

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

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# chickenize

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## Abstract

This is the documentation of the package `chickenize`. It allows you to substitute or change the contents of a Lua<sub>⁠</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X document.<sup>1</sup> You have e. g. the possibility to substitute every word of a document with the word “chicken”, translate it into 1337 speak, make it totally colorfull or use upper/lowercase all randomly. Of course this package is *not* meant for any serious document, but only for fun and – because we can!

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

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<sup>1</sup>The code is based on pure Lua<sub>⁠</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X features, so don't try to use it with any other T<sub>E</sub>X flavour.

## 1 Usage

This package should be useable some time ...

## 2 Working Principle

We make use of LuaTeX's callbacks, especially the `pre_linebreak_filter` and the `post_linebreak_filter`. Hooking a function into these, we can change the input (into "chicken") or add/transform the input (putting color in, changing lower/uppercase).

## 3 Package Options

There surely will be some options etc.

## 4 Commands

You have a number of commands at your hand, each of which does some manipulating with the input. In fact, the code is easy and straightforward, but the result may blow your mind. Be careful, especially when combining things ...

Some commands have optional arguments that are *only* available for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. plainT<sub>E</sub>X users are mostly capable of finding out how to change things themselves, but if you are willing to wrap up the code for optional argument processing, don't hesitate sharing it with me ;)

**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, after a full-stop

**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 ...

**leetspeak** Translates the input into 1337 speak. If you don't understand that, learn 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. You may specify the optional arguments `[(no)keeptext]` to display the text or delete it, also `[(no)colorexpansion]` controls whether or not the font expansion should be evaluated or not.

This functionality is actually the only really useful implementation of this package ...

## 5 Implementation

```

1 \input{luatexbase.sty}
2 \directlua{dofile("chickenize.lua")}
3
4 \def\chickenize{
5   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",chickenize,"chickenize the input
6 }
7 \def\uppercasecolor{
8   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",uppercasecolor,"color all uc ch
9 }
10 \def\randomuclc{
11   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",randomuclc,"randomize uc/lc char
12 }
13 \def\colorstretch{
14   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",colorstretch,"show stretch and
15 }
16 \def\leetspeak{
17   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",leet,"transform input to 1337",
18 }

```

## 6 Preparation

Loading of packages and definition of constants. Will change somewhat when migrating to `expl3` (?)

```

19 \input{chickenize}
20 \RequirePackage{
21   expl3,
22   xkeyval,
23   xparse
24 }
25 %% So far, no keys are defined. This will change ...
26 \ExplSyntaxOn
27 \keys_define:nn {chick} {
28   keeptext.code:n = \directlua{keeptext = true},
29   colorexpansion.code:n = \directlua{colorexpansion = true},
30   nokeeptext.code:n = \directlua{keeptext = false},
31   nocolorexpansion.code:n = \directlua{colorexpansion = false}
32 }
33 \NewDocumentCommand\chicksetup{m}{
34   \keys_set:nn{chick}{#1}

```

```
35 }
```

## 7 Definition of User-Level Macros

```
36 \DeclareDocumentCommand\chickenize{}{
37   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",chickenize,"chickenize the input
38   %% We want to "chickenize" figures, too. So ...
39   \DeclareDocumentCommand\includegraphics{0}{m}{
40     \fbox{Chicken}   %% actually, I'd love to draw a mp graph showing a chicken ...
41   }
42 }
43 \DeclareDocumentCommand\uppercasecolor{}{
44   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",uppercasecolor,"color all uc ch
45 }
46 \DeclareDocumentCommand\randomuclc{}{
47   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("pre_linebreak_filter",randomuclc,"randomize uc/lc char
48 }
49
50 \DeclareDocumentCommand\colorstretch{0}{}{
51   \keys_set:nn { chick } {#1}
52   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",colorstretch,"show stretch and
53 }
54 \DeclareDocumentCommand\leetspeak{}{
55   \directlua{luatexbase.add_to_callback("post_linebreak_filter",leet,"transform input to 1337",
56 }
57
58 %% specials: the balmerpeak. A tribute to http://xkcd.com/323/.
59 %%           (most probable only available for \LaTeX)
60
61 \ExplSyntaxOff   %% because of the : in the domain ...
62 \NewDocumentCommand\balmerpeak{G}{0}{-4cm}}{
63   \begin{tikzpicture}
64     \hspace*{#2}   %% anyhow necessary to fix centering ... strange :(
65     \begin{axis}
66       [width=10cm,height=7cm,
67       xmin=-0.005,xmax=0.28,ymin=-0.05,ymax=1,
68       xtick={0,0.02,...,0.27},ytick=\empty,
69       /pgf/number format/precision=3,/pgf/number format/fixed,
70       tick label style={font=\small},
71       label style = {font=\Large},
72       xlabel = \fontspec{Punk Nova} BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (\%),
73       ylabel = \fontspec{Punk Nova} \rotatebox{-90}{\parbox{3cm}{\center programming\ skills}}]
74     \addplot
75       [domain=-0.01:0.27,color=red,samples=250]
76       {0.8*exp(-0.5*((x-0.1335)^2)/.00002)+
77       0.5*exp(-0.5*((x+0.015)^2)/0.01)
78       };
79   \end{axis}
80 \end{tikzpicture}
```

```

81 }
82 \ExplSyntaxOn

```

## 8 Lua Module

This file contains all the necessary functions.

```

83 local Hhead = node.id("hhead")
84 local RULE = node.id("rule")
85 local GLUE = node.id("glue")
86 local WHAT = node.id("whatsit")
87 local COL = node.subtype("pdf_colorstack")
88 local GLYPH = node.id("glyph")
89
90 uppercasecolor = function (head)
91   for line in node.traverse_id(Hhead,head) do
92     for upper in node.traverse_id(GLYPH,line.head) do
93       if ((upper.char > 64) and (upper.char < 91)) or
94         ((upper.char > 57424) and (upper.char < 57451))) then -- for small caps! nice
95         color_push.data = math.random()..math.random()..math.random().." rg"
96         line.head = node.insert_before(line.head,upper,node.copy(color_push))
97         node.insert_after(line.head,upper,node.copy(color_pop))
98       end
99     end
100   end
101   return head
102 end
103
104 randomuclc = function(head)
105   for i in node.traverse_id(37,head) do
106     if math.random() < 0.5 then
107       i.char = tex.uccode[i.char]
108     else
109       i.char = tex.lccode[i.char]
110       i.yoffset = "15 pt"
111     end
112   end
113   return head
114 end
115
116 function chickenize(head)
117   for i in node.traverse_id(37,head) do --find start of a word
118     while ((i.next.id == 37) or (i.next.id == 11) or (i.next.id == 7) or (i.next.id == 0)) do
119       i.next = i.next.next
120     end
121
122     chicken = {}
123     chicken[0] = node.new(37,1)
124     for i = 1,7 do
125       chicken[i] = node.new(37,1)

```

```

126     chicken[i].font = font.current()
127 end
128     node.insert_before(head,i,chicken[1])
129
130 -- randomize upper/lower case to get a more natural output.
131 -- however, this may make break points inconsistent!
132 if (math.random() > 0.8) then
133     chicken[7].char = 67 else
134     chicken[7].char = 99
135 end
136
137     chicken[6].char = 104
138     chicken[5].char = 105
139     chicken[4].char = 99
140     chicken[3].char = 107
141     chicken[2].char = 101
142     chicken[1].char = 110
143 lang.hyphenate(chicken[1])
144     for k = 1,6 do
145         node.insert_before(head,chicken[k],chicken[k+1])
146     end
147     chicken[1].next = i.next
148 end
149
150 return head
151 end
152
153 leettable = {
154     [101] = 51, -- e
155     [105] = 49, -- i
156     [108] = 49, -- l
157     [111] = 48, -- o
158     [115] = 53, -- s
159     [116] = 55, -- t
160
161     [101-32] = 51, -- e
162     [105-32] = 49, -- i
163     [108-32] = 49, -- l
164     [111-32] = 48, -- o
165     [115-32] = 53, -- s
166     [116-32] = 55, -- t
167 }
168
169 function leet(head)
170     for line in node.traverse_id(Hhead,head) do
171         for i in node.traverse_id(GLYPH,line.head) do
172             if leettable[i.char] then
173                 i.char = leettable[i.char]
174             end
175         end
176     end

```

```

176 end
177 return head
178 end

```

### 8.0.1 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.

The function shows in fact two boxes: 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!

First, we set up some constants that will be used later on. Two booleans, `keeptext`, and `colorexpansion`, are used to control the behaviour of the function.

```

179 local color_push = node.new(WHAT,COL)
180 local color_pop = node.new(WHAT,COL)
181 color_push.stack = 0
182 color_pop.stack = 0
183 color_push.cmd = 1
184 color_pop.cmd = 2
185
186 local keeptext = true
187 local colorexpansion = true

```

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 (`colorexpansion == 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.

```

188 colorstretch = function (head)
189
190   local f = font.getfont(font.current()).characters
191   for line in node.traverse_id(Hhead,head) do
192     local rule_bad = node.new(RULE)
193
194     if colorexpansion then -- if also the stretch/shrink of letters should be shown
195       local g = line.head
196       while not(g.id == 37) do
197         g = g.next
198       end

```

```

199     exp_factor = g.width / f[g.char].width
200     exp_color = .5 + (1-exp_factor)*10 .. " g"
201     rule_bad.width = 0.5*line.width -- we need two rules on each line!
202 else
203     rule_bad.width = line.width -- only the space expansion should be shown, only one rule
204 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.

```

205     rule_bad.height = tex.baselineskip.width*4/5 -- this should give a quite nice output!
206     rule_bad.depth = tex.baselineskip.width*1/5
207
208     local glue_ratio = 0
209     if line.glue_order == 0 then
210         if line.glue_sign == 1 then
211             glue_ratio = .5 * math.min(line.glue_set,1)
212         else
213             glue_ratio = -.5 * math.min(line.glue_set,1)
214         end
215     end
216     color_push.data = .5 + glue_ratio .. " g"

```

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

```

217 -- set up output
218     local p = line.head
219
220 -- a rule to immitate kerning all the way back
221     local kern_back = node.new(RULE)
222     kern_back.width = -line.width
223
224 -- if the text should still be displayed, the color and box nodes are inserted additionally
225 -- and the head is set to the color node
226     if keeptext then
227         line.head = node.insert_before(line.head,line.head,node.copy(color_push)) -- make the col
228     else
229         node.flush_list(p)
230         line.head = node.copy(color_push)
231     end
232     node.insert_after(line.head,line.head,rule_bad) -- then the rule
233     node.insert_after(line.head,line.head.next,node.copy(color_pop)) -- and then pop!
234     tmpnode = node.insert_after(line.head,line.head.next.next,kern_back)
235
236 -- then a rule with the expansion color
237 if colorexansion then -- if also the stretch/shrink of letters should be shown
238     color_push.data = exp_color
239     node.insert_after(line.head,tmpnode,node.copy(color_push))
240     node.insert_after(line.head,tmpnode.next,node.copy(rule_bad))
241     node.insert_after(line.head,tmpnode.next.next,node.copy(color_pop))

```



```
242     end
243 end
244 return head
245 end
```

And that's it :)

## 9 Known Bugs

There are surely some bugs ...

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## 10 To Dos

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

?

This is the README file that should contain some important information. So far I can only tell you to run the `lualatex` on the file `chickenize.dtx` to produce the four files `chickenize.pdf` (documentation) `chickenize.tex` (low-level commands; plain-TeX) `chickenize.sty` (LaTeX user interface) `chickenize.lua` (Lua package code)

You need an up-to-date TeX Live (2011, if possible) to use this package.

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Hope you have fun with this!