

The `alttex` package

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This is the package `alttex` which will try to give an experimental new way to write \LaTeX code. So far it is mostly done with very dirty and actually its a collection of things I think about in boring lectures. Maybe someone will have fun with the following code.

The problem I have with \LaTeX is the antique way of typing. Because most people still use a hopeless outdated keyboard layout (qertz or slightly adapted versions of that), \LaTeX doesn't make use of some cool features. I'm not talking about writing chinese or arabic text. Maybe this example will make the idea clear:

In standard \LaTeX , one has to write

```
1 \ProvidesPackage{alttex}
2
3 \RequirePackage{exscale} % For huge math
4
5 \catcode'\=\active
6 \catcode'\=\active
7 % Make () \right and \left
8 \makeatletter
9 \def\resetMathstrut@{%
10  \setbox\z@\hbox{%
11    \mathchardef\@tempa\mathcode'\[\relax
12    \def\@tempb##1"###3{\the\textfont"###3\char"}%
13    \expandafter\@tempb\meaning\@tempa \relax
14  }%
15  \ht\Mathstrutbox@ \ht\z@ \dp\Mathstrutbox@ \dp\z@
16 }
17 \makeatother
18
19 \edef\oldbraces{
20  \mathcode'(\the\mathcode'
21  \mathcode')\the\mathcode'
22 }
23 \begingroup
24  \catcode'(\active \xdef{\left\string{}
25  \catcode')\active \xdef{\right\string}}
```

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26 \endgroup
27 \def\newbraces{
28
29   \mathcode'("8000
30   \mathcode')"8000
31 }
32
33 \newcounter{itemi}
34 \setcounter{itemi}{0}
35
36 \def{
37   \ifvmode \ifnum \theitemi = 0 %außerhalb einer itemize
38     \begin{itemize}\setcounter{itemi}{1}
39       \item
40     \else
41       \item %zum Fortsetzen einer Liste
42     \fi
43   \else
44     \item % normales item innerhalb einer Liste
45   \fi
46 }
47
48 \def{
49   \ifvmode
50     \begin{itemize}
51       \item
52     \else
53       \item
54     \fi
55 }
56
57 \def{\end{itemize}}
58
59
60 \newcounter{insideitemize}
61 \setcounter{insideitemize}{0}
62 \newcounter{insideitem}
63 \setcounter{insideitem}{0}
64
65 \catcode'\=\active
66
67 \iffalse
68 \def{
69   \ifnum \theinsideitemize = 0 % Auerhalb einer itemize-Umgebung initialisieren
70     \begin{itemize}
71       \iffalse
72         \catcode'\^^M=\active
73         \def^^M{\myeol} \catcode'\^^M=5%
74       \fi
75       \setcounter{insideitemize}{1} % Nun innerhalb einer itemize

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76     \setcounter{insideitem}{1}% und innerhalb eines Items
77     \expandafter\item
78 \else
79     \makeatletter
80     \ifthenelse{\boolean{@inlabel}}{%
81     \makeatother
82     tach
83 }{%
84     \makeatother
85     \setcounter{insideitem}{1}% innerhalb eines items
86     \expandafter\item
87 }
88 \fi
89 }
90 \fi
91
92 \def\myeol{%
93     \ifnum \theinsideitem = 0%
94     \end{itemize}%
95     \catcode'\^M=5%
96     \setcounter{insideitem}{0}%
97 \else%
98     \setcounter{insideitem}{0}%
99 \fi%
100 }
101 % \end{macrocode}
102
103 % Definiert eine bergroe Displaystyle-Formel ntzlich z.B. bei Prsentationen.
104 \def\hugedisplaymath{
105 \makeatletter
106 \def\fontsize@before@hugemath{
107 \makeatother
108 \Huge
109 \begin{equation*}
110 }
111 \def\endhugedisplaymath{
112 \end{equation*}
113 }

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