# The veryshortguide $\LaTeX 2_{\varepsilon}$ document class\*

The Very Short Guide to LATEX

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#### Summary

This is the document class originally designed for the Very Short Guide to  $\not\!\! ET_EX$ , a 4pp folder designed as an aide-mémoire for people who have just done a course in  $\not\!\! ET_EX$  and need something by them on their desk the next day to refresh their memories. It is not intended as a substitute for full documentation.

Please do not complain that there is no math here. It won't fit. Someone else can do a math leaflet. IANAM.

<sup>\*</sup>This document corresponds to very shortguide  $v.~0.7\mathrm{p},~\mathrm{dated}~2020/04/16.$ 

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# Latest changes

### v.0.7 (2020-04-16)

### Regression release

- Updated to ClassPack 1.19
- Switched all @conformance attributes on revision dates to @YYYY-MM-DD
- Fixed some minor typos

# v.0.6 (2020-03-20)

### Maintenance release

- Updated to ClassPack 1.18 ready for new release
- Replaced all @conformance attributes on revision dates with @YYYY-MM-DD as per changes to ClassPack

### v.0.5 (2017-12-24)

### Maintenance release

• Updated ClassPack, changed fonts to Plex

### v.0.4 (2016-06-14)

### Moved into ClassPack

• Added parameterisation for A4 and Legal

See p. 23 for earlier changes.

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Tsy for spotting a typo in the table code sample.

Rob Felty and Domink Wass for pointing me at Winston Chang's excellent *LaTeX* Cheat Sheet summary.

# 2 Implementation

This was originally laid out for A5 pages with margins optimised for a HP K8600 so that I can impose two pages per A4 sheet and print double-sided. It was not tested at letterpaper size (and may not fit) as it makes more sense to do it for half of a Legal sheet (8.5 x 14.0 in) for the US.

WARNING: a lot of stuff is faked up in the document, because we're combining incompatible things for the sake of showing examples which would not normally occur in the same document (eg both scientific and humanities-style bibliographic references in the same document). The demands of space also mean that there is far more manual adjustment needed than would be seen in a normal continuous-text document. Live with it.

Printing was prepared with:

```
pdf2ps vsg.pdf - | pstops -pa4 -b \
"4:-3L(21cm,5mm)+0L(21cm,14.35cm),1L(21cm,5mm)+-2L(21cm,14.35cm)" |\
ps2pdf - veryshortguide-A4-imposed.pdf
```

On some printers you may need to modify the positioning, eg

```
pdf2ps veryshortguide.pdf - | pstops -pa4 -b \
"4:-3L(21cm,7mm)+0L(21cm,14.35cm),1L(21cm,7mm)+-2L(21cm,14.35cm)" |\
ps2pdf - veryshortguide-A4-imposed.pdf
```

The 7mm margin was needed because my printer cannot print the bottom 7mm of a sheet, so if I print 2-up A5 pages on an A4 sheet, I need to allow for the fact that the trailing edge must have a 7mm margin. For the HP K8600 this meant an [Acrobat-generated] array of parameters:

```
lpr -P OJPK8600 \
    -o PageSize=A6.SM \
    -o PageRegion=A4 \
    -o Duplex=DuplexTumble \
    -o InputSlot=Auto \
    -o ColorModel=RGB \
    -o MediaType=Automatic \
```

```
-o OutputMode=Normal \
-o OptionDuplex=True
```

### 2.1 Auto-initialisation

This section is added automatically by ClassPack as a preamble to all classes and style packages. The fixltx2e package, which used to be included automatically, is no longer preloaded, as its features are now a part of the latest  $\LaTeX$   $2_{\varepsilon}$  kernel.

The code starts with identity and requirements which are generated automatically as needed by the DocTEX system. For details see the ltxdoc package documentation.

```
1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2015/01/01]
2 \ProvidesClass{veryshortguide}[2020/04/16 v0.7
3 The Very Short Guide to \LaTeX{}]
```

fix-cm Preloaded functions to override the default LATEX step-size font sizes (which can still be used, but are no longer restrictions).

4 \RequirePackage{fix-cm}

svgnames

Pass the **svgnames** option to the **xcolor** package if that gets loaded later. This avoids a conflict with any other packages (eg hyperref) which use their own default is when they load **xcolor**.

5 \PassOptionsToPackage{svgnames}{xcolor}

### 2.2 Load the document base class

report This class is based on the standard LATEX report class, with no special options.

```
6 \DeclareOption*{%
7  \PassOptionsToClass{%
8  \CurrentOption}{report}}
9 \ProcessOptions\relax
10 \LoadClass[oneside]{report}
```

### 2.3 Packages required for the class

geometry Package for establishing margins and text area.

```
11 \RequirePackage[margin=12mm,top=10mm,
12 bottom=10mm,nohead]{geometry}%
```

fontspec Font specification setup for use with X¬H¬T<sub>E</sub>X.

13 \RequirePackage{fontspec}%

libertine Linux Libertine and Biolinum fonts;

14 \RequirePackage{libertine}%

graphicx Provide for graphics (PNG, JPG, or PDF format (only) for pdflatex; EPS format (only) for standard LaTeX).

15 \RequirePackage{graphicx}%

url Handling of URI formatting.

16 \RequirePackage{url}%

fancybox This provides round-cornered and drop-shadow boxes.

17 \RequirePackage{fancybox}%

enumitem List variants: inline and compact. Note that this replaces the earlier defaults of paralist and mdwlist.

```
18 \RequirePackage[inline]{enumitem}%
19 \setlist[description]{style=unboxed}
20 \setlist[itemize]{leftmargin=2em}
21 \setlist[enumerate]{leftmargin=2em}
22 \newlist{inlineenum}{enumerate*}{1}
23 \setlist[inlineenum,1]{label=\emph{\alph*}),
24 itemjoin={{; }},itemjoin*={{; and }}}
```

fix-cm Allow infinitely-variable font scaling.

25 \RequirePackage{fix-cm}%

multicol Provides multi-column typesetting.

26 \RequirePackage{multicol}%

nicefrac Slanted fractions, even in math mode.

27 \RequirePackage{nicefrac}%

fancyvrb Add more robust verbatim facilities.

28 \RequirePackage{fancyvrb}%

bbding Karel Horak's dingbats symbols.

29 \RequirePackage{bbding}%

parskip Creates paragraphs separated by white-space with no indentation.

30 \RequirePackage{parskip}%

ragged2e Allow hyphenation in ragged setting.

31 \RequirePackage{ragged2e}%

calc Required for calculations involving lengths or counters, such as changes to widths for margin adjustment.

32 \RequirePackage{calc}%

ifthen Package to enable if—then—else conditional processing.

33 \RequirePackage{ifthen}%

textcomp Additional commands for common symbols and punctuation.

34 \RequirePackage{textcomp}%

array Additional column formatting types for tables.

35 \RequirePackage{array}%

relsize Provides size-relative font size changes (smaller, larger, etc).

36 \RequirePackage{relsize}%

textcase Provides a more sophisticated casing function than the default.

```
37 \RequirePackage{textcase}%
```

flexlogo Allows user-programmable changes to the positioning of letters in the T<sub>E</sub>X-related logos on a per-font basis.

```
38 \RequirePackage{flexlogo}%
```

ulem Underlining as an option (not automatically replacing italics).

39 \RequirePackage[normalem]{ulem}%

xcolor Provide color.

```
40 \RequirePackage{xcolor}%
41 \@ifundefined{T}{%
42 \newcommand{\T}[2]{{\fontencoding{T1}%
43 \selectfont#2}}}{}
```

There seems to be a bug in the T1 encoding of some package (unidentified, but possibly xcolor) which uses the command \T1, which is an impossibility (no digits allowed in command names). So we fake it here to stop LaTeX complaining, by dropping the first argument on the floor.

babel Add language, cultural changes, and H&J support for many languages.

44 \RequirePackage[british]{babel}%

biblatex Use biblatex instead of BibT<sub>E</sub>X;

```
\RequirePackage[backend=biber,doi=true,
45
     isbn=true,url=true,uniquename=false,style=apa]{biblatex}%
46
     \AtBeginDocument{%
47
        \setlength{\bibitemsep}{1ex}%
48
        \setlength{\bibnamesep}{1.5\itemsep}%
49
        \defbibheading{shortbib}[References]%
50
          {\section{#1}}}
51
     \@ifpackagewith{babel}{british}{%
52
        \DeclareLanguageMapping{british}%
53
          {british-apa}}{\relax}
54
     \providetoggle{blx@skipbiblist}
55
```

csquotes Adds correct curly quotes for cited titles when using biblatex;

```
56 \RequirePackage{csquotes}%
```

menukeys Graphical representations of menus, directories, and keys.

```
57 \RequirePackage{menukeys}%
58 \renewmenumacro{\menu}[>]{roundedmenus}
59 \renewmenumacro{\directory}[/]{hyphenatepathswithfolder}
60 \renewmenumacro{\keys}{shadowedroundedkeys}
```

Graphical representations of menus, directories, and keys.

### 2.4 Font loading

The fontspec package provides a way to scale the sans and mono fonts to match the roman.

```
61 \setmainfont{Linux Libertine 0}
62 \setsansfont[Scale=MatchLowercase]{Raleway}
63 \setmonofont[Scale=MatchLowercase]{zcoN}
```

### 2.5 Changes to package defaults

\labelitemi Use a pointy pencil from the bbding package for itemized lists.

```
64 \renewcommand{\labelitemi}{%
65 \raisebox{-.5ex}{\textcolor{Purple}{\PencilRight}}}
66 \setlength{\leftmargini}{18pt}% don't waste margin space
```

\example Provide commands for distinguishing examples and their output.

```
\newcommand{\example}{%
67
       \color{DarkGreen}\textsf{\bfseries Example:}
68
       \color{MediumBlue}}
69
   \def\endexample{\color{black}}
70
   \newcommand{\gives}[1]{%
71
     \thinspace\color{DarkGreen}\raisebox{-.4ex}
72
       {\ArrowBoldRightStrobe}~\color{DarkRed}{\rmfamily
73
        #1}\color{black}}
74
   \mbox{-.25ex}{\notesize}
```

```
\Square\llap\XSolidBrush}}
           76
               \newcommand{\yesbox}{~\raisebox{-.25ex}{\footnotesize}
           77
                   \Square\llap\CheckmarkBold}}
           78
           In fancyverb's Verbatim, allow rubric embedded as marked text in red
               \newcommand{\comment}[1]{%
           79
                   \ifthenelse{\equal{#1}{ }}{}{#1}\normalfont
           80
                   \itshape\footnotesize\color{DarkRed}}
           81
               % Allow notification of newly-added material
           82
               \newcommand{\added}{\color{MediumBlue}}
               % This reverts rubric back to normal, to avoid embedded spaces
               \newcommand{\revert}{\ttfamily\upshape\color{black}}
           The note environment is for notes which are in the page body, not
    note
           footnotes.
               \newenvironment{note}{\begingroup\small\textbf{\sffamily Note:}}
                   {\par\endgroup}
           87
           Define a month-year date European way round.
 \monthdate
               \newcommand{\monthdate}{\ifcase\month\or January\or
                 February\or March\or April\or May\or June\or July\or August\or
           89
                 September\or October\or November\or December\fi\space\number\year}
           There's something odd about the hyphenation...these were broken:
\hyphenation
               \hyphenation{mathe-mati-cal auto-mati-cal-ly docu-ment docu-ments
                 docu-men-tation statis-ti-cal}
           92
 \maketitle
               \renewcommand{\maketitle}{%
           93
                 \hbox to\textwidth{%
           94
                   \vbox{\hsize=.73\textwidth\huge\bfseries\raggedright
           95
           96
           97
                   \vbox{\hsize=.27\textwidth\scriptsize\raggedright
                     \@author
           99
                     \par
           100
                     \textit{\@date}}}
           101
                 \par\bigskip\hrule\medskip
           102
           103
              }
```

```
\section Pack headings together more tightly.
```

```
\renewcommand\section{\@startsection{subsection}{1}{\z@}%
             104
                    {-0pt}@plus -.2ex @minus -.2ex}%
             105
                    {1pt \@plus .2ex}%
             106
                    {\sffamily\Large\bfseries}}
             107
                  \renewcommand\subsection{\@startsection{subsection}{2}{\z@}%
             108
                    {-0pt\odots -.2ex \odots -.2ex}%
             109
                    {1pt \@plus .2ex}%
             110
                    {\sffamily\large\bfseries}}
             111
                  \renewcommand\subsubsection{\@startsection{subsubsection}{3}{\z@}%
             112
             113
                    {-0pt\q} = -1ex \q -.2ex
                    {1pt \@plus .2ex}%
             114
                    {\sffamily\normalsize\bfseries}}
             115
                  \renewcommand\paragraph{\@startsection{paragraph}{4}{\z@}%
             116
                    {1ex \@plus1ex \@minus.2ex}%
             117
                    {-1em}%
             118
             119
                    {\sffamily\normalsize}}
                 \setcounter{secnumdepth}{5}% we don't want numbered sections
                  \renewcommand{\thesection}{}
             121
                  \renewcommand{\thesubsection}{}
             122
                  \renewcommand{\thesubsubsection}{\arabic{subsubsection}}
\DeclareTeXLogo
                  \DeclareTeXLogo{Caladea(0)}{m}{n}{.1667}{.125}[.4]
                  \DeclareTeXLogo{Caladea(0)}{m}{it}{.1667}{.08}[.4]
                  \label{logo} $$ \DeclareTeXLogo{Caladea(0)}_{bx}_{n}_{.1667}_{.125}_{.4}$
                  \label{logo} $$ \DeclareLaTeXLogo{Caladea(0)}{bx}{n}{.27}{.1333}[.1] $$
             127
                  \label{logo} $$ \DeclareLaTeXLogo{Caladea(0)}_{m}_{n}_{.3}_{.1}_{.1}$
             128
                  \DeclareTeXLogo{Raleway(0)}{bx}{n}{.1667}{.125}[.38]
             129
                  \label{logo} $$ \DeclareLaTeXLogo\{Raleway(0)\}_{n}_{1}_{.3}_{.1}_{.1}$
                  \DeclareLaTeXLogo{Raleway(0)}{b}{n}{.27}{.15}[.1]
             131
 \footnoterule Adjust footnote fence.
                  \renewcommand{\footnoterule}{\kern-3pt
                    \hrule height.2pt width.25\columnwidth\kern 2.8pt}
             133
    \pagestyle No page numbers, we're faking it; and let text go very sloppy to fit.
                  \pagestyle{empty}
                 \spaceskip=4pt plus3pt minus2pt
```

```
\textsc Cater for some fonts not having small caps.

\[ \alpha \textsc \textsc
```

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To use this license, place in each of the components of your work both an explicit copyright notice including your name and the year the work was authored and/or last substantially modified. Include also a statement that the distribution and/or modification of that component is constrained by the conditions in this license.

Here is an example of such a notice and statement:

```
%%% pig.dtx
%%% Copyright 2005 M. Y. Name
%%
% This work may be distributed and/or modified under the
%% conditions of the LaTeX Project Public License, either version 1.3
%% of this license or (at your option) any later version.
```

```
%% The latest version of this license is in
%% http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
%% and version 1.3 or later is part of all distributions of LaTeX
%% version 2005/12/01 or later.
%%
%% This work has the LPPL maintenance status `maintained'.
%%
%% The Current Maintainer of this work is M. Y. Name.
%%
%% This work consists of the files pig.dtx and pig.ins
%% and the derived file pig.sty.
```

Given such a notice and statement in a file, the conditions given in this license document would apply, with the 'Work' referring to the three files pig.dtx, pig.ins, and pig.sty (the last being generated from pig.dtx using pig.ins), the 'Base Interpreter' referring to any 'Late X-Format', and both 'Copyright Holder' and 'Current Maintainer' referring to the person M. Y. Name.

If you do not want the Maintenance section of LPPL to apply to your Work, change 'maintained' above into 'author-maintained'. However, we recommend that you use 'maintained' as the Maintenance section was added in order to ensure that your Work remains useful to the community even when you can no longer maintain and support it yourself.

### A.6.4 Derived Works That Are Not Replacements

Several clauses of the LPPL specify means to provide reliability and stability for the user community. They therefore concern themselves with the case that a Derived Work is intended to be used as a (compatible or incompatible) replacement of the original Work. If this is not the case (e.g., if a few lines of code are reused for a completely different task), then clauses 6b and 6d shall not apply.

#### A.6.5 Important Recommendations

**Defining What Constitutes the Work :** The LPPL requires that distributions of the Work contain all the files of the Work. It is therefore important that you provide a way for the licensee to determine which files constitute the Work. This could, for example, be achieved by explicitly listing all the files of the Work near the copyright notice of each file or by using a line such as:

```
%% This work consists of all files listed in manifest.txt.
```

in that place. In the absence of an unequivocal list it might be impossible for the licensee to determine what is considered by you to comprise the Work and, in such

a case, the licensee would be entitled to make reasonable conjectures as to which files comprise the Work.

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