



Das
SILLYPAGE
Paket

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The `sillypage` package*

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1 Introduction

This package is inspired by *The Ministry of Silly Walks*, a famous sketch from Monty Python. According to the corresponding [Wikipedia article](#):

The sketch as originally depicted in the series begins with John Cleese playing Mr. Teabag, a civil servant who, after purchasing *The Times* from the newsagent in the previous sketch, walks through the streets of London (at the crossing of Thorpebank Road and Dunraven Road) in a very peculiar manner. He eventually arrives at his place of business: The Ministry of Silly Walks, on the northern end of Whitehall. In the hallway, he passes other employees all exhibiting their own silly walks before arriving at his office. Once there, he finds Mr. Putey (Michael Palin) waiting for him and apologizes for the delay, explaining that his walk has become particularly silly of late and it takes longer for him to reach his destination.

So we decided to bring this masterpiece of British pop culture to the `TeX` world through a silly page numbering style. Make sure to use this package in

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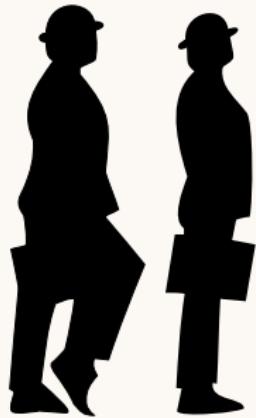
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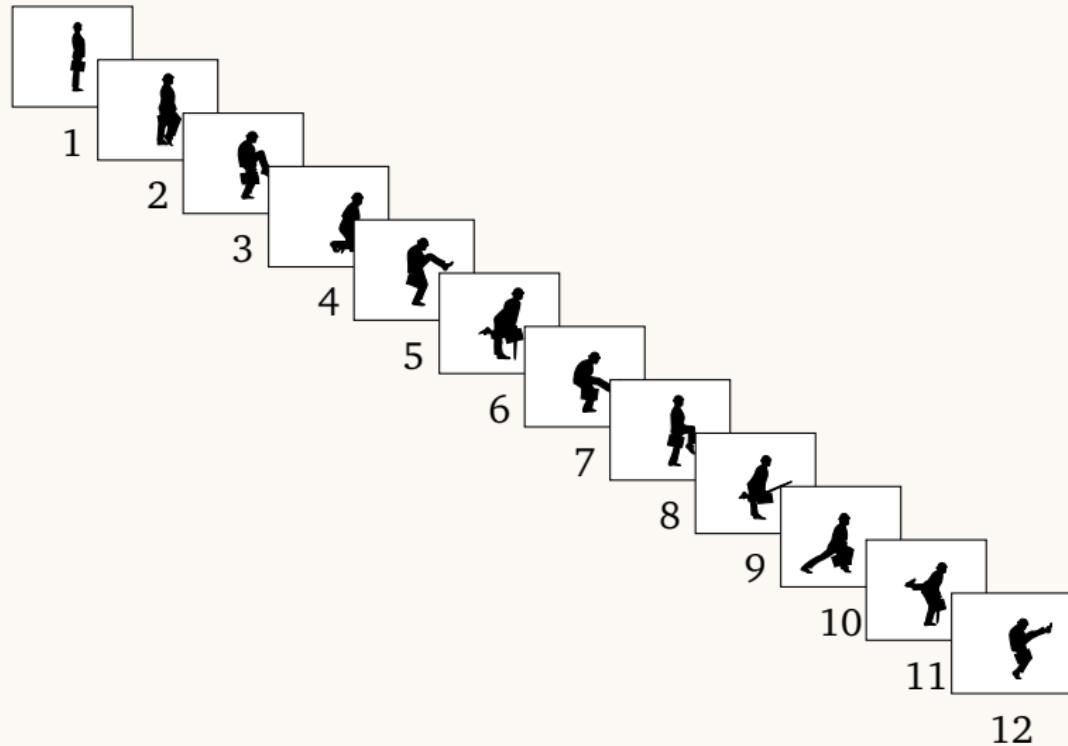
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Ein Blick unter die Haube



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Introduction



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Not to be confused with [Silly Little Ministry](#).

"**The Ministry of Silly Walks**" is a sketch from the [Monty Python](#) comedy troupe's television show [Monty Python's Flying Circus](#), series 2, episode 1, which is entitled "Face the Press". The episode first aired on 15 September 1970. A shortened version of the sketch was performed for [Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl](#).

A satire on bureaucratic inefficiency, the sketch involves [John Cleese](#) as a [bowler-hatted civil servant](#) in a fictitious [British government ministry](#) responsible for developing silly walks through [grants](#). Cleese, throughout the sketch, walks in a variety of silly ways. It is these various silly walks, more than the dialogue, that have earned the sketch its popularity. Cleese has cited the [physical comedy](#) of [Max Wall](#), probably in character as [Professor Walfoski](#), as important to its conception.



John Cleese as the Bowler-hatted Civil Servant in the sketch "The Ministry of Silly Walks".

- The small town of [Ørje](#), Norway, found a way to prevent one type of sillywalks—pedestrians wanting to cross might do something silly walk. The town's mayor didn't seem to mind the silliness. "Clearly, one should listen to the authorities, but this kind of fun should be allowed", the mayor said. "You cannot just be square, right?"^[10]
- The 4 July 2016 issue of [The New Yorker](#) features a parody of the silly walk on its cover, a reference to [Brexit](#), in which several men in the likeness of John Cleese's character do the silly walk off the edge of a cliff.
- The 22 January 2017 episode of [Zondag met Lubach](#) mentions Minister [Jetta Klijnsma](#) being a disabled politician from the Ministry of Silly Walks, so U.S. President [Donald Trump](#) can make fun of her.
- In the video game [West of Loathing](#), there is an option for "stupid walking", which allows the player to "walk in silly ways". The entire game can be completed this way.
- In the video game [Payday 2](#), the safe house butler Aldstone, voiced by John Cleese, has a rare chance of walking this way for a few seconds.
- On 28 October 2019, while celebrating the [Ohi Day](#), a group of participants to the national military parade performed a silly walk as an anti-military demonstration in [Nea Filadelfeia, Greece](#).^{[11][12][13][14]}
- The [LaTeX](#) package [Sillypage](#)^[15] was developed by Phelype H. Oleinik and Paulo R. M. Cereda to use the Cleese walk silhouettes as page numbers in a document.

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