The pinyin package*

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This style file (which can be also used under plain TEX) enables the input of pinyin syllables with tones.

Say

\usepackage{pinyin}

to load all pinyin macros under LATEX 2ε ; say

\input pinyin.sty

under plain T_FX.

An example explains best how to input pinyin:

 $\wo3 \hen3 \xi3\huan1 \chi1 \Zhong1\guo2 \cai4.$

Note there is no fifth tone marker in pinyin (Zhuyinfuhao uses a dot to indicate the fifth tone; on the other hand no marker is used for the first tone). Nevertheless you can say e.g., \ne5 to get the syllable 'ne' without a tone.

There are some special cases:

• use 'v' instead of 'u umlaut' in pinyin syllables (these are \lv, \lve, \nv, \nve and its uppercase forms). Example:

\nv3'\er2 daughter

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The appearance of u umlaut with additional tone markers has been tested with the standard CM, EC, and PostScript fonts.

• use \Long and \LONG instead of \long and \Long (which you would expect): \long is a very important internal TEX command. Many packages would fail if we redefined \long.

Problems:

The following macros are redefined if you load pinyin.sty:

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\angle \angle
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They are available as \PY... (\PYchi, \PYcong, etc.).

If this is not enough, you can say \PYdeactivate to restore the original definitions (and reactivate these syllables with \PYactivate).

In case you use the hyperref package earlier than version 6.75a (2006-Feb-12) together with the 'hpdftex' driver you should load pinyin.sty *after* hyperref.sty (contrary to what the hyperref manual says). Reason is that \ding is defined in pifont.sty which is automatically loaded by hpdftex.def – the latest hyperref version no longer uses pifont.sty.