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# Typeset Acronyms and other Abbreviations

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**ACRO** allows you to define and manage acronyms and abbreviations. It can also be used for glossaries or nomenclatures.

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Hi and thanks that you are testing v3.0 of ACRO before it is released to CTAN. If you want to test the new version use \usepackage[version=3]{acro}. With version=2 or no option at all you get the old version of acro. Using \usepackage[version=3,upgrade]{acro} is supposed to give as much meaningful warnings and errors as possible.

# Part I.

# Get started with ACRO

# 1. Licence and requirements

Permission is granted to copy, distribute and/or modify this software under the terms of the Large Project Public License (LPPL), version 1.3 or later (http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt). The software has the status "maintained."

# 2. Glossary

**load-time option** A load-time option is a package option of ACRO which must be set as option to \usepackage[\langle options \rangle] \{ acro \}.

**option** An option is a package option of ACRO which must set with \acsetup. It cannot be set as option to \usepackage.

**property** A property is an option to the second argument of the \DeclareAcroym command.

**template** A template determines how different objects of ACRO are printed. This includes the acronyms themselves but also for example the list of acronyms as a whole.

# 3. ACRO for the impatient

Acronyms are defined in the preamble via the command

```
\DeclareAcronym{\langle id \rangle}{\langle properties \rangle}
```

where  $\langle id \rangle$  is a unique string to identify the acronym and  $\langle properties \rangle$  is a key/value list of properties.

$$\mathsf{short} = \{\langle \mathit{text} \rangle\}$$
 (required)

The short form of the acronym. *This property is required*: an acronym must have a short form.

$$long = \{\langle text \rangle\}$$
 (required)

The long form of the acronym. *This property is required*: an acronym must have a description.

In its simplest form an acronym needs a short and a long form. Please note that both properties *must* be set.

In the document acronyms are used with these commands:

```
\ac{\langle id \rangle} \Ac{\langle id \rangle}
```

\ac prints the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ , the first time with full description and every subsequent use only the abbreviated form. \Ac does the same but uppercases the first letter – this may be needed at the beginning of a sentence.

```
\acs{\langle id \rangle} \Acs{\langle id \rangle}
```

\acs prints the short form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . \Acs does the same but uppercases the first letter.

**\acl** prints the long form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . **\Acl** does the same but uppercases the first letter.

```
\acf{\langle id \rangle} \Acf{\langle id \rangle}
```

\acf prints the full form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . \Acf does the same but uppercases the first letter.

Let's say you defined CD as follows:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{cd}{
2    short = CD ,
3    long = compact disc
4 }
```

Then the usage is

```
1 \begin{tabular}{ll}
                                         first
                                                  compact disc (CD)
  first & \ac{cd} \\
                                         second
   second & \ac{cd} \\
                                                  compact disc
                                         long
   long & \acl{cd} \\
   short & \acs{cd} \
                                                  CD
                                         short
   full & \acf{cd}
                                         full
                                                  compact disc (CD)
7 \end{tabular}
```

# 4. Setting options

#### 4.1. Load-time options

ACRO knows only a few set of load-time options which can be used as argument to \usepackage. To be more precise it knows only one such option:

#### ungrade

When this option is used ACRO tries to give as much helpful and meaningful warning or error messages when a deprecated or removed command or setup is used. This is especially useful if you are upgrading from version 2.

#### 4.2. Setup command

All options of ACRO that have *not* been mentioned in section 4.1 have to be set up either with this command

```
\acsetup{\langle options \rangle}
```

or as option to other commands. If this is possible then it is described when the corresponding commands are explained. Options usually follow a key/value syntax like and are always described in the following way:

#### option

An option without a value. Those options are very rare if there are any.

```
option = \{\langle value \rangle\}
Initial: preset
```

An option where a value can be given. The pre-set value is given to the right.

```
option = choiceA|choiceB|choiceC
Initial: choiceB
```

An option with a determined set of choices. The underlined value is chosen if the option is given without value.

```
option = true | false
  A boolean option.
```

#### module/option

An option at a deeper level belonging to the module module.

All of the above is probably clear from an example (using real options):

```
1 \acsetup{
2  make-links = true , % boolean
3  index , % boolean
4  format = \emph , % standard
5  list / local , % boolean option of the list module
6  list/display = all % choice option of the list module
7 }
```

# Part II.

# Comprehensive description of creation and usage of acronyms

# 5. Declaring acronyms and other abbreviations

All acronyms have to be declared in the preamble with the following command in order to be used in the document. Any usage of an acronym which has not been declared leeds to an error message.

#### $\DeclareAcronym{\langle id \rangle}{\langle list\ of\ properties \rangle}$

The basic command for declaring an acronym where  $\langle id \rangle$  is a unique string identifying the acronym. Per default behavior this is case sensitive which means id is different from ID, for example. There is an option case-sensitive to change this.

This command understands a number of properties which are listed in the following sections. This is a comprehensive overview over the existing properties. Most of these properties are explained in more detail in later sections of this manual.

In its simplest form an acronym needs a short and a long form. Please note that both properties *must* be set.

#### 5.1. Basic properties

 $\mathsf{short} = \{\langle \mathit{text} \rangle\} \tag{required}$ 

The short form of the acronym. *This property is required*: an acronym must have a short form.

Maybe you mostly have simple acronyms where the ID and short form are the same. In that case you can use

use-id-as-short = true|false

Initial: false

to use the  ${\tt ID}$  of the acronym as short form. For more complicated cases this would still allow you to set the short form.

 $long = \{\langle text \rangle\}$  (required)

The long form of the acronym. *This property is required*: an acronym must have a description.

 $alt = \{\langle text \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Alternative short form.

 $extra = \{\langle text \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Extra information to be added in the list of acronyms.

foreign =  $\{\langle long form in foreign language \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

Can be useful when dealing with acronyms in foreign languages, see section 14 on page 22 for details.

 $post = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

 $\langle text \rangle$  is appended to the acronym in the text but not in the list of acronyms.

 $single = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to long

If provided  $\langle text \rangle$  will be used instead of the long form if the acronym is only used a single time *and* the option single has been set, see section 9 on page 13.

 $sort = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to short

If used the acronym will be sorted according to this property instead of its ID.

 $tag = \{\langle csv \ list \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

The tag(s) of an acronym.

 $cite = [\langle prenote \rangle] [\langle postnote \rangle] \{\langle citation \ keys \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

A citation that is printed to the acronym according to an option explained later.

 $index = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

This property allows to overwrite the automatic index entry with an arbitrary one. See section 16.2 on page 27 for details.

 $index-sort = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to sort

If you use the option index every occurrence of an acronym is recorded to the index and sorted by its short form or (if set) by the value of the sort property. This property allows to set an individual sorting option for the index. See section 16.2 on page 27 for details.

#### 5.2. Properties related to plural and indefinite forms

 $short-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the short form.

 $short-plural-form = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

The plural short form of the acronym; replaces the short form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

 $long-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the long form.

long-plural-form =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

Plural long form of the acronym; replaces the long form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

 $alt-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the alternative form.

alt-plural-form =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

The plural alternative form of the acronym; replaces the alternative form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

foreign-plural =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the foreign form.

foreign-plural-form =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

Plural foreign form of the acronym; replaces the foreign form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

 $short-indefinite = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: a

Indefinite article for the short form.

long-indefinite =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: a

Indefinite article for the long form.

alt-indefinite =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: a

Indefinite article for the alternative form.

#### 5.3. Properties related to formatting

 $format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

The format used for both short and long form of the acronym.

 $short-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to format

The format used for the short form of the acronym.

 $long-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to format

The format used for the long form of the acronym.

 $first-long-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to format

The format used for the first appearance of the long form of the acronym.

 $alt-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to short-format

The format used for the alternative form of the acronym. If this is not given the short format will be used.

 $extra-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

The format used for the additional information of the acronym.

foreign-format =  $\{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

The format used for the foreign form of the acronym.

 $single-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to long-format

The format used for the acronym if the acronym is only used a single time.

#### list-format = $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

if unused then equal to long-format

The format used for the long form of the acronym in the list if the list template supports it. All pre-defined list templates *do* support it.

first-style = long-short|short-long|short|long|footnote

(initially empty)

The style of the first appearance of the acronym, see also section 8 on page 12.

single-style = long-short|short-long|short|long|footnote

(initially empty)

The style of a single appearance of the acronym, see also section 9 on page 13.

#### 5.4. Properties related to the created PDF file

#### $pdfstring = \{\langle pdfstring \rangle\}$

if unused then equal to short

Used as PDF string replacement in bookmarks when used together with the hyperref [ORT20] or the bookmark package [Obe19].

 $pdfcomment = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Sets a tooltip description for an acronym. For actually getting tooltips you also need an appropriate setting of the options pdfcomment/cmd and pdfcomment/use, see also section 20.3 on page 32.

 $short-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to short

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the short form of the acronym.

 $long-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to long

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the long form of the acronym.

 $alt-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to alt

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the alternative short form of the acronym.

foreign-acc =  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to foreign

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the foreign form of the acronym.

 $extra-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to extra

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the extra information of the acronym.

 $single-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to long-acc

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for a single appearance of the acronym.

 $list-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to list

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the appearance in the list of acronyms.

#### 5.5. Futher properties

```
list = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to long

If specified this will be written in the list as description instead of the long form if the corresponding list template supports it.

```
foreign-babel = \{\langle language \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The babel [Bra19] or polyglossia [Cha19] language of the foreign form. This language is used to wrap the entry with  $\{language\}$  if either babel or polyglossia is loaded. You'll need to take care that the corresponding language is loaded by babel or polyglossia.

```
foreign-locale = \{\langle language \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The language name that is output when the option locale/display is used. If this property is not set then the appropriate value might be derived from foreign-babel. See section 14 on page 22 for details.

# 6. Using acronyms

There are a number of commands to use acronyms with. Their names always follow the same pattern which should make their usage intuitive immediately.

All of these commands have a starred form which means "don't count this as usage". All of these commands also have an optional argument that allows to set options for that usage only.

```
\acrocommand*[\langle options \rangle] \{\langle id \rangle\}
```

This is the general syntax of all of the commands listed below. The star and the optional argument is left way for the sake of readability.

```
\ac{\langle id \rangle} \Ac{\langle id \rangle} \acp{\langle id \rangle}
```

\ac prints the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ , the first time with full description and every subsequent use only the abbreviated form. \Ac does the same but uppercases the first letter – this may be needed at the beginning of a sentence. The commands \acp and \Acp, resp., print the corresponding plural forms. The commands \iac and \Iac, resp., print indefinite forms.

```
\acs{\langle id \rangle} \Acs{\langle id \rangle} \acsp{\langle id \rangle} \Acsp{\langle id \rangle} \acsp{\langle id \rangle} \acsp{\langle id \rangle}
```

\acs prints the short form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . \Acs does the same but uppercases the first letter. The commands \acsp and \Acsp, resp., print the corresponding plural forms. The commands \iacs and \Iacs, resp., print indefinite forms.

```
\acl{\langle id \rangle} \Acl{\langle id \rangle} \aclp{\langle id \rangle}
```

\acl prints the long form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . \Acl does the same but uppercases the first letter. The commands \aclp and \Aclp, resp., print the corresponding plural forms. The commands \iacl and \Iacl, resp., print indefinite forms.

```
\aca{\langle id \rangle} \Aca{\langle id \rangle} \acap{\langle id \rangle} \Acap{\langle id \rangle} \acap{\langle id \rangle} \acap{\langle id \rangle}
```

\aca prints the alternative short form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . \Aca does the same but uppercases the first letter. The commands \acap and \Acap, resp., print the corresponding plural forms. The commands \iaca and \Iaca, resp., print indefinite forms.

```
\acf{\langle id \rangle} \Acf{\langle id \rangle} \acfp{\langle id \rangle} \Acfp{\langle id \rangle} \acff{\langle id \rangle} \acff{\langle id \rangle}
```

\acf prints the full form of the acronym  $\langle id \rangle$ . \Acf does the same but uppercases the first letter. The commands \acfp and \Acfp, resp., print the corresponding plural forms. The commands \iacf and \Iacf, resp., print indefinite forms.

The usage should be clear. Let's assume you have defined an acronym UFO like this:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{ufo}{
   short = UFO ,
   long = unidentified flying object ,
   foreign = unbekanntes Flugobjekt ,
   foreign-plural-form = unbekannte Flugobjekte ,
   foreign-babel = ngerman ,
   long-indefinite = an
8 }
```

Then typical outputs look like this:

```
1 \ac{ufo} \\
2 \iac{ufo} \\
3 \iacl{ufo} \\
4 \Iacf{ufo} \\
5 \acfp{ufo}
unidentified flying object (unbekanntes Flugobjekt, UFO)
a UFO
an unidentified flying object
an Unidentified flying object (unbekanntes Flugobjekt, UFO)
unidentified flying objects (unbekannte Flugobjekte, UFOs)
```

#### 7. Alternative short forms

Sometimes expressions have two different short forms. And example might be JPEG which also often is JPG. This is what the property alt is there for.

```
alt = \{\langle text \rangle\}
   Alternative short form.
```

```
Let's define JPEG:
```

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{jpg}{
short = JPEG ,
   sort = jpeg ,
```

```
alt = JPG ,
s long = Joint Photographic Experts Group
}
```

And let's see how to use it:

```
| \ac{jpg} \\
| \ac{jpg} \\
| \ac{jpg} \\
| \aca{jpg} \\
| \aca{jpg} \\
| Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG or JPG)
| JPEG
| JPG
```

As you can see the full form shows both short forms of the acronym. This could be changed by altering the template for the full form, see section 22 on page 35 and section 8. The alternative form is also printed in the list of acronyms, see section A on page 37. This can also be changed by altering the template for the list, again see section 22.

# 8. The first or full appearance

If an acronym is used for the first time with \ac (after any number of usages with the starred forms of the usage commands listed in section 6 on page 10) or if an acronym is used \acf, then the first or full appearance of the acronym is printed.<sup>1</sup>

The first or full appearance of an acronym is determined by this option:

first-style = long-short|short-long|short|long|footnote Initial: long-short The style of the first appearance of the acronym. This options sets the appearance for all acronyms. Available options in reality are the names of all defined templates of the type acronym. All pre-defined templates can be found in section 22.1 on page 35.

It might be desirable to set the first appearance of an acronym individually. This is possible by setting the corresponding property:

Let's again look at an example:

<sup>1.</sup> This usually requires at least two compilations.

```
compact disc (CD)

1 \acf[first-style=long-short]{cd} \\
2 \acf[first-style=short-long]{cd} \\
3 \acf[first-style=footnote]{cd} \\
4 \acf[first-style=long]{cd} \\
5 \acf[first-style=short]{cd}

a. compact disc

CD

a. compact disc
```

This also demonstrates the use of the optional argument.

An example of an abbreviation that should have long as first appearance might be "etc.", defined like this

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{etc}{
2    short = etc\acdot ,
3    long = et cetera ,
4    format = \textit ,
5    first-style = long ,
6    plural =
7 }
```

and output like this:

```
1 \ac{etc}, \ac{etc} \ac{etc}. et cetera, etc. etc.
```

The command \acdot is explained in section 18 on page 28. Basically it checks if a dot follows and outputs a dot if not.

# 9. Single appearances of an acronym

If an acronym is used only once (not counting usages with the starred forms of the usage commands listed in section 6 on page 10), then the single appearance of the acronym is printed.<sup>2</sup> The single appearance of an acronym is determined by this option:

```
single = \underline{true} | false | \langle number \rangle
```

Initial: false

This option determines wether a single appearance of an acronym counts as *usage*. It might be desirable in such cases that an acronym is simply printed as long form and not added to the list of acronym. This is what this option does. With  $\langle number \rangle$  the minimal number of usages can be given that needs to be exceeded. single = {1} is the same as single = {true}.

The style of the single appearance of an acronym. Can be used to determine how a single appearance is printed if the option single has been set. This options sets the appearance for

<sup>2.</sup> This usually requires at least two compilations.

all acronyms. Available options in reality are the names of all defined templates of the type acronym. All pre-defined templates can be found in section 22.1 on page 35.

If you like you can also set the single appearance of an acronym individually:

```
single = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to long

If provided  $\langle text \rangle$  will be used instead of the long form if the acronym is only used a single time and the option single has been set.

```
single-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to long-format

The format used for the acronym if the acronym is only used a single time.

```
single-style = long-short|short-long|short|long|footnote
```

(initially empty)

The style of the single appearance of the acronym.

Let's again look at an example. The acronym PNG is defined as follows:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{png}{
2    short = PNG ,
3    long = Portable Network Graphics ,
4    first-style = short-long ,
5    single-style = short
6 }
```

And it is used only once in this manual<sup>3</sup>:

```
ı \ac{png} PNG
```

Please be aware that \acf would still print the full form, of course.

# 10. Printing the list

#### 10.1. The main command and its options

The main idea is simple: just place

```
\printacronyms[\langle options \rangle]
```

where you want the list to appear. It may require several (most times two) compilation runs for it to stabilize so look out for any warnings from ACRO requiring to recompile.

The options controlling the list are these:

```
list/template = description|table|longtable|list
```

Initial: description

Choose the template to create the list with. See more on this in sections 22 on page 35 and A on page 37.

<sup>3.</sup> You will find it in the list of acronyms in section A nonetheless as this document does list/display = {all}.

list/sort = true|false

Initial: true

Decide wether to sort the list of acronyms alphabetically or to print it in order of definition.

list/display = all|used

Initial: used

Decide wether to print only the acronyms actually used in the document or all acronyms which have been declared in the preamble.

 $list/exclude = \{\langle csv \ list \ of \ tags \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

Set a list of tags to exclude from the list. Only acronyms not belonging to one of these tags will be included.

 $list/include = \{\langle csv \ list \ of \ tags \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

Set a list of tags to include in the list. Only acronyms belonging to one of these tags will be included.

list/heading = none|section|section\*|chapter|chapter\*

Choose the heading template for the list of acronyms.

This only has an effect if the list template supports it. All pre-defined templates do support it.

 $list/name = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

Initial: \acrotranslate{list-name}

Overwrites the text which is used in the heading.

This only has an effect if the list template supports heading templates *and* the heading templates support it. All pre-defined heading templates *do* support this.

 $list/preamble = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

(initially empty)

Set a preamble to be placed between heading and actual list.

This only has an effect if the list template supports it. All pre-defined templates *do* support it.

list/locale/display = true|false

Initial: false

This options determines wether the language of the foreign form is printed or not.

This only has an effect if the list template supports for eign forms. All pre-defined templates do support them.

All these options can be set with \acsetup globally or locally as options to \printacronyms. In the latter case omit the leading list:

```
1 \acsetup{list/display=all,list/exclude=units}
```

2 O r

3 \printacronyms[display=all,exclude=units]

## 10.2. Add page numbers to the list

If you want to include the page numbers where the acronyms have been used in the list of acronym you can use these options:

```
pages/display = first|all|none
```

Initial: none

Decide wether to include page numbers in the list of acroynms and wether to add the first page or every page. When you choose first and have hyperref loaded you will also get a backlink to that page.

```
pages/seq = true|false
```

Initial: true

When you chose pages/display = {all} then you can decide wether you want a page list like 2,3,5,6,7 be displayed as 2f. 5ff. (when this option is true) or as 2,3,5-6 (when this option is false).

```
pages/fill = \{\langle code \rangle\}
```

Initial: \dotfill

This is the code that is placed between acronym description and actual page numbers.

```
pages/name = true|false
```

Initial: false

If set to true the page numbers are preceded with p. or pp.

#### 10.3. Filter lists using tags

With the property tag you can assign one or more tags to an acronym. These tags can be used to filter the list of acronyms.

```
tag = \{\langle csv \ list \rangle\}  (initially empty)
The tag(s) of an acronym.
```

```
list/exclude = \{\langle csv \ list \ of \ tags \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Set a list of tags to exclude from the list. Only acronyms not belonging to one of these tags will be included.

```
list/include = \{\langle csv \ list \ of \ tags \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Set a list of tags to include in the list. Only acronyms belonging to one of these tags will be included.

Let's look at an example. This manual declares these two acronyms with the tag city:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{la}{
2    short = LA ,
3    long = Los Angeles,
4    plural = ,
5    tag = city
6 }
7 \DeclareAcronym{ny}{
8    short = NY ,
9    long = New York ,
10    plural = ,
11    tag = city
12 }
```

We can now use this to either print a list without these acronyms by saying

1 \printacronyms[exclude=city]

or print a list with only these acronyms with

printacronyms[include=city,heading=none]

**LA** Los Angeles

If you use both exclude and include and list a tag in both exclude takes precedence over include.

printacronyms[exclude={a,b},include={b,c}]

would only print acronyms with tag c.

# 10.4. Local lists

Maybe you like a list of acronyms for each chapter in a book which only lists the acronyms used within this chapter. You need to do three things: set

#### barriers/use = true|false

Initial: false

this option to true, place

#### \acbarrier

before a new chapter starts (this is not necessary for the first chapter), and use \printacronyms with the option

#### list/local = true|false

Initial: false

or set this option once in the preamble with \acsetup so it is applied to every list.

Please read more on barriers in section 17 on page 27.

Please don't use page numbers together with local lists for the time being. If an acronym appears in more than one list both lists would contain the *same* page numbers anstead of only the ones local to barriers.

For the similar reasons please also don't use make-links together with local lists.

This *might* be resolved on day.

# 11. Formatting

ACRO has a number of options and parameters which can be used to influence the formatting of acronyms.

 $format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for both the short and the long form.

 $format/short = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the short form.

 $format/long = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the long form.

 $format/first-long = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the first appearance of the long form.

 $format/alt = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the alternative form.

 $format/extra = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the extra information.

 $format/foreign = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the foreign form.

 $format/list = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

Sets the format for the long form in the list form.

While this options influence the formatting of the acronyms globally you can also give each acronym its own formatting individually:

 $format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

The format used for both short and long form of the acronym.

 $short-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  if unused then equal to format

The format used for the short form of the acronym.

 $long-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  if unused then equal to format

The format used for the long form of the acronym.

first-long-format =  $\{\langle code \rangle\}$  if unused then equal to long-format

The format used for the first appearance of the long form of the acronym.

 $alt-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  if unused then equal to short-format

The format used for the alternative form of the acronym. If this is not given the short format will be used.

 $extra-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}$  (initially empty)

The format used for the additional information of the acronym.

```
foreign-format = \{\langle code \rangle\} (initially empty)
```

The format used for the foreign form of the acronym.

```
single-format = \{\langle code \rangle\} if unused then equal to long-format
```

The format used for the acronym if the acronym is only used a single time.

```
list-format = \{\langle code \rangle\} if unused then equal to long-format
```

The format used for the long form of the acronym in the list if the list template supports it. All pre-defined list templates *do* support it.

```
single-style = long-short|short-long|short|long|footnote (initially empty)
The style of a single appearance of the acronym, see also section 9 on page 13.
```

Per default the individual formatting instructions are *additive* to the global ones. This can be changed through the option

With this option active local options will *replace* the global ones.

Let's see an example:

```
    \DeclareAcronym{pdf}{
        short = pdf ,
        long = Portable Document Format ,
        short-format = \scshape
        }
}
```

```
1 \acsetup{format = \itshape}
2 \acf{pdf} \par
3 \acsetup{format/replace=true}
4 \acf{pdf}

Portable Document Format (PDF)
Portable Document Format (PDF)
```

# 12. Plural forms and other endings

#### 12.1. The plural ending and the plural form

Not in all languages plural forms are as easy as always appending an "s". Not even English. Sometimes there's other endings instead.<sup>4</sup> This is why ACRO has quite a number of different

<sup>4.</sup> German is full of such examples.

properties related to plural forms or endings:

```
short-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the short form.

```
short-plural-form = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The plural short form of the acronym; replaces the short form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

```
long-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the long form.

```
long-plural-form = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Plural long form of the acronym; replaces the long form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

```
alt-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the alternative form.

```
alt-plural-form = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The plural alternative form of the acronym; replaces the alternative form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

```
foreign-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the foreign form.

```
foreign-plural-form = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Plural foreign form of the acronym; replaces the foreign form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

There are two options which allow to change the default values for the whole document:

```
short-plural-ending = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

Defines the plural ending for the short forms to be  $\langle text \rangle$ .

```
long-plural-ending = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

Defines the plural ending for the long forms to be  $\langle text \rangle$ .

Now let's see two simple examples demonstrating the two different kinds of plural settings:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{sw}{
2    short = SW ,
3    long = Sammelwerk ,
4    long-plural = e
5 }
6 \DeclareAcronym{MP}{
7    short = MP ,
8    long = Member of Parliament ,
```

```
9 plural-form = Members of Parliament
10 }
```

The first one has another plural ending than the usual "s". The second one has a different plural form altogether because appending an "s" would give a wrong form:

```
Sammelwerke (SWs)
Acfp{MP}

Sammelwerke (SWs)
Members of Parliament (MPs)
```

## 12.2. Other endings

There are other such concepts which is why ACRO generalizes the concept of endings.

```
\DeclareAcroEnding{\langle name \rangle} {\langle short \ default \rangle} {\langle long \ default \rangle}
```

This command can be used to define properties and options analoguous to the plural endings which have been defined this way:

```
1 \DeclareAcroEnding{plural}{s}{s}
```

In general \DeclareAcroEnding{\langle foo}\}{\langle x\rangle}} defines these options

```
short - \langle foo \rangle - ending = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                                          Initial: \langle x \rangle
long - \langle foo \rangle - ending = \{ \langle value \rangle \}
                                                                                                                                                                         Initial: \langle y \rangle
    and these properties
short - \langle foo \rangle = \{ \langle value \rangle \}
                                                                                                                                                                         Initial: \langle x \rangle
short - \langle foo \rangle - form = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                               (initially empty)
alt - \langle foo \rangle = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                                         Initial: \langle x \rangle
alt - \langle foo \rangle - form = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                               (initially empty)
long - \langle foo \rangle = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                                         Initial: \langle y \rangle
long - \langle foo \rangle - form = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                               (initially empty)
foreign - \langle foo \rangle = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                                         Initial: \langle \gamma \rangle
foreign - \langle foo \rangle - form = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                               (initially empty)
single - \langle foo \rangle = \{ \langle value \rangle \}
                                                                                                                                                                         Initial: \langle y \rangle
single - \langle foo \rangle - form = \{\langle value \rangle\}
                                                                                                                                                               (initially empty)
```

In addition another command is defined which is meant to be used in template definitions.

```
\accro(foo)
```

This command tells the template that the ending  $\langle foo \rangle$  should be used.

Section 23 on page 35 has an example of how this can be used to define a possessive ending and commands that make use of them like this:

```
1 \acfg{MP} Member's of Parliament (MP's)
```

# 13. Indefinite forms

Indefinite forms can be a problem if the short and the long form of acronyms have different indefinite articles.<sup>5</sup>

```
a unidentified flying object (unbekanntes
a \ac{ufo} \par
an \ac{ufo}

an UFO

a unidentified flying object (unbekanntes
flugobjekt, UFO)
an UFO
```

And what good would it be to use a package like ACRO if you have to keep track of of and second uses, anyway? This is why UFO should be defined like we did on page 11. We then can just use the dedicated commands and let them decide for us:

```
an unidentified flying object (unbekanntes
lacture |
lac
```

The commands which also output the indefinite article all start with an "i" and have all been described in section 6 on page 10 already: \iac, \iacs, \iacs, \iacs, \iacl, \iacs, \iacs, \iacl, \iacs, \iacs,

## 14. Foreign language acronyms

Sometimes and in some fields more often than in others abbreviations are used that are derived from another language. ACRO provides a number of properties for such cases:

```
foreign = \{\langle long \ form \ in \ foreign \ language \rangle\} (initially empty) Can be useful when dealing with acronyms in foreign languages, see section 14 for details.
```

<sup>5.</sup> This may very well be a language specific issue.

```
foreign-plural = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Initial: s

The plural ending appended to the foreign form.

```
foreign-plural-form = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Plural foreign form of the acronym; replaces the foreign form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

```
foreign-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The format used for the foreign form of the acronym.

```
foreign-babel = \{\langle language \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The babel or polyglossia language of the foreign form. This language is used to wrap the entry with  $\{language\}$  if either babel or polyglossia is loaded. You'll need to take care that the corresponding language is loaded by babel or polyglossia.

```
foreign-locale = \{\langle language \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

The language name that is output when the option locale/display is used. If this property is not set then the appropriate value might be derived from foreign-babel.

There are also some options:

```
locale/display = true|false
```

Initial: false

This options determines wether the language of the foreign form is printed or not when the full form of the acronym is printed.

```
list/locale/display = true|false
```

Initial: false

The same but for the list of acronyms.

```
locale/format = \{\langle code \rangle\}
```

Initial: \em\text\_titlecase\_first:n

Determines how said language is formatted when printed. The last command in  $\langle code \rangle$  may take a mandatory argument.

Let's say you are writing a German document and are using the abbreviation ECU for Steuergerät which stems from the English "Electronic Control Unit". Then you can define it as follows:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{ecu}{
2    short = ECU ,
3    long = Steuergerät ,
4    foreign = Electronic Control Unit ,
5    foreign-babel = english ,
6    foreign-locale = englisch
7 }
```

Now the abbreviation is introduced so that everyone understands the confusion:

```
| \ac{ecu} \par
| \acsetup{locale/display,locale/format=\emph}
| \acf{ecu}
| Steuergerät (Electronic Control Unit, ECU)
| Steuergerät (englisch: Electronic Control Unit, ECU)
```

The property foreign-babel is used for ensuring correct hyphenation as long as you use babel or polyglossia and load the corresponding language, too. If you are writing your document in English then ACRO is able to deduce the language used for the "locale" field by itself:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{eg}{
2    short = e.g\acdot ,
3    long = for example ,
4    foreign = exempli gratia ,
5    foreign-babel = latin ,
6    short-format = \textit ,
7    foreign-format = \textit
8 }
```

```
1 \acsetup{locale/display,first-style=short-long}
2 \acf{eg}
e.g. (Latin: exempli gratia: for example)
```

# 15. Uppercasing

Depending on the kind of abbreviations you have and depending on their definition and maybe also depending on your language the long and sometimes also the short forms need to start with an uppercase letter at the beginning of a sentence while it starts with a lowercase letter otherwise.

For this ACRO provides uppercase versions for all predefined acronym commands listed in section 6. The usage is self-explaining:

```
1 There was \iacl{ufo} hovering \dots \par
2 \Aclp{ufo} were hovering \dots
```

There was an unidentified flying object hovering ...
Unidentified flying objects were hovering ...

If you defined them with uppercase letters to begin with then these commands have no effect, of course.

```
    \DeclareAcronym{ufo}{
        short = UFO ,
        long = Unidentified Flying Object
        4 }
```

There are a number of options to control the uppercasing behavior:

#### uppercase/first

The default setting. Converts the first letter to uppercase.

#### uppercase/title

This is just a synonym of first.

#### uppercase/all

Converts *all* letters to uppercase.

#### uppercase/none

Converts all letters to lowercase

```
uppercase/cmd = \{\langle command \rangle\}
```

All of the above options just choose the right command using this option internally. This means you can choose a different behavior altogether by setting this option to something else. For example you could use \capitalisewords from the package mfirstuc [Tal17]. The command needs to have one mandatory argument.

There may be reasons to exclude short forms from being uppercased. This can be controlled by this option:

```
uppercase/short = true|false
```

Initial: true

It allows you to disable the mechanism for the short and alt properties.

# 16. Citing and indexing

#### 16.1. Citing

Acronyms can be given cite keys. This makes it possible to add a citation reference automatically when the acronym is used for the first time.

Let's see an example first. NY has been defined like this:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{ny}{
2    short = NY ,
3    long = New York ,
4    plural = ,
5    tag = city ,
6    cite = NewYork
7 }
```

The property cite will now trigger ACRO to input \cite{NewYork} after the acronym:

```
ı \ac{ny} New York (NY) [Wik20]
```

Depending on the citation style (and probably other factors, too) it might be desirable to add the citation rather inside the parentheses together with the short form of the acronym and even cited with a different command. For cases like these ACRO offers a number of options:

```
cite/cmd = \{\langle citation \ command \rangle\}
Initial: \cite
```

Choose the command with which citations ar printed.

Decide wether to group citations with the short form in the parentheses. The template must support this. ACRO's pre-defined templates *do* support it.

Decide wether to output the citation in the first/full usage only or always or never.

```
cite/pre = \{\langle text \rangle\}
Initial: \nobreakspace
```

Arbitrary code directly output before the citation.

```
cite/group/cmd = {\langle citation command\rangle} Initial: \langle cite
```

Choose the command with which grouped citations are printed.

```
cite/group/pre = \{\langle text \rangle\} Initial: ,_
```

Arbitrary code directly output before the citation in the grouped case.

If for example you use biblatex's authoryear style [LKW19] you might want to have settings like these:

```
1 \acsetup{
2  cite/group = true ,
3  cite/cmd = \parencite ,
4  cite/group/cmd = \cite
5 }
```

```
1 \acsetup{cite/display = all}
2 \acf{ny} \\
3 \ac{ny}

New York (NY, Wikipedia 2020)
NY (Wikipedia 2020)
```

#### 16.2. Indexing

Maybe you want to add your acronyms to an index. In that case it is probably desirable to let ACRO make this automatically. In the simplest case just enable it:

Initial: false

```
index/use = true|false
    Enable indexing.
```

 $index/cmd = {\langle index \ command \rangle}$  Initial: \index

Choose a command for indexing.

```
index/disable = {\langle code \rangle} Initial: \def\@{}
```

Sometimes it is desirable to change the meaning of a command inside an index entry. For the entries created by ACRO this can be achieved with this option.

index/clear

This option clears the disable list.

While these options set global behavior there are also properties to set them for an acronym individually.

```
index = \{\langle text \rangle\}  (initially empty)
```

This property allows to overwrite the automatic index entry with an arbitrary one.

```
index-sort = \{\langle text \rangle\} if unused then equal to sort
```

If you use the option index every occurrence of an acronym is recorded to the index and sorted by its short form or (if set) by the value of the sort property. This property allows to set an individual sorting option for the index.

This property allows to exclude an acronym from being indexed.

This manual is an example for the indexing feature. Each acronym from section A on page 37 that has been used in this manual is also listed in the manual.

#### 17. Barriers

The main purpose of the concept of barriers is to be able to have *local* lists of acronyms. This concept does a little bit more than that, though, which should become clear from the following options:

#### barriers/use = true|false

Initial: false

Activate usage of barriers. Otherwise the command \acbarrier just does nothing except writing a warning in the log.

```
barriers/reset = true|false
```

Initial: false

When set to true the acronym usage is reset for all acronyms at a barrier. The first use of \ac after a barrier will again look like the \acf.

#### barriers/single = true|false

Initial: false

When set to true a single usage of an acronym between two barriers with \ac will look according to the chosen style as explained in section 9 on page 13. This option only has an effect when the option single is used as well.

There are two natural barriers in a document: \begin{document} and \end{document}. You can add an arbitrary number of additional barriers with

#### \acharrier

For this command to have any effect you must set barriers/single to true!

It takes usually two or even three compilation runs until acronym usages between barriers are properly counted.

# 18. Trailing tokens

#### 18.1. What is it about?

ACRO has the possibility to look ahead for certain tokens and switch a boolean variable if it finds them. Per default ACRO knows about three tokens: the "dot" (.), the "dash" (-) and the "babel-hyphen" (\babelhyphen).

Yeu have seen an example for this already:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{etc}{
2    short = etc\acdot ,
3    long = et cetera ,
4    format = \textit ,
5    first-style = long ,
6    plural =
7 }
```

The macro \acdot recognizes if a dot is directly following. It only prints a dot if it doesn't.

```
1 \ac{etc} and \ac{etc}. etc. and etc.
```

Another example: let's say you're a German scientist, you have

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{PU}{
2    short = PU ,
3    long = Polyurethan ,
4    long-plural = e
5 }
```

and you use it the first time like this:

```
ı \ac{PU}-Hartschaum
```

then according to German orthography and typesetting rules this should be printed as

"Polyurethan(PU)-Hartschaum"

i. e., with no space between long and short form.

```
_{1} \ensuremath{\mathsf{Acf}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{PU}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{-Hartschaum}} Polyurethan(PU)-Hartschaum
```

This works because the template long-short 6 uses \acspace at the appropriate place and the manual setup does

```
1 \acsetup{activate-trailing-tokens = dash}
```

\acspace looks ahead for a trailing dash and adds a space it it doesn't find it.

#### 18.2. How does it work?

Tokens to look for can be defined and activated through the following options:

```
trailing/define = \langle token \rangle \{\langle name \rangle \}
```

Defines token  $\langle name \rangle$  and tells ACRO look for  $\langle token \rangle$  if  $\langle name \rangle$  is activated.

```
trailing/activate = \{\langle csv \ list \ of \ token \ names \rangle\}
```

Tell ACRO to look for trailing tokens. This is done by giving a csv list of the internal *names* of the tokens. Per default only dot is activated.

```
trailing/deactivate = \{\langle csv \ list \ of \ token \ names \rangle\}
```

Tell ACRO not to look for trailing tokens. This is done by giving a csv list of the internal *names* of the tokens.

<sup>6.</sup> The template that is used by default for the first appearance.

The package itself does this:

```
1 \acsetup{
2  trailing/define = . {dot} ,
3  trailing/define = - {dash}
4  trailing/define = \babelhyphen {babel-hyphen} ,
5  trailing/activate = dot
6 }
```

In order to make use of this mechanism there is the following command:

```
\aciftrailing{\langle csv \ list \ of \ token \ names \rangle}{\langle true \rangle}{\langle false \rangle}
```

Check if one of the tokens listed in  $\langle csv | list | of token | names \rangle$  is following and either place  $\langle true \rangle$  or  $\langle false \rangle$  in the input stream.

This command is used to define the two commands you already know:

#### \acdot

Inserts . \@ if no dot follows.

#### \acspace

Inserts a \space if no dash or babel-hyphen follows.

The definitions are equivalent 7 to the following code:

```
1 \newcommand*\acdot{\aciftrailing{dot}{}{.\@}}
2 \newcommand*\acspace{\aciftrailing{dash,babel-hyphen}{}{\space}}
```

You are of course free to redefine them according to your needs.

# 19. Using or resetting acronyms

Sometimes it is necessary to mark an acronym as used before it actually has been used or to mark an acronym as unused even though it *has* been used. You have already seen one of the commands which make it possible:

```
\acuse{\langle csv | list | of | acronym | ids \rangle}
```

Every acronym given in the list will be marked as used.

#### \acuseall

Every acronym is marked as used.

```
\acreset{\langle csv \ list \ of \ acronym \ ids \rangle}
```

Every acronym given in the list will be reset.

<sup>7.</sup> Not *quite*: ACRO's definitions are engine protected.

#### \acresetall

Every acronym will be reset.

# 20. Bookmarks, backlinks and accessibility support

#### 20.1. Backlinks

When ACRO is used together with the package hyperref [ORT20] then you can make use of the following option:

```
make-links = true|false
```

Initial: false

If this is activated then every short or alternative appearance of an acronym will be linked to its description in the list of acronyms.

This will fail miserably together with local lists if an acronym appears in more than one list. This *might* be resolved on day.

#### 20.2. Bookmarks

Since bookmarks (which are created by the hyperref or the bookmark packages [Obe19]) can only contain simple text ACRO simplifies the output of the acronym commands when they appear in a bookmark. Although the output can be modified with a dedicated template-mechanism there is no user interface at the moment. Contact me at https://github.com/cgnieder/acro/issues if you need it.

Acronyms have the property pdfstring:

```
pdfstring = \{\langle pdfstring \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to short

Used as PDF string replacement for the short form in bookmarks when used together with the hyperref [ORT20] or the bookmark package [Obe19].

This is for acronyms like

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{pdf}{
2    short = pdf ,
3    long = Portable Document Format ,
4    short-format = \scshape ,
5    pdfstring = PDF
6 }
```

where the bookmark would write "pdf" instead of "PDF" if the property where not set.

#### 20.3. PDF comments

Some people like see comments in the PDF when they're hovering with the mouse over the short form of an acronym. This can be achieved.

```
pdfcomments/use = true|false
```

Initial: false

This enables the creation of PDF comments.

```
pdfcomments/cmd = \{\langle code \rangle\}
```

Initial: \pdftooltip{#1}{#2}

Chooses the command for actually creating the comment. You must refer to the printed output in the PDF with #1 and to the comment with #2. The default command \pdftooltip is provided by the package pdfcomment [Kle18]. You must load it in order to use it.

Only acronyms where the corresponding property has been set will get comments:

```
pdfcomment = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

Sets a tooltip description for an acronym.

### 20.4. Accessibility support

ACRO supports the accsupp package [Obe18] when you also load hyperref. Then ACRO uses

```
1 \BeginAccSupp{ method = pdfstringdef , ActualText = {PDF} }
2 \textsc{pdf}%
3 \EndAccSupp{}%
```

for an acronym defined like this:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{pdf}{
2    short = pdf ,
3    long = Portable Document Format ,
4    short-format = \scshape ,
5    pdfstring = PDF ,
6    short-acc = PDF
7 }
```

Without accessibility support when a string like "PDF" is copied from the PDF and pasted you get "pdf". If you don't care about that simply don't load accsupp and ignore this section.

You have a few options to be able to manipulate what ACRO does here but I recommend to stay with the default settings:

```
accsupp/use = true|false
```

Initial: true

When this is true and the package accsupp is loaded then accessibility support is used.

```
accsupp/options = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Additional option to be passed to \BeginAccSupp. See the accsupp manual for possible settings.

```
accsupp/method = \{\langle method \rangle\}
```

Initial: pdfstringdef

The method used by \BeginAccSupp. See the accsupp manual for possible values.

The "ActualText" that is used by ACRO always defaults to the values of the acronym properties themselves. You can choose these values individually by setting the corresponding properties:

```
short-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to short

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the short form of the acronym.

 $long-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}$ 

if unused then equal to long

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the long form of the acronym.

```
alt-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to alt

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the alternative short form of the acronym.

```
foreign-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to foreign

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the foreign form of the acronym.

```
extra-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to extra

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the extra information of the acronym.

```
single-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to long-acc

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for a single appearance of the acronym.

```
list-acc = \{\langle text \rangle\}
```

if unused then equal to list

Sets the ActualText property as presented by the accsupp package for the appearance in the list of acronyms.

Extra care has to be taken for plural forms as these can not be picked up automatically right now. You have to explicitly set them for the accessibility support, too:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{ufo}{
2    short = UFO ,
3    long = unidentified flying object ,
4    foreign = unbekanntes Flugobjekt ,
5    foreign-plural-form = unbekannte Flugobjekte ,
6    foreign-acc-plural-form = unbekannte Flugobjekte ,
7    foreign-babel = ngerman ,
8    long-indefinite = an
9 }
```

#### 21. Localisation

There are places when ACRO uses text strings which depend on the language of the document. In order to recognize the language from babel of polyglossia and print the strings in the correct language ACRO uses the translations [Nie20].

If the language is detected incorrectly or you want ACRO to use another language than it detects you can use the following option:

```
language = auto | \langle language \rangle
```

Initial: auto

The default setting auto lets ACRO detect the language setting automatically. Valid choices are all language names known to the package translations. Mostly just type your language and it should work.

ACRO only provides support for a handful of languages. You can easily teach ACRO your language if it isn't supported, yet.8

```
\DeclareAcroTranslation{\langle key \rangle} {\langle language=translation\ list \rangle}
```

With this command new translations can be added or existing translations can be changed.

```
\acrotranslate{\langle key \rangle}
```

This command fetches the translation of  $\langle key \rangle$  for the current language. It is meant for usage in template definitions.

As an example this is how ACRO declares translations for the pages keyword:

Available keywords and their English and German translations are shown in table 1 on the following page.

<sup>8.</sup> If you like you can always open an issue at https://github.com/cgnieder/acro/issues and provide your translations so I can add them to ACRO.

Key	English	German
list-name	Acronyms	Abkürzungen
page	p.	S.
pages	pp.	S.
sequens	f.	f.
sequentes	ff.	ff.
also	also	auch
or	or	oder
and	and	und

Table 1: Available translation keywords.

# Part III.

# **Extending ACRO**

# 22. Templates

- 22.1. Pre-defined templates
- 22.2. Defining new templates
- 22.3. New acronym templates
- 22.4. New list templates
- 22.5. New heading templates

# 23. Own acronym commands

```
\text{\lambda}
```

15 }

# Part IV.

# **Appendix**

# A. Examples

# **B.** Acronyms

Below all abbreviations are listed which have been defined for the manual.
<b>CD</b> compact disc
CTAN Comprehensive TEX Archive Network
e.g. for example (Latin: exempli gratia)
ECU Steuergerät (Englisch: Electronic Control Unit)
<b>etc.</b> et cetera
ID identification string
JPEG/JPG Joint Photographic Experts Group
LA Los Angeles
LPPL LETEX Project Public License
MP Member of Parliament
<b>NATO</b> Organisation des Nordatlantikvertrags ( <i>Englisch</i> : North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
NY New York
PDF Portable Document Format
PNG Portable Network Graphics
PU Polyurethan
T <sub>E</sub> X.sx T <sub>E</sub> X StackExchange
<b>UFO</b> unidentified flying object ( <i>German</i> : unbekanntes Flugobjekt)

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