

The Stellar Command Module  
for  
Integrating Astronomy and Art  
User Guide  
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## Preface

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From personal experience and also from lurking on the `comp.text.tex` newsgroup the major problems with using LaTeX are related to document design. Some years ago most questions on CTT were answered by someone providing a piece of code that solved a particular problem, and again and again. More recently these questions are answered along the lines of ‘Use the `———` package’, and again and again.

I have used many of the more common of these packages but my filing system is not always well ordered and I tend to mislay the various user manuals, even for the packages I have written. The memoir class is an attempt to integrate some of the more design-related packages with the LaTeX book class. I chose the book class as the report class is virtually identical to book, except that book does not have an `abstract` environment while report does; however it is easy to fake an `abstract` if it is needed. With a little bit of tweaking, book class documents can be made to look just like article class documents, and the memoir class is designed with tweaking very much in mind.

The memoir class effectively incorporates the facilities that are usually accessed by using external packages. In most cases the class code is new code reimplementing package functionalities. The exceptions tend to be where I have cut and pasted code from some of my packages. I could not have written the memoir class without the excellent work presented by the implementors of LaTeX and its many packages.

Apart from packages that I happen to have written I have gained many ideas from the other packages listed in the Bibliography. One way or another their authors have all contributed, albeit unknowingly. The participants in the `comp.text.tex` newsgroup have also provided valuable input, partly by questioning how to do something in LaTeX, and partly by providing answers. It is a friendly and educational forum.

PETER WILSON  
Seattle, WA  
June 2001



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## Introduction

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# Terminology

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Like all professions and trades, typographers and printers have their specialised vocabulary.

## UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

Typographers and printers use a mixed system of units, some of which we met above. The fundamental unit is the point; Table ?? lists the most common units employed.



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## Starting off

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### 1.1 LAUNCHING STELLAR COMMAND AS A STANDALONE PROCESS

The Stellar Command module is instantiated by executing Java with the name of the JAR file and the required program arguments that define communication, such as the network port to send OSC messages to, and the OSC address space. For example, to start the StellarCommand module so it sends OSC messages on UDP port 1234 using an OSC address space of `/Stellar`,<sup>1</sup> one would execute the following command:

```
java -jar StellarCommand.jar port=1234 osc=/Stellar
```

When the server starts, it will open the first available UDP port, and notify the client of this port. For example, if the command module opened port 4567, it will send an OSC message `/Stellar/osc 4567` to the client on the localhost.

```
/Stellar/osc 4567
```

Allowing the command module to find its own port number removes the probability of port clashes as each client furnishes the other with a valid port number for communicating without requiring configuration in the command module. It is, however, possible to request the Stellar Command module try certain ports by adding the argument *tryport* with a comma separated list of ports. For example, the argument `tryport=3333,4444,5555` will cause Stellarium to sequentially try opening the ports listed, and if these all fail, will then open the first available port.

```
java -jar StellarCommand.jar port=1234 osc=/Stellar tryport=3333,4444,5555
```

The OSC client would receive the following OSC message:

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<sup>1</sup>In this instance, the OSC client and Stellarium are on the same computer.

```
/Stellar/osc 3333
```

The OSC client and the Stellarium server do not have to be on the same physical computer as the Stellar Command module. For example Figure 1.1, shows three OSC clients and a Stellarium server on a LAN, and a remote Stellarium server accessible from the internet through *myserver.com*.

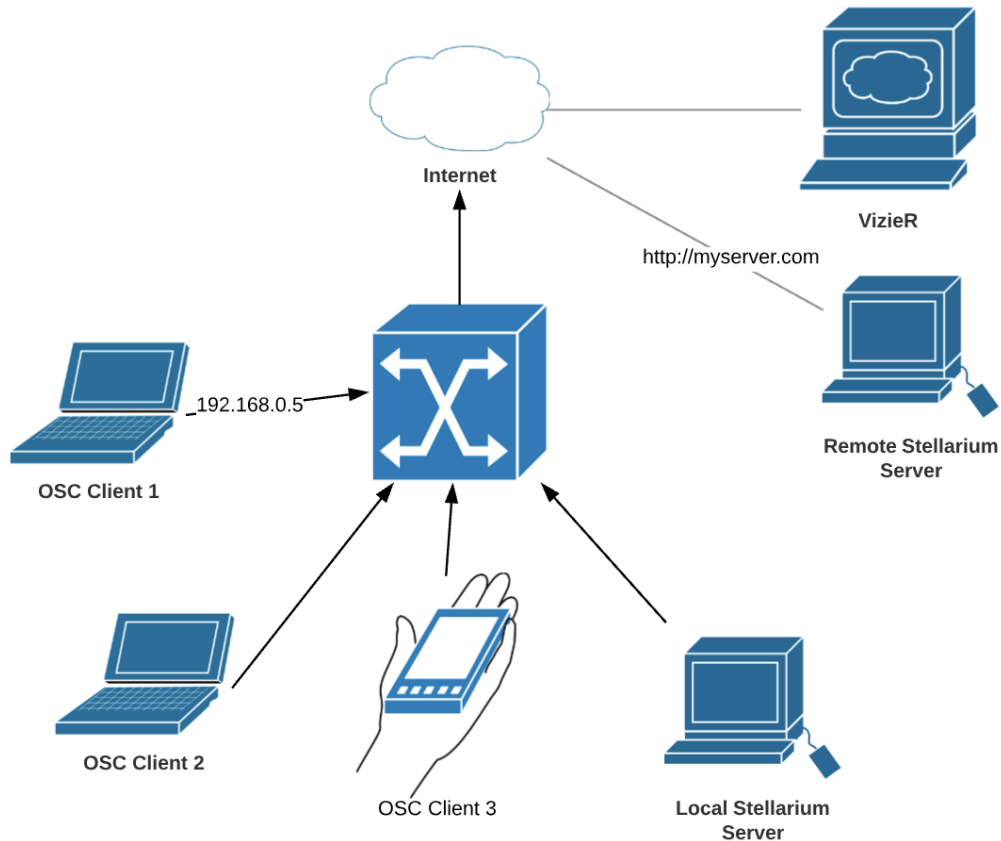


Figure 1.1: Remote Stellarium and OSC Clients.

Creating a connection between *OSC Client 1* and *Remote Stellarium Server* is effected by adding adding the arguments `client=192.168.0.5` and `stellarium=http://myserver.com` to the command line. This will cause the Stellar Command module to send OSC messages to "192.168.0.5" and Stellarium commands to `http://myserver.com` on HTP port 8090<sup>2</sup>, effectively acting as a

<sup>2</sup>The default Stellarium Remote Control port is 8090, however, this can be changed inside Stellarium. It is



proxy between the two.

```
java -jar StellarCommand.jar port=1234 osc=/Stellar \  
client=192.168.0.5 stellarium=http://myserver.com
```

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assumed that port forwarding when not using a local area network has been configured to send packages to the correct computer hosting Stellarium



# *Two*

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Laying out the page

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# Three

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## Comments

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### 3.1 ALGORITHMS

Over time we may use this section to explain, or list some of the algorithms for some of the macros in the class. The information may be useful to some.

#### 3.1.1 Autoadjusting `\marginparwidth`

This algorithm is used within `\fixthelayout` unless the user have used `\setmarginnotes`.

```
if twocolumn then
  marginparwidth = min{inner margin,outer margin}
else
  if twoside then
    if marginpar always left or always right then
      marginparwidth = min{inner margin,outer margin}
    else if marginpar in outer margin then
      marginparwidth = outer margin
    else if marginpar in inner margin then
      marginparmargin = inner margin
    end if
  else
    if marginpar in left margin then
      marginparwidth = inner margin
    else
      marginparwidth = outer margin
    end if
  end if
end if
marginparwidth = marginparwidth - 2marginparsep
if marginparwidth < 1pt then
  marginparwidth = 1pt
end if
```



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## Notes

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