Tutorial: Japanese letters with LATEX and adding CJK fonts

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The intent of this tutorial is to answer two questions:

- What class can I use to typeset beautiful letters using LATEX?
- How can I include Japanese writing in such letters?

Furthermore, I would like to add:

■ How can I add more CJK fonts to LATEX?

A limitation of this presentation is that it only covers use of LATEX, not ConTEXt, nor XeTEX, nor Omega.



The standard letter class

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LATEX has a standard letter class. This has limitations:

- Does not allow sections;
- Does not permit floating (figure and table) environments.

Gtex-Letter is a GNOME-based graphical front end to the letter class, which can be useful (accesses GNOME-based address book utility).

Here is a typical comment about the standard letter class:

"Does anybody have or know of a good LaTeX package for making cover letters? (The default LaTeX letter class is frustrating me.) One with Columbia letterhead would be preferred, if that fits proper protocol."

Many academic institutions have a modified letter class with logo available. These are generally useful for cover letters only.



Options: Other letter classes

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So what options are there for letter classes?

"LaTeX itself provides a letter document class, which is widely disliked; the present author long since gave up trying with it."

- akletter for German business letters;
- **newIfm** for US-type letters, faxes and memos;
- dinbrief for German letters;
- brief in the Dutch ntgclass bundle;
- **scrittr2** in the KOMA-Script bundle.



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The KOMA-Script bundle offers alternate classes to the standard ones:

- European typesetting conventions;
- Extended functionality and options;
- Under active development;
- Documentation extensive (German and English);
- Compatible with CJK, Hyperref, Babel and many more;
- Included in distributions: TEXLive, MikTEX, teTEX;
- Has an awesome letter class!

Currently on CTAN: Version 2.98 (not yet updated in Debian and Ubuntu distributions). English reference manual: 252 pages. CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/koma-script



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There are way too many options—you have to read the manual! Some features:

- layout options;
- customizable letter option files;
- address file for form letters;
- foldmarks;
- language options;
- header/footer settings (including logos);

In particular, letter option files are now provided for several Japanese envelope and window envelope sizes.

Page 180 of English reference manual shows the letter layout.



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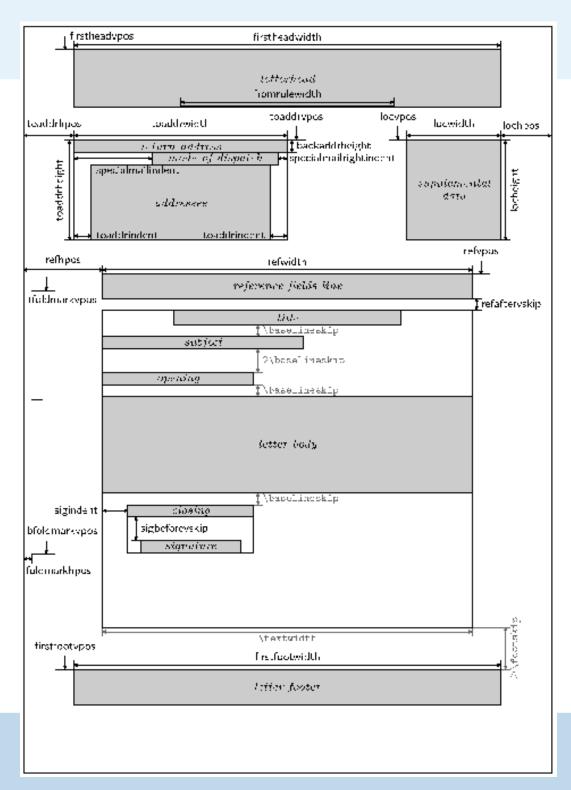
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```
\documentclass[...]{scrlttr2}
              settings for all letters
\begin{document}
              settings for all letters
\begin{letter}[options]{addressee}
          content of the individual letter
\end{letter}
\end{document}
```



Japanese with the CJK Package

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Werner Lemberg, a German musician, has almost single-handedly provided CJK support to TEXLive with his packages. For Japanese, there is the following:

- support for various Asian character encodings;
- support for Unicode encoding;
- support for the free Wadalab fonts;
- support for vertical typesetting;
- support for "poor-man's bold";
- support for font changes similar to NFSS.

Not as many typesetting rules are gracefully implemented as in pT_FX, but enough to enable CJK to be used.



setting up Japanese

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I wish to use exclusively UTF8 for now. So I need the following in my preamble:

```
\usepackage{CJKutf8}
\newenvironment{Japanese}{%
  \CJKfamily{min}%
  \CJKtilde
  \CJKnospace}{}
```

This allows UTF8 encoding to be used for CJK input, and defines one language, with a default font family (Mincho from the Wadalab fonts), and some other options (see CJK documentation).



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Within the document I can then start the CJK environment with:

\begin{CJK}{UTF8}{}

and subsequntly use any of the defined languages with:

\begin{Japanese}

Japanese content

\end{Japanese}

Finally, the CJK environment must be ended:

\end{CJK}



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Lastly, how to set up the letter to format for Japanese envelopes?

- Default letter class option (.lco) file used is for DIN A4 size paper and DIN C6 envelopes in Germany;
- For Japan, new variants to cater for different envelope size and window locations;
- choose one: NipponEL, NipponEH, NipponLL, NipponLH, NipponRL, KakuLL;

Then define just before all or after the start of an individual letter, as follows:

```
\LoadLetterOption{NipponLL}%
   \setkomavar{myref}{NipponLL}
\begin{letter}{Person\\Address}
```



Letter class option files

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The following table shows the supported envelope and window formats that are different from the default DIN A4 letter class option support.

.lco file	Supported	Wsize	Wloc
NipponEL	Chou/You 3 and 4	90×45	I 22, t 12
NipponEH	Chou/You 3 and 4	90×55	I 22, t 12
NipponLL	Chou/You 3 and 4	90×45	l 25, t 12
NipponLH	Chou/You 3 and 4	90×55	I 25, t 12
NipponRL	Chou/You 3 and 4	90×45	I 98, t 28
KakuLL	Kaku A4	90×45	l 25, t 24

Window size and location are in millimeters.



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2007年10月11日

知らせ

勝川様、

Subject: 新しい住所

こんんにちは、ギャノットです。お世話になりました。ご無沙汰してしまい申し訳 ございません。翔バナイカイの展示会が楽しかったと存じます。知らせていただい てありがとうございます。

これからも宜くお願いします、

Gernot Hassenpflug



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```
\documentclass[enlargefirstpage=on,paper=a4]{scrlttr2}
\usepackage[english]{babel}
\usepackage{CJKutf8}
\usepackage[overlap, CJK]{ruby}
\usepackage{CJKulem}
\renewcommand{\rubysep}{0.3ex}
\newenvironment{Japanese}{%
 \CJKfamily{goth}%
 \CJKtilde
  \CJKnospace}{}
\KOMAoptions{fromalign=right,fromlogo=false,%
  addrfield=true, backaddress=off, %
  subject=titled,%
  subject=afteropening,%
  locfield=narrow,%
  foldmarks=on,%
 numericaldate=true}
```



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```
\setkomavar{fromname}{Gernot Hassenpflug}
\setkomavar{signature}{Gernot Hassenpflug}
\setkomavar{fromaddress}{
 〒181-0002\\
 東京都三鷹市 \\
 牟礼2-10-1\\
 デゥオ井の頭公園\\
 302号}
\setkomavar{title}{知らせ}
\setkomavar{subject}{新しい住所}
\date{2007年10月11日}
\begin{document}
\begin{CJK}{UTF8}{}
\begin{Japanese}
```



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\LoadLetterOption{NipponEL}% .lco file

\opening{勝川様、}

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\closing{これからも宜くお願いします、\\ \mbox{}}

\end{letter}

\end{Japanese} \end{CJK}

\end{document}



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Adding Fonts

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To add fonts to LATEX, we start with a TTF font, let us say obtained from a vendor, or made by ourselves. I will assume setting up for Unicode only.

The steps are very simple, once all the tools are in place:

- process with fontforge to extract subfonts (.tfm and .pfb files);
- make a .map file;
- make a .fd file;
- copy .tfm, .pfb, .fd and .map files to destinations;
- rehash the tex path;
- enable the new map;
- rehash the path again.



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- First, for Unicode setup, we need to look at the CJK git repository at the utility scripts. There we can find subfonts.pe and Unicode.sfd.
- Extract all .pfb subfonts and create .tfm files:
- \$ fontforge -script subfonts.pe dgjhalf.ttf
 dgjhalf Unicode.sfd
- Make a map file dgjhalf.map containing names of all the pfb and tfm files:

```
dgjhalf00 dgjhalf00 < dgjhalf00.pfb
dgjhalfff dgjhalfff < dgjhalfff.pfb</pre>
```



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Make a Unicode font definition file c70dgjhalf.fd for latex to refer to:

```
\ProvidesFile{c70dgjhalf.fd}
\DeclareFontFamily{C70}{dgjhalf}%
    {\hyphenchar \font\m@ne}
\DeclareFontShape{C70}{dgjhalf}{m}{n}%
   {<-> CJK * dgjhalf}{}
\DeclareFontShape{C70}{dgjhalf}{bx}{n}%
    {<-> CJKb * dgjhalf}{\CJKbold}
\endinput
```



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- .tfm files: \$TEXMFLOCAL/fonts/tfm/CJK/djghalf/
- .pfb files: \$TEXMFLOCAL/fonts/type1/CJK/djghalf/
- .fd files: \$TEXMFLOCAL/tex/latex/CJK/UTF8/
- .map files: \$TEXMFLOCAL/fonts/map/dvips/CJK/

Then,

- # texhash or equivalent "ls-R" update command;
- # updmap-sys --enable Map dgjhalf.map to enable map;
- rerun "ls-R" update command.



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Now, we should be able to use the new font as the default:

■ using \CJKfamily{dgjhalf}\selectfont in the document.

これは半角片仮名です: ア!コレハ「ハンカク」カタカナデス。モットホシイナラ:バージョンアップ?また明朝に戻ります。

■ This is done as follows:

明朝テキスト\CJKfamily{dgjhalf}\selectfont ハンカクカタカナテキスト\CJKfamily{min}\selectfont 明朝テキスト

Now there is no excuse for not using a really good variety of CJK fonts if you have them! Examples: for business card designs and greeting cards.

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