The **pagesel** package

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Single pages or page areas can be selected for output.

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1 Usage

The package \texttt{pagesel} is a \LaTeX\ package:

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage[⟨options⟩]{pagesel}
\end{verbatim}

(For plain\TeX\ and \LaTeX\ 2.09 the similar package \texttt{selectp}\textsuperscript{1} from Donald Arsenau\textsuperscript{2} can be used.)

Depending on the options the package works in two modes:

1. If no page selecting option is present, so the package ignores the other options and finishes itself. So no page will be suppressed by the package and auxiliary files will be written.

2. With at least one page selecting option the specified pages are selected and the other are suppressed. The default for this mode is that auxiliary will not be overwritten. (This can be changed by an option.)

1.1 Page selecting

The package \texttt{pagesel} sets up a new counter that is incremented by each \texttt{\shipout}. In this way the package counts the output pages regardless the value of the page counter. So each page can individually by addressed, even if there are several pages with the same page number.

1.1.1 Options for selecting pages

\texttt{odd}: The output pages must have an odd number. All even output pages are suppressed. If there are no page areas specified so all odd pages are print. With page areas only the odd pages in this areas are selected.

\texttt{even}: The opposite of option \texttt{odd}.

Page area: A page area consists of three elements: the starting output page number, an “area” hyphen, and the output page number of the last page in this area. Each component is optional, so there are four kinds to specify a page area:

⟨\textit{m}⟩-⟨\textit{n}⟩: All pages between ⟨\textit{m}⟩ and ⟨\textit{n}⟩ inclusive.

-⟨\textit{n}⟩: All pages until ⟨\textit{n}⟩ inclusive.

⟨\textit{m}⟩-: The page area starts with ⟨\textit{m}⟩ and all pages to the end of document are selected.

-: All pages (not very useful).

⟨\textit{s}⟩: The single page ⟨\textit{s}⟩.

1.1.2 Examples

<table>
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<th>Options</th>
<th>Output pages</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[1, 4, 9]</td>
<td>1, 4, and 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7-10, 3]</td>
<td>3, 7, 8, 9, and 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[odd, 3-6]</td>
<td>3, and 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[-4, 3, even, 7-8]</td>
<td>2, 4, and 8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1.2 Auxiliary files

If a page is suppressed, the \texttt{\write} commands are not performed. Labels, index entries, or entries for the table of contents aren’t written. So it is likely that the table of contents, registers, and lists are incomplete.

\textsuperscript{1}Url: \texttt{http://ctan.org/pkg/selectp}

\textsuperscript{2}Donald Arsenau’s email address: asnd@triumf.ca
1.2.1 Options for handling auxiliary files

nofiles: This is the default. Auxiliary files are read but not written or changed. Also the job is aborted after the last selected page for saving time.

nonofiles/files: Auxiliary files are written.

1.2.2 Package hyperref

In old versions of hyperref [1999/04/12 v6.55] (and below) there is a bug with \nofiles:

- Some “garbage” appears on terminal and in the log file. This is harmless and can be ignored.
- The outline auxiliary file \jobname.out, however, is opened and truncated to zero bytes. Version 1.0 of this package had loaded a patch file hypnofil.tex, if it detects hyperref to get \nofiles work.

With the new version of hyperref [1999/04/13 v6.56] \nofiles works now. Therefore the workaround code is no longer needed and removed.

2 Implementation

2.1 Package

\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
\ProvidesPackage{pagesel} [2016/05/16 v1.9 Select pages of a document for output (HO)]

If the package is loaded twice, the package code does not work. So stop loading the package, if it is already loaded.

\@ifundefined{ps@makevoid}{}{%
\PackageWarningNoLine{pagesel}{Package already loaded.}%
\endinput
}%
\ps@makevoid

\ps@makevoid
Macro \ps@makevoid clears the output box. Because nothing is shipped out and this is intended, we reduce the counter \deadcycles in order to avoid problems, if more than \maxdeadcycles pages are omitted.

\ps@oddpages

\ps@oddpages

\ps@evenpages
\ps@checkoption
\newcommand{\ps@checkoption}{}
\def{\ps@checkoption}{#1-#2}\END\
\ifx{\#2}{\%}
\ifx{\#1}{\%}
% empty option
\def{\ps@first}{\maxdimen}\
\def{\ps@last}{\maxdimen}\
\else
\edef{\ps@first}{#1}\
\edef{\ps@last}{#1}\
\fi
\else
\ifx{\#1}{\%}
\def{\ps@first}{-\maxdimen}\
\else
\edef{\ps@first}{#1}\
\fi
\ps@checklast#2\%\
\fi
\fi
\ps@store
\newcommand*{\ps@store}{#2}{%}
\expandafter\def\expandafter\ps@testlist\expandafter{\ps@testlist\ps@pagetest{#1}{#2}}%
\ps@testlist
\newcommand\ps@testlist{}
\texttt{\else}
\texttt{\let\ps@next\ps@makevoid}
\texttt{\ps@testlist}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\ifnum\ps@oddpages=1 \%
\ifodd\value{ps@count}\%
\let\ps@next\ps@makevoid
\else
\fi}
\texttt{\let\ps@next\ps@makevoid}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\ifnum\ps@oddpages=2 \%
\ifodd\value{ps@count}\%
\let\ps@next\ps@makevoid
\else
\fi}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\ps@begindvi}
\texttt{\ps@next}
\texttt{\endgroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup}
\texttt{\expandafter\ifx\csname currentiflevel\endcsname\relax
\let\ps@cleanup@if\@empty
\else
\def\ps@cleanup@if{\ifnum\currentiflevel>\@ne
\csname fi\endcsname
\expandafter\ps@cleanup@if
\fi}
\fi}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup}
\texttt{\expandafter\ifx\csname currentgrouplevel\endcsname\relax
\let\ps@group@message\@empty
\def\ps@message@ignore{\typeout{\texttt{(pagesel) \space\space\@spaces\@spaces}(\string\end\space occurred ...)} can be ignored.\%}
\typeout{\texttt{(pagesel) \space\space\@spaces\@spaces}(\string\end\space occurred ...)} can be ignored.\%
\}%}
\texttt{\}%}
\texttt{\else}
\texttt{\def\ps@group@message{\ifnum\currentgrouplevel>\@ne
\def\ps@message@ignore{\typeout{\texttt{(pagesel) \space\space\@spaces\@spaces}(\string\end\space occurred ...)} %
Message (\string\end\space occurred ...) can be ignored.\%
\}%}
\typeout{\texttt{(pagesel) \space\space\@spaces\@spaces}(\string\end\space occurred ...)} %
Message (\string\end\space occurred ...) can be ignored.\%
\}%}
\texttt{\else}
\texttt{\let\ps@message@ignore\@empty}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\ps@begindvi}
\texttt{\ps@next}

Because of \texttt{\aftergroup} it is too dangerous to perform a similar cleanup for groups.

\texttt{\begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup}
\texttt{\expandafter\ifx\csname currentgrouplevel\endcsname\relax
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\}%}
\texttt{\else}
\texttt{\let\ps@message@ignore\@empty}
\texttt{\fi}
\texttt{\fi}

\textbf{2.2 AtBeginDvi hook support}

The material of box \texttt{\begindvibox} is recorded in parallel in box \texttt{\ps@begindvibox}.

\texttt{\newbox\ps@begindvibox}
\ps@begindvi  
\ps@begindvi is called the similar way as \@begindvi. If the first page is printed, then \AtBeginDvi should work as usual. Otherwise the contents of box \ps@begindvibox is set on the first selected page.

3 Installation

3.1 Download

Package.  This package is available on CTAN:\footnote{http://ctan.org/pkg/pagesel}:

\texttt{CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pagesel.dtx} The source file.

Bundle.  All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

\texttt{CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip}

\textit{TDS} refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for \TeX\ Files” (\texttt{CTAN:tds/tds.pdf}). Directories with \texttt{texmf} in their name are usually organized this way.

3.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking.  Unpack the \texttt{oberdiek.tds.zip} in the TDS tree (also known as \texttt{texmf} tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

\begin{verbatim}
  unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
\end{verbatim}
Script installation. Check the directory TDS:scripts/oberdiek/ for scripts that need further installation steps. Package attachfile2 comes with the Perl script pdfatfi.pl that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as pdfatfi. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pfdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pfdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

### 3.3 Package installation

#### Unpacking. The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting docstrip archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain TeX:

```
tex pagesel.dtx
```

TDS. Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

```
pagesel.sty → tex/latex/oberdiek/pagesel.sty
pagesel.pdf → doc/latex/oberdiek/pagesel.pdf
pagesel.dtx → source/latex/oberdiek/pagesel.dtx
```

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables docstrip’s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of docstrip.

### 3.4 Refresh file name databases

If your TeX distribution (teTeX, miktex, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, teTeX users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

### 3.5 Some details for the interested

#### Unpacking with \LaTeX. The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain TeX: Run docstrip and extract the files.

\LaTeX: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using \LaTeX for docstrip (really, docstrip does not need \LaTeX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
ltx \let\install=y\input{pagesel.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

#### Generating the documentation. You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdflatex:

```
pdflatex pagesel.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pagesel.idx
pdflatex pagesel.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist pagesel.idx
pdflatex pagesel.dtx
```
4 Catalogue

The following XML file can be used as source for the \TeX Catalogue. The elements caption and description are imported from the original XML file from the Catalogue. The name of the XML file in the Catalogue is pagesel.xml.

```xml
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='us-ascii'?><!DOCTYPE entry SYSTEM 'catalogue.dtd'><entry datestamp='$Date$' modifier='$Author$' id='pagesel'><name>pagesel</name><caption>Select pages of a document for output.</caption><authorref id='auth:oberdiek'/><copyright owner='Heiko Oberdiek' year='1999,2003,2006-2008'/><license type='lppl1.3'/><version number='1.9'/><description>Selects single pages, ranges of pages, odd pages or even pages for output.</description><documentation details='Package documentation'
href='ctan:/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pagesel.pdf'/><ctan file='true' path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pagesel.dtx'/><miktex location='oberdiek'/><texlive location='oberdiek'/><install path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/oberdiek.tds.zip'/></entry></catalogue>
```

5 History

[1999/03/01 v0.9]

- The first version was built as a response to a question of Dirk Kuypers\(^4\), published in the newsgroup de.comp.text.tex:
  "Re: pdflatex nur fuer bestimmte Seiten?!?\(^5\)"

[1999/04/05 v1.0]

- Documentation added in dtx format.
- Copyright: LPPL (CTAN:macros/latex/base/lppl.txt)
- Options odd, even added.
- `\nofiles` added, bug fix for `hyperref`.
- Abort loading of package, if nothing to do.

[1999/04/13 v1.1]

- `\nofiles` bug fix removed because of `hyperref` 6.55.
- First CTAN release.

\(^4\)Dirk Kuypers’s email address: dk@comnets.rwth-aachen.de
\(^5\)Url: http://groups.google.com/group/de.comp.text.tex/msg/6b68c7b3439f658
[2003/06/05 v1.2]
• \deadcycles is decremented for omitted pages.
• LPPL 1.2.

[2006/02/20 v1.3]
• Code is not changed.
• New DTX framework.
• LPPL 1.3

[2006/03/02 v1.4]
• Support for \AtBeginDvi added.

[2006/03/07 v1.5]
• Job is aborted after last selected page.

[2007/04/11 v1.6]
• Line ends sanitized.

[2007/04/12 v1.7]
• Hard coded box number 255 replaced by macro \@cclv.

[2008/08/11 v1.8]
• Code is not changed.
• URL updated from www.dejanews.com to groups.google.com.

[2016/05/16 v1.9]
• Documentation updates.

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