

The soul package

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Abstract

This version is a merge of the original package `soul` (version 2.5 which contains some small corrections compared to the version 2.4 from 2003) and the `soulutf8` which added some support for UTF-8. Namely the input encodings `utf8.def` from package `inputenc` and package `ucs`'s `utf8x.def` are supported. The original `soul` package has been renamed to `soul-ori` and is still loaded. Its documentation is still relevant.

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1 Documentation

This package `soul` does not have own options and does not define new user commands. Any option is passed to package `soul-ori` [1] that is loaded first. Then some internal macros of `soul-ori` are redefined to add support for UTF-8. The following input encodings are supported:

```
utf8      LATEX base    TDS:tex/latex/base/utf8.def [3]
utf8x     Package ucs   TDS:tex/latex/ucs/utf8x.def [2]
```

UTF-8 byte sequences are added as token group to a word, even if these UTF-8 characters are some kind of hyphen or space. As exception the following three Unicode characters are handled specially:

Slot	Name	Action
U+00A0	NO-BREAK SPACE	like ~
U+2013	EN DASH	--
U+2014	EM DASH	---

1.1 Patch

Also package `soul` tries to patch package `soul-ori` to improve its behaviour:

- A problem with additional levels of curly braces is fixed. As advantage more implicit kernings are detected. However, the result may be incompatible with the original behaviour of package `soul-ori` because of these respected implicit kernings.
- ε -T_EX, especially `\unexpanded` is supported. This allows a better protection of token groups (`\mbox{...}`, `math, ...`).

1.2 Future

Currently package `soul-ori` does not seem to be maintained. Nevertheless if there will be a new version that adds support for UTF-8, then this package may become obsolete.

2 Implementation

```
1 (*soulutf8)
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{soulutf8}%
4 [2026-03-06 v3.2 Permit use of UTF-8 characters in soul (HO)]%
5 \PackageWarning{soulutf8}
6   {This package is obsolete,\MessageBreak
7    use the soul package directly. \MessageBreak
8    }{}%
9 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{soul}}%
10 \ProcessOptions\relax
11 \RequirePackage{soul}
12 </soulutf8>
13 (*package)
```

2.1 Reload check and package identification

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with L^AT_EX.

```
14 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
```

```

15 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
16 \endlinechar=13 %
17 \catcode35=6 % #
18 \catcode39=12 % '
19 \catcode44=12 % ,
20 \catcode45=12 % -
21 \catcode46=12 % .
22 \catcode58=12 % :
23 \catcode64=11 % @
24 \catcode123=1 % {
25 \catcode125=2 % }
26 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@soul.sty\endcsname
27 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
28 \else
29   \def\empty{}%
30   \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
31     % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
32   \else
33     \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
34       \def\x#1#2{%
35         \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
36       }%
37     \else
38       \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
39     \fi
40     \x{soul}{The package is already loaded}%
41     \aftergroup\endinput
42   \fi
43 \fi
44 \endgroup%

```

Package identification:

```

45 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
46 \catcode13=5 % ^~M
47 \endlinechar=13 %
48 \catcode35=6 % #
49 \catcode39=12 % '
50 \catcode40=12 % (
51 \catcode41=12 % )
52 \catcode44=12 % ,
53 \catcode45=12 % -
54 \catcode46=12 % .
55 \catcode47=12 % /
56 \catcode58=12 % :
57 \catcode64=11 % @
58 \catcode91=12 % [
59 \catcode93=12 % ]
60 \catcode123=1 % {
61 \catcode125=2 % }
62 \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
63   \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
64     \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
65     \xdef#1{#4}%
66   }%
67 \else
68   \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
69     #2[#{#3}]%
70     \ifx#1\undefined
71       \xdef#1{#3}%
72     \fi
73     \ifx#1\relax
74       \xdef#1{#3}%
75     \fi

```

```

76   }%
77   \fi
78 \expandafter\x\csname ver@soul.sty\endcsname
79 \ProvidesPackage{soul}%
80 [2026-03-06 v3.2 Permit use of UTF-8 characters in soul (HO)]%

```

2.2 Catcodes

```

81 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
82 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
83 \endlinechar=13 %
84 \catcode123=1 % {
85 \catcode125=2 % }
86 \catcode64=11 % @
87 \def\x{\endgroup
88   \expandafter\edef\csname SOuL@AtEnd\endcsname{%
89     \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
90     \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
91     \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
92     \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
93     \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
94     \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
95     \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
96     \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
97   }%
98 }%
99 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
100 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
101 \endlinechar=13 %
102 \catcode35=6 % #
103 \catcode64=11 % @
104 \catcode123=1 % {
105 \catcode125=2 % }
106 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
107   \edef\SOUl@AtEnd{%
108     \SOUl@AtEnd
109     \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
110   }%
111   \catcode#1=#2\relax
112 }
113 \TMP@EnsureCode{10}{12}% ^^J
114 \TMP@EnsureCode{33}{12}% !
115 \TMP@EnsureCode{34}{12}% "
116 \TMP@EnsureCode{36}{3}% $
117 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}% '
118 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
119 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}% )
120 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
121 \TMP@EnsureCode{43}{12}% +
122 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}% ,
123 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
124 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
125 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
126 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}% :
127 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}% <
128 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}% >
129 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
130 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
131 \TMP@EnsureCode{94}{7}% ^
132 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}% ‘
133 \TMP@EnsureCode{126}\active % ~
134 \TMP@EnsureCode{128}{12}% ^^80

```

```

135 \TMP@EnsureCode{147}{12}% ^^93
136 \TMP@EnsureCode{148}{12}% ^^94
137 \TMP@EnsureCode{160}{12}% ^^a0
138 \TMP@EnsureCode{194}{12}% ^^c2
139 \TMP@EnsureCode{226}{12}% ^^e2
140 \edef\Soul@AtEnd{\Soul@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}

```

2.3 Loading packages

Package soul-ori uses `\documentclass` to detect L^AT_EX.

```
141 \ifx\documentclass\undefined
```

2.3.1 plain T_EX

First we check, whether package soul-ori is already loaded.

```
142 \expandafter\ifx\csname SOUL@\endcsname\relax
```

In case of plain T_EX package soul-ori defines some macros in a simple manner that will break the definitions of `miniltx.tex`, for example. Therefore these macros are first saved and restored afterwards.

```

143 \let\Soul@orgDeclareRobustCommand\DeclareRobustCommand
144 \let\Soul@orgnewcommand \newcommand
145 \let\Soul@orgDeclareOption \DeclareOption
146 \let\Soul@orgPackageError \PackageError
147 \def\Soul@restorelatexcmds{%
148 \let\DeclareRobustCommand\Soul@orgDeclareRobustCommand
149 \let\newcommand \Soul@orgnewcommand
150 \let\DeclareOption \Soul@orgDeclareOption
151 \let\PackageError \Soul@orgPackageError
152 }%
153 \input soul-ori.sty\relax
154 \Soul@restorelatexcmds
155 \fi

```

`\Soul@error` Package soul-ori's use of `\PackageError` is replaced by `\@PackageError` of package `infwarerr`.

```

156 \input infwarerr.sty\relax
157 \let\Soul@orgSOUL@error\Soul@error
158 \def\Soul@error{%
159 \begingroup
160 \let\PackageError\@PackageError
161 \Soul@orgSOUL@error
162 \endgroup
163 }%

```

```
164 \input etexcmds.sty\relax
```

`\@onelevel@sanitize` Define L^AT_EX's `\@onelevel@sanitize` if not already available.

```

165 \expandafter\ifx\csname @onelevel@sanitize\endcsname\relax
166 \def\@onelevel@sanitize#1{%
167 \edef#1{%
168 \expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning#1%
169 }%
170 }%

```

`\strip@prefix`

```

171 \def\strip@prefix#1>{ }%
172 \fi
173 \else

```

2.3.2 L^AT_EX

```
174 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{soul-ori}}%
175 \ProcessOptions\relax
176 \RequirePackage{soul-ori}[2023-02-18]%
177 \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2019/12/03]%
178 \RequirePackage{etexcmds}[2019/12/15]%
179 \fi
```

2.3.3 ε-_TE_X

In plain T_EX command \+ is an *outer* macro. Therefore numbers are used to avoid problems.

```
180 \ifetex@unexpanded
181 \catcode33=14 % '!': comment
182 \catcode43=9 % '+': ignore
183 \else
184 \catcode33=9 % '!': ignore
185 \catcode43=14 % '+': comment
186 \fi
```

2.4 Macro for redefinitions

\SOuL@redefine

```
187 \def\SOuL@redefine#1{%
188 \begingroup
189 \def\SOuL@cmd{#1}%
190 \afterassignment\SOuL@cmdcheck
191 \def\SOuL@temp
192 }
```

\SOuL@cmdcheck

```
193 \def\SOuL@cmdcheck{%
194 \expandafter\ifx\SOuL@cmd\SOuL@temp
195 \else
196 \edef\SOuL@temp*{\expandafter\string\SOuL@cmd}%
197 \@PackageWarningNoLine{soul}{%
198 Command \SOuL@temp* has changed.\MessageBreak
199 Supported versions of package 'soul-ori': 2021/12/14.\MessageBreak
200 Depending on the unknown changes the redefinition\MessageBreak
201 of \SOuL@temp* may not behave correctly%
202 }%
203 \fi
204 \expandafter\endgroup
205 \expandafter\def\SOuL@cmd
206 }
```

2.5 Redefinition of \SOUL@eval

\SOUL@eval Macro \SOUL@eval is redefined to add detection of the first byte of a UTF-8 sequence. Because \SOUL@eval is overwritten, a warning is issued, if the contents of \SOUL@eval is not as expected.

```
207 \SOuL@redefine\SOUL@eval{%
First the expected definition.
208 \def\SOUL@n*##1{\SOUL@scan}%
209 \if\noexpand\SOUL@@\SOUL@spc
210 \else
211 \SOUL@ignorespacesfalse
212 \fi
213 \ifnum\SOUL@minus=\thr@@
214 \SOUL@flushminus
215 \else\ifnum\SOUL@comma=\tw@
```

```

216 \SOUL@flushcomma
217 \else\ifnum\SOUL@apo=\tw@
218 \SOUL@flushapo
219 \else\ifnum\SOUL@grave=\tw@
220 \SOUL@flushgrave
221 \fi\fi\fi\fi
222 \ifx\SOUL@@-\else\SOUL@flushminus\fi
223 \ifx\SOUL@@,\else\SOUL@flushcomma\fi
224 \ifx\SOUL@@'\else\SOUL@flushapo\fi
225 \ifx\SOUL@@'\else\SOUL@flushgrave\fi
226 \ifx\SOUL@@-%
227 \advance\SOUL@minus\@ne
228 \else\ifx\SOUL@@,%
229 \advance\SOUL@comma\@ne
230 \else\ifx\SOUL@@'%
231 \advance\SOUL@apo\@ne
232 \else\ifx\SOUL@@'%
233 \advance\SOUL@grave\@ne
234 \else
235 \SOUL@flushminus
236 \SOUL@flushcomma
237 \SOUL@flushapo
238 \SOUL@flushgrave
239 \ifx\SOUL@@\SOUL@stop
240 \def\SOUL@n*{%
241 \SOUL@doword
242 \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen\null
243 }%
244 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\par
245 \def\SOUL@n*\par{\par\leavevmode\SOUL@scan}%
246 \else\if\noexpand\SOUL@@\SOUL@spc
247 \SOUL@doword
248 \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen\null
249 \ifSOUL@ignorespaces
250 \else
251 \SOUL@everySPACE{}%
252 \fi
253 \def\SOUL@n* {\SOUL@scan}%
254 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\%
255 \SOUL@doword
256 \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen\null
257 \SOUL@everySPACE{\unskip\nobreak\hfil\break}%
258 \SOUL@ignorespacestrue
259 \else\ifx\SOUL@@~%
260 \SOUL@doword
261 \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen\null
262 \SOUL@everySPACE{\nobreak}%
263 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\slash
264 \SOUL@doword
265 \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen{/}%
266 \SOUL@exhyphen{/}%
267 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\mbox
268 \def\SOUL@n*{\SOUL@addprotect}%
269 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\hbox
270 \def\SOUL@n*{\SOUL@addprotect}%
271 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\soulomit
272 \def\SOUL@n*\soulomit##1{%
273 \SOUL@doword
274 {\spaceskip\SOUL@spaceskip##1}%
275 \SOUL@scan
276 }%
277 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\break

```

```

278     \SOUL@doword
279     \break
280     \else\ifx\SOUL@@\linebreak
281     \SOUL@doword
282     \SOUL@everyspace{\linebreak}%
283     \else\ifcat\bgroup\noexpand\SOUL@@
284     \def\SOUL@n*{\SOUL@addgroup{}}%
285     \else\ifcat$\noexpand\SOUL@@
286     \def\SOUL@n*{\SOUL@addmath}%
287     \else
288     \def\SOUL@n*{\SOUL@dotoken}%
289     \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
290 \fi\fi\fi\fi
291 \SOUL@n*%
292 }{%

```

Now the redefined version follows.

```

293 \def\SOUL@n*##1{\SOUL@scan}%
294 \if\noexpand\SOUL@@\SOUL@spc
295 \else
296     \SOUL@ignorespacesfalse
297     \fi
298     \ifnum\SOUL@minus=\thr@@
299     \SOUL@flushminus
300 \else\ifnum\SOUL@comma=\tw@
301     \SOUL@flushcomma
302 \else\ifnum\SOUL@apo=\tw@
303     \SOUL@flushapo
304 \else\ifnum\SOUL@grave=\tw@
305     \SOUL@flushgrave
306 \fi\fi\fi\fi
307 \ifx\SOUL@@-\else\SOUL@flushminus\fi
308 \ifx\SOUL@@,\else\SOUL@flushcomma\fi
309 \ifx\SOUL@@'\else\SOUL@flushapo\fi
310 \ifx\SOUL@@'\else\SOUL@flushgrave\fi
311 \ifx\SOUL@@-%
312     \advance\SOUL@minus\@ne
313 \else\ifx\SOUL@@,%
314     \advance\SOUL@comma\@ne
315 \else\ifx\SOUL@@'
316     \advance\SOUL@apo\@ne
317 \else\ifx\SOUL@@'
318     \advance\SOUL@grave\@ne
319 \else
320     \SOUL@flushminus
321     \SOUL@flushcomma
322     \SOUL@flushapo
323     \SOUL@flushgrave
324     \ifx\SOUL@@\SOUL@stop
325     \def\SOUL@n*{%
326         \SOUL@doword
327         \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen\null
328     }%
329 \else\ifx\SOUL@@\par
330     \def\SOUL@n*\par{\par\leavevmode\SOUL@scan}%
331 \else\if\noexpand\SOUL@@\SOUL@spc
332     \SOUL@doword
333     \SOUL@eventuallyexhyphen\null
334     \ifSOUL@ignorespaces
335     \else
336     \SOUL@everyspace{}}%
337     \fi
338 \def\SOUL@n* {\SOUL@scan}%

```



```

395 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{UTFviii}{UTFviii@}
396 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{octets}{@octets}
397 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{two}{two}
398 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{three}{three}
399 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{four}{four}
400 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{macrocolon}{macro:}
401 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{csnameu}{csname u8-}
402 \Soul@defsanitizedstring{undeferr}{utf@viii@undeferr}
403 \def\Soul@stringendash{^^e2^^80^^93}
404 \def\Soul@stringemdash{^^e2^^80^^94}
405 \def\Soul@stringnobreakspace{^^c2^^a0}
406 \edef\Soul@charhash{\string #}
407 \edef\Soul@chartwo{\string 2}
408 \edef\Soul@charthree{\string 3}
409 \def\Soul@empty{}

```

2.6.2 Support for utf8.def

\Soul@analyzeutfviii

```

410 \begingroup
411   \edef\x{\endgroup
412     \def\noexpand\Soul@analyzeutfviii{%
413       \noexpand\expandafter\noexpand\Soul@checkutfviii
414       \noexpand\meaning\noexpand\Soul@@
415       \Soul@stringUTFviii\Soul@stringoctets
416       \noexpand@nil
417     }%
418     \def\noexpand\Soul@checkutfviii
419       ##1\Soul@stringUTFviii##2\Soul@stringoctets##3\noexpand@nil
420   }%
421 \x{%
422   \def\Soul@temp{#2}%
423   \chardef\Soul@octets=%
424     \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@stringtwo
425       \tw@
426     \else\ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@stringthree
427       \thr@@
428     \else\ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@stringfour
429       4 %
430     \else
431       \z@
432     \fi\fi\fi
433 }

```

2.6.3 Support for utf8x.def

\Soul@analyzeutfviiix

```

434 \begingroup
435   \edef\x{\endgroup
436     \def\noexpand\Soul@analyzeutfviiix{%
437       \noexpand\expandafter\noexpand\Soul@checkutfviiix
438       \noexpand\meaning\noexpand\Soul@@
439       \Soul@stringmacrocolon\Soul@charhash1{}{}{}{}%
440       \Soul@stringcsnameu\Soul@stringundeferr
441       \noexpand@nil
442     }%

```

\Soul@checkutfviiix

```

443   \def\noexpand\Soul@checkutfviiix
444     ##1\Soul@stringmacrocolon\Soul@charhash1##2##3##4##5##6%
445     \Soul@stringcsnameu##7\Soul@stringundeferr##8\noexpand@nil
446   }%
447 \x{%

```

```

448 \def\Soul@temp{#7}%
449 \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@empty
450   \chardef\Soul@octets=\z@
451 \else
452   \def\Soul@temp{#5}%
453   \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@charthree
454     \chardef\Soul@octets=4 %
455   \else
456     \def\Soul@temp{#3}%
457     \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@chartwo
458       \chardef\Soul@octets=\thr@@
459     \else
460       \chardef\Soul@octets=\tw@
461     \fi
462   \fi
463 \fi
464 }

```

2.7 Actions for UTF-8 sequences

`\Soul@addtwooctets`

```

465 \def\Soul@addtwooctets#1#2{%
466   \def\Soul@temp{#1#2}%
467   \@onelevel@sanitize\Soul@temp
468   \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@stringnobreakspace
469     \Soul@doword
470     \Soul@eventuallyexhyphen\null
471     \Soul@everySPACE{\nobreak}%
472     \let\Soul@next\Soul@scan
473   \else
474     \def\Soul@next{%
475 !       \Soul@addtoken{\noexpand#1\noexpand#2}}%
476 +       \Soul@addtoken{\etex@unexpanded{#1#2}}}%
477   }%
478   \fi
479   \Soul@next
480 }

```

`\Soul@addthreectets`

```

481 \def\Soul@addthreectets#1#2#3{%
482   \def\Soul@temp{#1#2#3}%
483   \@onelevel@sanitize\Soul@temp
484   \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@stringendash
485     \Soul@doword
486     \Soul@eventuallyexhyphen{-}%
487     \Soul@exhyphen{--}%
488     \let\Soul@next\Soul@scan
489   \else
490     \ifx\Soul@temp\Soul@stringemdash
491       \Soul@doword
492       \Soul@eventuallyexhyphen{-}%
493       \Soul@exhyphen{---}%
494       \let\Soul@next\Soul@scan
495     \else
496       \def\Soul@next{%
497 !       \Soul@addtoken{\noexpand#1\noexpand#2\noexpand#3}}%
498 +       \Soul@addtoken{\etex@unexpanded{#1#2#3}}}%
499     }%
500     \fi
501   \fi
502   \Soul@next
503 }

```

`\SOUL@addfouroctets`

```
504 \def\SOUL@addfouroctets#1#2#3#4{%
505 ! \SOUL@addtoken{\noexpand#1\noexpand#2\noexpand#3\noexpand#4}}%
506 + \SOUL@addtoken{\etex@unexpanded{#1#2#3#4}}}%
507 }
```

2.7.1 Redefinition of `\SOUL@splittoken`

`\SOUL@splittoken` Macro `\SOUL@splittoken` separates the first token or token group from a word and redefines the word to contain the remaining tokens. However if the remaining tokens are a token group, then the curly braces will be removed and the token group is split by the next call of `\SOUL@splittoken`. The redefinition avoids the removal of curly braces around the remaining tokens.

```
508 \SOUL@redefine\SOUL@splittoken#1#2\SOUL@stop{%
509 \global\SOUL@token={#1}%
510 \global\SOUL@word={#2}%
511 }#1{%
512 \global\SOUL@token={#1}%
513 \SOUL@remainingtoken\relax
514 }
```

`\SOUL@remainingtoken`

```
515 \long\def@gobble#1{}
516 \def\SOUL@remainingtoken#1\SOUL@stop{%
517 \global\SOUL@word=\expandafter{\@gobble#1}%
518 }
```

2.8 Patches

The fixed `\SOUL@splittoken` allows to remove the double sets of curly braces in other macros of package `soul-ori`. The benefit is that implicit kernings are more often detected and fixes a bug in package `soul-ori`. The disadvantage is incompatibility. The width of the resulting strings may change.

`\SOUL@flushcomma`

```
519 \SOUL@redefine\SOUL@flushcomma{%
520 \ifcase\SOUL@comma
521 \or
522 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word,}}\x
523 \or
524 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word{,}}}\x
525 \fi
526 \SOUL@comma\z@
527 }{%
528 \ifcase\SOUL@comma
529 \or
530 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word,}}\x
531 \or
532 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word{,}}}\x
533 \fi
534 \SOUL@comma\z@
535 }
```

`\SOUL@flushapo`

```
536 \SOUL@redefine\SOUL@flushapo{%
537 \ifcase\SOUL@apo
538 \or
539 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word'}}\x
540 \or
541 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word{''}}}\x
542 \fi
```

```

543 \SOUL@apo\z@
544 }{%
545 \ifcase\SOUL@apo
546 \or
547 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word'}}\x
548 \or
549 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word{''}}}\x
550 \fi
551 \SOUL@apo\z@
552 }

```

\SOUL@flushgrave

```

553 \SOUL@redefine\SOUL@flushgrave{%
554 \ifcase\SOUL@grave
555 \or
556 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word'}}\x
557 \or
558 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word{''}}}\x
559 \fi
560 \SOUL@grave\z@
561 }{%
562 \ifcase\SOUL@grave
563 \or
564 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word'}}\x
565 \or
566 \edef\x{\SOUL@word={\the\SOUL@word{''}}}\x
567 \fi
568 \SOUL@grave\z@
569 }

```

\SOUL@addgroup

```

570 \SOUL@redefine\SOUL@addgroup#1#2{%
571   {%
572     \let\protect\noexpand
573     \edef\x{%
574       \global\SOUL@word={%
575         \the\SOUL@word
576         {\noexpand#1#2}}%
577     }%
578   }%
579   \x
580 }%
581 \SOUL@scan
582 }#1#2{%
583 \begingroup
584 \let\protect\noexpand
585 \edef\x{\endgroup
586   \SOUL@word={%
587     \the\SOUL@word
588     {\noexpand#1#2}}%
589 +   {\etex@unexpanded{#1#2}}}%
590   }%
591 }%
592 \x
593 \SOUL@scan
594 }

```

\SOUL@addmath

```

595 \SOUL@redefine\SOUL@addmath$#1${%
596   {%
597     \let\protect\noexpand
598     \edef\x{%

```

```

599     \global\SOUL@word={%
600     \the\SOUL@word
601     {\hbox{#1$}}}%
602     }%
603     }%
604     \x
605     }%
606     \SOUL@scan
607 }$#1${%
608 \begingroup
609 \let\protect\noexpand
610 \edef\x{\endgroup
611     \SOUL@word={%
612     \the\SOUL@word
613 !     {\hbox{#1$}}}%
614 +     {\etex@unexpanded{\hbox{#1$}}}%
615     }%
616     }%
617     \x
618     \SOUL@scan
619 }

```

\SOUL@addprotect

```

620 \SOuL@redefine\SOUL@addprotect#1#2{%
621     {%
622     \let\protect\noexpand
623     \edef\x{%
624     \global\SOUL@word={%
625     \the\SOUL@word
626     {\hbox{#2}}}%
627     }%
628     }%
629     \x
630     }%
631     \SOUL@scan
632 }#1#2{%
633 \begingroup
634 \let\protect\noexpand
635 \edef\x{\endgroup
636     \SOUL@word={%
637     \the\SOUL@word
638 !     {\hbox{#2}}}%
639 +     {\etex@unexpanded{\hbox{#2}}}%
640     }%
641     }%
642     \x
643     \SOUL@scan
644 }

```

\SOUL@addtoken

```

645 + \SOuL@redefine\SOUL@addtoken#1{%
646 + \edef\x{%
647 +     \SOUL@word={%
648 +     \the\SOUL@word
649 +     \noexpand#1%
650 +     }%
651 +     }%
652 +     \x
653 +     \SOUL@scan
654 + }#1{%
655 + \edef\x{%
656 +     \SOUL@word={%
657 +     \the\SOUL@word

```

```

658 +      \etex@unexpanded{#1}%
659 +    }%
660 +  }%
661 +  \x
662 +  \SOUL@scan
663 + }%

664 \SOuL@AtEnd%
665 </package>

```

3 Installation

3.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/soul/soul.dtx](#) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/soul/soul-ori.dtx](#) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/soul/soul.pdf](#) Documentation.

3.2 Package installation

Install the package with the package manager of your TeX system. If you want to do it manually:

Unpacking. Run `tex` or `LATEX` on the `.ins` file

```
tex soul.ins
```

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

```

soul.sty      → tex/generic/soul/soul.sty
soul-ori.sty → tex/generic/soul/soul-ori.sty
soulutf8.sty → tex/latex/soul/soulutf8.sty
soul.pdf      → doc/generic/soul/soul.pdf
soul-ori.pdf  → doc/generic/soul/soul-ori.pdf
soul.dtx      → source/generic/soul/soul.dtx
soulori.dtx   → source/generic/soul/soul-ori.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`.

3.3 Refresh file name databases

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

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