1 Introduction

showkeys.sty modifies the \label, \ref, \pageref, \cite, and \bibitem commands so that the 'internal' key is printed. The package tries hard to position these labels so that the formatting of the rest of the document is unchanged. \label and \bibitem cause the key to appear in a box either in the margin, or in a \TeX box of zero width, which may possibly over-print other text. The \ref, \pageref and \cite commands print their arguments in small type, raised just above the line, like this: 1. This package works with the fleqn option, the packages in the AMS-\TeX collection, and the varioref, natbib and harvard packages.

2 Package Options

Some people have commented that the printing of the \ref and \cite keys is less useful than the printing of the \label keys and so showkeys now supports two options that can be given in the \usepackage command:

notref to stop the redefinition of \ref and \pageref, and related commands from the varioref package.

notcite to stop the redefinition of \cite and related commands from the harvard and natbib packages.

So if the package is loaded with \usepackage[notref]{showkeys} then \ref will have its standard definition, but \label will print its key argument (usually in the margin).

If you find the printed keys distracting, but don’t want to use the above options to stop them altogether, you may use:

color Print the keys in a distinguishing colour. The default value is a light grey.

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The colours may be changed by redefining the following two colours after the package is loaded: `refkey` (also used for `\cite`) and `labelkey` (also used for `\bibitem`). The defaults are:

\begin{verbatim}
definecolor{refkey}{gray}{.75}
definecolor{labelkey}{gray}{.75}
\end{verbatim}

If this option is used the `color` package will be loaded.

The package accepts two further options.

- `final` to suppress the action of this package, for ‘final’ versions.
- `draft` the normal behaviour of this package.

Clearly there is not much point in entering the `final` option directly in the `\usepackage` command, as just not loading this package would have the same effect, and execute more quickly, however the `final` option may be useful as it may be used once in the `documentclass` command to affect any number of packages that may be loaded. The `draft` option does not do anything, but is there to honour an informal convention that packages have these options in pairs.

You can also control the appearance of the typeset label with the command `\showkeyslabelformat`, which takes one argument. The default is

\begin{verbatim}
\providecommand*{\showkeyslabelformat}[1]{% \fbox{\normalfont\small	tfamily#1}}
\end{verbatim}

The command is called inside a group so you can put in local modifications of `\fboxsep`, for instance, without them leaking to the rest of the document.

\section{More Examples}

The only other similar package that I could find in the macro index, was `showlabels.sty`, on my local installation! I think the current package is more robust than [2], but I thought that `showkeys` was rather a good name, so I have stolen it for this file.

\begin{enumerate}
\item This has \texttt{\label} immediately after \texttt{\item}.
\item This has \texttt{\label} at the end.
\end{enumerate}

A minipage:

\begin{verbatim}
minipage\{
1. This has \texttt{\label} immediately after \texttt{\item}.
2. This has \texttt{\label} at the end.
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
Display math (without \texttt{equation} counter).
0 = 0 \texttt{\disp}
\end{verbatim}
Some text referring to the maths on page \pageref{disp2}, and the item \footnote{1}.

If \footnotesize{showkeys} thinks that the current environment is going to produce an “equation number”, then it does not show the label where the \texttt{\label} command occurs, but tries to put it in the margin, as shown with \texttt{\label}. The package ‘knows’ about the standard \texttt{equation} and \texttt{eqnarray} environments, and also all the numbered alignment environments offered by the AMS\TeX package, \texttt{amsmath}.

\begin{equation}
1 = 1
\end{equation}
\begin{equation}
2 = 2
\end{equation}
\begin{equation}
3 = 3
\end{equation}
\begin{equation}
4 = 4
\end{equation}

Within a \texttt{figure} environment, the \texttt{\label} must not come before the \texttt{\caption} command. If you place \texttt{\label} inside the argument of \texttt{\caption} the label will be shown like this:

\begin{figure}
\centering
\caption{Within the caption argument.}
\end{figure}

If you place \texttt{\label} immediately after the \texttt{\caption} command it will be shown like this:

\begin{figure}
\centering
\caption{Immediately after the caption argument.}
\end{figure}

If you place the \texttt{\label} command at some random point after the \texttt{\caption} command, it may be shown like:

\begin{figure}
\centering
\caption{In vertical mode not immediately after a box.}
\end{figure}

\section*{References}

[1] Gil Neiger, \textit{showlabels.sty}, Undated package, similar to this one, but shows labels inline, affecting the formatting of the document.


[3] David M. Jones, \textit{\TeX Macro Index}, A catalogue of \TeX macros, including \LaTeX\ packages, available from all good \TeX archives.

\section{The Macros}

\footnote{1\texttt{\marginpar} is not used at all in this package now.}
notref to stop the redefinition of \ref (and \pageref, and related commands from varioref package),
notcite to stop the redefinition of \cite and related commands from the harvard and natbib packages.
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{varioref}
\usepackage{harvard}
\usepackage{natbib}
\begin{document}
\let\SK@ref\@empty
\let\SK@cite\@empty
\let\SK@refcolor\relax
\let\SK@labelcolor\relax
\declareoption{notref}{\let\SK@ref\@empty}
\declareoption{notcite}{\let\SK@cite\@empty}
\let\SK@refcolor\relax
\let\SK@labelcolor\relax
\color option loads the color package and defines the colours. Delayed to the end of the package as package loading not allowed in this option section.
\let\SK@ref\label
\let\SK@bibitem\@bibitem
\let\SK@lbibitem\@lbibitem
\DeclareOption{color}{\AtEndOfPackage{\RequirePackage{color}\definecolor{refkey}{gray}{.75}\definecolor{labelkey}{gray}{.75}\def\SK@refcolor{\color{refkey}}\def\SK@labelcolor{\color{labelkey}}}}
\DeclareOption{final}{\providecommand*{\showkeyslabelformat}[1]{}}
\def\label#1{\@bsphack\SK@ref\SK@@label{#1}\begingroup\SK@label{#1}\endgroup\@esphack}
\def\@bibitem#1{\SK@bibitem{#1}\SK@ref\SK@@label{#1}\ignorespaces}
\def\@lbibitem[#1]#2{\SK@lbibitem[#1]{#2}\SK@ref\SK@@label{#2}\ignorespaces}
\end{document}
\SK@ Grab hold of #2 via \meaning so characters like $k$ and $\sim$ do not cause problems later, and pass the result on to the command \#1.

\begin{verbatim}
\def\SK@#1#2{\protect@edef\@tempa{#2}\expandafter#1\meaning\@tempa\SK@}
\end{verbatim}

\showkeyslabelformat

\begin{verbatim}
\providecommand*{\showkeyslabelformat}[1]{\fbox{\normalfont\small\ttfamily#1}}
\end{verbatim}

\SK@@label Strip off the initial segment of the \meaning output, and then put the rest either in a \marginpar or in a box of size 0pt, hopefully not disturbing the surrounding text.

\begin{verbatim}
\def\SK@@label#1>#2\SK@{\SK@lab\SK@lab@relax \kern\@totalleftmargin\kern\marginparsep}
\end{verbatim}

If the \label is straight after \item (\bibitem is handled by this case as well) then the item label has not been added to the page yet. It is hanging around in the box \@labels waiting for the paragraph to start. So just need to attach the label to this box.

\begin{verbatim}
\global\setbox\@labels\hbox{\llap{\SK@lab\SK@lab@relax \kern\@totalleftmargin\kern\marginparsep}}
\else
\hbox{\box\z@\rlap{\kern\marginparsep\SK@labx}}
\end{verbatim}

If we insert a box into the main vertical list, do not want to change \prevdepth as that would affect vertical spacing in the document. (The box itself should not cause any difference in break points as there is a node there anyway coming from the \write to the aux file.)

\begin{verbatim}
\ifinner\skip@\lastskip\unskip
\ifvoid\z@
\llap{\SK@lab\SK@lab@relax \kern\@totalleftmargin\kern\marginparsep}\unhbox\@labels\%\else
\hbox{\box\z@\rlap{\kern\marginparsep\SK@labx}}
\end{verbatim}

The inner vertical mode cases are mainly designed to do the right thing with float captions, but seem to work OK in other cases as well.

\begin{verbatim}
\ifinner\skip@\lastskip\unskip
\advance\skip@\lastskip\unskip
\setbox\z@\lastbox
\ifvoid\z@
\llap{\SK@lab\SK@lab@relax \kern\@totalleftmargin\kern\marginparsep}\%\else
\hbox{\box\z@\rlap{\kern\marginparsep\SK@labx}}
\end{verbatim}

\end{verbatim}
Firstly we grab `\@eqnum`. Then check for `amsmath` where we grab the internal commands `\tagform@` and `\maketag@@@`. Redefine them and redefine `\@eqnum` as well.
% SK@lab@relax\SK@tagform@{#1}}% \\
def\maketag@@@#1{% \
{\ifx\df@label\@empty \
\SK@lab@relax \
\else 
\expandafter\SK@@label\meaning\df@label\SK@
\fi 
\llap{\SK@lab\kern\marginparsep}\SK@lab@relax}
\SK@maketag@@@{#1}%% 
\def\@eqnnum{ 
\llap{\SK@lab\kern\displaywidth\kern\marginparsep}\SK@lab@relax}%% 
\else 
Almost the same for tags on the right, except we use \rlap and typeset it after 
the tag.
\def\tagform@#1{% 
{\ifx\df@label\@empty 
\SK@lab@relax 
\else 
\expandafter\SK@@label\meaning\df@label\SK@
\fi 
\SK@tagform@{#1}% 
\rlap{\kern\marginparsep}\SK@lab}
\SK@lab@relax}%% 
\def\maketag@@@#1{% 
{\ifx\df@label\@empty 
\SK@lab@relax 
\else 
\expandafter\SK@@label\meaning\df@label\SK@
\fi 
\SK@maketag@@@{#1}%% 
\rlap{\kern\marginparsep}\SK@lab}
\SK@lab@relax}%% 
\def\@eqnnum{ 
\rlap{\kern\marginparsep}\SK@eqnnum}%% 
\fi 
}%% 
If amsmath wasn’t loaded we check explicitly if the leqno option was used in 
\documentclass and redefine accordingly.
{% 
{\ifdefined\ver@leqno.clo{% 
{\def\@eqnnum{\SK@eqnnum{\rlap{\kern\marginparsep}{\SK@lab}}}%% 
\SK@maketag@@@{#1}% 
\rlap{\kern\marginparsep}{\SK@lab}\SK@lab@relax}%% 
\fi 
}}
% \SK@labx Print the label, and then globally reset the print command to \relax.
Clear the label.

The following environments print an equation number, so \label should not print its argument at the point where it appears. Note this will fail to show the label if you are in an eqnarray environment, and use \label together with \nonumber. This might just about make sense if you are going to use \pageref, but that is too bad...

When the AMS packages are loaded showkeys assumes environments work ‘The AMS way’. However, eqnarray (unlike equation) is not redefined, so here we need to remove some of the AMS hacks.

The AMS environments

Starred versions of the AMS environments.

This macro redefines a command \#1. The new definition can make use of the old definition as \SK@old name. If \#1 is really a \protect\'ed command with the real definition in a ‘space’ command then the ‘space’ version is used as the old definition. Need to test this for each command as some package may have changed the status of a command to being ‘protected’. The new definition is made as if with \DeclareRobustCommand, but with \def syntax for the argument specification.
The next section redefines \ref and \pageref (unless the notref option was given).

Even if notref option is used, need to fudge the varioref commands as they use \label internally.

\ref
Save the redefinition to \begin{document} so that this package can work with packages that redefine \cite. Tested with harvard and natbib packages. Also add code at this point to support varioref.

\AtBeginDocument{%
\let@kernel@ref@0\kernel@ref
\let@kernel@sref@0\kernel@sref
\SK@def\@kernel@ref#1{\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@@kernel@ref{#1}}%
\SK@def\@kernel@sref#1{\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@@kernel@sref{#1}}%
\SK@def\@kernel@pageref#1{\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@@kernel@pageref{#1}}%
\SK@def\@kernel@spageref#1{\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@@kernel@spageref{#1}}%
\SK@def\@kernel@Ref#1{{\let@kernel@ref\@kernel@ref@\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@@kernel@Ref{#1}}}%
\SK@def\@kernel@sRef#1{\let@kernel@sref\@kernel@sref@\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@@kernel@sRef{#1}}%
\ifpackageloaded{varioref}{%
\SK@def\@@vpageref#1[#2]#3{{\leavevmode\unskip@SK@SK@@ref{#3}\SK@@@vpageref{#1}[{#2}]{#3}}}%}
\fi%
%
Now redefine \cite unless notcite option given.

\AtBeginDocument{%
\let@kernel@citex@0\kernel@citex
\SK@def\@vpageref#1[#2]#3{{%
\leavevmode\unskip@SK@SK@@ref{#3}\SK@@@vpageref{#1}{}{#3}&&}%
%}
\fi%
%
Standard (non-harvard) support, including extra cite commands from natbib and cite.

If cite or overcite is being used, redefine \citen rather than \cite so as not to spoil the space and punctuation calculations done by those packages.

\AtBeginDocument{%
\if\HAR@checkdef\@undefined\else
\expandafter\let\expandafter\SK@HAR@bi\csname\string\harvarditem\endcsname
\expandafter\def\csname\string\harvarditem\endcsname[#1]#2#3#4{%
\SK@HAR@bi[#1]{#2}{#3}{#4}\SK@SK@@label{#4}}%
\fi%
%
\HAR@checkdef\@undefined
%
\if\citen\@undefined
\SK@def\@citex[#1]#2{\SK@citex[#1]{#2}}%
\else
\SK@def\citen#1{\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@citen{#1}}%
\fi%
\SK@def\citeauthor#1{\SK@SK@@ref{#1}\SK@citeauthor{#1}}%
In the harvard style do not redefine individual cite commands. Just redefine one internal command that is used in all the citation forms.

\def\HAR@checkdef#1#2{\expandafter\HAR@checkdef{#1}{#2}}
\expandafter\let\expandafter\HAR@bi\csname\string\harvarditem\endcsname
\expandafter\def\csname\string\harvarditem\endcsname[#1]#2#3#4{\HAR@bi[{#1}]{#2}{#3}{#4}\HAR@label{#4}}

\def\SK@citex[#1]#2{\SK@\SK@@ref{#2}\SK@@citex[{#1}]{#2}}

This is much simpler than the printing of the label, as we know that we can be in horizontal mode. Note extra group for colour safety:
\leavevmode\vbox to\z@{{\vss\SK@refcolor\rlap{\vrule\raise .75em\hbox{\underbar{\normalfont\footnotesize\ttfamily#2}}}}}

\HAR@@ref