

Polisher

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Polisher is an open source LaTeX source file verification tool. It performs a number of basic sanity checks on a LaTeX file, identifying punctuation and formatting errors as well as typos. It is highly configurable.

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1. Overview

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2. Profiles

A collections of configuration files, together with a set of switches of which checks should be performed is called a **profile**.

Profiles are folders in `/config` which contain a configuration file with switches, called `profile.cfg`. This file contains a `lineName:<name of profile>`.

The profile folder also contains the configuration file for the individual checking modules.

Note that in all configuration files, lines starting with `%` will be ignored.

3. Checking modules

Note that LaTeX code is interpreted as is, and no substitutions due to macros are being made.

3.1. *PunctuationChecker*

Only applied to body of document.

This runs the following checks, which can be turned on and off:

paragraph header needs to end with fullstop: Each `\paragraph{...}` argument has to end with a fullstop.

footnote punctuation: If a footnote starts with a lowercase letter, it should not end in a fullstop. Also, footnotes should not end in a comma or semi-colon.

3.2. *RegExpMatcher*

The key configuration file is `regexps.cfg`. Each rule consists of two lines of the form

```
<description>|<level>|<severity>|<parameters>
<regexp>
```

with only the first entry mandatory in the first line.

Valid levels:

```
1    Body
90   Bibliography
```

Valid parameters:

```
not_in_tags  the match cannot be in \cite, \eqref, or \cref
```

3.3. *Homogenizer*

The key configuration file is `homogenizer.cfg`. This file contains a word list with each line of the following form:

```
<standard form>:<alternatives, separated by ;>|<exceptions, separated by ;>
```

3.4. *BibliographyChecker*

Only applied to bibliography of document.

The key configuration file is `bibliography.cfg`. Each line starting with `journal-normalization` is of the form

`journal-normalization:<search-for>-><replace-by>`

Checks for

- Each bibitem needs to end in fullstop.
- Make sure the journal names are standardised.

4. Acknowledgements

Libraries used:

- Usual Atlantis libraries