

*»The Monty Pythons, were they T<sub>E</sub>X users,  
could have written the chickenize macro.«*

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# chickenize

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This is the package `chickenize`. It allows manipulations of any LuaT<sub>E</sub>X document<sup>1</sup> exploiting the possibilities offered by the callbacks that influence line breaking. Most of this package's content is just for fun and educational use, but there are also some functions that can be really useful.

The following table informs you shortly about some of your possibilities and provides links to the Lua functions. The T<sub>E</sub>X interface is presented [below](#).

The documentation of this package is far from being well-readable, consistent or even complete. This is caused either by lack of time or priority. If you miss anything that should be documented or if you have suggestions on how to increase the readability of the descriptions, please let me know.

## maybe usefull things

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<a href="#">colorstretch</a>	shows grey boxes that depict the badness and font expansion of each line
<a href="#">letterspaceadjust</a>	uses a small amount of letterspacing to improve the greyness, especially for narrow lines

## less usefull things

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<a href="#">leetspeak</a>	translates the (latin-based) input into 1337 5p34k
<a href="#">randomucl</a>	changes randomly between uppercase and lowercase
<a href="#">rainbowcolor</a>	changes the color of letters slowly according to a rainbow
<a href="#">randomcolor</a>	prints every letter in a random color
<a href="#">uppercasecolor</a>	makes every uppercase letter colored

## complete nonsense

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<a href="#">chickenize</a>	replaces every word with “chicken”
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<sup>1</sup>The code is based on pure LuaT<sub>E</sub>X features, so don't even try to use it with any other T<sub>E</sub>X flavour. The package is tested under Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, and should be working fine with plainLuaT<sub>E</sub>X. If you tried it with ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt, please share your experience!

<a href="#">randomfonts</a>	changes the font randomly between every letter
<a href="#">randomchars</a>	randomizes the (letter of the) whole input

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If you have any suggestions or comments, just drop me a mail, I'll be happy to get any response!

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## Part I

# User Documentation

## 1 How It Works

We make use of Lua $\TeX$ s callbacks, especially the `pre_linebreak_filter` and the `post_linebreak_filter`. Hooking a function into these, we can nearly arbitrarily change the contents of the document. If the changes should be on the input-side (replacing with `chicken`), one can use the `pre_linebreak_filter`. However, changes like inserting color are best made after the linebreak is finalized, so `post_linebreak_filter` is used for such things.

All functions traverse the node list of a paragraph and manipulate the nodes' properties (like `.font` or `.char`) or insert nodes (like color push/pop nodes) and return this changed node list.

## 2 Commands – How You Can Use It

There are several ways to make use of this package – you can either stay on the  $\TeX$  side or use the Lua functions directly. In fact, the  $\TeX$  macros are simple wrappers around the functions.

### 2.1 $\TeX$ Commands – Document Wide

You have a number of commands at your hand, each of which does some manipulation of the input or output. In fact, the code is easy and straightforward, but be careful, especially when combining things. Apply features step by step so your brain won't be damaged ...

The effect of the commands can be influenced, not with arguments, but only via the `\chickenizesetup` described [below](#).

**`\chickenize`** Replaces every word of the input with the word “chicken”. Maybe sometime the replaced word can be changed, but up to now, it's only chicken. To be a bit less static, about every 10<sup>th</sup> chicken is uppercase. However, the beginning of a sentence is not recognized automatically.<sup>2</sup>

**`\uppercasecolor`** Makes every uppercase character in the input colored. At the moment, the color is randomized over the full rgb scale, but that will be adjustable once options are well implemented.

**`\randomuclc`** Changes every character of the input into its uppercase or lowercase variant. Well, guess what the “random” means ...

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<sup>2</sup>If you have a nice implementation idea, I'd love to include this!

`\randomfonts` Changes the font randomly for every character. If no parameters are given, all fonts that have been loaded are used, especially including math fonts.

`\randomcolor` Does what it's name says.

`\rainbowcolor` Instead of random colors, this command causes the text color to change slowly according to the colors of a rainbow. Do not mix this with `randomcolor`, as that doesn't make any sense.

`\pancakelize` This is a dummy so far, as I have no idea what it should do. If you have suggestions, please tell me.

`\nyanize` A synonym for `rainbowcolor`.

`\leetspeak` Translates the input into 1337 speak. If you don't understand that, lern it, n00b.

`\colorstretch` Inspired by Paul Isambert's code, this command prints boxes instead of lines. The greyness of the first (left-hand) box corresponds to the badness of the line, i. e. it is a measure for how much the space between words has been extended to get proper paragraph justification. The second box on the right-hand side shows the amount of stretching/shrinking when font expansion is used. Together the box greyness give you information about how well the overall greyness of the typeset page is.

## 2.2 How to Deactivate It

Every command has a `\un-`version that deactivates its functionality. So once you used `\chickenize`, it will chickenize the whole document up to `\unchickenize`. However, the paragraph in which `\unchickenize` appears, will *not* be chickenized. The same is true for all other manipulations. Take care that you don't `\un-`anything before activating it, as this will result in an error.<sup>3</sup>

If you want to manipulate only a part of a paragraph, you have to use the `\text-`version of the function, see below. However, feel free to set and unset every function at will at any place in your document.

## 2.3 \text-Versions

The functions of this package might be much more useful if applied only to a short sequence of words or single words instead of the whole document or paragraph. Therefore, most of the above-mentioned commands have<sup>4</sup> a `\text-`version that takes an argument.

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<sup>3</sup>Which is so far not catchable due to missing functionality in `luatexbase`.

<sup>4</sup>If they don't have, I did miss that, sorry. Please inform me about such cases.

`\textrandomcolor{foo}` results in a colored `foo` while the rest of the document keeps its color. However, to achieve this effect, still the whole node list has to be traversed, so it may slow down your document, even if you use `\textrandomcolor` only once. Fortunately, the effect is very small and mostly negligible.<sup>5</sup>

Please don't fool around by mixing a `\text`-version with the non-`\text`-version. If you feel like and are not please with the result, it is up to *you* to provide a stable and working solution.

## 2.4 Lua functions

As all features are implemented on the Lua side, you can use these functions on their own. If you do so, please consult the corresponding subsections in the [implementation](#) part, because there are some variables that can be adapted to your need.

You can use the following code inside a `\directlua` statement or in a `luacode` environment (or the corresponding thing in your format):

```
luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",chickenize,"chickenize")
```

Replace `pre` by `post` to register into the post linebreak filter. The second argument gives the function name; find a list of available functions below. You can give a label as you like in the third argument, and the last argument gives the order in which the functions in the callback are used. If you have no fancy stuff going on, you can safely use 1.

## 3 Options – How to Adjust It

There are several ways to change the behaviour of `chickenize` and its macros. Most of the options are Lua variables and can be set using `\chickenizesetup`. But be *careful*! The argument of `\chickenizesetup` is parsed directly to Lua, therefore you are *not* using a comma-separated key-value list, but uncorrelated Lua commands. The argument must have the syntax `{randomfontslower = 1 randomfontsupper = 0}` instead of `{randomfontslower = 1, randomfontsupper = 0}`. Alright?

However, `\chickenizesetup` is a macro on the  $\TeX$  side meaning that you can use *only* `%` as comment string. If you use `--`, all of the argument will be ignored as  $\TeX$  does not pass an eol to `\directlua`. If you don't understand that, just ignore it and go on as usual.

The following list tries to keep kind of track to the options and variables. There is no guarantee for this list, and if you find something that is missing or doesn't work as described here, please inform me!

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<sup>5</sup>On a 500 pages text-only  $\LaTeX$  document the dilation is on the order of 10% with `\textrandomcolor`, but other manipulations can take much more time. However, you are not supposed to make such long documents with `chickenize`!

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### 3.2

`randomfontslower, randomfontsupper = <int>` These two integer variables determine the span of fonts used for the font randomization. Just play with them a bit to find out what they are doing.

`chickenstring = <table>` The string that is printed when using `\chickenize`. In fact, `chickenstring` is a table which allows for some more random action. To specify the default string, say `chickenstring[1] = 'chicken'`. For more than one animal, just step the index: `chickenstring[2] = 'rabbit'`. All existing table entries will be used randomly. Remember that we are dealing with Lua strings here, so use `' '` to mark them. (`" "` can cause problems with `babel`.)

`chickenizefraction = <float> 1` Gives the fraction of words that get replaced by the `chickenstring`. The default means that every word is substituted. However, with a value of, say, `0.0001`, only one word in ten thousand will be `chickenstring`. `chickenizefraction` must be specified *after* `\begin{document}`. No idea, why ...

`colorstretchnumbers = <true>` If true, the amount of stretching or shrinking of each line is printed into the margin as a green, red or black number.

`leetable = <table>` From this table, the substitution for 1337 is taken. If you want to add or change an entry, you have to provide the unicode numbers of the characters, e.g. `leetable[101] = 50` replaces every e (101) with the number 3 (50).

`uclcratio = <float> 0.5` Gives the fraction of uppercases to lowercases in the `\randomucl` mode. A higher number (up to 1) gives more uppercase letters. Guess what a lower number does.

`randomcolor_grey = <bool> false` For a printer-friendly version, this offers a grey scale instead of an rgb value for `\randomcolor`.

`rainbow_step = <float> 0.005` This indicates the relative change of color using the rainbow functionality. A value of 1 changes the color in one step from red to yellow, while a value of `0.005` takes 200 letters for this change. Useful values are below `0.05`, but it depends on the amount of text. The longer the text and the lower the step, the nicer your rainbow will be.

`Rgb_lower, rGb_upper = <int>` To specify the color space that is used for `\randomcolor`, you can specify six values, the upper and lower value for each color. The uppercase letter in the variable denotes the color, so `rGb_upper` gives the upper value for green etc. Possible values are between 1 and 254. If you enter anything outside this, your pdf will become invalid and break. For grey scale, use `grey_lower` and `grey_upper`,



with values between 0 (black) and 1000 (white), included. Default is 0 to 900 to prevent white letters.

`keeptext = <bool> false` This is for the `\colorstretch` command. If set to true, the text of your document will be kept. This way, it is easier to identify bad lines and the reason for the badness.

`colorexpan = <bool> true` If true, two bars are shown of which the second one denotes the font expansion. Only usefull if font expansion is used. (You *do* use font expansion, do you?)

## Part II

# Implementation

## 4 T<sub>E</sub>X file

This file is more-or-less just a dummy file to offer a nice interface for the functions. Basically, every macro registers the function with the same name in the corresponding callback. The un-macros remove the functions. If it makes sense, there are text-variants that activate the function only in a certain area of the text, using LuaT<sub>E</sub>X's attributes.

For (un)registering, we use the `luatexbase` package. Then, the `.lua` file is loaded which does the actual work. Finally, the T<sub>E</sub>X macros are defined as simple `\directlua` calls.

```
1 \input{luatexbase.sty}
2 \directlua{dofile("chickenize.lua")}
3
4 \def\chickenize{
5   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",chickenize,"chickenize")}
6   luatexbase.add_to_callback("start_page_number",
7     function() texio.write("[..status.total_pages) end ,"cstartpage")
8     luatexbase.add_to_callback("stop_page_number",
9       function() texio.write(" chickens]") end,"cstoppage")}
10
11   luatexbase.add_to_callback("stop_run",nicetext,"a nice text")
12 }
13 }
14 \def\unchickenize{
15   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("pre_linebreak_filter","chickenize")}
16   luatexbase.remove_from_callback("start_page_number","cstartpage")
17   luatexbase.remove_from_callback("stop_page_number","cstoppage")}}
18
19 \def\coffeestainize{ %% to be implemented.
20   \directlua{}}
```

```

21 \def\uncoffeestainize{
22   \directlua{}}
23
24 \def\colorstretch{
25   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",colorstretch,"stretch_expansion")}
26 \def\uncolorstretch{
27   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("post_linebreak_filter","stretch_expansion")}}
28
29 \def\itsame{
30   \directlua{drawmario}
31   }
32
33 \def\leetspeak{
34   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",leet,"1337")}}
35 \def\unleetspeak{
36   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("post_linebreak_filter","1337")}}
37
38 \def\letterspaceadjust{
39   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",letterspaceadjust,"letterspaceadjust")}
40 \def\unletterspacedjust{
41   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("pre_linebreak_filter","letterspaceadjust")}}
42
43 \let\stealsheep\letterspaceadjust      %% synonym in honor of Paul
44 \let\unstealsheep\unletterspaceadjust
45
46 \def\milkcow{      %% to be implemented
47   \directlua{}}
48 \def\unmilkcow{
49   \directlua{}}
50
51 \def\pancakenize{      %% to be implemented
52   \directlua{}}
53 \def\unpancakenize{
54   \directlua{}}
55
56 \def\rainbowcolor{
57   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",randomcolor,"rainbowcolor")}
58   rainbowcolor = true}}
59 \def\unrainbowcolor{
60   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("post_linebreak_filter","rainbowcolor")}
61   rainbowcolor = false}}
62 \let\nyanize\rainbowcolor
63 \let\unnyanize\unrainbowcolor
64
65 \def\randomcolor{
66   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",randomcolor,"randomcolor")}}

```

```

67 \def\unrandomcolor{
68   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("post_linebreak_filter","randomcolor")}}
69
70 \def\randomfonts{
71   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",randomfonts,"randomfonts")}}
72 \def\unrandomfonts{
73   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("post_linebreak_filter","randomfonts")}}
74
75 \def\randomuclc{
76   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",randomuclc,"randomuclc")}}
77 \def\unrandomuclc{
78   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("pre_linebreak_filter","randomuclc")}}
79
80 \def\spankmonkey{    %% to be implemented
81   \directlua{}}
82 \def\unspankmonkey{
83   \directlua{}}
84
85 \def\tabularasa{    %% TBI - should output just an empty docmunt, but only *after* typesetting. S
86   \directlua{}}
87 \def\untabularasa{
88   \directlua{}}
89
90 \def\uppercasecolor{
91   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",uppercasecolor,"uppercasecolor")}}
92 \def\unuppercasecolor{
93   \directlua{luatexbase.remove_from_callback("post_linebreak_filter","uppercasecolor")}}

```

Now the setup for the \text-versions. We utilize LuaTeX's attributes to mark all nodes that should be manipulated. The macros should be \long to allow arbitrary input.

```

94 \newluatexattribute\leetattr
95 \newluatexattribute\randcolorattr
96 \newluatexattribute\randfontsattrib
97 \newluatexattribute\randuclcattrib
98
99 \long\def\textleetspeak#1%
100   {\setluatexattribute\leetattr{42}#1\unsetluatexattribute\leetattr}
101 \long\def\textrandomcolor#1%
102   {\setluatexattribute\randcolorattr{42}#1\unsetluatexattribute\randcolorattr}
103 \long\def\textrandomfonts#1%
104   {\setluatexattribute\randfontsattrib{42}#1\unsetluatexattribute\randfontsattrib}
105 \long\def\textrandomuclc#1%
106   {\setluatexattribute\randfontsattrib{42}#1\unsetluatexattribute\randfontsattrib}
107 \long\def\textrandomuclc#1%
108   {\setluatexattribute\randuclcattrib{42}#1\unsetluatexattribute\randuclcattrib}

```

Finally, a macro to control the setup. So far, it's only a wrapper that allows TeX-style

comments to make the user feel more at home.

```
109 \def\chickenizesetup#1{\directlua{#1}}
```

The following is the very first try of implementing a small drawing language in Lua. It draws a beautiful chicken.

```
110 \long\def\luadraw#1#2{%
111   \vbox to #1bp{%
112     \vfil
113     \luatexlualua{pdf_print("q") #2 pdf_print("Q")}%
114   }%
115 }
116 \long\def\drawchicken{
117 \luadraw{90}{
118 kopf = {200,50} % Kopfmitte
119 kopf_rad = 20
120
121 d = {215,35} % Halsansatz
122 e = {230,10} %
123
124 korper = {260,-10}
125 korper_rad = 40
126
127 bein11 = {260,-50}
128 bein12 = {250,-70}
129 bein13 = {235,-70}
130
131 bein21 = {270,-50}
132 bein22 = {260,-75}
133 bein23 = {245,-75}
134
135 schnabel_oben = {185,55}
136 schnabel_vorne = {165,45}
137 schnabel_unten = {185,35}
138
139 flugel_vorne = {260,-10}
140 flugel_unten = {280,-40}
141 flugel_hinten = {275,-15}
142
143 sloppycircle(kopf,kopf_rad)
144 sloppyline(d,e)
145 sloppycircle(korper,korper_rad)
146 sloppyline(bein11,bein12) sloppyline(bein12,bein13)
147 sloppyline(bein21,bein22) sloppyline(bein22,bein23)
148 sloppyline(schnabel_vorne,schnabel_oben) sloppyline(schnabel_vorne,schnabel_unten)
149 sloppyline(flugel_vorne,flugel_unten) sloppyline(flugel_hinten,flugel_unten)
150
```

```

151 }
152 }

```

## 5 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package

I have decided to keep the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-part of this package as small as possible. So far, it does ... nothing useful, but it provides a `chickenize.sty` that loads `chickenize.tex` so the user can still say `\usepackage{chickenize}`. This file will never support package options!

Some code might be implemented to manipulate figures for full chickenization. However, I will *not* load any packages at this place, as loading of `expl3` or `TikZ` or whatever takes too much time for such a tiny package like this one. If you want to use anything of the features presented here, you have to load the packages on your own. Maybe this will change.

```

153 \ProvidesPackage{chickenize}%
154 [2011/10/22 v0.1 chickenize package]
155 \input{chickenize}

```

### 5.1 Definition of User-Level Macros

```

156 %% We want to "chickenize" figures, too. So ...
157 \iffalse
158 \DeclareDocumentCommand\includegraphics{0}{m}{
159     \fbox{Chicken} %% actually, I'd love to draw a mp graph showing a chicken ...
160 }
161 %%% specials: the balmerpeak. A tribute to http://xkcd.com/323/.
162 % So far, you have to load pgfplots yourself.
163 % As it is a mighty package, I don't want the user to force loading it.
164 \NewDocumentCommand\balmerpeak{G{}0{-4cm}}{
165 % to be done using Lua drawing.
166 }
167 \fi

```

## 6 Lua Module

This file contains all the necessary functions, sorted alphabetically, not by sense.

First, we set up some constants. These are made global so the code can be manipulated on document level, too.

```

168
169 local traverseid = node.traverse_id
170 local insertbefore = node.insert_before
171 local insertafter = node.insert_after
172 local nodenew = node.new
173

```

```

174 Hhead = node.id("hhead")
175 RULE = node.id("rule")
176 GLUE = node.id("glue")
177 WHAT = node.id("whatsit")
178 COL = node.subtype("pdf_colorstack")
179 GLYPH = node.id("glyph")

```

Now we set up the nodes used for all color things. The nodes are whatsits of subtype pdf\_colorstack.

```

180 color_push = nodenew(WHAT,COL)
181 color_pop = nodenew(WHAT,COL)
182 color_push.stack = 0
183 color_pop.stack = 0
184 color_push.cmd = 1
185 color_pop.cmd = 2

```

## 6.1 chickenize

The infamous \chickenize macro. Substitutes every word of the input with the given string. This can be elaborated arbitrarily, and whenever I feel like, I might add functionality. So far, only the string replaces the word, and even hyphenation is not possible.

```

186 chicken_pagenumbers = true
187
188 chickenstring = {}
189 chickenstring[1] = "Chicken" -- chickenstring is a table, please remeber this!
190
191 chickenizefraction = 0.5
192 -- set this to a small value to fool somebody, or to see if your text has been read carefully. Th
193
194 local tbl = font.getfont(font.current())
195 local space = tbl.parameters.space
196 local shrink = tbl.parameters.space_shrink
197 local stretch = tbl.parameters.space_stretch
198 local match = unicode.utf8.match
199 chickenize_ignore_word = false
200
201 chickenize_real_stuff = function(i,head)
202     while ((i.next.id == 37) or (i.next.id == 11) or (i.next.id == 7) or (i.next.id == 0)) do --
203         i.next = i.next.next
204     end
205
206     chicken = {} -- constructing the node list.
207
208 -- Should this be done only once? No, then we loose the freedom to change the string in-document.
209 --but it could be done only once each paragraph as in-paragraph changes are not possible!
210

```

```

211     chickenstring_tmp = chickenstring[math.random(1,#chickenstring)]
212     chicken[0] = nodenew(37,1) -- only a dummy for the loop
213     for i = 1,string.len(chickenstring_tmp) do
214         chicken[i] = nodenew(37,1)
215         chicken[i].font = font.current()
216         chicken[i-1].next = chicken[i]
217     end
218
219     j = 1
220     for s in string.utfvalues(chickenstring_tmp) do
221         local char = unicode.utf8.char(s)
222         chicken[j].char = s
223         if match(char,"%s") then
224             chicken[j] = nodenew(10)
225             chicken[j].spec = nodenew(47)
226             chicken[j].spec.width = space
227             chicken[j].spec.shrink = shrink
228             chicken[j].spec.stretch = stretch
229         end
230         j = j+1
231     end
232
233     node.slide(chicken[1])
234     lang.hyphenate(chicken[1])
235     chicken[1] = node.kerning(chicken[1]) -- FIXME: does not work
236     chicken[1] = node.ligaturing(chicken[1]) -- dito
237
238     insertbefore(head,i,chicken[1])
239     chicken[1].next = chicken[2] -- seems to be necessary ... to be fixed
240     chicken[string.len(chickenstring_tmp)].next = i.next
241     return head
242 end
243
244 chickenize = function(head)
245     for i in traverseid(37,head) do --find start of a word
246         if (chickenize_ignore_word == false) then -- normal case: at the beginning of a word, we jump
247             head = chickenize_real_stuff(i,head)
248         end
249
250 -- At the end of the word, the ignoring is reset. New chance for everyone.
251         if not((i.next.id == 37) or (i.next.id == 7) or (i.next.id == 22) or (i.next.id == 11)) then
252             chickenize_ignore_word = false
253         end
254
255 -- and the random determination of the chickenization of the next word:
256         if math.random() > chickenizefraction then

```

```

257     chickenize_ignore_word = true
258   end
259 end
260 return head
261 end
262
263 nicetext = function()
264   texio.write_nl("Output written on "..tex.jobname.."pdf ("..status.total_pages.." chicken,".."
265   texio.write_nl(" ")
266   texio.write_nl("-----")
267   texio.write_nl("Hello my dear user,")
268   texio.write_nl("good job, now go outside and enjoy the world!")
269   texio.write_nl(" ")
270   texio.write_nl("And don't forget to feet your chicken!")
271   texio.write_nl("-----")
272 end

```

## 6.2 leetspeak

The leettable is the substitution scheme. Just add items if you feel to. Maybe we will differ between a light-weight version and a hardcore 1337.

```

273 leet_onlytext = false
274 leettable = {
275   [101] = 51, -- E
276   [105] = 49, -- I
277   [108] = 49, -- L
278   [111] = 48, -- O
279   [115] = 53, -- S
280   [116] = 55, -- T
281
282   [101-32] = 51, -- e
283   [105-32] = 49, -- i
284   [108-32] = 49, -- l
285   [111-32] = 48, -- o
286   [115-32] = 53, -- s
287   [116-32] = 55, -- t
288 }

```

And here the function itself. So simple that I will not write any

```

289 leet = function(head)
290   for line in traverseid(Hhead,head) do
291     for i in traverseid(GLYPH,line.head) do
292       if not(leetspeak_onlytext) or
293         node.has_attribute(i,luatexbase.attributes.leetattr)
294       then
295         if leettable[i.char] then

```



```

296         i.char = leettable[i.char]
297     end
298 end
299 end
300 end
301 return head
302 end

```

### 6.3 letterspaceadjust

Yet another piece of code by Paul. This is primarily intended for very narrow columns, but may also increase the overall quality of typesetting. Basically, it does nothing else than adding expandable space *between* letters. This way, the amount of stretching between words can be reduced and the greyness of a page (hopefully) comes out more equally.

Why the synonym stealsheep? Because of a comment of Paul on the texhax mailing list: <http://tug.org/pipermail/texhax/2011-October/018374.html>

#### 6.3.1 setup of variables

```

303 local letterspace_glue = nodenew(node.id"glue")
304 local letterspace_spec = nodenew(node.id"glue_spec")
305 local letterspace_pen = nodenew(node.id"penalty")
306
307 letterspace_spec.width = tex.sp"0pt"
308 letterspace_spec.stretch = tex.sp"2pt"
309 letterspace_glue.spec = letterspace_spec
310 letterspace_pen.penalty = 10000

```

#### 6.3.2 function implementation

```

311 letterspaceadjust = function(head)
312   for glyph in traverseid(node.id"glyph", head) do
313     if glyph.prev and (glyph.prev.id == node.id"glyph") then
314       local g = node.copy(letterspace_glue)
315       insertbefore(head, glyph, g)
316       insertbefore(head, g, node.copy(letterspace_pen))
317     end
318   end
319   return head
320 end

```

### 6.4 pancakenize

Not yet completely decided what this should do, but it might come down to inserting a cooking receipe for a ... well, guess what. Possible implementations are: Substitute a whole sentence, from full-stop to full-stop. OR: Substitute word-by-word at a random place. OR

(expert-freak-1337-level): Substitute the n-th word of each page to a word of the receipe. That would be totally awesome!!

## 6.5 randomfonts

Traverses the output and substitutes fonts randomly. A check is done so that the font number is existing. One day, the fonts should be easily given explicately in terms of \bf etc.

```
321 randomfontslower = 1
322 randomfontsupper = 0
323 %
324 randomfonts = function(head)
325   if (randomfontsupper > 0) then -- fixme: this should be done only once, no? Or at every paragr
326     rfub = randomfontsupper -- user-specified value
327   else
328     rfub = font.max() -- or just take all fonts
329   end
330   for line in traverseid(Hhead,head) do
331     for i in traverseid(GLYPH,line.head) do
332       if not(randomfonts_onlytext) or node.has_attribute(i,luatexbase.attributes.randfontsattrib) t
333         i.font = math.random(randomfontslower,rfub)
334       end
335     end
336   end
337   return head
338 end
```

## 6.6 randomuclc

Traverses the input list and changes lowercase/uppercase codes.

```
339 uclcratio = 0.5 -- ratio between uppercase and lower case
340 randomuclc = function(head)
341   for i in traverseid(37,head) do
342     if not(randomuclc_onlytext) or node.has_attribute(i,luatexbase.attributes.randuclcattrib) then
343       if math.random() < uclcratio then
344         i.char = tex.uccode[i.char]
345       else
346         i.char = tex.lccode[i.char]
347       end
348     end
349   end
350   return head
351 end
```

## 6.7 randomchars

```

352 randomchars = function(head)
353   for line in traverseid(Hhead,head) do
354     for i in traverseid(GLYPH,line.head) do
355       i.char = math.floor(math.random()*512)
356     end
357   end
358   return head
359 end

```

## 6.8 randomcolor and rainbowcolor

Setup of the boolean for grey/color or rainbowcolor, and boundaries for the colors. rgb space is fully used, but greyscale is only used in a visible range, i. e. to 90% instead of 100% white.

```

360 randomcolor_grey = false
361 randomcolor_onlytext = false --switch between local and global colorization
362 rainbowcolor = false
363
364 grey_lower = 0
365 grey_upper = 900
366
367 Rgb_lower = 1
368 rGb_lower = 1
369 rgB_lower = 1
370 Rgb_upper = 254
371 rGb_upper = 254
372 rgB_upper = 254

```

Variables for the rainbow. 1/rainbow\_step\*5 is the number of letters used for one cycle, the color changes from red to yellow to green to blue to purple.

```

373 rainbow_step = 0.005
374 rainbow_Rgb = 1-rainbow_step -- we start in the red phase
375 rainbow_rGb = rainbow_step -- values x must always be 0 < x < 1
376 rainbow_rgB = rainbow_step
377 rainind = 1 -- 1:red,2:yellow,3:green,4:blue,5:purple

```

This function produces the string needed for the pdf color stack. We need values 0]..[1 for the colors.

```

378 randomcolorstring = function()
379   if randomcolor_grey then
380     return (0.001*math.random(grey_lower,grey_upper)).." g"
381   elseif rainbowcolor then
382     if rainind == 1 then -- red
383       rainbow_rGb = rainbow_rGb + rainbow_step
384       if rainbow_rGb >= 1-rainbow_step then rainind = 2 end
385     elseif rainind == 2 then -- yellow
386       rainbow_Rgb = rainbow_Rgb - rainbow_step

```

```

387     if rainbow_Rgb <= rainbow_step then rainind = 3 end
388 elseif rainind == 3 then -- green
389     rainbow_rgB = rainbow_rgB + rainbow_step
390     rainbow_rGb = rainbow_rGb - rainbow_step
391     if rainbow_rGb <= rainbow_step then rainind = 4 end
392 elseif rainind == 4 then -- blue
393     rainbow_Rgb = rainbow_Rgb + rainbow_step
394     if rainbow_Rgb >= 1-rainbow_step then rainind = 5 end
395 else -- purple
396     rainbow_rgB = rainbow_rgB - rainbow_step
397     if rainbow_rGb <= rainbow_step then rainind = 1 end
398 end
399 return rainbow_Rgb.." "..rainbow_rGb.." "..rainbow_rgB.." rg"
400 else
401   Rgb = math.random(Rgb_lower,Rgb_upper)/255
402   rGb = math.random(rGb_lower,rGb_upper)/255
403   rgB = math.random(rgB_lower,rgB_upper)/255
404   return Rgb.." "..rGb.." "..rgB.." .." rg"
405 end
406 end

```

The function that does all the colorizing action. It goes through the whole paragraph and looks at every glyph. If the boolean `randomcolor_onlytext` is set, only glyphs with the set attribute will be colored. Otherwise, all glyphs are taken.

```

407 randomcolor = function(head)
408   for line in traverseid(0,head) do
409     for i in traverseid(37,line.head) do
410       if not(randomcolor_onlytext) or
411         (node.has_attribute(i,luatexbase.attributes.randcolorattr))
412       then
413         color_push.data = randomcolorstring() -- color or grey string
414         line.head = insertbefore(line.head,i,node.copy(color_push))
415         insertafter(line.head,i,node.copy(color_pop))
416       end
417     end
418   end
419   return head
420 end

```

## 6.9 rickroll

Another tribute to pop culture. Either: substitute word-by-word as in `pancake`. OR: substitute each link to a youtube-rickroll ...

## 6.10 uppercasecolor

Loop through all the nodes and checking whether it is uppercase. If so (and also for small caps), color it.

```
421 uppercasecolor = function (head)
422   for line in traverseid(Hhead,head) do
423     for upper in traverseid(GLYPH,line.head) do
424       if (((upper.char > 64) and (upper.char < 91)) or
425           ((upper.char > 57424) and (upper.char < 57451))) then -- for small caps! nice
426         color_push.data = randomcolorstring() -- color or grey string
427         line.head = insertbefore(line.head,upper,node.copy(color_push))
428         insertafter(line.head,upper,node.copy(color_pop))
429       end
430     end
431   end
432   return head
433 end
```

## 6.11 colorstretch

This function displays the amount of stretching that has been done for each line of an arbitrary document. A well-typeset document should be equally grey over all lines, which is not always possible.

In fact, two boxes are drawn: The first (left) box shows the badness, i. e. the amount of stretching the spaces between words. Too much space results in light gray, whereas a too dense line is indicated by a dark grey box.

The second box is only useful if microtypographic extensions are used, e. g. with the `microtype` package under  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . The box color then corresponds to the amount of font expansion in the line. This can be greatly used to show the positive effect of font expansion on the badness of a line!

The base structure of the following code is written by Paul Isambert. Thanks for the code and support, Paul!

Two booleans, `keeptext`, and `colorexpanansion`, are used to control the behaviour of the function.

```
434 keeptext = true
435 colorexpansion = true
436
437 colorstretch_coloroffset = 0.5
438 colorstretch_colorange = 0.5
439 chickenize_rule_bad_height = 4/5 -- height and depth of the rules
440 chickenize_rule_bad_depth = 1/5
441
442
443 colorstretchnumbers = true
```

```

444 drawstretchthreshold = 0.1
445 drawexpansionthreshold = 0.9

```

After setting the constants, the function starts. It receives the vertical list of the typeset paragraph as head, and loops through all horizontal lists.

If font expansion should be shown (`colorexansion == true`), then the first glyph node is determined and its width compared with the width of the unexpanded glyph. This gives a measure for the expansion factor and is translated into a grey scale.

```

446 colorstretch = function (head)
447
448   local f = font.getfont(font.current()).characters
449   for line in traverseid(Hhead,head) do
450     local rule_bad = nodenew(RULE)
451
452   if corexpansion then -- if also the font expansion should be shown
453     local g = line.head
454     while not(g.id == 37) do
455       g = g.next
456     end
457     exp_factor = g.width / f[g.char].width
458     exp_color = colorstretch_coloroffset + (1-exp_factor)*10 .. " g"
459     rule_bad.width = 0.5*line.width -- we need two rules on each line!
460   else
461     rule_bad.width = line.width -- only the space expansion should be shown, only one rule
462   end

```

Height and depth of the rules are adapted to print a closed grey pattern, so no white interspace is left.

The glue order and sign can be obtained directly and are translated into a grey scale.

```

463   rule_bad.height = tex.baselineskip.width*chickenize_rule_bad_height -- this should give a bet
464   rule_bad.depth = tex.baselineskip.width*chickenize_rule_bad_depth
465
466   local glue_ratio = 0
467   if line.glue_order == 0 then
468     if line.glue_sign == 1 then
469       glue_ratio = colorstretch_colorange * math.min(line.glue_set,1)
470     else
471       glue_ratio = -colorstretch_colorange * math.min(line.glue_set,1)
472     end
473   end
474   color_push.data = colorstretch_coloroffset + glue_ratio .. " g"
475

```

Now, we throw everything together in a way that works. Somehow ...

```

476 -- set up output
477   local p = line.head
478

```

```

479 -- a rule to immitate kerning all the way back
480     local kern_back = nodenew(RULE)
481     kern_back.width = -line.width
482
483 -- if the text should still be displayed, the color and box nodes are inserted additionally
484 -- and the head is set to the color node
485     if keeptext then
486         line.head = insertbefore(line.head,line.head,node.copy(color_push))
487     else
488         node.flush_list(p)
489         line.head = node.copy(color_push)
490     end
491     insertafter(line.head,line.head,rule_bad) -- then the rule
492     insertafter(line.head,line.head.next,node.copy(color_pop)) -- and then pop!
493     tmpnode = insertafter(line.head,line.head.next.next,kern_back)
494
495 -- then a rule with the expansion color
496 if colorexansion then -- if also the stretch/shrink of letters should be shown
497     color_push.data = exp_color
498     insertafter(line.head,tmpnode,node.copy(color_push))
499     insertafter(line.head,tmpnode.next,node.copy(rule_bad))
500     insertafter(line.head,tmpnode.next.next,node.copy(color_pop))
501 end

```

Now we are ready with the boxes and stuff and everything. However, a very useful information might be the amount of stretching, not encoded as color, but the real value. In concreto, I mean: narrow boxes get one color, loose boxes get another one, but only if the badness is above a certain amount. This information is printed into the right-hand margin. The threshold is user-adjustable.

```

502 if colorstretchnumbers then
503     j = 1
504     glue_ratio_output = {}
505     for s in string.utfvalues(math.abs(glue_ratio)) do -- using math.abs here gets us rid of the
506         local char = unicode.utf8.char(s)
507         glue_ratio_output[j] = nodenew(37,1)
508         glue_ratio_output[j].font = font.current()
509         glue_ratio_output[j].char = s
510         j = j+1
511     end
512     if math.abs(glue_ratio) > drawstretchthreshold then
513         if glue_ratio < 0 then color_push.data = "0.99 0 0 rg"
514         else color_push.data = "0 0.99 0 rg" end
515     else color_push.data = "0 0 0 rg"
516     end
517
518     insertafter(line.head,node.tail(line.head),node.copy(color_push))

```

```
519     for i = 1,math.min(j-1,7) do
520         insertafter(line.head,node.tail(line.head),glue_ratio_output[i])
521     end
522     insertafter(line.head,node.tail(line.head),node.copy(color_pop))
523 end -- end of stretch number insertion
524 end
525 return head
526 end
```

And that's it!





## 6.12 draw a chicken

A *very* first, experimental implementation of a drawing of a chicken. The parameters should be consistent, easy to change and that monster should look more like a cute chicken. However, it is chicken, it is Lua, so it belongs into this package. So far, all numbers and positions are hard coded, this will of course change!

```
527 --
528 function pdf_print (...)
529   for _, str in ipairs({...}) do
530     pdf.print(str .. " ")
531   end
532   pdf.print("\string\n")
533 end
534
535 function move (p)
536   pdf_print(p[1],p[2],"m")
537 end
538
539 function line (p)
540   pdf_print(p[1],p[2],"l")
541 end
542
543 function curve(p1,p2,p3)
544   pdf_print(p1[1], p1[2],
545             p2[1], p2[2],
546             p3[1], p3[2], "c")
547 end
548
549 function close ()
550   pdf_print("h")
551 end
552
553 function linewidth (w)
554   pdf_print(w,"w")
555 end
556
557 function stroke ()
558   pdf_print("S")
559 end
560 --
561
562 function strictcircle(center,radius)
563   local left = {center[1] - radius, center[2]}
564   local lefttop = {left[1], left[2] + 1.45*radius}
565   local leftbot = {left[1], left[2] - 1.45*radius}
566   local right = {center[1] + radius, center[2]}
```

```

567 local righttop = {right[1], right[2] + 1.45*radius}
568 local rightbot = {right[1], right[2] - 1.45*radius}
569
570 move (left)
571 curve (lefttop, righttop, right)
572 curve (rightbot, leftbot, left)
573 stroke()
574 end
575
576 function disturb_point(point)
577   return {point[1] + math.random()*5 - 2.5,
578           point[2] + math.random()*5 - 2.5}
579 end
580
581 function sloppycircle(center,radius)
582   local left = disturb_point({center[1] - radius, center[2]})
583   local lefttop = disturb_point({left[1], left[2] + 1.45*radius})
584   local leftbot = {lefttop[1], lefttop[2] - 2.9*radius}
585   local right = disturb_point({center[1] + radius, center[2]})
586   local righttop = disturb_point({right[1], right[2] + 1.45*radius})
587   local rightbot = disturb_point({right[1], right[2] - 1.45*radius})
588
589   local right_end = disturb_point(right)
590
591   move (right)
592   curve (rightbot, leftbot, left)
593   curve (lefttop, righttop, right_end)
594   linewidth(math.random()+0.5)
595   stroke()
596 end
597
598 function sloppyline(start,stop)
599   local start_line = disturb_point(start)
600   local stop_line = disturb_point(stop)
601   start = disturb_point(start)
602   stop = disturb_point(stop)
603   move(start) curve(start_line,stop_line,stop)
604   linewidth(math.random()+0.5)
605   stroke()
606 end

```

## 7 Known Bugs

The behaviour of the `\chickenize` macro is under construction and everything it does so far is considered a feature.

**babel** Using `chickenize` with `babel` leads to a problem with the `"` character, as it is made active: When using `\chickenizesetup` *after* `\begin{document}`, you can *not* use `"` for strings, but you have to use `'`. No problem really, but take care of this.

## 8 To Dos

Some things that should be implemented but aren't so far or are very poor at the moment:

**rainbowcolor** should be more flexible – the angle of the rainbow should be easily adjustable.

**pancakenize** should do something funny.

**chickenize** should differ between character and punctuation.

**swing** swing dancing apes!

**chickenmath** chickenization of math mode