The epigraph package*

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Abstract

The <code>epigraph</code> package can be used to typeset a relevant quotation or saying as an <code>epigraph</code>, usually just after a sectional heading. Various handles are provided to tweak the appearance.

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Pythian Odes Pindar

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Some authors like to add an interesting quotation at either the start or end of a section. The epigraph package provides commands to assist in the typesetting of a single epigraph. Other authors like to add many such quotations and the package provides environments to cater for these as well.

This manual is typeset according to the conventions of the LATEX DOC-STRIP utility which enables the automatic extraction of the LATEX macro source files [GMS94].

Section 2 describes the usage of the package. Commented source code for the package is in Section 3.

2 The epigraph package

The whole is more than the sum of the parts.

 $Metaphysica \\ Aristotle$

The epigraph package provides commands for typesetting a single epigraph and environments for typesetting a list of epigraphs. Epigraphs can be typeset at either the left, the center or the right of the typeblock. A few example epigraphs are exhibited here, and others can be found in an article by Christina Thiele [Thi99].

2.1 The epigraph command

The original inspiration for \epigraph was Doug Schenck's for the epigraphs in our book [SW94]. That was hard wired for the purpose at hand. The version here provides much more flexibility.

\epigraph

The command $\ensuremath{\mbox{epigraph}\{\langle text\rangle\}}\{\langle source\rangle\}\$ typesets an epigraph using $\langle text\rangle$ as the main text of the epigraph and $\langle source\rangle$ being the original author (or book, article, etc.) of the quoted text. By default the epigraph is placed at the right hand side of the textblock, and the $\langle source\rangle$ is typeset at the bottom right of the $\langle text\rangle$.

2.2 The epigraphs environment

epigraphs

The epigraphs environment typesets a list of epigraphs, and by default places them at the right hand side of the textblock.

\qitem

Each epigraph in the list is specified by a \qtext{text} $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ $\{\langle source \rangle\}$ command (analogous to the tem command in ordinary list environments). By default, the $\langle source \rangle$ is typeset at the bottom right of the $\langle text \rangle$.

2.3 General

Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other.

Letters on a Regicide Peace Edmund Burke

The commands described in this section apply to both the \epigraph command and the epigraphs environment.

An epigraph immediately after a heading will cause the first paragraph of the following text to be indented. If you want the initial paragraph to have no indentation, then start it with the \noindent command, or add \epigraphnoindent to your document preamble. (\epigraphnoindentfalse will reverse the setting.) This command only affects the \epigraph command; for the epigraphs environment the \noindent approach must still be used.

The epigraphs are typeset in a minipage of width \epigraphwidth. The default value for this can be changed using the \setlength command. Typically, epigraphs are typeset in a measure much less than the width of the textblock.

In order to avoid bad line breaks, the $\langle text \rangle$ is normally typeset ragged right. The **\textflush** command controls the $\langle text \rangle$ typesetting style, and it can be redefined from its default value of flushleft (which produces ragged right). The sensible values are center for centered text, flushright for ragged left text, and flushepinormal for normal justified text.

If by any chance you want the $\langle text \rangle$ to be typeset in some other layout style, the easiest way to do this is by defining a new environment which sets the paragraphing parameters to your desired values. For example, as the $\langle text \rangle$ is typeset in a minipage, there is no paragraph indentation. If you want the paragraphs to be indented and justified then define a new environment like:

\newenvironment{myparastyle}{\setlength{\parindent}{1em}}{\}
and use it as:

\renewcommand{\textflush}{myparastyle}.

As noted, the default position of epigraphs is at the right hand side of the textblock. The positioning is controlled by \epigraphflush whose default value is flushright. This can be changed to flushleft for positioning at the left hand side or to center for positioning at the center of the textblock.

The \sourceflush command controls the position of the $\langle source \rangle$. The default value is flushright. It can be changed to flushleft, center or flushepinormal.

For example, to have epigraphs centered with the $\langle source \rangle$ at the left, add the following to your document (after loading the epigraph package):

\renewcommand{\epigraphflush}{center}
\renewcommand{\sourceflush}{flushleft}

Epigraphs are often typeset in a smaller font than the main text. The \epigraphsize command sets the font size to be used. If you don't like the

\epigraphnoindent

\epigraphwidth

\textflush

\sourceflush

\epigraphsize

\epigraphflush

default value, change it by redefining the command, for example:

\renewcommand{\epigraphsize}{\footnotesize}

\epigraphrule

By default, a rule is drawn between the $\langle text \rangle$ and $\langle source \rangle$, with the rule thickness being given by the value of \end{apigraphrule}. The value can be changed by using the IATEX \setlength command. A value of Opt will eliminate the rule. Personally, I dislike the rule in the list environments.

\beforeepigraphskip \afterepigraphskip

The two ...skip commands specify the amount of vertical space inserted before and after typeset epigraphs. Again, these can be changed by \setlength. It is desirable that the sum of their values should be an integer multiple of the \baselineskip.

Note that you can use normal LaTeX commands in the $\langle text \rangle$ and $\langle source \rangle$ arguments. You may wish to use different fonts for the $\langle text \rangle$ (say roman) and the $\langle source \rangle$ (say italic).

The epigraph at the start of this section can be specified as:

2.4 Epigraphs before chapter headings

The \epigraph command and the epigraphs environment typeset an epigraph at the point in the text where they are placed. The first thing that a \chapter command does is to start off a new page, so another mechanism is provided for placing an epigraph just before a chapter heading.

\epigraphhead

The \epigraphhead [$\langle distance \rangle$] { $\langle text \rangle$ } stores $\langle text \rangle$ for printing at $\langle distance \rangle$ below the header on a page. $\langle text \rangle$ can be ordinary text or, more likely, can be either an \epigraph command or an epigraphs environment. By default, the epigraph will be typeset at the right-hand margin. If the command is immediately preceded by a \chapter or \chapter* command, the epigraph is typeset on the chapter title page.

The default value for the optional $\langle distance \rangle$ argument is set so that an \epigraph consisting of a single line of quotation and a single line denoting the source is aligned with the bottom of the 'Chapter X' line produced by the \chapter command. In other cases you will have to experiment with the $\langle distance \rangle$ value. The value for $\langle distance \rangle$ can be either a integer or a real number. The units are in terms of the current value for \unitlength. A typical value for $\langle distance \rangle$ for a single line quotation and source for a \chapter* might be about 70 (points). A positive value of $\langle distance \rangle$ places the epigraph below the page heading and a negative value will raise it above the page heading.

Here's some example code:

```
\chapter*{Celestial navigation}
\epigraphhead[70]{\epigraph{Star crossed lovers.}{\textit{The Bard}}}
```

The \epigraphhead command changes the page style for the page on which it is specified, so there should be no text between the \chapter and the \epigraphhead commands.

The $\langle text \rangle$ argument is put into a minipage of width \epigraphwidth. If you use something other than \epigraph or epigraphs for the $\langle text \rangle$ argument, you may have to so some positioning of the text yourself so that it is properly located in the minipage. For example

```
\chapter{Short}
\renewcommand{\epigraphflush}{center}
\epigraphhead{\centerline{Short quote}}
```

\dropchapter \undodrop

If a long epigraph is placed before a chapter title it is possible that the bottom of the epigraph may interfere with the chapter title. The command $\dropchapter\{\langle length\rangle\}\$ will lower any subsequent chapter titles by $\langle length\rangle$; a negative $\langle length\rangle$ will raise the titles. The command \dropchapter restores subsequent chapter titles to their default positions. For example:

```
\dropchapter{2in}
\chapter{Title}
\epigraphhead{long epigraph}
\undodrop
```

\cleartoevenpage

On occasions it may be desirable to put something (e.g., an epigraph, a map, a picture) on the page facing the start of a chapter, where the something belongs to the chapter that is about to start rather than the chapter that has just ended. In order to do this in a document that is going to be printed double-sided, the chapter must start on an odd numbered page and the pre-chapter material put on the immediately preceding even numbered page. The \cleartoevenpage command is like the \cleardoublepage except that the page following the command will be an even numbered page, and the command takes an optional argument, i.e., \cleartoevenpage{[arg], which is applied to the skipped page (if any). This command is provided by the nextpage package.

Here is an example:

```
... end previous chapter.
\cleartoevenpage
\begin{center}
\begin{picture}... \end{picture}
\end{center}
\chapter{Next chapter}
```

If the style is such that chapter headings are put at the top of the pages, then it would be advisable to include \thispagestyle{empty} (or plain) immediately after \cleartoevenpage to avoid a heading related to the previous chapter from appearing on the page.

If the something is like a figure with a numbered caption and the numbering depends on the chapter numbering, then the numbers have to be hand set (unless you define a special chapter command for the purpose). For example:

2.5 Epigraphs on Part pages

The epigraph package as it stands cannot put an epigraph on the same page as a \part or \part* title page in a book or report class. This is because the \part command internally does some page flipping before and after the title page. However, it is easy enough to put epigraphs on part pages.

• Create a file called, say, epipart.sty which looks like this:

```
% epipart.sty
\let\@epipart\@endpart
\renewcommand{\@endpart}{\thispagestyle{epigraph}\@epipart}
\endinput
```

• Start your document like:

```
\documentclass[...]{...}
\usepackage{epigraph}
\usepackage{epipart}
```

• Immediately *before* each \part command put an \epigraphhead command. For example:

```
\epigraphhead[300]{Epigraph text}
\part{Part title}
```

The value of the optional argument may need changing to vertically adjust the position of the epigraph. If there is any \part that does not have an epigraph then an empty \epigraphhead command (i.e., \epigraphhead{}) must be placed immediately before the \part command.

A similar scheme may be used for epigraphs on other kinds of pages. The essential trick is to make sure that the *epigraph* pagestyle is used for the page.

2.6 Epigraphed bibliographies

One author asked how to associate an epigraph with his bibliography. The following is one way to do it (the example is based on the book class).

- 1. Copy the definition of the thebibliography environment from book.cls to your own file called, say epibib.sty.
- 2. Edit epibib.sty to include the definition of a vacuous command called, say, \bibadd. Edit the definition of the thebibliography to include \bibadd immediately before the \list command. The relevant portions of epibib.sty will look like this:

3. In your document, start it off like this:

```
\documentclass...
\usepackage{epigraph}
\usepackage{epibib}
```

At the point where the bibliography is to go, do something like the following:

```
...
\newcommand{\bepi}{<definition of epigraph>}
\renewcommand{\bibadd}{\bepi}
\bepi % seems to be required if using \epigraphhead in \bepi
\begin{thebibliography}{...} % or \bibliography{...}
...
```

The same idea can be applied to document elements like an abstract or an index. Of course \bibadd can be defined to be anything you want to typeset between the bibliography heading and the start of the reference list.

3 The package code

And now for something completely different.

Monty Python

```
Announce the name and version of the package, which requires \LaTeX 2_{\varepsilon}.
                      2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
                      3 \ProvidesPackage{epigraph}[2020/01/02 v1.5e typesetting epigraphs]
                      4 \RequirePackage{nextpage}
\beforeepigraphskip
                     The several length commands, which can be changed by the user with \setlength.
 \afterepigraphskip
                      5 \newlength{\beforeepigraphskip}
     \epigraphwidth
                          \setlength{\beforeepigraphskip}{.5\baselineskip}
      \epigraphrule
                      7 \newlength{\afterepigraphskip}
                          \setlength{\afterepigraphskip}{.5\baselineskip}
                      9 \newlength{\epigraphwidth}
                      10 \setlength{\epigraphwidth}{.4\textwidth}
                      11 \newlength{\epigraphrule}
                         \setlength{\epigraphrule}{.4\p0}
                     The size of the font to be used.
      \epigraphsize
                     13 \newcommand{\epigraphsize}{\small}
  \epigraphnoindent
                     Whether to add \noindent (false by default for backwards compatibility).
\ifepigraphnoindent
                     14 \newif\ifepigraphnoindent
                     15 \newcommand\epigraphnoindent{\epigraphnoindenttrue}
     \epigraphflush The three commands to position epigraphs in the textblock and to position the
         \textflush components of the epigraph.
       \verb|\sourceflush| 16 \\ \verb|\newcommand{epigraphflush}{flushright}|
                     17 \newcommand{\textflush}{flushleft}
                     18 \newcommand{\sourceflush}{flushright}
     flushleftright
                    An environment for \textflush to use normal minipage typesetting. It is vacuous.
                     Defining this was a mistake as the ccaption package also defines \flushleftright.
                     20 \AtBeginDocument{%
                          \@ifundefined{flushleftright}{%
                     22
                            \newenvironment{flushleftright}{%
                     23
                              \PackageError{epigraph}%
                     24
                              {The flushleftright environment has been removed.\MessageBreak
                     25
                               Use the flushepinormal environment instead}{\@ehc}}{}%
                            {\PackageWarningNoLine{epigraph}%
                     26
                     27
                             {flushleftright has been previously defined.\MessageBreak
                     28
                              Use flushepinormal for epigraphs instead}}}
                     29
```

```
30 \newenvironment{flushepinormal}{}{}
    \@epirule The internal command to draw a rule between text and source.
                              32 \newcommand{\@epirule}{\rule[.5ex]{\epigraphwidth}{\epigraphrule}}
                            The internal command to typeset the \langle text \rangle. Put it into a minipage of the right
    \@epitext
                              size and typeset per \textflush.
                              33 \newcommand{\@epitext}[1]{%
                                       \begin{minipage}{\epigraphwidth}\begin{\textflush} #1\\
                              Draw a rule if it will be visible, otherwise add some extra vertical space.
                                            \ifdim\epigraphrule>\z@ \@epirule \else \vspace*{1ex} \fi
                                        \end{\textflush}\end{minipage}}
\@episource
                            The internal command for typesetting the \langle source \rangle, which is put into a minipage
                              and typeset according to \sourceflush.
                              37 \newcommand{\@episource}[1]{%
                                       \begin{minipage}{\epigraphwidth}\begin{\sourceflush} #1\end{\sourceflush}
                                       \end{minipage}}
                            Having got the preliminaries out of the way, here's the user command for a single
    \epigraph
                              epigraph. This is set in a minipage to prevent breaking across a page. Position it
                              according to \epigraphflush.
                              40 \newcommand{\epigraph}[2]{%
                                        \vspace{\beforeepigraphskip}
                              41
                              42
                                        \vbox{%
                                            \epigraphsize
                              43
                                            \begin{\epigraphflush}
                              44
                                            \begin{minipage}{\epigraphwidth}
                              45
                              46
                                                 \@epitext{#1}\\
                              47
                                                 \@episource{#2}%
                                            \end{minipage}%
                              49
                                             \end{\epigraphflush}%
                                       }%
                              50
                                        \nointerlineskip
                              51
                                        \vspace*{\afterepigraphskip}%
                              52
                                       \ifepigraphnoindent\@afterheading\fi
                              53
                              54 }
                             \qitem is the epigraph list version of \item. Set everything inside a minipage.
\qitemlabel
                             55 \newcommand{\qitem}[2]{{\raggedright\item \begin{minipage}{\epigraphwidth}
                                       \@epitext{#1}\\ \@episource{#2}
                                       \end{minipage}}}
                              \qitemlabel is needed for a list as well. It is not going to typeset anything.
                              58 \mbox{ } \mbox{
```

An environment for \textflush to use normal minipage typesetting. It is vacuous.

flushepinormal

epigraphs Now for the epigraph list. This is defined in terms of a list environment.

59 \newenvironment{epigraphs}{%

Do the vertical space, set the font size, position according to **\epigraphflush**, and put everyting into a minipage.

```
\vspace{\beforeepigraphskip}\begin{\epigraphflush}
    \epigraphsize
61
    \begin{minipage}{\epigraphwidth}
62
     \left\{ \right\} 
63
Make the list just fit the minipage (i.e., no indents).
      {\itemindent\z@ \labelwidth\z@ \labelsep\z@
64
        \leftmargin\z@ \rightmargin\z@
65
        \let\makelabel\qitemlabel}}%
66
    {\endlist\end{minipage}\end{\epigraphflush}
67
68
     \vspace{\afterepigraphskip}%
69 }
```

3.1 Epigraphs before a chapter title

\@epichapapp \dropchapter Commands to drop and restore positions of chapter titles. Dropping is accomplished by inserting vertical space before the \@chapapp command.

 $\label{lem:command} $$\operatorname{newcommand}(\operatorname{dropchapter}[1]_{\%})$$

- 71 \let\@epichapapp\@chapapp
- 72 \renewcommand{\@chapapp}{\vspace*{#1}\@epichapapp}}
- 73 \newcommand{\undodrop}{\let\@chapapp\@epichapapp}

Placing an epigraph before a chapter title uses the scheme outlined by Piet van Oostrum [vO96]. This is to put a zero sized picture into the page header.

\if@epirhs \if@epicenter Two booleans for testing whether an epigraph is to be at the RH margin, centered, or at the LH margin. The default is RH margin.

```
74 \newif\if@epirhs \@epirhstrue
75 \newif\if@epicenter \@epicentertrue
```

\@epipos

This routine sets the \if@epi... booleans according to the value of \epigraphflush. If \epigraphflush is neither center nor flushleft then it defaults to flushright. We have to use this to be upward compatible with \epigraphflush being set by the user with \renewcommand.

```
76 \newcommand{\@epipos}{
    \long\def\@ept{flushleft}
77
    \ifx\epigraphflush\@ept
78
      \@epirhsfalse \@epicenterfalse
79
80
    \else
81
      \long\def\@ept{center}
      \ifx\epigraphflush\@ept
82
        \@epirhsfalse \@epicentertrue
83
      \else
84
        \@epirhstrue \@epicenterfalse
85
```

```
86 \fi
87 \fi}
```

\epigraphhead

 $\ensuremath{\mbox{epigraphhead}} \{\langle \textit{text} \rangle\} \ \text{puts} \ \langle \textit{text} \rangle \ \text{at} \ \langle \textit{distance} \rangle \ (\text{a number, not a length}) \ \text{below the header at the page position specified by } \ensuremath{\mbox{epigraphflush}}.$

```
88 \newcommand{\epigraphhead}[2][95]{%
```

We have to use \def instead of the normal IATEX definition commands as we will keep on (re)defining things. For reasons that are not fully clear to me IATEX doesn't seem to like me using a \savebox for storing the epigraph text, so I'll use a command instead.

89 \def\@epitemp{\begin{minipage}{\epigraphwidth}#2\end{minipage}}

Define an epigraph page style.

90 \def\ps@epigraph{\let\@mkboth\@gobbletwo

There are three possible definitions for \@oddhead depending on the value of \epigraphflush. We call \@epipos to decide which one to do.

```
\@epipos
       \if@epirhs
92
         \def\@oddhead{\hfil\begin{picture}(0,0)
93
                              \put(0,-#1){\mathbb{n}}{\mathbb{r}}{\mathbb{r}}
94
95
                              \end{picture}}
96
       \else
         \if@epicenter
97
           \def\@oddhead{\hfil\begin{picture}(0,0)
98
                                \put(0,-#1){\makebox(0,0)[b]{\@epitemp}}
99
100
                                \end{picture}\hfil}
101
         \else
            \def\@oddhead{\begin{picture}(0,0)
102
                                \put(0,-#1){\makebox(0,0)[1]{\@epitemp}}
103
                                \end{picture}\hfil}
104
         \fi
105
106
       \let\@evenhead\@oddhead
107
       \def\@oddfoot{\reset@font\hfil\thepage\hfil}
108
       \let\@evenfoot\@oddfoot}
Make epigraph be the page style for this page.
     \thispagestyle{epigraph}}
    The end of this package.
111 (/usc)
```

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Numbers written in italic refer to the page where the corresponding entry is described; numbers underlined refer to the code line of the definition; numbers in roman refer to the code lines where the entry is used.

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\c 0afterheading 53	\dropchapter $5, \overline{70}$	14, 53
\@chapapp 71-73		\item 55
\@ehc 25	${f E}$	\itemindent 64
\@epicenterfalse 79,85	environments:	
$\ensuremath{\texttt{Qepicentertrue}}$. $75,83$	epigraphs $2, \underline{59}$	${f L}$
$\ensuremath{\texttt{Qepichapapp}}\ \dots \ \underline{70}$	flushepinormal . $\underline{30}$	\labelsep 64
\@epipos <u>76,</u> 91	flushleftright . $\underline{20}$	$\label{label} \$
\@epirhsfalse 79, 83	\epigraph $2, \underline{40}$	\leftmargin 65
\@epirhstrue 74, 85	\epigraphflush	2.6
\@epirule <u>32</u> , 35	$3, \underline{16}, 44,$	M
\@episource 37, 47, 56	49, 60, 67, 78, 82	\makebox 94, 99, 103
\@epitemp 89, 94, 99, 103	\epigraphhead $4, 88$	\makelabel 66
\@epitext <u>33</u> , 46, 56	\epigraphnoindent $3, \underline{14}$	\MessageBreak 24, 27
\@ept 77, 78, 81, 82	\epigraphnoindenttrue	NT.
\@evenfoot 109		N
\@evenhead 107	\epigraphrule $4, \underline{5}, 32, 35$	\newif 14, 74, 75
\@ifundefined 21	epigraphs (environ-	\nointerlineskip 51
\@oddfoot 108, 109	ment) \dots $2, \underline{59}$	P
\@oddhead 93, 98, 102, 107	\epigraphsize	\PackageError 23
, , ,	$3, 13, 43, 61$ \epigraphwidth	\PackageWarningNoLine
${f A}$	$3, \underline{5}, 32, 34,$	
\afterepigraphskip .	38, 45, 55, 62, 89	\ProvidesPackage 3
4, 5, 52, 68	50, 40, 50, 62, 69	\ps@epigraph 90
\AtBeginDocument 20	${f F}$	\put 94, 99, 103
	flushepinormal (envi-	, ,
В	ronment) \dots 30	${f Q}$
\baselineskip $6, 8$	flushleftright (envi-	\qitem $\dots 2, 55$
\beforeepigraphskip	ronment) \dots 20	\qitemlabel $55,66$
$4, \underline{5}, 41, 60$		
	I	${f R}$
\mathbf{C}	\if@epicenter $\underline{74}$, 97	
\cleartoevenpage 5	\if@epirhs \dots $\underline{74}$, 92	\rule 32

${f S}$	${f T}$	${f U}$	
	\textflush $3, 16, 34, 36$	\undodrop $\dots 5, \underline{70}$	
\small 13	\textwidth 10		
	\thepage 108	${f v}$	
\sourceflush 3, 16, 38	\thispagestyle 110	\vbox 42	