

The `shorttoc` package

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Abstract

This package¹ allows you to create another table of contents, with a different depth. This could be useful in large documents where a detailed table of contents should be accompanied by a shorter one, giving only a general overview of the main topics in the document.

1 The `shorttoc` package

`\shorttableofcontents` This package defines the `\shorttableofcontents` macro, which is used as follows:

`\shorttableofcontents{<title>}{<depth>}`

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where $\langle title \rangle$ will be the title of this table of contents and $\langle depth \rangle$ its “depth”, with the meaning of the `tocdepth` counter.

1.1 Options

The available package options are `loose` (default) and `tight`. `tight` reduces the amount of vertical space between the lines of the short table of contents.

`\shorttoc` As this macro has a too long name, `\shorttoc` is a synonym, with the same syntax.

1.2 Important note

This package *does not create* the `.toc` file; this file must be created by a classical `\tableofcontents` command, or by something similar. The `\shorttableofcontents` (or `\shorttoc`) command must be given *before* the `\tableofcontents` (or equivalent) command. If you do not respect the right sequence, the short table of contents will be empty (just its title).

2 Implementation

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1 <{*package>

\@startshorttoc First, we declare the \@startshorttoc macro, like \@starttoc, but without cre-
ating the .toc file:
2 \def\@startshorttoc#1{\bgroup
3   \makeatletter
4   \@input{\jobname.#1}%
5   \global\@nobeckfalse \egroup}

\if@tightshtoc Then a flag for the tight/loose options:
6 \newif\if@tightshtoc \@tightshtocfalse

\shorttableofcontents Then the user interface macro is copied from \tableofcontents, but with argu-
ments and processing of the depth:
7 \def\shorttableofcontents#1#2{\bgroup\c@tocdepth=#2\@restonecolfalse
8   \if@tightshtoc
9     \parsep\z@
10    \fi
11    \if@twocolumn\@restonecoltrue\onecolumn\fi
12    \@ifundefined{chapter}%
13    {\section*{#1}
14      \@mkboth{\uppercase{#1}}{\uppercase{#1}}}%
15    {\chapter*{#1}
16      \@mkboth{\uppercase{#1}}{\uppercase{#1}}}%
17    \@startshorttoc{toc}\if@restonecol\twocolumn\fi\egroup}

\shorttoc Let us define a shorter synonym:
18   \let\shorttoc\shorttableofcontents

And declare the options:
19   \DeclareOption{tight}{\@tightshtoctrue}
20   \DeclareOption{loose}{\@tightshtocfalse}
21   \ExecuteOptions{loose}
22   \ProcessOptions*

```