’s ambition or effort; an aim or desired **result**” ([Oxford Dictionaries](#))  
– “A **result** that one is attempting to achieve.” ([Wiktionary](#))
- milestone:** – “An important event [...] in the life of some project” ([Wiktionary](#))
- task:** – “a usually assigned **piece of work** often to be finished within a certain time” ([Merriam-Webster](#))  
– “A **piece of work** done as part of one’s duties.” ([Wiktionary](#))

We could connect the four terms as follows. Typically, the “piece of work” that constitutes a task is performed for achieving some goal. One can also say that a goal serves as a reference point for why and how one should perform certain tasks. A goal can be that a particular artifact or set of artifacts is available at some point in time. A milestone is a group of goals whose achievement is of importance for something bigger. These connections suggest that nesting different types of checklists is reasonable – and it is supported by the typed-checklist package.

## 2 Recommendations for Structuring Checklists

The typed-checklist package allows checklists of different types as well as of identical types to be nested. That is, within a checklist, another checklist can be placed. The following list discusses some combinations of nested checklist types and provides some recommendations of what types could be nested for particular purposes and what types should better not be nested.

1. tasks in goals . . . . . ✓  
This nesting combination could be used for listing tasks whose accomplishment would lead to the satisfaction of the superordinated goal.
2. goals in goals . . . . . ✓  
This nesting combination could be used for explicitly listing sub-goals (and sub-sub-goals and ...) to a goal. That is, using this nesting combination you can express the result of breaking down goals into sub-goals. Used reasonably, this nesting should be used in a way that the sub-goals, when achieved, yield the superordinated goal to be achieved (at least with high probability and/or to a significant extent).
3. tasks in tasks . . . . . ✓  
This nesting combination could be used for listing all sub-tasks to a task. That is, using this nesting combination you can express the result of breaking down tasks into sub-tasks.

4. goals in milestones . . . . . ✓  
This nesting combination could be used for listing all goals that must be achieved, at a particular date, for calling a milestone achieved.
5. artifacts in milestones . . . . . ✓  
This nesting combination could be used for listing all artifacts that must exist, at a particular date, for calling a milestone achieved.
6. goals in tasks . . . . . ☠  
This nesting lacks a clearly recognizable meaning. The use of this kind of nesting might be an indicator for a misunderstanding of goals or tasks, or it might be the result of too vague formulations of goals or tasks that do not reveal that something is wrong in the planning.
7. milestones in milestones . . . . . ☠  
A milestone, as cited, is an important event. Having sub-milestones would blur the notion of important events by introducing multiple levels of important events. Instead of nesting milestones, one could nest goals or artifacts in milestones to express intermediate stages of a milestone.

### 3 Basic Usage

The following example demonstrates a basic use of the package.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{typed-checklist}
\begin{document}
\begin{CheckList}{Goal}
\Goal{open}{I have a trendy haircut}
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
\Task{done}{find a hairdresser}
\Task{started}{make an appointment}
\Task{open}{go to the hairdresser}
\end{CheckList}
\Goal{achieved}{I have a typed checklist}
\end{CheckList}
\end{document}
```

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="radio"/> I have a trendy haircut                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> find a hairdresser       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> make an appointment                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> go to the hairdresser               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have a typed checklist |

The example contains a checklist for goals and the first goal contains a checklist for tasks. Checklist entries have a status and a description. In the typeset result, the checklist type is reflected by a basic symbol (an empty circle for a goal and an empty box for a task) that is decorated depending on the status (e.g., with a check mark). The entry's description is shown next to the symbol.

#### 3.1 Checklists

```
\begin{CheckList} [<options>] {<type>}
\end{CheckList}
```

Checklists are created via the `CheckList` environment. The `<type>` parameter determines the type of all checklist entries in the environment. The `typed-checklist`

package comes with four predefined types: Goal, Task, Artifact, and Milestone. Each of the types comes with a macro of the same name as the type. With this macro, the entries of the checklist can be created.

The  $\langle options \rangle$  can be a comma-separated list of  $\langle key \rangle=\langle value \rangle$  pairs. Table 2 on page 7 shows the keys and possible values that can be set.

Defaults for checklist options can also be specified globally, either through package options or through the `\CheckListSet` macro.

```
\CheckListSet{\langle options-list \rangle}
```

This macro takes a comma-separated  $\langle options \rangle$  list and sets these options for all subsequent checklists.

A checklist can be viewed as a list of entries (even if the layout is actually tabular). The macros for creating the entries are described next.

## 3.2 Checklist Entries

```
\Goal[\langle options \rangle]{\langle status \rangle}{\langle description \rangle}
```

Inside a checklist of type Goal, the `\Goal` macro specifies a goal. Every goal comes at least with a  $\langle description \rangle$  and a  $\langle status \rangle$ . The  $\langle description \rangle$  can, technically, be anything that is displayable in the given checklist layout. However, for the purpose of a meaningful checklist, the  $\langle description \rangle$  should be a clear description of a goal in a full sentence<sup>1</sup>. The  $\langle status \rangle$  parameter selects the most recent known status of the goal. This parameter can assume any of the following values<sup>2</sup>:

achieved	This value specifies that the goal has been achieved. Depending on how the $\langle description \rangle$ was formulated, this might mean that in the respective situation the $\langle description \rangle$ is a true statement.
dropped	This value specifies that the goal was a goal once but is no longer a goal that shall be pursued. This value allows one to preserve historical information about a checklist.
unclear	This value specifies that the goal somehow exists but is not yet clear enough to those who pursue the goal (or: who typeset the checklist) for actually pursuing the goal.
open	This value specifies the negation of all aforementioned values. That is, the goal is clear but neither achieved yet nor dropped.

The  $\langle options \rangle$  allow one to specify further details about the goal. The  $\langle options \rangle$  must be a possibly empty, comma-separated list of  $\langle key \rangle=\langle value \rangle$  pairs. The  $\langle key \rangle$  must be one of the following values<sup>3</sup>:

who	This option declares who is responsible for making sure the checklist entry is addressed. Remember to put the value in curly braces if it contains commas.
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<sup>1</sup>Incomplete sentences tend to be less clear.

<sup>2</sup>See Section 4.1 to find out how custom states can be defined

<sup>3</sup>See Section 4.2 to find out how custom  $\langle key \rangle$ s can be defined.

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deadline	This option declares a deadline for the checklist entry, i.e., a date until which the entry must be addressed at latest. The format for specifying deadlines is determined by the checklist options <code>input-dates</code> and <code>strict-dates</code> .
label	This option declares a label name for the checklist entry. This is analogous to the <code>\label</code> macro of L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X. The entry's label is displayed next to the entry. A reference to a labeled checklist entry can be made using the <code>\ref</code> macro of L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X.

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### `\Task[<options>]{<status>}{<description>}`

Inside a checklist of type Task, the `\Task` macro specifies a task. Every task comes at least with a `<description>` and a `<status>`. The `<description>` can, technically, be anything that is displayable in the given checklist layout. However, for the purpose of a meaningful checklist, the `<description>` should be a clear description of a task in a full sentence, possibly in imperative form. The `<options>` parameter can be set as documented for the `\Goal` macro on page 4. The `<status>` parameter selects the most recent known status of the task. This parameter can assume any of the following values:

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open	This value specifies that the task is still planned but has not yet been started.
dropped	This value specifies that the task was originally planned but is no longer part of the plan.
unclear	This value specifies that the task itself or its current status is unclear.
started	This value specifies that someone has started to perform the task, but has not finished yet.
done	This value specifies that someone has accomplished the task. Depending on the clarity and level of detail of the <code>&lt;description&gt;</code> , whether accomplishing the task yielded a meaningful outcome might be more or less subjective to the person who accomplished the task.

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### `\Artifact[<options>]{<status>}{<description>}`

Inside a checklist of type Artifact, the `\Artifact` macro specifies an artifact. Every artifact comes at least with a `<description>` and a `<status>`. The `<description>` can, technically, be anything that is displayable in the given checklist layout. However, for the purpose of a meaningful checklist, the `<description>` should be a clear identification of the artifact and its required attributes. The `<status>` parameter selects the most recent known status of the artifact. This parameter can assume any of the following values:

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missing	This value specifies that the artifact is missing yet.
dropped	This value specifies that the artifact was originally planned but is no longer part of the plan.
unclear	This value specifies that the artifact itself or its current status is unclear.

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incomplete	This value specifies that some non-negligible parts of the artifact exist but the artifact does not yet exist in its final form.
available	This value specifies that the artifact exists and available.

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\Milestone [*options*] {*status*} {*description*}

Inside a checklist of type `Milestone`, the `\Milestone` macro specifies a milestone. Every milestone comes at least with a *description* and a *status*. The *description* can, technically, be anything that is displayable in the given checklist layout. However, for the purpose of a meaningful checklist, the *description* should be a clear identification of what has to exist or must have been fulfilled. The *status* parameter selects the most recent known status of the milestone. This parameter can assume any of the following values:

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open	This value specifies that the milestone has not yet been achieved.
achieved	This value specifies that the milestone has been achieved.

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### 3.3 Comprehensive Example

The example in [Listing 1](#) on page [8](#) shows the use of nested checklists and the use of various checklist and entry options. The example deliberately mixes different date formats for the sake of demonstration, but this should normally be avoided as it reduces legibility.

## 4 Customized Checklists

The `typed-checklist` package comes with a set of layouts, checklist types, checklist entry states, and checklist entry options. These together shall provide everything needed for typesetting even checklists with complex structures. When the default is not enough, you can use the macros described in this section for creating your own layouts, types, states, and options.

### 4.1 Defining Checklist Types and Entry States

\CheckListAddType{*type*} {*symbol*}

Using this macro, you can add a new checklist type. The name of the type, i.e., the name that can be used as argument to the `CheckList` environment, is specified by *type*. The basic symbol of entries belonging to this checklist type will be *symbol* (e.g., an empty box or circle). All status-symbols (see [Section 4.1](#)) are drawn on top of *symbol*. Note that the `typed-checklist` package uses this macro also for creating each of the four default checklist types.

\CheckListAddStatus{*types*} {*status*} {*isclosed*} {*symbol*}

Using this macro, you can add a new checklist entry status for selected checklist types. The name of the status to define is specified by the *status* argument. The

Key	Description and Possible Values	Default
layout	This selects the default checklist layout. Allowed values are all known layout names, including the pre-defined ‘list’, ‘table’, ‘hidden’. In list layout, each entry is a list item. In table layout, each entry is a row and the checklist is a table (see <a href="#">Section 6.2</a> for how to change which table environment is used). The hidden layout does not display the checklist and its entries.	list
input-dates	This option specifies the format of deadlines that checklist entries expect. Allowed values are ‘d.m.y’, ‘m/d/y’, and ‘y-m-d’ – with the intuitive meaning.	d.m.y
output-dates	This option specifies the format in which deadline dates are displayed. Allowed values are: ‘d.m.y’, ‘m/d/y’, ‘y-m-d’: These format dates in the indicated order of day, month, and year. ‘d.m.yy’, ‘m/d/yy’, ‘yy-m-d’: These are analogous to their counterparts with a single ‘y’, but use a two-digit display of the year (i.e., the century is stripped away). ‘d.m.’, ‘m/d’, ‘m-d’: These format dates in the indicated order, showing only month and day of the month. ‘same’: With same, deadlines are output in the same format in which they are specified. ‘datetime’: With datetime, the <code>datetime2</code> package is used for displaying deadlines. The package must be loaded manually.	same
strict-dates	This option specifies whether deadlines must adhere to the input date format (as specified via the input-dates key) or can deviate. Allowed values are ‘true’ and ‘false’.	false

Table 2: Options for CheckList environments (and \CheckListSet)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y1K problems are resolved.	31.12.999												
<input type="radio"/> Y2K problems are resolved. .... (John)	31.12.1999												
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Status</th><th>Description</th><th>Who</th><th>Deadline</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td>(Task i) Repair all programs</td><td>John</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Just turn off all computers, if Task i fails</td><td>Mankind</td><td>December 31, 1999</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Status	Description	Who	Deadline		(Task i) Repair all programs	John		<input type="checkbox"/>	Just turn off all computers, if Task i fails	Mankind	December 31, 1999	
Status	Description	Who	Deadline										
	(Task i) Repair all programs	John											
<input type="checkbox"/>	Just turn off all computers, if Task i fails	Mankind	December 31, 1999										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y65K problems are resolved.	31.12.65535												
<input type="checkbox"/> (Task ii) Build Y65K-proof time machine.	≈ 2500AD												
<input type="checkbox"/> Use time machine from Task ii if problem persists.	12/31/65535												
<pre>\DTMsetregional% remember \usepackage{datetime2} \CheckListSet{strict-dates,input-dates=d.m.y,output-dates=same} \begin{CheckList}{Goal} \Goal[deadline=31.12.999]{achieved}{Y1K problems are resolved.} \Goal[who=John,deadline=31.12.1999]{open}{Y2K problems are resolved.} \begin{CheckList}[layout=table,output-dates=datetime]{Task} \Task[who=John,label=Fix1]{started}{Repair all programs} \Task[who=Mankind,deadline=31.12.1999] \begin{CheckList}{Goal} \Goal[deadline=31.12.65535]{unclear}{Y65K problems are resolved.} \begin{CheckList}[strict-dates=false,output-dates=m/d/y]{Task} \Task[deadline=\$\approx 2500AD\$,label=TM] \begin{CheckList}{Goal} \Goal[deadline=31.12.65535]{open}{Build Y65K-proof time machine.} \Task[deadline=31.12.65535] \begin{CheckList}{Goal} \Goal[deadline=31.12.65535]{open}{Use time machine from \ref{TM} if problem persists.} \end{CheckList} \end{CheckList} \end{CheckList} \end{CheckList} \end{CheckList}</pre>													

Listing 1: Comprehensive checklist example

checklist types to which the status is added, are provided by the `<types>` argument, a comma-separated list. The `<symbol>` is L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X code of a symbol that is put on top of the checklist type's symbol. The `<isclosed>` parameter must be one of true or false. A value of true indicates that the status of the entry corresponds to the entry being closed. This particularly means that no warning will be shown if the deadline of an entry with this status is passed. A value of false for `<isclosed>` indicates that the `<status>` corresponds to the entry not yet being closed. Note that the `typed-checklist` package uses this macro also for creating the provided states of the four default checklist types.

**Example** The following example shows how to define a ‘bug’ type.

- |   |
|---|
|  program crashes when started after 31.12.65535<br> progress bar flawed when duration above 136.2 years . . . . . (C++ Team)<br> help screen crashes when F1 is pressed . . . . . (Test Team)<br> fancy splash screen missing |
|---|

```
\CheckListAddType{Bug}{\textcolor{lightgray}{\FourStar}}
\CheckListAddStatus{Bug}{new}{false}{\textcolor{red}{\FourStar}}
\CheckListAddStatus{Bug}{assigned}{false}{\textcolor{yellow!75!red}{\FourStar}}
\CheckListAddStatus{Bug}{resolved}{true}{\textcolor{green}{\FourStar}}
\CheckListAddStatus{Bug}{closed}{true}{\Checkmark}

\begin{CheckList}{Bug}
  \Bug{new}{program crashes when started after 31.12.65535}
  \Bug[who=C++ Team]{assigned}{progress bar flawed when duration above 136.2 years}
  \Bug[who=Test Team]{resolved}{help screen crashes when F1 is pressed}
  \Bug[closed]{fancy splash screen missing}
\end{CheckList}
```

## 4.2 Defining Checklist Layouts

```
\CheckListDeclareLayout{<name>}{<fields>}{{<begin>}}{<end>}
```

Using this macro, you can add a new checklist layout. The `<begin>` and `<end>` part is similar to a `\newenvironment`. The `<fields>` must be a comma-separated list of field names. A field name can be one of the following:

1. the name of an entry property (e.g., ‘status’, ‘description’, ‘deadline’, or ‘who’),
2. the concatenation of multiple entry properties, separated by a ‘+’ (e.g., ‘deadline+status’), or
3. a fresh name that does not correspond to an entry property.

When one or multiple entry properties are referenced in a field name (cases 1 and 2), then the `<code>` argument to `\CheckListDefineFieldFormat` gets the properties’ values as arguments when invoked.

```
\CheckListDefineFieldFormat{<layout>}{<field>}{<code>}
```

After the new type has been added, for each field in the comma-separated `<fields>`, this macro must be used to define how a field is formatted. The `<code>` can take

one or more arguments. If the  $\langle field \rangle$  does not contain a ‘+’, the  $\langle code \rangle$  can take one argument, through which the value of the respective entry property is passed to  $\langle code \rangle$ . If  $\langle field \rangle$  concatenates multiple property names with a ‘+’, then the number of arguments equals the number of names in  $\langle field \rangle$  and the properties are passed in the given order.

`\CheckListExtendLayout{\langle name \rangle}{\langle base \rangle}{\langle fields \rangle}`

Using this macro, you can extend an existing checklist layout. Afterwards, the layout  $\langle name \rangle$  is available. This layout takes the  $\langle begin \rangle$  and  $\langle end \rangle$  code from the  $\langle base \rangle$  layout. Moreover, all fields defined by the  $\langle base \rangle$  layout can be used in the  $\langle fields \rangle$  parameter of the new layout. However, additional fields can be defined and the format of the fields for the new layout can be overwritten via `\CheckListDefineFieldFormat`.

**Auxiliary Macros** The following macros can be used in the definition of field formats.

`\CheckListStatusSymbol{\langle status \rangle}`

The macro expands to the defined symbol for the given  $\langle status \rangle$ , i.e., the overlay between the checklist type’s base symbol and the entry status’ symbol.

`\CheckListSigned[\langle core \rangle]{\langle text \rangle}`

The macro displays  $\langle text \rangle$  in a right-aligned fashion with a dotted leader to  $\langle text \rangle$ . This is similar to the display of page numbers in some table of content formats. The display takes place only if  $\langle text \rangle$  is non-empty. If  $\langle core \rangle$  is given,  $\langle core \rangle$  is instead used in the emptiness check.

`\CheckListDefaultLabel{\langle label \rangle}`

This macro sets  $\langle label \rangle$  as the label for the current entry, based on the default checklist counter. It corresponds to a `\refstepcounter` on the checklist counter and a subsequent `\label{\langle label \rangle}`.

`\CheckListDisplayDeadline{\langle status \rangle}{\langle deadline \rangle}`

This macro displays  $\langle deadline \rangle$  depending on the given entry’s  $\langle status \rangle$  and the current date. Internally, for highlighting the deadline, the following macro is used, which can be redefined with `\renewcommand` to change the deadline highlighting.

`\CheckListHighlightDeadline{\langle closed? \rangle}{\langle passed? \rangle}{\langle deadline \rangle}`

This macro formats  $\langle deadline \rangle$  depending on whether the corresponding checklist entry is  $\langle closed? \rangle$  (true or false) and whether  $\langle deadline \rangle$  has already  $\langle passed? \rangle$  (true or false).

**Example** The following example shows how to define an alternative list format.

- |   |                   |                                     |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Y1K problems are resolved. ....                              | <b>31.12.999</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. John: Y2K problems are resolved. ....                        | <b>31.12.1999</b> | <input type="radio"/>               |
| (a) John: Repair all programs                                   |                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| (b) Mankind: Just turn off all computers, if Task 2a fails .... | <b>31.12.1999</b> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

```
\CheckListDeclareLayout{enumlist}{label,who,status,description+deadline+status}
{\bgroup\topsep=\medskipamount\itemsep=0pt\begin{enumerate}}
{\end{enumerate}\egroup}
\CheckListDefineFieldFormat{enumlist}{label}{\item\label{\#1}}
\CheckListDefineFieldFormat{enumlist}{who}{\ifstremptry{\#1}{}{\#1: \#1}}
\CheckListDefineFieldFormat{enumlist}{status}{\normalmarginpar\marginnote
{\CheckListStatusSymbol{\#1}}}
\CheckListDefineFieldFormat{enumlist}{description+deadline+status}
{\#1\CheckListSigned[\#2]{\CheckListDisplayDeadline{\#3}{\#2}}}

\begin{CheckList}[layout=enumlist]{Goal}
\Goal[deadline=31.12.999]{achieved}{Y1K problems are resolved.}
\Goal[who=John,deadline=31.12.1999]{open}{Y2K problems are resolved.}
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
\Task[who=John,label=Fix1]{started}{Repair all programs}
\Task[who=Mankind,deadline=31.12.1999]
{open}{Just turn off all computers, if Task~\ref{Fix1} fails}
\end{CheckList}
\end{CheckList}
\end{CheckList}
```

### 4.3 Adding Entry Options

Checklist entries can be augmented by more than the default fields. Values for these additional fields can be specified as entry options.

```
\CheckListAddEntryOption{\<name>}{\<default>}
```

This macro introduces a new entry option named *<name>* and with the given *<default>* value. The newly introduced option can then be provided to a checklist entry in the same way as the pre-defined options “who” and “label”.

When an entry option is defined, by default it is not displayed. Hence, when introducing a new entry option, one should consider defining a new checklist layout that makes use of the entry option.

The following example shows how to extend a layout for incorporating a custom-defined priority field.

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Important task   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Normal task      |
|  | Unimportant task |

```
\CheckListAddEntryOption{priority}{M}
\usepackage{xcolor}
\colorlet{priocolor-H}{red}
\colorlet{priocolor-M}{black}
\colorlet{priocolor-L}{lightgray}
\CheckListExtendLayout{priolist}{list}{priority+status,label,description,
who,deadline+status,END}
\CheckListDefineFieldFormat{priolist}{priority+status}{%
\item[{\normalfont\textrmcolor{priocolor-#1}\CheckListStatusSymbol{#2}}]}}

\begin{CheckList}[layout=priolist]{Task}
\Task[priority=H]{done}{Important task}
\Task[open]{Normal task}
\Task[priority=L]{started}{Unimportant task}
\end{CheckList}
```

## 5 Filtering Checklists

Filtering out certain checklist entries based on their properties can help keeping the focus on the relevant entries. For this purpose, `typed-checklist` allows one to specify filtering code.

### 5.1 Setting Basic Filters

`\CheckListFilterClosed [<types>]`

This macro sets up a filter that *hides* all checklist entries whose status is closed. Through the optional `<types>` argument, a comma-separated list of checklist types can be specified to which the filter shall be applied. By default, the filter is applied to all defined checklist types.

```
\CheckListFilterClosed
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
\Task[open]{Open task}
\Task[started]{Started task}
\Task[done]{Done task}
\Task[dropped]{Dropped task}
\end{CheckList}
```

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Open task    |
|  | Started task |

`\CheckListFilterValue [<types>] {<field>} {<value>}`

This macro sets up a filter that *hides* all checklist entries whose `<field>` has a value that is unequal `<value>`.

```
\CheckListFilterValue{who}{John}
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
\Task[who=John]{open}{John's task}
\Task[who=Mary]{open}{Mary's task}
\end{CheckList}
```

- |                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | John's task . . . . . (John) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|

```
\CheckListFilterDeadline[<]{<}{<}{<}{<}
```

This macro sets up a filter that filters out checklist entries by their deadline. Only those entries are preserved whose deadline is before (if *<* equals ‘<’), equal (if *<* equals ‘=’), or after (if *<* equals ‘>’) the given *(date)*. The *(date)* must be in the format selected for input dates (see the *input-dates* option). If *(filter-inv)* is true, then checklist entries whose deadline does not obey the format for input dates are filtered out. Otherwise, if *(filter-inv)* is false, these checklist entries are not filtered out.

<input type="checkbox"/> John's task .....	(John)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other task (second time)	

09.11.1989

TBD

```
\CheckListFilterDeadline[<]{01.01.2019}{true}
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
  \Task[who=John,deadline=09.11.1989]{open}{John's task}
  \Task[who=Mary,deadline=01.01.2019]{open}{Mary's task}
  \Task[deadline=TBD]{open}{Other task (first time)}

  \CheckListFilterDeadline[<]{01.01.2019}{false}
  \Task[deadline=TBD]{open}{Other task (second time)}
\end{CheckList}
```

## 5.2 Combining and Resetting Filters

When multiple filter macros are used, the filters are applied one after another to each checklist entry until a filter filters out the entry. Consequentially, all applied filters are combined conjunctively, i.e., only those checklist entries are displayed that satisfy all filters.

When two filters are set up that affect the exact same fields of checklist entries (of the same type), then only the last of these filters becomes effective. The following example demonstrates this as well as the conjunction of filters.

```
\CheckListFilterValue{who}{John}
\CheckListFilterValue[Task]{status}{done}
\CheckListFilterValue[Goal]{status}{achieved}
\CheckListFilterValue{who}{Mary}
\begin{CheckList}{Goal}
  \Goal[who=Mary]{achieved}{Mary's goal}
  \begin{CheckList}{Task}
    \Task[who=John]{done}{John's task}
    \Task[who=Mary]{done}{Mary's task}
    \Task[who=Mary]{open}{Mary's open task}
  \end{CheckList}
\end{CheckList}
\end{CheckList}
```

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary's goal .....	(Mary)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary's task .....	(Mary)

Filters are local to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X group in which they are set up. In particular, if a filter is set up inside an environment, then the filter is no longer effective after the environment.

```
\begin{CheckList}{Goal}
  \Goal[who=Mary]{achieved}{Mary's goal}
    \begin{CheckList}{Task}
      \CheckListFilterValue{who}{Mary}
        \Task[who=Mary]{done}{Mary's task}
        \Task[who=John]{done}{John's task}
    \end{CheckList}
  \Goal[who=John]{achieved}{John's goal}
\end{CheckList}
```

- |                                     |             |       |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mary's goal | ..... | (Mary) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mary's task | ....  | (Mary) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John's goal | ..... | (John) |

\CheckListFilterReset [*types*]

This macro removes all filters. If *types* are given, then only the filters for the checklist types in the comma-separated *types* are removed.

```
\CheckListFilterValue{who}{John}
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
  \Task[who=John]{open}{John's task (1)}
  \Task[who=Mary]{open}{Mary's task (1)}
\end{CheckList}
\CheckListFilterReset[Task]
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
  \Task[who=John]{open}{John's task (2)}
  \Task[who=Mary]{open}{Mary's task (2)}
\end{CheckList}
\begin{CheckList}{Goal}
  \Goal[who=Mary]{achieved}{Mary's goal (3)}
  \Goal[who=John]{achieved}{John's goal (3)}
\end{CheckList}
```

- |                                     |                 |      |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | John's task (1) | .... | (John) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | John's task (2) | .... | (John) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mary's task (2) | .... | (Mary) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John's goal (3) | .... | (John) |

### 5.3 The Generic Filter Interface

Filters can also be set up programmatically.

\CheckListSetFilter [*types*] {*fields*} {*filter-code*}

This macro sets up the *filter-code* for a set of *fields*. The *fields* must be given as a ‘+’-separated list of field names, e.g., “status+who”. The *filter-code* may contain as many positional parameters (#1, ...) as there are fields names in *fields*. When a checklist entry is about to be displayed, the *filter-code* is evaluated, obtaining as arguments the entry’s field values. By default (without any filter set up), all entries are displayed. To disable the display of an entry, the *filter-code* can use \togglefalse{display}. If *types* are given (as a comma-separated list), then the *filter-code* is applied only to checklists of a type in the list.

Examples for how to use the macro can be found in the implementation, e.g., of the macros \CheckListFilterClosed and \CheckListFilterValue.

## 6 Checklists and Other Packages

### 6.1 asciilist

The typed-checklist package can be combined with the asciilist package in the sense that a checklist can be defined within an AsciiList environment. The typed-checklist package provides a syntax for this when the package is loaded with the

withAsciilist=true option. The syntax is illustrated with the following snippet, a transformed version of the example in [Section 3.3](#):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Y1K problems	31.12.999
<input type="radio"/> No Y2K problems ..... (John)	31.12.1999
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Task iii) Repair programs ..... (John)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Just turn off all computers, if Task iii fails ..... (Mankind)	31.12.1999
<input type="radio"/> No Y10K problems	31.12.9999

```
\usepackage[withAsciilist=true]{typed-checklist}
\begin{AsciiList}[GoalList,TaskList]{-,*}
- achieved[deadline=31.12.999]: No Y1K problems
- open[who=John,deadline=31.12.1999]: No Y2K problems
* started[who=John,label=Fix2]: Repair programs
* open[who=Mankind,deadline=31.12.1999]:%
    Just turn off all computers, if \ref{Fix2} fails
- unclear[deadline=31.12.9999]: No Y10K problems
\end{AsciiList}
```

For each checklist type  $\langle type \rangle$  (added by `\CheckListAddType`), an `AsciiList` environment  $\langle type \rangle$ List is automatically created.

Note that currently, a checklist entry in an `AsciiList` environment must fit into a single line *or* each except for the last line is ended with a percent char (as in the above example). Note also that the table layout does not work within an `AsciiList` environment.

## 6.2 Table Packages

The table layout by default uses the `tabu` package for layouting the tables. The default can be changed through the `tablepkg` package option. The following values are available:

ltablex	This option uses the <code>ltablex</code> package.
tabu	This option uses the <code>tabu</code> package, which is the default. That is, specifying this option does not change the package behavior.
tabularx	This option uses the <code>tabularx</code> package from the L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X core. When using this table type, keep in mind that <code>tabularx</code> tables must fit onto a single page.
xltabular	This option uses the <code>xltabular</code> package, a successor of <code>ltablex</code> .

Note: In the future, the default might change if the `tabu` package remains unmaintained.

## 7 Related Packages

The following L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages provide related functionalities to the `typed-checklist` package.

**todo:**

The package allows for typesetting “to-dos”, i.e., tasks in some sense, in a simple way with customizable display. The three main conceptual differences between `todo` and `typed-checklist` are:

1. `todo` does not distinguish between different types (such as goals and tasks);
2. `todo` does not allow one to provide a status for a to-do and rather assumes that done to-dos are simply removed from the document;
3. `todo` aims at specifying tasks for the document into which the to-dos are placed, while `typed-checklist` aims at typesetting checklists whose entries are for more general kinds of projects.

**easy-todo:**

The package is similar in spirit to the `todo` package and shares the main differences to the `typed-checklist` package.

**todonotes:**

The package is similar in spirit to `todo` and `easy-todo`, but provides more formatting options for the to-dos.

**pgfgantt:**

The package allows one to create Gantt charts, i.e., graphical displays of activities and milestones with a focus on time frames. The package allows one to structure the activities into groups. In that sense, there are certain similarities between the packages. The main conceptual difference to `typed-checklist` is the form of presentation (time-centric Gantt chart vs. text-centric lists).

## 8 Limitations and Future Work

- In `twoside` documents, deadlines are currently displayed in the left margin on even pages. The default layout (`list`) does not look good then. This should be repaired. The same problem is with checklist entry labels, which are displayed on the other side.
- In deadlines, the full year (including century) must be provided for the colored highlighting to work. Future versions could check for a two-digit year and automatically prepend “20” for the century.
- The package automatically adds the pre-defined checklist types and states, which might have two draws for some users: firstly, this adds a dependency on symbol packages, which might not work well together with some fonts; secondly, some users might prefer other definitions of the standard checklist types. To improve the situation, the package could offer an option for disabling the definition of the standard checklist types. Concerning the symbols packages, `typed-checklist` could also reduce the set of used packages or even draw all symbols itself.

- The package displays checklist entries in the ordering in which they are listed in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X sources. Automatic sorting of checklist entries, for instance by deadline or future fields like priority/importance, might make the package even more useful for bigger checklists. The implementation of the feature could be done for example as discussed on [stackexchange](#).

## 9 Pre-defined Checklist Types and States

```
\paragraph{Goals}
\begin{CheckList}{Goal}
  \Goal{open}{open goal}
  \Goal{dropped}{dropped goal}
  \Goal{unclear}{unclear goal}
  \Goal{achieved}{achieved goal}
\end{CheckList}

\paragraph{Tasks}
\begin{CheckList}{Task}
  \Task{open}{open task}
  \Task{dropped}{dropped task}
  \Task{unclear}{unclear task}
  \Task{started}{started task}
  \Task{done}{done task}
\end{CheckList}

\paragraph{Artifacts}
\begin{CheckList}{Artifact}
  \Artifact{missing}{missing artifact}
  \Artifact{dropped}{dropped artifact}
  \Artifact{unclear}{unclear artifact}
  \Artifact{incomplete}{incomplete artifact}
  \Artifact{available}{available artifact}
\end{CheckList}

\paragraph{Milestones}
\begin{CheckList}{Milestone}
  \Milestone{open}{open milestone}
  \Milestone{achieved}{achieved milestone}
\end{CheckList}
```

### Goals

- open goal
- dropped goal
- unclear goal
- achieved goal

### Tasks

- open task
- dropped task
- unclear task
- started task
- done task

### Artifacts

- missing artifact
- dropped artifact
- unclear artifact
- incomplete artifact
- available artifact

### Milestones

- open milestone
- achieved milestone

# 10 Implementation

## 10.1 Basic Package Dependencies

We use the `xkeyval` package for declaring package options as well as for option lists of entry types.

```
1 \RequirePackage{xkeyval}
```

We use the `etoolbox` package for simpler handling of lists.

```
2 \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
```

We use colors for deadlines, for instance.

```
3 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
```

## 10.2 Options

### 10.2.1 Checklist Options

In the following, we define the possible options for a checklist.

```
4 \define@key[tchklst]{GlobalListOptions}{layout}{%
5   \ifinlist{\#1}{\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts}{\PackageError{typed-checklist}{%
6     '#1' not a known checklist layout}%
7     {Known layouts are:\forlistloop{}{\tchklst@@CheckListLayouts}}\def\tchklst@layout{\#1}%
8   }%
9 \define@key[tchklst]{GlobalListOptions}{input-dates}{%
10  \ifinlist{\#1}{\tchklst@InputDateFormats}{\PackageError{typed-checklist}{%
11    '#1' not a known input date format}%
12    {Known formats are:\forlistloop{}{\tchklst@@InputDateFormats}}\letcs\tchklst@inputdate@order{\tchklst@dateorder@\#1}%
13    \letcs\tchklst@inputdate@sep{\tchklst@dateformat@sep@\#1}%
14  }%
15 \define@key[tchklst]{GlobalListOptions}{output-dates}{%
16  \ifinlist{\#1}{\tchklst@OutputDateFormats}{\PackageError{typed-checklist}{%
17    '#1' not a known output date format}%
18    {Known formats are:\forlistloop{}{\tchklst@@OutputDateFormats}}\letcs\tchklst@dateoutput@use{\tchklst@dateoutput@use@\#1}%
19  }%
20 \define@boolkey[tchklst]{GlobalListOptions}{strict-dates}[true]{%
21  \ifbooleq{\tchklst@faileddate=\tchklst@DateFailStrict}{%
22    \let\tchklst@faileddate=\tchklst@DateFailLax}%
23 }
```

### 10.2.2 Checklist Entry Options

\CheckListAddEntryOption The `\CheckListAddEntryOption{\langle option \rangle}{\langle default \rangle}` macro declares a new `\langle option \rangle` that can be used when defining checklist entries. An option always comes with a `\langle default \rangle` value.

```
27 \newcommand*\CheckListAddEntryOption[2]{%
28   \define@cmdkey[tchklst]{Entry}{\#1}{\#2}%
29   \presetkeys[tchklst]{Entry}{\#1}{}%
```

In the following, we define a basic default set of possible options for a checklist entry.

```
30 \CheckListAddEntryOption{who}{}
31 \CheckListAddEntryOption{deadline}{}
32 \CheckListAddEntryOption{label}{}
```

### 10.3 Setting Options Globally

\CheckListSet The \CheckListSet{\langle options-list\rangle} sets global options for the typed-checklist package.

```
33 \newcommand\CheckListSet[1]{%
34   \setkeys[tchklst]{GlobalListOptions}{#1}}
```

\CheckListDefaultLayout The \CheckListDefaultLayout{\langle layout\rangle} macro sets the default layout for all CheckList environments that do not set the layout option explicitly. This macro is obsoleted by the \CheckListSet macro introduced in v2.0 of the package.

```
35 \newcommand*\CheckListDefaultLayout[1]{%
36   \CheckListSet{layout=#1}}
```

### 10.4 Checklist Types

In the following, we implement the existing types of checklists as well as the macros for declaring new types.

\tchklst@ChecklistTypes The \tchklst@ChecklistTypes collects the list of known checklist types. Initially, the list is empty.

```
37 \newcommand*\tchklst@ChecklistTypes{}
```

\CheckListAddType The \CheckListAddType{\langle type\rangle}{\langle symbol\rangle} adds a new checklist type with name \langle type\rangle to the list of known checklist types. The basic symbol of entries belonging to this checklist type will be \langle symbol\rangle (e.g., an empty box or circle).

```
38 \newcommand*\CheckListAddType[2]{%
```

Add new type to existing list, if the type is not already known.

```
39  \ifinlist{#1}{\tchklst@ChecklistTypes}{%
40    \PackageError{typed-checklist}{%
41      Checklist type `#1' already defined}{}}%
42  \listadd\tchklst@ChecklistTypes{#1}%
```

Save the symbol of the new type.

```
43  \csdef\tchklst@ChecklistTypeSym{#1}{#2}%
```

Create an initially empty list of possible states that entries of the type can have, and an empty list of filters for the type.

```
44  \csdef\tchklst@ChecklistStates{#1}{%
45  \csdef\tchklst@ChecklistFilters{#1}{}}
```

Finally, invoke all hooks for new types of checklists.

```
46  \def\do##1{##1{#1}}%
47  \dolistloop\tchklst@addtype@hooks}
```

\tchklist@addtype@hooks	This is an <code>etoolbox</code> list of single-argument macros for hooking into the registration of new checklist types.
	48 \newcommand*\tchklist@addtype@hooks[]
\tchklist@IntroduceTypeHook	The <code>\tchklist@IntroduceTypeHook{&lt;cmd&gt;}</code> macro introduces <code>&lt;cmd&gt;</code> for all existing checklist types (first code line) as well as for all checklist types defined afterwards (second code line).
	49 \newcommand*\tchklist@IntroduceTypeHook[1]{% 50 \forlistloop{\#1}{\tchklist@ChecklistTypes}{% 51 \listgadd\tchklist@addtype@hook{\#1}}
\tchklist@aux@OargAfter	The <code>\tchklist@aux@OargAfter{&lt;macro-use&gt;}[&lt;opt-arg&gt;]</code> macro inserts an optional argument, <code>&lt;opt-arg&gt;</code> , into a <code>&lt;macro-use&gt;</code> , where the <code>&lt;macro-use&gt;</code> may have multiple mandatory arguments but no optional argument. The <code>&lt;opt-arg&gt;</code> is optional, i.e., if it is not provided, then <code>&lt;macro-use&gt;</code> is taken as is. Example use: <code>\tchklist@aux@OargAfter{\cite{foo}}[page 9]</code> would expand first to <code>\tchklist@aux@OargAfter@ii{page 9}\cite{foo}</code> and, finally, to <code>\cite[page 9]{foo}</code> .
	52 \newcommand\tchklist@aux@OargAfter[1]{% 53 \@ifnextchar[{ \tchklist@aux@OargAfter@i{\#1}{\#1}}{ 54 \long\def\tchklist@aux@OargAfter@i#1[#2]{% 55 \tchklist@aux@OargAfter@ii{\#2}{#1} 56 \newcommand\tchklist@aux@OargAfter@ii[2]{% 57 #2[\#1]}
\tchklist@CheckType	The <code>\tchklist@CheckType{&lt;type&gt;}</code> is a convenience macro for checking whether the checklist type <code>&lt;type&gt;</code> is defined. This macro yields an error with a simple message if <code>&lt;type&gt;</code> is not defined.
	58 \newcommand*\tchklist@CheckType[1]{% 59 \ifinlist{\#1}{\tchklist@ChecklistTypes}{}{ 60 \PackageError{typed-checklist}{% 61 {Unknown checklist type `#1'} 62 {Known types are:\forlistloop{}{\tchklist@ChecklistTypes}}}}

## 10.5 Checklist Entry States

In the following, we implement the existing status possibilities of the individual checklist types as well as macros for declaring a new status.

\CheckListAddStatus	The <code>\CheckListAddStatus{&lt;types&gt;}{&lt;status&gt;}{&lt;isclosed&gt;}{&lt;symbol&gt;}</code> macro declares a new <code>&lt;status&gt;</code> for a given comma-separated list of checklist <code>&lt;types&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;symbol&gt;</code> is L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code of a symbol that is put on top of the checklist type's symbol. The <code>&lt;isclosed&gt;</code> parameter must be one of true or false. A value of true indicates that the status of the entry corresponds to the entry being closed. This particularly means that no warning will be shown if the deadline of an entry with this status is passed. A value of false for <code>&lt;isclosed&gt;</code> indicates that the <code>&lt;status&gt;</code> corresponds to the entry not yet being closed.
	63 \newcommand*\CheckListAddStatus[4]{%

We loop over all the checklist  $\langle types \rangle$  given.

```
64 \forcsvlist
```

In the following line, the actual type parameter is added last by the `\forcsvlist` macro.

```
65 {\tchklist@AddStatus{\#2}{\#3}{\#4}}%
66 {\#1}}%
```

`\tchklist@AddStatus` The `\tchklist@AddStatus{\langle status \rangle}{\langle isclosed \rangle}{\langle symbol \rangle}{\langle type \rangle}` has the same parameters (in different ordering) and intention as the `\CheckListAddStatus` macro, except that it assumes a single  $\langle type \rangle$  instead of a type list. This macro is used internally by `\CheckListAddStatus`.

```
67 \newcommand*\tchklist@AddStatus[4]{%
```

Some argument checking up front.

```
68 \tchklist@CheckType{\#4}%
69 \ifinlistcs{\#1}{\tchklist@ChecklistStates{\#4}}{%
70 \PackageError{typed-checklist}{%
71 #4-checklist state `#1' already defined}{}}{}}
```

Register the status for the checklist type.

```
72 \listcsadd{\tchklist@ChecklistStates{\#4}}{\#1}{}
```

Register the status symbol and “isclosed”.

```
73 \expandafter\def\csname tchklist@isclosed@\#4\endcsname{\#2}%
74 \expandafter\def\csname tchklist@sym@\#4\endcsname{\#3}{}}
```

`\tchklist@CheckTypeStatus` The `\tchklist@CheckTypeStatus{\langle type \rangle}{\langle status \rangle}` is a convenience macro for checking whether the checklist entry status  $\langle status \rangle$  is defined for checklist type  $\langle type \rangle$ . This macro yields an error with a simple message if  $\langle status \rangle$  is not defined.

```
75 \newcommand*\tchklist@CheckTypeStatus[2]{%
76 \ifinlistcs{\#2}{\tchklist@ChecklistStates{\#1}}{%
77 \PackageError{typed-checklist}{%
78 {Unknown #1-checklist entry status `#2'}}{%
79 {Known states are:\forlistcsloop{\tchklist@ChecklistStates{\#1}}}}}}
```

`\CheckListStatusSymbol` The `\CheckListStatusSymbol{\langle status \rangle}` is a convenience macro for obtaining the symbol for a particular  $\langle status \rangle$  of the current checklist’s type.

```
80 \newcommand*\CheckListStatusSymbol[1]{%
81 \tchklist@symbolcombine{\csuse{\tchklist@sym@\tchklist@cur@type \#1}}{%
82 {\csuse{\tchklist@ChecklistTypeSym@\tchklist@cur@type}}}}
```

`\tchklist@symbolcombine` The `\tchklist@symbolcombine{\langle symbol1 \rangle}{\langle symbol2 \rangle}` macro combines two symbols,  $\langle symbol1 \rangle$  and  $\langle symbol2 \rangle$ .

```
83 \newcommand*\tchklist@symbolcombine[2]{%
84 \setbox0\hbox{\#2}%
85 \copy0\llap{\hbox to \wd0{\hss\smash{\#1}\hss}}}}
```

`\CheckListIfClosed` The `\CheckListIfClosed{\langle status \rangle}{\langle iftrue \rangle}{\langle ifffalse \rangle}` macro expands to  $\langle iftrue \rangle$ , if the  $\langle status \rangle$  of an entry in the current checklist is a “closed” one (see the documentation for `\CheckListAddStatus` for details). Otherwise, the macro expands to  $\langle ifffalse \rangle$ .

```

86 \newcommand*\CheckListIfClosed[1]{%
87   \csname if\csname tchklst@isclosed@\tchklst@cur@type @#1\endcsname
88   \endcsname
89   \expandafter\@firstoftwo
90 \else
91   \expandafter\@secondoftwo
92 \fi}

```

## 10.6 Checklist Layouts

\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts	The \tchklst@ChecklistLayouts collects the list of known checklist layouts. Initially, the list is empty.
	93 \newcommand*\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts{}
\CheckListDeclareLayout	The \CheckListDeclareLayout{\<name>}{\<fields>}{}{\<begin>}{\<end>} macro declares a new checklist layout with the given \<name>. At the begin and end of the checklist, the \<begin> and, respectively, \<end> code is executed. The \<fields> parameter must be a comma-separated list of field names. The fields will be displayed for each checklist entry in the order given by \<fields>, where the format for the display must be declared using \CheckListDefineFieldFormat.
	94 \newcommand*\CheckListDeclareLayout [4] {%
	Add new layout to existing list, if the layout is not already known.
	95 \ifinlist{#1}{\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts}{% 96   \PackageError{typed-checklist}{% 97     Checklist layout '#1' already declared}{}{% 98   \listadd\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts{#1}}}
	Save the \<fields> list of the new layout.
	99 \csdef{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutFields@#1}{}% 100 \forcsvlist{\listcsadd{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutFields@#1}}{#2}%
	Save the \<begin> and \<end> code of the new layout.
	101 \csdef{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutBegin@#1}{#3}% 102 \csdef{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutEnd@#1}{#4}}
\CheckListExtendLayout	The \CheckListExtendLayout{\<name>}{\<base>}{}{\<fields>} macro declares a new checklist layout, \<name>, which inherits existing \<fields> as well as the \<begin> and \<end> code from a given \<base> layout.
	103 \newcommand*\CheckListExtendLayout [3] {% 104   \CheckListDeclareLayout{#1}{#3}% 105   {\csuse{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutBegin@#2}}% 106   {\csuse{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutEnd@#2}}%
	Inherit all fields defined by the \<base> layout.
	107 \def\do##1{% 108   \ifcsdef{tchklst@ChecklistFormat@#2@##1}{% 109     \csletcs{tchklst@ChecklistFormat@#1@##1}{% 110       \tchklst@ChecklistFormat@#2@##1}}{}% 111   \dolistcsloop{tchklst@ChecklistLayoutFields@#2}% 112 }

\CheckListDefineFieldFormat	The \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{\langle layout\rangle}{\langle field\rangle}{\langle code\rangle} macro defines the \langle code\rangle to be used for displaying the given \langle field\rangle (or fields) in a checklist of the given \langle layout\rangle. Multiple fields can be displayed by specifying \langle field\rangle in the form \langle field\rangle_1 + ... + \langle field\rangle_n.
	113 \newcommand\CheckListDefineFieldFormat[3]{% 114 \tchklst@deffieldmacro{tchklst@ChecklistFormat@#1@#2}{#2}{#3}}
\tchklst@deffieldmacro	The \tchklst@deffieldmacro{\langle csname\rangle}{\langle fields\rangle}{\langle code\rangle} defines a command with name \langle csname\rangle whose number of arguments equals the number of '+'-separated elements in \langle fields\rangle. The command then expands to \langle code\rangle, which can refer to the respective number of positional parameters.
	115 \newcommand\tchklst@deffieldmacro[3]{% 116 \begingroup Get number of properties ('+'-separated) in \langle field\rangle into \@tempcnta. 117 \@tempcnta=0\relax 118 \def\do##1{\advance\@tempcnta by 1\relax}% 119 \tchklst@dopsvlist{#2}%
	Next, use the above number for determining the number of arguments of the defined formatting macro, i.e., the number of positional parameters permitted in \langle code\rangle. The macro is first \undef'd such that \newcommand always succeeds.
	120 \edef\do{\endgroup 121 \csundef{#1}% 122 \noexpand\newcommand\expandonce{\csname #1\endcsname}{% 123 [\the\@tempcnta]{\unexpanded{#3}}}% 124 \do}
\tchklst@usefieldmacro	The \tchklst@usefieldmacro[\langle use-cmd\rangle]{\langle csname\rangle}{\langle fields\rangle} macro takes the current values of the fields in the '+'-separated \langle fields\rangle and applies them in the given order to \langle csname\rangle. This application is performed directly, if \langle use-cmd\rangle is left at its default, or is otherwise provided as an argument to \langle use-cmd\rangle.
	125 \newcommand\tchklst@usefieldmacro[3][\@firstofone]{% 126 \begingroup 127 \expandafter\def\expandafter\tchklst@@cmd\expandafter{ 128 \csname #2\endcsname}% 129 \def\do##1{\eappto\tchklst@@cmd{ 130 {\csexpandonce{\cmdtchklst@Entry@##1}}}}% 131 \tchklst@dopsvlist{#3}% 132 \expandafter\def\expandafter\tchklst@@cmd\expandafter{ 133 \expandafter{\tchklst@cmd}}% 134 \preto\tchklst@@cmd{\endgroup#1}% 135 \tchklst@@cmd}
\tchklst@CheckLayout	The \tchklst@CheckLayout{\langle layout\rangle} is a convenience macro for checking whether the checklist layout \langle layout\rangle is defined. This macro yields an error with a simple message if \langle layout\rangle is not defined. If a command is provided for the \langle layout\rangle, it is expanded.
	136 \newcommand*\tchklst@CheckLayout[1]{% 137 \xifinlist{#1}{\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts}{}}% 138 \PackageError{typed-checklist}{}

```

139      {Unknown checklist layout `#1'}
140      {Known layouts are:\forlistloop{ }{\tchklst@ChecklistLayouts}}}

```

## 10.7 Entry Filters

\CheckListSetFilter \tchklst@SetFilter The `\CheckListSetFilter[<types>]{<fields>}{<code>}` macro defines a filter for the given `<fields>` of all types in the comma-separated list `<types>`. The filtering code is `<code>`, which may use positional parameters.

```

141 \newcommand*\CheckListSetFilter[3] [*]{%
142   \ifstrequal{#1}{*}%
143   {\forlistloop{\tchklst@SetFilter[#2]{#3}}{\tchklst@ChecklistTypes}}%
144   {\forcsvlist{\tchklst@SetFilter[#2]{#3}}{#1}}}

```

The `\tchklst@SetFilter{<fields>}{<code>}{<type>}` macro defines a filter for a single type.

```

145 \newcommand*\tchklst@SetFilter[3]{%
146   \tchklst@CheckType{#3}%
147   \ifinlistcs{#1}{\tchklst@ChecklistFilters@#3}{}
148   {\listcsadd{\tchklst@ChecklistFilters@#3}{#1}}%
149   \tchklst@deffieldmacro{\tchklst@CheckListFilter@#3@#1}{#1}{#2}}

```

\CheckListFilterValue The `\CheckListFilterValue[<types>]{<field>}{<value>}` macro filters out all checklist entries whose `<field>` is unequal `<value>`, by using an `\ifstrequal` comparison.

```

150 \newcommand*\CheckListFilterValue[3] [*]{%
151   \CheckListSetFilter[#1]{#2}%
152   {\ifstrequal{##1}{#3}{\togglefalse{display}}}}

```

\CheckListFilterClosed The `\CheckListFilterClosed[<types>]{<field>}{<value>}` macro filters out all checklist entries whose status is closed, by using `\CheckListIfClosed`.

```

153 \newcommand*\CheckListFilterClosed[1] [*]{%
154   \CheckListSetFilter[#1]{status}%
155   {\CheckListIfClosed{##1}{\togglefalse{display}}}}

```

\CheckListFilterDeadline The `\CheckListFilterDeadline[<types>]{<comp>}{<refdate>}{<filter-inv>}` macro filters out all checklist entries whose deadline does not satisfy the comparison against `<refdate>` by operator `<comp>` ('<', '=', '>'). The argument `<filter-inv>` must be either true or false and specifies whether deadlines that do not match the selected input deadline format are filtered out (true) or not (false).

```
156 \newcommand*\CheckListFilterDeadline[4] [*]{%
```

First, pre-parse `<refdate>` such that it need not be parsed for each checklist entry.

```

157 \bgroup
158 \def\do##1##2##3##4{\egroup

```

Use the internal `\tchklst@DateCompare` macro to perform the date comparison based on the pre-parsed date of the `\do{<year>}{<month>}{<day>}` macro arguments.

```

159   \CheckListSetFilter[#1]{deadline}%
160   {\tchklst@DateCompare{##1}{#2}{##1}{##2}{##3}%
161   {}{\togglefalse{display}}}

```

	162           {\ifbooleq{\#4}{\togglefalse{display}}{}{\gobble}}
	163   \CheckListParseDate{\#3}{\do}
	If parsing <i>&lt;refdate&gt;</i> fails, we always fail like with strict input date parsing: Setting up a filter with an invalid date would not make sense.
	164       {\egroup\tchklst@DateFailStrict}}
\CheckListFilterReset	The \CheckListFilterReset[ <i>&lt;types&gt;</i> ] macro resets the filters for all checklist types in the comma-separated list <i>&lt;types&gt;</i> . If <i>&lt;types&gt;</i> is omitted or equals ‘*’, then the filters for all checklist types are reset.
	165 \newcommand*\CheckListFilterReset[1][*]{%
	166   \ifstreq{\#1}{*}
	167     {\forlistloop{\tchklst@ResetFilter}{\tchklst@ChecklistTypes}}
	168     {\forcsvlist{\tchklst@ResetFilter}{#1}}}
\tchklst@ResetFilter	The \tchklst@ResetFilter[ <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> ] macro removes all filters (i.e., for all fields) from checklists of the given <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> .
	169 \newcommand*\tchklst@ResetFilter[1]{%
	170   \def\do##1{\csundef{\tchklst@CheckListFilter@##1}##1}%
	171   \dolistcsloop{\tchklst@ChecklistFilters@##1}%
	172   \csdef{\tchklst@ChecklistFilters@##1}{}}

## 10.8 Checklist and Entry Definition

CheckList	The CheckList[ <i>&lt;options&gt;</i> ]{ <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> } environment declares a new checklist.
	173 \newenvironment{CheckList}[2][]{%
	We check whether the provided <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> is known.
	174   \tchklst@CheckType{#2}%
	Parse and check the options.
	175   \setkeys[tchklst]{GlobalListOptions}{#1}%
	176   \tchklst@CheckLayout{\tchklst@layout}%
	We store the type, layout, and fields of the checklist for use inside the list.
	177   \edef\tchklst@cur@type{#2}%
	178   \let\tchklst@cur@layout=\tchklst@layout%
	179   \letcs\tchklst@cur@fields
	180     {\tchklst@ChecklistLayoutFields@\tchklst@cur@layout}}%
	The following line declares the macro for the checklist entries, for example the \Goal macro for the <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> Goal.
	181   \cslet{#2}{\tchklst@entry}%
	Start and end the actual checklist environment as defined by the layout.
	182   \csname tchklst@ChecklistLayoutBegin@\tchklst@cur@layout\endcsname
	183 }{%
	184   \csname tchklst@ChecklistLayoutEnd@\tchklst@cur@layout\endcsname
	185 }
\tchklst@entry	The \tchklst@entry[ <i>&lt;options&gt;</i> ]{ <i>&lt;status&gt;</i> }{ <i>&lt;description&gt;</i> } macro defines a checklist entry with a given <i>&lt;status&gt;</i> , a given <i>&lt;description&gt;</i> , and possibly particular

*<options>* (a comma-separated list of key-value pairs). See [Section 10.2.2](#) for the list of available options.

```
186 \newcommand\tchklst@entry[3] []{%
187   \begingroup
```

First check for a valid status. There is no need to check for a valid type, because the surrounding CheckList environment already does this.

```
188   \tchklst@CheckTypeStatus{\tchklst@cur@type}{#2}%
```

Parse the options.

```
189   \setkeys[tchklst]{Entry}{#1}%
```

Save status and description such that they can be accessed just like the options.

```
190   \def\cmdtchklst@Entry@status{#2}%
191   \def\cmdtchklst@Entry@description{#3}%
```

Now iterate through all filters for the current type until one filter turns the local display toggle to false.

```
192   \newtoggle{display}\toggletrue{display}%
193   \def\do##1{%
194     \tchklst@usefieldmacro
195     {tchklst@CheckListFilter@\tchklst@cur@type @##1}{##1}%
196     \iftoggle{display}{}{\listbreak}%
197   \dolistcsloop{tchklst@ChecklistFilters@\tchklst@cur@type}%
}
```

Show the fields of the entry in the order they were given. The whole entry is first collected in a macro (`\tchklst@@entry`), such that individual field display code cannot leave the current L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X group (e.g., by advancing to the next table cell in table layout) and thereby void the entry option macros.

```
198   \def\tchklst@entry{\endgroup}%
199   \iftoggle{display}{%
200     \def\do##1{%
201       \tchklst@usefieldmacro[\appto\tchklst@@entry]
202       {tchklst@ChecklistFormat@\tchklst@cur@layout @##1}{##1}%
203     \dolistloop\tchklst@cur@fields}%
204   \tchklst@@entry}
```

`\tchklst@dopsvlist` The `\tchklst@dopsvlist{<list>}` parses a ‘+’-separated list.

```
205 \DeclareListParser{\tchklst@dopsvlist}{+}
```

`\CheckListSigned` The `\CheckListSigned[<core>]{<text>}` macro is taken from Knuth’s T<sub>E</sub>Xbook with minor spacing modifications. See also <http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/13761>. The added optional *<core>* is the reference for checks whether *<text>* is empty: In case of emptiness, nothing is shown by the macro. If *<core>* is omitted, *<text>* itself is used in the emptiness check.

```
206 \newcommand\CheckListSigned{\@dblarg\tchklst@signed}%
207 \newcommand\tchklst@signed[2] []{%
208   \ifstrempty{#1}
209     {\nobreak\hfill\null}
210     {\leavevmode\unskip\nobreak\hfil\penalty50\hskip0.25em
211      \hbox{\nobreak\dotfill\hbox{#2}}}}
```

## 10.9 Deadlines

The following code implements the parsing of deadlines and for comparing deadlines against the current date.

\CheckListDisplayDeadline	The \CheckListDisplayDeadline{\langle status\rangle}{\langle deadline\rangle} formats a \langle deadline\rangle dependent on the \langle status\rangle and the current date. 212 \newcommand\CheckListDisplayDeadline[2]{% Try to parse \langle deadline\rangle as a date. 213 \CheckListParseDate{\#2}{\tchklst@DisplayDeadline@i} 214 % \begin{macrocode} 215 {\tchklst@firstoftwoargs\tchklst@faileddate} To each of the two former arguments (for successful and, respectively, failed parsing of the deadline), apply \langle deadline\rangle as argument. 216 {#1}}  \tchklst@firstoftwoargs
\tchklst@DisplayDeadline@i	The \tchklst@DisplayDeadline@i{\langle y\rangle}{\langle m\rangle}{\langle d\rangle}{\langle deadline\rangle}{\langle status\rangle} macro displays a given \langle deadline\rangle that is additionally decomposed into year, month, and day given a particular \langle status\rangle of the respective checklist entry. The macro uses the chosen output date format as well as colored highlighting. 218 \newcommand\tchklst@DisplayDeadline@i[5]{% Check whether the entry is completed and whether the deadline has passed. Collect the checks' results as arguments for \CheckListHighlightDeadline. 219 \def\tchklst@args{}% 220 \CheckListIfClosed{\#5}{% 221 {\appto\tchklst@args{\{true\}}{\appto\tchklst@args{\{false\}}}{% 222 \tchklst@ifafter{\#1}{\#2}{\#3}{% 223 {\appto\tchklst@args{\{true\}}{\appto\tchklst@args{\{false\}}}{% Apply the selected output format for deadlines and apply the highlighting to the result. 224 \expandafter\CheckListHighlightDeadline\tchklst@args 225 {\tchklst@dateoutput@use{\#1}{\#2}{\#3}{\#4}}}  \CheckListHighlightDeadline
\CheckListHighlightDeadline	The \CheckListHighlightDeadline{\langle closed?\rangle}{\langle passed?\rangle}{\langle deadline\rangle} macro highlights the given \langle deadline\rangle based on the two Boolean ('true' or 'false') arguments \langle done?\rangle (whether the respective checklist entry has been completed) and \langle passed?\rangle (whether the deadline has passed). One can \renewcommand this macro to change the deadline highlighting. 226 \newcommand\CheckListHighlightDeadline[3]{% 227 \ifbool{\#1}{% 228 {\textcolor{green!66!black}{\#3}}}{% 229 {\ifbool{\#2}{\textcolor{red}{\#3}}{\textcolor{black}{\#3}}}}{}}

\tchklst@splitapply@i	The following auxiliary macro just swaps the first two arguments, $\langle text \rangle$ and $\langle sep \rangle$ of $\backslash tchklst@splitapply$ such that the now first argument $\langle sep \rangle$ can be expanded more easily. <pre>231 \newcommand*\tchklst@splitapply@i[2]{\tchklst@splitapply{\#2}{\#1}}</pre>
\tchklst@ifafter	The $\backslash tchklst@ifafter{\langle y \rangle}{\langle m \rangle}{\langle d \rangle}{\langle iftrue \rangle}{\langle iffalse \rangle}$ macro performs the check whether the current date is after the date specified by $\langle y \rangle$ , $\langle m \rangle$ , and $\langle d \rangle$ . If this is the case, the macro expands to $\langle iftrue \rangle$ , otherwise to $\langle iffalse \rangle$ . Credits for this code go to <a href="http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/41404/how-to-make-time-dependent-code!">http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/41404/how-to-make-time-dependent-code!</a> <pre>232 \newcommand*\tchklst@ifafter[3]{% 233   \ifnum\the\year\two@digits\month\two@digits\day% 234     &gt;\numexpr#1\two@digits{\#2}\two@digits{\#3}\relax 235   \expandafter\@firstoftwo 236   \else 237   \expandafter\@secondoftwo 238   \fi}</pre>
\CheckListDateCompare	The $\backslash CheckListDateCompare{\langle date \rangle}{\langle comp \rangle}{\langle refdate \rangle}{\langle iftrue \rangle}{\langle iffalse \rangle}{\langle iffail \rangle}$ macro compares $\langle date \rangle$ against $\langle refdate \rangle$ using the operator $\langle comp \rangle$ . The latter must be one of $<$ , $=$ , and $>$ . If the dates fulfill the comparison, the macro expands to $\langle iftrue \rangle$ . If the dates do not fulfill the comparison, the macro expands to $\langle iffalse \rangle$ . Finally, if one of $\langle date \rangle$ and $\langle refdate \rangle$ are not recognized as dates, the macro expands to $\langle iffail \rangle$ . <pre>239 \newcommand\CheckListDateCompare[6] {% 240   \bgroup 241   \def\do##1##2##3##4{\egroup 242     \tchklst@DateCompare{##1}{##2}{##1}{##2}{##3}{##4}{##5}{##6}}% 243 \CheckListParseDate{\#3}{\do}{\egroup\#6}}</pre>
\tchklst@DateCompare	The $\backslash tchklst@DateCompare{\langle date \rangle}{\langle comp \rangle}{\langle y \rangle}{\langle m \rangle}{\langle d \rangle}{\langle iftrue \rangle}{\langle iffalse \rangle}{\langle iffail \rangle}$ macro is the internal counterpart to $\backslash CheckListDateCompare$ . The difference is that the former expects $\langle refdate \rangle$ to already be parsed into $\langle y \rangle$ , $\langle m \rangle$ , and $\langle d \rangle$ . <pre>244 \newcommand*\tchklst@DateCompare[8] {% 245   \bgroup 246   \def\do##1##2##3##4{\egroup The actual comparsion between the dates is done via <math>\backslash ifnum</math>. Here, the auxiliary macro <math>\backslash do{\langle year \rangle}{\langle month \rangle}{\langle day \rangle}{\langle date \rangle}</math> gets the components of <math>\langle date \rangle</math> from <math>\backslash CheckListParseDate</math>. 247   \ifnum##1\two@digits{\#2}\two@digits{\#3}% 248     #2% 249     #3\two@digits{\#4}\two@digits{\#5}\relax 250   \expandafter\@firstoftwo 251   \else\expandafter\@secondoftwo\fi{\#6}{\#7}}% 252 \CheckListParseDate{\#1}{\do}{\egroup\#8}}</pre>
\CheckListParseDate	The $\backslash CheckListParseDate{\langle date \rangle}{\langle cmd \rangle}{\langle fail \rangle}$ macro parses $\langle date \rangle$ according to the selected date input format. If the parsing succeeds, the macro expands to

$\langle cmd \rangle \{ \langle year \rangle \} \{ \langle month \rangle \} \{ \langle day \rangle \} \{ \langle date \rangle \}$  (i.e.,  $\langle cmd \rangle$  must take four arguments). Otherwise, the macro expands to  $\langle fail \rangle \{ \langle date \rangle \}$  (i.e.,  $\langle fail \rangle$  must take one argument).

```
253 \newcommand\CheckListParseDate[3]{%
254   \expandafter\tchklst@splitapply@i\expandafter{\tchklst@inputdate@sep}%
255   {#1}}
```

Dates have three components and all must be positive numbers.

```
256   {3}\tchklst@ifPositive}
```

Before expanding to  $\langle cmd \rangle$ , reorder the parsed date components according to the ordering of the selected date input format.

```
257   {\expandafter#2\tchklst@inputdate@order}%
258   {#3}
```

The following argument is applied to whichever of the two previous arguments  $\tchklst@splitapply@i$  expands to.

```
259   {#1}}
```

The following set of macros is for registering date input and date output formats.

$\tchklst@\text{@InputDateFormats}$  The  $\tchklst@\text{@InputDateFormats}$  and  $\tchklst@\text{@OutputDateFormats}$  macros collect the list of known input date formats and, respectively, output date formats. Both are etoolbox lists. Initially, both lists are empty.

```
260 \newcommand*\tchklst@\text{@InputDateFormats}{}
261 \newcommand*\tchklst@\text{@OutputDateFormats}{}
```

$\tchklst@registerdateinputfmt$  The  $\tchklst@registerdateinputfmt\{ \langle name \rangle \} \{ \langle reorder \rangle \} \{ \langle sep \rangle \}$  macro registers a date input format under the given  $\langle name \rangle$ . The format uses  $\langle sep \rangle$  as the separator symbol between dates' components and uses the  $\langle reorder \rangle$  code to reorder the components from given dates to the ordering “ $\langle year \rangle$ - $\langle month \rangle$ - $\langle day \rangle$ ”.

```
262 \newcommand*\tchklst@registerdateinputfmt[3]{%
263   \listadd\tchklst@\text{@InputDateFormats}{#1}%
264   \csgdef\tchklst@dateorder@#1##1##2##3{#2}%
265   \csgdef\tchklst@dateformat@sep@#1}{#3}}
```

The following registers some typical date input formats.

```
266 \tchklst@registerdateinputfmt{d.m.y}{{#3}{#2}{#1}}{.}
267 \tchklst@registerdateinputfmt{m/d/y}{{#2}{#3}{#1}}{/}
268 \tchklst@registerdateinputfmt{y-m-d}{{#1}{#2}{#3}}{-}
```

$\tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt$  The  $\tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt\{ \langle name \rangle \} \{ \langle use \rangle \}$  macro registers a date output format under the given  $\langle name \rangle$ . The  $\langle use \rangle$  code may take four parameters:  $\langle year \rangle$ ,  $\langle month \rangle$ ,  $\langle day \rangle$ , and  $\langle deadline \rangle$ . Hence,  $\langle use \rangle$  can use the original  $\langle deadline \rangle$  as well as the decomposed form into year, month, and day.

```
269 \newcommand*\tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt[2]{%
270   \listadd\tchklst@\text{@OutputDateFormats}{#1}%
271   \csgdef\tchklst@dateoutput@use@#1##1##2##3##4{#2}}
```

The following registers some typical date output formats.

```
272 \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{same}{#4}
273 \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{datetime}
```

```

274  {\DTMdisplaydate{#1}{#2}{#3}{-1}}
275  \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{d.m.y}{#3.#2.#1}
276  \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{m/d/y}{#2/#3/#1}
277  \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{y-m-d}{#1-#2-#3}
278  \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{d.m.}{#3.#2.}
279  \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{m/d}{#2/#3}
280  \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{m-d}{#2-#3}

```

The following `\numexpr` looks a bit unfamiliar but it computes the modulo, given that integer division rounds the result.

```

281 \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{d.m.yy}
282 {#3.#2.\the\numexpr #1-100*((#1-50)/100)\relax}
283 \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{m/d/yy}
284 {#2/#3/\the\numexpr #1-100*((#1-50)/100)\relax}
285 \tchklst@registerdateoutputfmt{yy-m-d}
286 {\the\numexpr #1-100*((#1-50)/100)\relax-#2-#3}

```

`\tchklst@DateFailLax` The `\tchklst@DateFailStrict{<date>}` macro displays a failure to parse `<date>` in strict-dates mode. Conversely, `\tchklst@DateFailLax{<date>}` formats a failure to parse `<date>`, in non-strict mode.

```

287 \newcommand\tchklst@DateFailStrict[1]{%
288   \PackageError{typed-checklist}%
289   {date `#1' not understood}%
290   {See the options `strict-dates' and `input-dates'%
291    in the package documentation\MessageBreak%
292    if you intend to keep the value `#1'.}%
293 \newcommand\tchklst@DateFailLax[1]{\textit{#1}}

```

The remainder of this section defines generic auxiliary macros for deadline parsing.

`\tchklst@splitapply` The `\tchklst@splitapply{<text>}{<sep>}{<n>}{<cond>}{<cmd>}{<fail>}` macro is a generic macro for parsing a list-like `<text>` of fixed length `<n>`, whose components satisfy `<cond>` (a macro with one argument) and are separated by `<sep>`. If  $c_1$  to  $c_n$  are the components of `<text>`, i.e., if  $<text>=c_1<sep>\cdots<sep>c_n$ , then the macro expands to `<cmd>{<c_1>} \cdots {<c_n>}`. If `<text>` has less than `<n>` or more than `<n>` components, or if at least one of the components does not satisfy `<cond>`, then the macro expands to `<fail>`.

```
294 \newcommand*\tchklst@splitapply[6]{%
```

The `\tchklst@split@@rec{<k>}{<cmd>}{<prefix>}{<sep>}{<suffix>}\relax` macro recursively grabs `<prefix>`s from the remaining `<suffix>` and appends them to `<cmd>`. The latter accumulates `<cmd>` and the already parsed components.

```
295   \def\tchklst@split@@rec##1##2##3##4\relax{%
```

Check whether `<cond>` holds for `<prefix>` first.

```
296   #4##3}
```

If  $k > 0$ , i.e., then `<suffix>` contains the last  $k$  components of `<text>` plus a trailing `<sep>`.

```
297   {\ifnumgreater{##1}{0}{}%
```

If  $\langle suffix \rangle$  is empty, then  $\langle text \rangle$  contained too few components and, hence, expand to  $\langle fail \rangle$ . Otherwise recurse.

```
298      {\ifstrempty{##4}
299          {#6}
300          {\tchklst@split@@rec{##1-1}{##2##3}##4\relax}}%
```

Otherwise, if  $\langle k \rangle = 0$ , and  $\langle suffix \rangle$  is empty, then  $\langle text \rangle$  indeed contains  $\langle n \rangle$  components and  $\langle prefix \rangle$  is appended to  $\langle cmd \rangle$  as the last component. If  $\langle suffix \rangle$  is nonempty, expand to  $\langle fail \rangle$ .

```
301      {\ifstrempty{##4}
302          {##2##3}
303          {#6}}}
```

If  $\langle cond \rangle$  does not hold, expand to  $\langle fail \rangle$ .

```
304      {#6}}%
305  \tchklst@split@@rec{#3-1}{#5}#1#2\relax}
```

`\tchklst@ifPositive` The `\tchklst@ifPositive{\langle text \rangle}{\langle iftrue \rangle}{\langle ifffalse \rangle}` macro expands to  $\langle iftrue \rangle$  if  $\langle text \rangle$  is a positive number and expands to  $\langle ifffalse \rangle$  otherwise (i.e., if  $\langle text \rangle$  is not a number or not positive). The code of the macro is taken from Donald Arseneau's cite package.

```
306 \newcommand*\tchklst@ifPositive[1]{%
307   \ifcat _\ifnum\z@<0#1\else A\fi
308   \expandafter\@firstoftwo \else \expandafter\@secondoftwo \fi}
```

## 10.10 Default Checklist Types and States

We use some packages for the default symbols in the checklist.

```
309 \RequirePackage{bbding}
```

The following line makes sure that the `bbding` font is actually loaded, by simply putting a particular symbol into a box and then forgetting the box again (via the grouping). This addresses the case that the `bbding` symbols are used inside an `\import*` or `\subimport*` of the `import` package: In this case, the font would be attempted to be loaded only inside the ‘import’ and could then no longer be found (producing “No file Uding.fd”).

```
310 \AtBeginDocument{{\setbox0\hbox{\Checkmark}}}
```

The following provides the default set of checklist types.

```
311 \CheckListAddType{Goal}{$\bigcirc$}
312 \CheckListAddType{Task}{\small\square}
313 \CheckListAddType{Artifact}{\large$\bigtriangleup$}
314 \CheckListAddType{Milestone}{\FiveStarOpen}
```

The following provides the default set of status possibilities.

```
315 \CheckListAddStatus{Goal,Task,Milestone}{open}{false}{}
316 \CheckListAddStatus{Goal}{dropped}{true}{\tiny\XSolid}
317 \CheckListAddStatus{Task}{dropped}{true}{\small\XSolid}
318 \CheckListAddStatus{Goal}{unclear}{false}{\footnotesize ?}
319 \CheckListAddStatus{Task}{unclear}{false}{%
320   \raisebox{0.4ex}{\hbox{\footnotesize ?}}}
321 \CheckListAddStatus{Artifact}{unclear}{false}{}
```

```

322           {\raisebox{0.3ex}{\hbox{\tiny\bfseries ?}}}}
323
324 \CheckListAddStatus{Goal}{achieved}{true}{\kern 4pt\Checkmark}
325 \CheckListAddStatus{Milestone}{achieved}{true}{\FiveStar}
326
327 \CheckListAddStatus{Task}{started}{false}%
328             {\kern 1pt\small\ArrowBoldRightStrobe}
329 \CheckListAddStatus{Task}{done}{true}{\kern 2pt\Checkmark}
330
331 \CheckListAddStatus{Artifact}{missing}{false}{}
332 \CheckListAddStatus{Artifact}{incomplete}{false}%
333             {\kern 1pt{\tiny\ArrowBoldRightStrobe}}
334 \CheckListAddStatus{Artifact}{available}{true}{\kern 4pt\Checkmark}
335 \CheckListAddStatus{Artifact}{dropped}{true}{\small$\dagger$}

```

## 10.11 Default Checklist Layouts

The following provides the default set of checklist layouts.

### 10.11.1 list

We use the marginnote package to display deadlines in the list layout.

```
336 \RequirePackage{marginnote}
```

The list layout is based on a description environment with a slightly modified vertical and horizontal spacing.

```

337 \CheckListDeclareLayout{list}{status,label,description,
338                         who,deadline+status,END}%
339   {\bgroup\topsep=\medskipamount\itemsep=0pt\itemize@newlistfalse}%
340   {\global@newlistfalse\enditemize\egroup}

```

The checklist entry starts with the status symbol, which opens up a new list item.

```

341 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{list}{status}%
342   {\item[\normalfont\CheckListStatusSymbol{\#1}]}

```

Show the label in the reverse margin, with some nice layout.

```

343 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{list}{label}%
344   \ifstrempty{\#1}{}{%
345     \CheckListDefaultLabel{\#1}%
346     \ifbool{inner}{}{%
347       \mbox{\small(\ref{\#1})}%
348       \nobreak\hspace{0pt plus50pt}\allowbreak
349       \hspace{0pt plus-50pt}\relax}%
350     {\leavevmode\reversemarginpar\marginpar{%
351       \textcolor{gray}{\underbar{\hbox to \hsize{%
352         \normalfont\textcolor{black}{\(\ref{\#1}\)\hfil}}}}}}}

```

Show the description, with leading spaces removed.

```

353 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{list}{description}%
354   \ignorespaces #1\relax

```

Show the responsible person(s), if the who option is given in *<options>*.

```

355 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{list}{who}%
356   \CheckListSigned[\#1]{\textit{(#1)}}

```

Show the deadline of the entry in the margin, if the deadline option is given in *<options>*.

```
357 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{list}{deadline+status}{%
358   \ifstrempty{#1}{}{\normalmarginpar\marginnote{%
```

The following \unskip prevents \marginnote from breaking an overfull margin text at it's very beginning, which meant that the margin text would vertically be placed below the actual entry (see also <https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/117695/>).

```
359   \unskip
360   \CheckListDisplayDeadline{#2}{#1}}}}}
```

End the display of one checklist entry. *<options>*.

```
361 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{list}{END}{%
362   \parfillskip=0pt \finalhyphendemerits=0 \endgraf}}
```

### 10.11.2 hidden

The hidden layout completely hides the checklist and all its entries. We add the status field only to ignore spaces after each entry.

```
363 \CheckListDeclareLayout{hidden}{dummy}{\ignorespaces}{\ignorespaces}
364 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{hidden}{dummy}{\ignorespaces}
```

### 10.11.3 table

The table layout formats the checklist as a table, one row per checklist entry. The NC field just inserts the column separator.

```
365 \CheckListDeclareLayout{table}{%
366   {newline,status,NC,label,description,NC,who,NC,deadline+status}%
367   {%
368     \tchklst@@begintab\hline
```

The \tchklst@@newline macro ensures that the \\hline is only produced after the first content row. Generally, \tchklst@@newline (and the newline field) are used at the *beginning* of each row is due to checklist entry filters: This way of line breaking ensures there is no spurious empty row at the end of tables whose last checklist entry was filtered out.

```
369   \gdef\tchklst@@newline{\\\hline\tchklst@@endhead
370     \gdef\tchklst@@newline{\\\hline}%
371     \textbf{Status} & \textbf{Description} &
372     \textbf{Who} & \textbf{Deadline}%
373   {\tchklst@@endtab}
374 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{newline}{\tchklst@@newline}
375 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{status}{\CheckListStatusSymbol{#1}}
376 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{label}{%
377   {\ifstrempty{#1}{}{%
378     \leavevmode\CheckListDefaultLabel{#1}%
379     \mbox{\small(\ref{#1})}%
380     \nobreak\hspace{0pt plus50pt}\allowbreak
381     \hspace{0pt plus-50pt}\relax}%
382 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{description}{\ignorespaces #1}}
```

```

383 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{deadline+status}{%
384   \ifstrempty{#1}{}{\CheckListDisplayDeadline{#2}{#1}}}
385 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{who}{#1}
386 \CheckListDefineFieldFormat{table}{NC}{\&}
```

The following macros define the package-specific table code.

\tchklst@inittab@tabu    The following three macros specify how the `tabu` package is initialized (i.e., how the package is loaded) and how table environments are started and, respectively, ended.

```

387 \newcommand\tchklst@inittab@tabu{%
388   \RequirePackage{longtable,tabu}}
389 \newcommand\tchklst@begintab@tabu{%
390   \tabulinesep=0.5ex\relax
391   \def\tchklst@endhead{\endhead}%
392   \longtabu to \linewidth{|c|X|l|r|}}
393 \newcommand\tchklst@endtab@tabu{\tchklst@@newline\endlongtabu}
```

\tchklst@inittab@xltabular    The following three macros specify how the `xltabular` package is initialized (i.e., how the package is loaded) and how table environments are started and, respectively, ended.

```

394 \newcommand\tchklst@inittab@xltabular{%
395   \RequirePackage{array,xltabular}}
396 \newcommand\tchklst@begintab@xltabular{%
397   \setlength{\extrarowheight}{0.5ex}%
398   \def\tchklst@endhead{\endhead}%
399 \preto\XLT@ii@TX@endtabularx{%
400   \toks@\expandafter{\the\toks@\tchklst@@newline}}%
401   \xltabular{\linewidth}{|c|X|l|r|}}
402 \newcommand\tchklst@endtab@xltabular{\endxltabular}
```

The following modifies the internal end code of `xltabular` such that `\endxltabular` can be the first token as required while there is still the horizontal line.

```

399 \preto\XLT@ii@TX@endtabularx{%
400   \toks@\expandafter{\the\toks@\tchklst@@newline}}%
401   \xltabular{\linewidth}{|c|X|l|r|}}
402 \newcommand\tchklst@endtab@xltabular{\endxltabular}
```

\tchklst@inittab@tabularx    The following three macros specify how the `tabularx` package is initialized (i.e., how the package is loaded) and how table environments are started and, respectively, ended.

```

403 \newcommand\tchklst@inittab@tabularx{%
404   \RequirePackage{array,tabularx}}
405 \newcommand\tchklst@begintab@tabularx{%
406   \let\tchklst@endhead\relax%
407   \setlength{\extrarowheight}{0.5ex}%
408 \preto\TX@endtabularx{\toks@\expandafter{\the\toks@\tchklst@@newline}}%
409   \tabularx{\linewidth}{|c|X|l|r|}}
410 \newcommand\tchklst@endtab@tabularx{\endtabularx}
```

The following is analogous to its counterpart in `xltabular`.

```

408 \preto\TX@endtabularx{\toks@\expandafter{\the\toks@\tchklst@@newline}}%
409   \tabularx{\linewidth}{|c|X|l|r|}}
410 \newcommand\tchklst@endtab@tabularx{\endtabularx}
```

\tchklst@inittab@ltablex    The following three macros specify how the `ltablex` package is initialized (i.e., how the package is loaded) and how table environments are started and, respectively, ended.

```

411 \newcommand\tchklst@inittab@ltablex{\RequirePackage{ltablex}}
```

The following fixes a bug in `\ltablex`, see <https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/197000/132738>.

```
412 \patchcmd{\TX@endtabularx}{\end{tabularx}}{\endtabularx\endgroup}{}{%
413 }{%
414 }{%
415 }{%
416 {\PackageError{typed-checklist}{Could not apply code patch to}{}{}}{%
417 \let\tchklst@begintab@ltablex=\tchklst@begintab@tabularx}%
418 \let\tchklst@endtab@ltablex=\tchklst@endtab@tabularx}
```

## 10.12 Package Options

### 10.12.1 Package-Only Options

The `withAsciilist` option enables support for the `asciilist` package.

```
420 \define@boolkey[tchklst]{PackageOptions}[tchklst@]{%
421 {withAsciilist}[true]{}}
```

The `tablepkg` option specifies which table package is used for layouting checklists in the table layout.

```
422 \define@choicekey[tchklst]{PackageOptions}{tablepkg}[\val]{%
423 {ltablex,tabu,tabularx,xltabular}{}{%
424 \letcs\tchklst@inittab{tchklst@inittab@\val}{}{%
425 \letcs\tchklst@begintab{tchklst@begintab@\val}{}{%
426 \letcs\tchklst@endtab{tchklst@endtab@\val}{}{%
427 }}
```

The `onecounter` option specifies whether a single counter shall be used for all entry labels, no matter the entry types, or whether one counter per entry type shall be used.

```
428 \define@boolkey[tchklst]{PackageOptions}[tchklst@]{%
429 {onecounter}[true]{}}
```

### 10.12.2 Processing Options

Set option defaults and then load the given options.

```
430 \ExecuteOptionsX[tchklst]<PackageOptions,GlobalListOptions>{%
431 withAsciilist=false,
432 tablepkg=tabu,
433 onecounter=true,
434 layout=list,
435 input-dates=d.m.y,
436 output-dates=same,
437 strict-dates=false,
438 }
439 \ProcessOptionsX[tchklst]<PackageOptions,GlobalListOptions>\relax
440 \tchklst@inittab
```

### 10.12.3 Labels

\CheckListDefaultLabel The \CheckListDefaultLabel{\langle label\rangle} macro puts the given \langle label\rangle and ensures that this \langle label\rangle is based on the right checklist entry counter.

```
441 \newcommand*\CheckListDefaultLabel[1]{%
442   \ifstrempty{#1}{}
443   {\ifbool{tchklist@onecounter}
444    {\refstepcounter{tchklist@entryID}}
445    {\refstepcounter{tchklist@entryID@\tchklist@cur@type}}%
446   \label{#1}}}
```

\tchklist@NewEntryCounter The \tchklist@NewEntryCounter[\langle at\rangle]{\langle type\rangle} creates a new counter for checklist entries and defines the format for displaying counter values. The counter is named tchklist@entryID\langle at\rangle\langle type\rangle.

```
447 \newcommand*\tchklist@NewEntryCounter[2][]{%
448   \newcounter{tchklist@entryID#1#2}%
449   \setcounter{tchklist@entryID#1#2}{0}%
450   \ifstrempty{#2}
451     {\csgdef{thetchklist@entryID#1#2}{%
452       \tchklist@cur@type~\protect\textsc{\romannumeral\tchklist@entryID#1#2}}}%
453     {\csgdef{thetchklist@entryID#1#2}{%
454       #2~\protect\textsc{\romannumeral\tchklist@entryID#1#2}}}}}
```

If the package shall use a single counter for all entries then define the counter and how counter values are displayed here.

```
455 \iftchklist@onecounter
456   \tchklist@NewEntryCounter[]{}
457 \else
```

Otherwise, register the creation of a new type-specific counter in the hook for new checklist types.

```
458   \tchklist@IntroduceTypeHook{\tchklist@NewEntryCounter[@]}
459 \fi
```

### 10.12.4 asciilist

If the package is loaded with asciilist support...

```
460 \iftchklist@withAsciilist
```

First, we load the package.

```
461 \RequirePackage{asciilist}
```

\tchklist@ChkListEntry The \tchklist@ChkListEntry{\langle item-macro\rangle}{\langle content\rangle} macro can be used as a parameter to \AsciiListEndArg of the asciilist package in order to allow for checklist entries in an AsciiList.

```
462 \newcommand*\tchklist@ChkListEntry[2]{%
463   \tchklist@ChkListEntry@i{#1}#2\@undefined}
```

The used auxiliary macros serve the purpose of parsing the input and have the following signatures:

- \tchklist@ChkListEntry@i{\langle item-macro\rangle}{\langle status+opts\rangle}{\langle descr\rangle}

- `\tchklst@ChkListEntry@ii{\langle item-macro\rangle}{\langle descr\rangle}{\langle status\rangle}{\langle opts\rangle}`

```

464 \def\tchklst@ChkListEntry@ii#1#2#3[#4]#5@undefined{#1[#4]{#3}{#2}}
465 \def\tchklst@ChkListEntry@i#1#2:#3@undefined{%
466   \tchklst@ChkListEntry@ii{#1}{#3}#2[]}@undefined}

```

`\tchklst@RegisterAsciiTypeEnv` The `\tchklst@RegisterAsciiTypeEnv{\langle type\rangle}` registers an `asciilist` environment for the given checklist `\langle type\rangle`.

```

467 \newcommand*\tchklst@RegisterAsciiTypeEnv[1]{%
468   \AsciiListRegisterEnv{\#1List}%
469   {\tchklst@aux@OargAfter{\CheckList{\#1}}}%%
470   {\endCheckList}%
471   {\AsciiListEndArg{\tchklst@ChkListEntry{\csname #1\endcsname}}}}%
472 \tchklst@IntroduceTypeHook{\tchklst@RegisterAsciiTypeEnv}
473 \fi

```

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