The mathphysletter class

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Abstract

With the mathletter class, members of the mathphys-FS of Heidelberg can write letters in the corporate design of the university. The handling tries to be very easy and intuitive.

1 Important Notices:

To use this class, please read section User Interface carefully. This class must be compiled with XHATEX. If you don't know about XHATEX and how to use it, feel free to contact the author. You need to have the file unilogo.jpg in the folder you're operating in! Maybe the path will change, but you need the picture to successfully compile your document. In future versions, the font Goudy Old Style might be used. Then you have to have this font available.

2 User Interface

At the moment, there are 5 commands for the user. Use them as \Empfänger{An \\ den Senat} ect.

Empfänger This is the "to"-field an a letter. Use \\ to separate the lines.

Anrede This is used for the opening. E.g. say \Anrede{Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,}

Ansprechperson The contact person in the right column under the entry "Ansprechperson".

Email The e-mail address of this person.

Please notize these are case-sensitive! The last user command is \ZweiteSeite. This command is very important if you write a letter with more than one page. At the end of the first page, you *must* use this command to end the last paragraph on that page. A new page will begin and now you can type just as you like.

Why this complicated method? TEX itself cannot change the textwidth in a paragraph because of its (otherwise superb) paragraph-building algorithm. So this dirty workaround is needed. Maybe in future versions the last paragraph will be implemented in a special way so this could be omitted.

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3 Implementation

3.1 Page Layout

xkeyval is needed to define some keys for the layout. Not yet used, but necessary in the future.

scrlttr2 is used to produce the letters. Loading of packages and passing of options:

```
1 \RequirePackage{xkeyval}
3 \LoadClass[ngerman]{scrlttr2}
5 \RequirePackage{
6 babel,
   graphicx,
   marginnote,
   scrpage2,
  xcolor,
   xltxtra
12 }
14 \RequirePackage[top=4cm,headheight=2.5cm]{geometry}
The right column is set using the following text:
15 \newcommand\mathphysaddr{\small
16 Fachschaft MathPhys\\
17 Im Neuenheimer Feld\\
18 305\\
19 69120 Heidelberg\\ \\
20 Tel.:\\
21 +49(0)\,62\,21/54\,24\,56\\
22 Fax.:\\
23 +49(0)\,62\,21/54\,24\,57\\ \\
24 E-Mail:\\
26 Datum\\
27 \today
28 \\ \\
29 Ansprechperson \\
30 \Ansprech \\ \\
31 E-Mail\\
32 \EMail
33 }
We put the university-logo on the upper right. The date is set seperately in the
right column, so we don't need it in the class itself.
34 \ensuremath{\mbox{\mbox{unilogo}\hspace*{4mm}}}
35 \setheadwidth[0pt]{text}
36 \setfootwidth{head}
37
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38 \date{}
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The backaddress might change. Nevertheless, this will be the default value:

 $39 \ensuremath{\mbox{39}} \ensuremath{\mbox{Universit\"{a}t}} \ensuremath{\mbox{Heidelberg Fachschaftskonferenz Albert-Ueberle-Straße 3-40 Heidelberg}$

Now, this is the dirty way to enable the smaller textwidth on the first page. This is not nice TEX-code at all, feel free to mail me an improved version or any suggestions!

We redefine \par to insert a \parshape at the end of every paragraph. That will shorten the lines to the amount we want it. At the end of the first page, this definition is revoked and everything will go on the normal way. The pagenumber will be insertet from the second page on.

```
41 \let\oldpar\par
42 \def\par{\parshape 1 0cm 12cm \oldpar}
44 \def\endoffirstpage{
45
   \let\par\oldpar\clearpage
48 }
49 \pagestyle{scrheadings}
50 \setminus cfoot{}
The following macros are for user interaction. See section User Interface.
52 \newcommand\Empfänger[1]{\def\Empf{#1}}
53 \newcommand\Anrede[1]{\def\Anre{#1}}
55 \newcommand\Ansprechperson[1]{\def\Ansprech{#1}}
56 \newcommand\Email[1]{\def\EMail{#1}}
57
58 \newcommand\ZweiteSeite{\endoffirstpage}
59 \AtBeginDocument{
60 \begin{letter}{\Empf}
61 \opening{\Anre}
62\ \verb|\thispagestyle{scrheadings}|
63 \marginnote{\put(-80,0){\begin{minipage}[b]{5cm}\vspace*{-7cm}\mathphysaddr\end{minipage}}}}
64 \ofoot{}
65 }
67 \AtEndDocument{
68 \end{letter}
69 }
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