


The coloredlettrine package

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1 Introduction

 THE EB Garamond font¹ provides an initials font based on a 16th century French Bible. To make it even nicer, Georg Duffner had the idea of splitting the initials into two fonts: one of the back ornaments, the other for the letters to superimpose on them. This allowed to make bicolor initials.

This package aims to facilitate the typesetting of bicolor initials. It currently uses the EB Garamond Initials split fonts, but it might support other such split initials fonts in the future.

2 Usage

`\coloredlettrine`

This is the main macro of this package. Use it exactly as you would the `\lettrine` command from the `lettrine`² package.

Since `\coloredlettrine` is essentially a wrapper around `\lettrine`, you can use the settings files described in the `lettrine` package. This package contains an example making use of a `lettrine.cfg` file.

3 Settings

You can tune the appearance of the initials by resetting the following macros.

`\EBLettrineBackFontname`

Set the name of the font used for background ornaments, as passed to `fontspec`.

`\EBLettrineFrontFontname`

Set the name of the font used for foreground letters, as passed to `fontspec`.

`\EBLettrineBackColor`

Set the color used to typeset the background ornaments, as passed to `xcolor`.

`\EBLettrineFrontColor`

Set the color used to typeset the foreground letters, as passed to `xcolor`.

¹<http://www.georgduffner.at/ebgaramond/>

²<http://ctan.org/pkg/lettrine>

4 Implementation

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1 \ProvidesPackage{coloredlettrine}
2 \RequirePackage{fontspec}
3 \RequirePackage{lettrine}
4 \RequirePackage[svgnames]{xcolor}

\EBLettrineBackFontname

5 \newcommand{\EBLettrineBackFontname}{EBGaramondInitialsF1}

\EBLettrineFrontFontname

6 \newcommand{\EBLettrineFrontFontname}{EBGaramondInitialsF2}

\EBLettrineBackColor

7 \newcommand{\EBLettrineBackColor}{black}

\EBLettrineFrontColor

8 \newcommand{\EBLettrineFrontColor}{Crimson}

9 \newfontfamily\EBLettrineBackFont{\EBLettrineBackFontname}
10 \newfontfamily\EBLettrineFrontFont{\EBLettrineFrontFontname}

\coloredlettrine

11 \newcommand{\coloredlettrine}[3][\color{black}]{%

\LettrineFontHook

12 \renewcommand{\LettrineFontHook}{\EBLettrineBackFont}%

13 \lettrine[#1]{%
14 \rlap{\color{\EBLettrineBackColor} #2}%
15 {\EBLettrineFrontFont\color{\EBLettrineFrontColor} #2}}{#3}%
16 }
```