

# The latexrelease package\*

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## 1 Introduction

Prior to the 2015 release of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, essentially no changes had been made to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X format code for some years, with all improvements being instead added to the package `fixltx2e`.

While this worked at a technical level it meant that you had to explicitly opt-in to bug fixes and improvements, and the vast majority of documents did not benefit.

As described in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X News 22, a new policy is being implemented in which improvements will now be added to the format by default, and this `latexrelease` package may be used to ensure stability where needed, either by making a new format use an older definition of some commands, or conversely may be used to supply the new definitions for use with an old format.

The basic use is:

```
\RequirePackage[2015/01/01]{latexrelease}
\documentclass{article}
....
```

After such a declaration the document will use definitions current in the January 2015 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, whether the actual format being used is older, or newer than that date. In the former case a copy of `latexrelease.sty` would need to be made available for use with the older format. This may be used, for example, to share a document between co-workers using different L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X releases, or to protect a document from being affected by system updates. As well as the definitions within the format itself, individual packages may use the commands defined here to adjust their definitions to the specified date as described below.

Note that the `latexrelease` package is intended for use at the start of a *document*. Package and class code should not include this package as loading a package should not normally globally reset the effective version of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X that is in force, so affecting all other packages used in the document.

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The bulk of this package, after some initial setup and option handling consists of a series of `\IncludeInRelease` commands which have been extracted from the main source files of the `LATEX` format. These contain the old and new versions of any commands with modified definitions.

## 2 Package Options

- *yyyy/mm/dd* or *yyyy-nn-dd* The package accepts any possible `LATEX` format date as argument, although dates in the future for which the current release of this package has no information will generate a warning. Dates earlier than 2015 will work but will roll back to some point in 2015 when the method was introduced. The `\requestedLaTeXdate` is set to the normalized date argument so that package rollback defaults to the specified date.
- **current** This is the default behaviour, it does not change the effective date of the format but does ensure that the `\IncludeInRelease` command is defined. The `\requestedLaTeXdate` macro is reset to 0 so that package rollback does not use the implicit date.
- **latest** sets the effective date of the format to the release date of this file, so in an older format applies all patches currently available. The `\requestedLaTeXdate` macro is reset to 0 so that package rollback does not use the implicit date.

In all cases, when the package is loaded, the `\sourceLaTeXdate` is defined to be the numerical representation of `\fmtversion` before the rollback/forward actually happens, so it is possible to test from which was the original `LATEX` version before `latexrelease` was loaded. This is particularly useful when some code in a package has to be redefined differently if rolling backwards in time or forwards.

## 3 Release Specific Code

The `\IncludeInRelease` mechanism allows the kernel developer to associate code with a specific date to choose different versions of definitions depending on the date specified as an option to the `latexrelease` package. Is also available for use by package authors (or even in a document if necessary).

```
\IncludeInRelease {<code-date>}[<format-date>]{<label>}{<message>}<code>\EndIncludeInRelease
```

`{<code-date>}` This date is associated with the `{<code>}` argument and will be compared to the requested date in the option to the `latexrelease`.

`[<format-date>]` This optional argument can be used to specify a format date with the code in addition to the mandatory `{<code-date>}` argument. This can be useful for package developers as described below.

`{<label>}` The `{<label>}` argument is an identifier (string) that within a given package must be a unique label for each related set of optional definitions. Per package at most one code block from all the `\IncludeInRelease` declarations with the same label will be executed.

`{<message>}` The `{<message>}` is an informative string that is used in messages. It has no other function.

`<code>` Any  $\TeX$  code after the `\IncludeInRelease` arguments up until the and the following `\EndIncludeInRelease` is to be conditionally included depending on the date of the format as described below.

The `\IncludeInRelease` declarations with a given label should be in reverse chronological order in the file. The one chosen will depend on this order, the effective format version and the date options, as described below.

If your package `mypackage` defines a `\widget` command but has one definition using the features available in the 2015  $\LaTeX$  release, and a different definition is required for older formats then you can use:

```
\IncludeInRelease{2015/01/01}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{new version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

\IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{old version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease
```

If a document using this package is used with a format with effective release date of 2015/01/01 or later the new code will be used, otherwise the old code will be used. Note the *effective release date* might be the original  $\LaTeX$  release date as shown at the start of every  $\LaTeX$  job, or it may be set by the `latexrelease` package, so for example a document author who wants to ensure the new version is used could use

```
\RequirePackage[2015/01/01]{latexrelease}
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{mypackage}
```

If the document is used with a  $\LaTeX$  format from 2014 or before, then `latexrelease` will not have been part of the original distribution, but it may be obtained from a later  $\LaTeX$  release or from CTAN and distributed with the document, it will make an older  $\LaTeX$  release act essentially like the 2015 release.

### 3.1 Intermediate Package Releases

The above example works well for testing against the latex format but is not always ideal for controlling code by the release date of the *package*. Suppose  $\LaTeX$  is not updated but in March you update the `mypackage` package and modify the definition of `\widget`. You could code the package as:

```
\IncludeInRelease{2015/03/01}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{even newer improved March version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

\IncludeInRelease{2015/01/01}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{new version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

\IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
```

```

\def\widget{old version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

```

This would work and allow a document author to choose a date such as

```

\RequirePackage[2015/03/01]{latexrelease}
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{mypackage}

```

To use the latest version, however it would have disadvantage that until the next release of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, by default, if the document does not use `latexrelease` to specify a date, the new improved code will not be selected as the effective date will be 2015/01/01 and so the first code block will be skipped.

For this reason `\IncludeInRelease` has an optional argument that specifies an alternative date to use if a date option has not been specified to `latexrelease`.

```

\IncludeInRelease{2015/03/01}[2015/01/01]{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{even newer improved March version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

```

```

\IncludeInRelease{2015/01/01}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{new version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

```

```

\IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{old version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease

```

Now, by default on a 2015/01/01 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X format, the first code block will compare the format date to the optional argument 2015/01/01 and so will execute the *even newer improved* version. The remaining blocks using the `\widget` label argument will all then be skipped.

If on the other hand the document requests an explicit release date using `latexrelease` then this date will be used to decide what code block to include.

### 3.2 Using `\IncludeInRelease` in Packages

If `\IncludeInRelease` is used within a package then all such conditional code needs to be within such declarations, e.g., it is not possible in the above example to have the “current” definition of `\widget` somewhere in the main code and only the two older definitions inside `\IncludeInRelease` declarations. If you would do this then one of those `\IncludeInRelease` declarations would be included overwriting the even newer code in the main part of the package. As a result your package may get fragmented over time with various `\IncludeInRelease` declarations sprinkled throughout your code or you have to interrupt the reading flow by putting those declarations together but not necessarily in the place where they belong.

To avoid this issue you can use the following coding strategy: place the current `\widget` definition in the main code where it correctly belongs.

```

...
\def\widget {even newer improved March version}
\def\@widget{newly added helper command no defined in older releases}
...

```

Then, near the end of your package place the following:

```
\IncludeInRelease{2015/03/01}[2015/01/01]{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\EndIncludeInRelease

\IncludeInRelease{2015/01/01}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{new version}%
\let\@widget\@undefined % this doesn't exist in earlier releases
\EndIncludeInRelease

\IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{\widget}{Widget Definition}
\def\widget{old version}%
\EndIncludeInRelease
```

This way the empty code block hides the other `\IncludeInRelease` declarations unless there is an explicit request with a date 2015/01/01 or earlier.

Now if you make a further change to `\widget` in the future you simply copy the current definition into the empty block and add a new empty declaration with today's date and the current format date. This way your main code stays readable and the old versions accumulate at the end of the package.<sup>1</sup>

The only other “extra effort” necessary when using this approach is that it may be advisable to undo new definitions in the code block for the previous release, e.g., in the above example we undefined `\@widget` as that isn't available in the 2015/01/01 release but was defined in the main code. If all your conditional code is within `\IncludeInRelease` declarations that wouldn't been necessary as the new code only gets defined if that release is chosen.

## 4 Declaring entire modules

Sometimes a large chunk of code is added as a module to another larger code base. As example of that in the 2020-10-01 release L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X got a new hook management system, `lhooks`, which was added in one go and, as with all changes to the kernel, it was added to `latexrelease`. However rolling back from a future date to the 2020-10-01 release didn't work because `latexrelease` would try to define again all those commands, which would result in many “already defined” errors and similar issues.

To solve that problem, completely new modules can be defined in `latexrelease` using the commands:

```
\NewModuleRelease{<initial release date>}{<name>}{<message>}
  <module code>
\IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{<name>}{<message>}
  <undefine module code>
\EndModuleRelease
```

With that setup, the module `<name>` will be declared to exist only in releases equal or later `<initial release date>`.

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<sup>1</sup>Of course there may be some cases in which the old code has to be in a specific place within the package as other code depends on it (e.g., if you `\let` something to it). In that case you have to place the code variations in the right place in your package rather than accumulating them at the very end.

If `latexrelease` is rolling backwards or forwards between dates after *⟨initial release date⟩*, then all the *⟨module code⟩* is skipped, except when inside *⟨IncludeInRelease⟩* guards, in which case the code is applied or skipped as discussed above.

If rolling forward from a date before the module’s *⟨initial release date⟩* to a date after that, then all the *⟨module code⟩* is executed to define the module, and `\IncludeInRelease` guards are executed accordingly, depending on the date declared and the target date.

If `latexrelease` is rolling back to a date before *⟨release date⟩*, then the code in the `\IncludeInRelease` guard dated 0000/00/00 is executed instead to undefine the module. This guard *is not* ended by the usual `\EndIncludeInRelease`, but instead by `\EndModuleRelease`.

Finally, if rolling backwards or forwards between dates both before *⟨initial release date⟩*, the entire code between *⟨NewModuleRelease⟩* and *⟨EndModuleRelease⟩* is entirely skipped.

## 4.1 Example

Here is an example usage of the structure described above, as it would be used in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel, taking `lthooks` as example:

```
%<*2ekernel|latexrelease>
\ExplSyntaxOn
%<latexrelease>\NewModuleRelease{2020/10/01}{lthooks}%
%<latexrelease>          {The~hook~management~system}
\NewDocumentCommand \NewHook { m }
  { \hook_new:n {#1} }
%<latexrelease>\IncludeInRelease{2021/06/01}{\AddToHook}{Long~argument}
\NewDocumentCommand \AddToHook { m o +m }
  { \hook_gput_code:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3} }
%<latexrelease>\EndIncludeInRelease
%<latexrelease>
%<latexrelease>\IncludeInRelease{2020/10/01}{\AddToHook}{Long~argument}
%<latexrelease>\NewDocumentCommand \AddToHook { m o m }
%<latexrelease> { \hook_gput_code:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3} }
%<latexrelease>\EndIncludeInRelease
%<latexrelease>
%<latexrelease>\IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{lthooks}{Undefine~lthooks}
%<latexrelease>\cs_undefine:N \NewHook
%<latexrelease>\cs_undefine:N \AddToHook
%<latexrelease>\EndModuleRelease
\ExplSyntaxOff
%</2ekernel|latexrelease>
```

In the example above, `\NewHook` is declared only once, and unchanged in the next release (2021/06/01 in the example), so it has no `\IncludeInRelease` guards, and will only be defined if needed. `\AddToHook`, on the other hand, changed between the two releases (made up for the example; it didn’t really happen) and has an `\IncludeInRelease` block for the current release (off `docstrip` guards, so it goes into the kernel too), and another for the previous release (in `docstrip` guards so it goes only into `latexrelease`).

Note that in the example above, `\ExplSyntaxOn` and `\ExplSyntaxOff` were added *outside* the module code because, as discussed above, sometimes the code

outside `\IncludeInRelease` guards may be skipped, but not the code inside them, and in that case the catcodes would be wrong when defining the code.

## 5 fixltx2e

As noted above, prior to the 2015 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X release updates to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel were not made in the format source files but were made available in the `fixltx2e` package. That package is no longer needed but we generate a small package from this source that just makes a warning message but otherwise does nothing.

## 6 Implementation

We require at least a somewhat sane version of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>. Earlier ones where really quite different from one another.

```
1 (*latexrelease)
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1996/06/01]
```

### 6.1 Setup

`\sourceLaTeXdate` Store the original L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X format version as a number in the format YYYYMMDD . This macro has to be defined conditionally, so that it isn't changed in case `latexrelease.sty` is reloaded, but it can't be defined in the kernel only, otherwise `latexrelease.sty` wouldn't work in older L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X due to the missing macro.

```
3 \ifundefined{sourceLaTeXdate}{%
4   \edef\sourceLaTeXdate{%
5     \expandafter\@parse@version\fmtversion//00\@nil}}{}}
```

`\IncludeInRelease` These are defined in `ltxvers.dtx`.

`\EndIncludeInRelease`

```
6 \DeclareOption*{%
7   \def\@IncludeInRelease#1[#2]{\@IncludeInRelease#1}}%
8   \let\requestedpatchdate\CurrentOption}
9 \DeclareOption{latest}{%
10  \let\requestedpatchdate\latexreleaseversion
11  \AtEndOfPackage{\def\requestedLaTeXdate{0}}}}
12 \DeclareOption{current}{%
13  \let\requestedpatchdate\fmtversion
14  \AtEndOfPackage{\def\requestedLaTeXdate{0}}}}
15 \let\requestedpatchdate\fmtversion
16 \ProcessOptions\relax
```

Sanity check options, it allows some non-legal dates but always ensures `requestedLaTeXdate` gets set to a number. Generate an error if there are any non digit tokens remaining after removing the `//`.

```
17 \def\reserved@a{%
18  \edef\requestedLaTeXdate{\the\count@}%
19  \reserved@b}
20 \def\reserved@b#1\\{%
21  \def\reserved@b{#1}}%
22 \ifx\reserved@b\@empty\else
23  \PackageError{latexrelease}{%

```

```

24             {Unexpected option \requestedpatchdate}%
25             {The option must be of the form yyyy/mm/dd or yyyy-mm-dd}%
26 \fi}
27 \afterassignment\reserved@a
28 \count@\expandafter
29 \@parse@version\expandafter\requestedpatchdate//00\@nil\
    less precautions needed for \fmtversion
30 \edef\currentLaTeXdate{%
31 \expandafter\@parse@version\fmtversion//00\@nil}
32 \ifnum\requestedLaTeXdate=\currentLaTeXdate
33 \PackageWarningNoLine{latexrelease}{%
34 Current format date selected, no patches applied}
35 \expandafter\endinput
36 \fi

```

A newer version of latexrelease should have been distributed with the later format.

```

37 \ifnum\currentLaTeXdate
38 >\expandafter\@parse@version\latexreleaseversion//00\@nil
39 \PackageWarningNoLine{latexrelease}{%
40 The current package is for an older LaTeX format:\MessageBreak
41 LaTeX \latexreleaseversion\space\MessageBreak
42 Obtain a newer version of this package!}
43 \expandafter\endinput
44 \fi

```

can't patch into the future, could make this an error but it has some uses to control package updates so allow for now.

```

45 \ifnum\requestedLaTeXdate
46 >\expandafter\@parse@version\latexreleaseversion//00\@nil
47 \PackageWarningNoLine{latexrelease}{%
48 The current package is for LaTeX \latexreleaseversion:\MessageBreak
49 It has no patches beyond that date\MessageBreak
50 There may be an updated version\MessageBreak
51 of this package available from CTAN}
52 \expandafter\endinput
53 \fi

```

Update the format version to the requested date.

```

54 \let\fmtversion\requestedpatchdate
55 \let\currentLaTeXdate\requestedLaTeXdate

```

## 6.2 Ignoring `_new` errors when rolling back

Enforce `\ExplSyntaxOn` and `\ExplSyntaxOff` to be `\relax` in latexrelease if they are not yet defined. They are later restored to be undefined if needed.

```

56 \csname ExplSyntaxOn\endcsname
57 \csname ExplSyntaxOff\endcsname

```

Define a set of changes here, but we'll only use them later to make sure they are applied after expl3 is loaded. If loading from a rather old format, we don't have `\ExplSyntaxOn` yet.

```

58 \begingroup
59 \endlinechar=-1

```



```

60 \catcode95=11 % _
61 \catcode58=11 % :
62 \catcode126=10 % ~
63 \catcode32=09 % <space>
64 \xdef\latexrelease@postltxexpl{\unexpanded{%
65 (@@=latexrelease)

```

First we'll define a `\declarecommand` that does `\renewcommand` if the command being defined already exists, and `\newcommand` otherwise.

```

66 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \@@_declare_command:w
67 { \@star@or@long \@@_declare_command:Nw }
68 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \@@_declare_command:Nw #1
69 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { \renewcommand } { \newcommand } #1 }

```

Then define a version of `\e@alloc` that checks if the control sequence being defined already exists, and if so, checks if its meaning is the same as the one that would be defined with the call to `\e@alloc`. If both tests pass, nothing is defined to save a register. This version also takes care of setting `\allocationnumber` to the value it would have after the register is allocated.

```

70 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \@@_e@alloc:NnnnnN #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
71 {
72   \cs_if_free:NTF #6
73   { \use:n }
74   {
75     \exp_after:wN \@@_e@alloc:N
76     \token_to_meaning:N #6 \scan_stop: {#2} #6
77   }
78   { \@@_e@alloc #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} #6 }
79 }

```

Walk through the meaning of the control sequence token by token, looking for the register allocation number.

```

80 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \@@_e@alloc:N #1
81 {
82   \if_int_compare:w 0 < 0
83   \if_int_compare:w 10 < 9#1 ~ 1 \fi:
84   \if_charcode:w " #1 1 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
85   \tex_afterassignment:D \@@_e@alloc:w
86   \@tempcnta #1
87   \use_i:nnn
88   \fi:
89   \use:n
90   {
91     \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
92     \exp_after:wN \use_iv:nnnn
93     \fi:
94     \@@_e@alloc:N
95   }
96 }

```

When found, check if it is the exact same register as it would be allocated, and if it is, set `\allocationnumber` accordingly and exit, otherwise undefine the register and allocate from scratch.

```

97 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \@@_e@alloc:w #1 \scan_stop: #2 #3
98 {

```

```

99     #2 \@@_tmp:w = \@tempcnta
100    \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #3 \@@_tmp:w
101      { \int_set_eq:NN \allocationnumber \@tempcnta \use_none:n }
102      { \cs_set_eq:NN #3 \tex_undefined:D \use:n }
103  }

```

Now create a token list to hold the list of changed commands, and define a temporary macro that will loop through the command list, store each in `\l_@@_restores_tl`, save a copy, and redefine each.

```

104 \tl_clear_new:N \l_@@_restores_tl
105 \cs_gset:Npn \@@_redefines:w #1 #2
106 {
107   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
108   \tl_put_right:Nn \l_@@_restores_tl {#1}
109   \cs_set_eq:cN { @ @_ \cs_to_str:N #1 } #1
110   \cs_set_eq:NN #1 #2
111   \@@_redefines:w
112 }

```

The redefinitions below are needed because:

`\__kernel_chk_if_free_cs:N` This function is used ubiquitously in the `l3kernel` to check if a control sequence is definable, and give an error otherwise (similar to `\@ifdefinable`). Making it a no-op is enough for most cases (except when defining new registers);

`\e@alloc` In the case of new registers, we waste an allocation number if we do `\new\meta {thing}` in a register that's already allocated, so the redefinition of `\e@alloc` checks if the new register is really necessary. This code does not clear the register, which might cause problems in the future, if a register is allocated but not properly cleared before using;

`\__kernel_msg_error:nxx` This command is used to error on already defined scan marks. Just making the error do nothing is enough, as no action is taken in that case;

`\msg_new:nnnn` Used to define new messages. Making it `_gset` is enough. Other `msg` commands like `\msg_new:nnn` and `\__kernel_msg_new:nnn(n)` are defined in terms of `\msg_new:nnnn`, so there is no need to change the other ones;

`\NewDocumentCommand` Used to define user-level commands in the kernel. Making it equal to `\DeclareDocumentCommand` solves the problem;

`\newcommand` Same as above.

And here we go:

```

113 \@@_redefines:w
114   \__kernel_chk_if_free_cs:N \use_none:n
115   \e@alloc \@@_e@alloc:NnnnnN
116   \__kernel_msg_error:nxx \use_none:nnn
117   \msg_new:nnnn \msg_gset:nnnn
118   % \NewDocumentCommand \DeclareDocumentCommand % after ltcmd.dtx
119   \newcommand \@@_declare_command:w

```

Temp addition ...

```
120 \_kernel_msg_error:nnn \use_none:nnn % needed while redirect for kernel msgs doesn't work
121 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_tail
122 \q_recursion_stop
```

Finally, redirect the error thrown by `\NewHook` to nowhere so it can be safely reused (the hook isn't redeclared if it already exists).

```
123 \msg_redirect_name:nnn { hooks } { exists } { none }
```

Now a one-off for `ltxcmd.dtx`: we need to make `\NewDocumentCommand` not complain on an already existing command, but it has to be done after `\NewDocumentCommand` is defined, so this is separate from the `\latexrelease@postltxexpl` actions above:

```
124 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \latexrelease@postltxcmd
125   {
126     \@@_redefines:w
127       \NewDocumentCommand \DeclareDocumentCommand
128       \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_tail
129       \q_recursion_stop
130   }
131 }%
132 \endgroup
133 </latexrelease>
```

### 6.3 Undoing the temp modifications

If `\ExplSyntaxOn` exists (defined and not equal `\relax`), then use the `expl3` restore code, otherwise restore `\ExplSyntaxOn` and `\ExplSyntaxOff` to be undefined.

```
134 (*latexrelease-finish)
135 \ifundefined{ExplSyntaxOn}%
136   {\let\ExplSyntaxOn\undefined
137    \let\ExplSyntaxOff\undefined
138    \@gobble}%
139   {\ExplSyntaxOn
140    \@firstofone}%
141   {%
```

Now just loop through the list of redefined commands and restore their previous meanings.

```
142 \tl_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_restores_tl
143   {
144     \cs_set_eq:Nc #1 { @@_ \cs_to_str:N #1 }
145     \cs_undefine:c { @@_ \cs_to_str:N #1 }
146   }
147 \tl_clear:N \l_@@_restores_tl
```

And restore the hook error message.

```
148 \msg_redirect_name:nnn { hooks } { exists } { }
149 <@@=>
150 \ExplSyntaxOff}%
151 </latexrelease-finish>
```

## 6.4 Individual Changes

The code for each change will be inserted at this point, extracted from the kernel source files.

## 6.5 fixltx2e

Generate a stub fixltx2e package:

```
152 (*fixltx2e)
153 \IncludeInRelease{2015/01/01}{\fixltxe}{Old fixltx2e package}
154 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
155 \PackageWarningNoLine{fixltx2e}{%
156 fixltx2e is not required with releases after 2015\MessageBreak
157 All fixes are now in the LaTeX kernel.\MessageBreak
158 See the latexrelease package for details}
159 \EndIncludeInRelease
160 \IncludeInRelease{0000/00/00}{\fixltxe}{Old fixltx2e package}
161 \def\@outputdblcol{%
162   \if@firstcolumn
163     \global\@firstcolumnfalse
164     \global\setbox\@leftcolumn\copy\@outputbox
165     \splitmaxdepth\maxdimen
166     \vbadness\maxdimen
167     \setbox\@outputbox\vbox{\unvbox\@outputbox\unskip}%
168     \setbox\@outputbox\vsplit\@outputbox to\maxdimen
169     \toks@\expandafter{\topmark}%
170     \xdef\@firstcoltopmark{\the\toks@}%
171     \toks@\expandafter{\splitfirstmark}%
172     \xdef\@firstcolfirstmark{\the\toks@}%
173     \ifx\@firstcolfirstmark\@empty
174       \global\let\@setmarks\relax
175     \else
176       \gdef\@setmarks{%
177         \let\firstmark\@firstcolfirstmark
178         \let\topmark\@firstcoltopmark}%
179     \fi
180   \else
181     \global\@firstcolumntrue
182     \setbox\@outputbox\vbox{%
183       \hb@xt@\textwidth{%
184         \hb@xt@\columnwidth{\box\@leftcolumn \hss}%
185         \hfil
186         {\normalcolor\vrule \@width\columnseprule}%
187         \hfil
188         \hb@xt@\columnwidth{\box\@outputbox \hss}}}%
189   \@combinedblfloats
190   \setmarks
191   \@outputpage
192   \begingroup
193     \dblfloatplacement
194     \startdblcolumn
195     \@whilesw\ifcolmade \fi{\@outputpage\@startdblcolumn}%
196   \endgroup
197 \fi}
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198 \def\end@dblfloat{%
199   \if@twocolumn
200     \endfloatbox
201     \ifnum\@floatpenalty <\z@
202       \@largefloatcheck
203       \global\dp\@currbox1sp %
204       \@cons\@currlist\@currbox
205       \ifnum\@floatpenalty <-\@Mii
206         \penalty -\@Miv
207         \@tempdima\prevdepth
208         \vbox{}}%
209       \prevdepth\@tempdima
210       \penalty\@floatpenalty
211     \else
212       \adjust{\penalty -\@Miv \vbox{}}\penalty\@floatpenalty}\@Esphack
213     \fi
214   \fi
215 \else
216   \end@float
217 \fi
218 }
219 \def\@testwrongwidth #1{%
220   \ifdim\dp#1=f@depth
221   \else
222     \global\@testtrue
223   \fi}
224 \let\f@depth\z@
225 \def\@dblfloatplacement{\global\@dbltopnum\c@dbltopnumber
226   \global\@dbltoproom \dbltopfraction\@colht
227   \@textmin \@colht
228   \advance \@textmin -\@dbltoproom
229   \@fpmin \dblfloatpagefraction\textheight
230   \@fptop \@dblftop
231   \@fpsep \@dblfpsep
232   \@fpbot \@dblfpbot
233   \def\f@depth{1sp}}
234 \def \@docclearpage {%
235   \ifvoid\footins
236     \setbox\@tempboxa\vsplit\@cclv to\z@ \unvbox\@tempboxa
237     \setbox\@tempboxa\box\@cclv
238     \xdef\@deferlist{\@toplist\@botlist\@deferlist}%
239     \global \let \@toplist \@empty
240     \global \let \@botlist \@empty
241     \global \@colroom \@colht
242     \ifx \@currlist\@empty
243     \else
244       \@latexerr{Float(s) lost}\@ehb
245       \global \let \@currlist \@empty
246     \fi
247     \@makefcolumn\@deferlist
248     \@whiles\if@fcolmade \fi{\@opcol\@makefcolumn\@deferlist}%
249   \if@twocolumn
250     \if@firstcolumn
251     \xdef\@deferlist{\@dbltoplist\@deferlist}%

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252     \global \let \@dbltoplist \@empty
253     \global \@colht \textheight
254     \begingroup
255         \@dblfloatplacement
256         \@makefcolumn\@deferlist
257         \@whiles\if@fcolmade \fi{\@outputpage
258                                     \@makefcolumn\@deferlist}%
259     \endgroup
260     \else
261         \vbox{}\clearpage
262     \fi
263     \fi
264     \ifx\@deferlist\@empty \else\clearpage \fi
265     \else
266         \setbox\@cclv\vbox{\box\@cclv\vfil}%
267         \@makecol\@opcol
268         \clearpage
269     \fi
270 }
271 \def \@startdblcolumn {%
272     \@tryfcolumn \@deferlist
273     \if@fcolmade
274     \else
275         \begingroup
276             \let \reserved@b \@deferlist
277             \global \let \@deferlist \@empty
278             \let \@elt \@sdblcolelt
279             \reserved@b
280         \endgroup
281     \fi
282 }
283 \def \@addtonextcol{%
284     \begingroup
285         \@insertfalse
286         \@setfloattypecounts
287         \ifnum \@fpstype=8
288         \else
289             \ifnum \@fpstype=24
290             \else
291                 \@flsettextmin
292                 \@reqcolroom \ht\@currbox
293                 \advance \@reqcolroom \@textmin
294                 \ifdim \@colroom>\@reqcolroom
295                     \@flsetnum \@colnum
296                     \ifnum\@colnum>\z@
297                         \@bitor\@currtype\@deferlist
298                         \@testwrongwidth\@currbox
299                     \if@test
300                         \else
301                             \@addtotoporbot
302                         \fi
303                     \fi
304                 \fi
305             \fi

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306 \fi
307 \if@insert
308 \else
309 \@cons\@deferlist\@currbox
310 \fi
311 \endgroup
312 }
313 \def\@addtodblcol{%
314 \begingroup
315 \@insertfalse
316 \@setfloattypescounts
317 \@getfpsbit \tw@
318 \ifodd\@tempcnta
319 \@flsetnum \@dbltopnum
320 \ifnum \@dbltopnum>\z@
321 \@tempswafalse
322 \ifdim \@dbltoproom>\ht\@currbox
323 \@tempwattrue
324 \else
325 \ifnum \@fpstype<\sist@@n
326 \advance \@dbltoproom \@textmin
327 \ifdim \@dbltoproom>\ht\@currbox
328 \@tempwattrue
329 \fi
330 \advance \@dbltoproom -\@textmin
331 \fi
332 \fi
333 \if@tempswa
334 \@bitor \@currtype \@deferlist
335 \@testwrongwidth\@currbox
336 \if@test
337 \else
338 \@tempdima -\ht\@currbox
339 \advance\@tempdima
340 -\ifx \@dbltoplist\@empty \dbltextfloatsep \else
341 \dblfloatsep \fi
342 \global \advance \@dbltoproom \@tempdima
343 \global \advance \@colht \@tempdima
344 \global \advance \@dbltopnum \m@ne
345 \@cons \@dbltoplist \@currbox
346 \@inserttrue
347 \fi
348 \fi
349 \fi
350 \fi
351 \if@insert
352 \else
353 \@cons\@deferlist\@currbox
354 \fi
355 \endgroup
356 }
357 \def \@addtocurcol {%
358 \@insertfalse
359 \@setfloattypescounts

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360 \ifnum \@fpstype=8
361 \else
362   \ifnum \@fpstype=24
363   \else
364     \flsettextmin
365     \advance \@textmin \@textfloatsheight
366     \reqcolroom \@pageht
367     \ifdim \@textmin>\reqcolroom
368       \reqcolroom \@textmin
369     \fi
370     \advance \@reqcolroom \ht\@currbox
371     \ifdim \@colroom>\reqcolroom
372       \flsetnum \@colnum
373       \ifnum \@colnum>\z@
374         \@bitor\@currtype\@deferlist
375         \@testwrongwidth\@currbox
376         \if@test
377         \else
378           \@bitor\@currtype\@botlist
379           \if@test
380             \@addtobot
381           \else
382             \ifodd \count\@currbox
383               \advance \@reqcolroom \intextsep
384               \ifdim \@colroom>\reqcolroom
385                 \global \advance \@colnum \m@ne
386                 \global \advance \@textfloatsheight \ht\@currbox
387                 \global \advance \@textfloatsheight 2\intextsep
388                 \@cons \@midlist \@currbox
389                 \if@nobreak
390                   \nobreak
391                   \@nobreakfalse
392                   \everypar{}%
393                 \else
394                   \addpenalty \interlinepenalty
395                 \fi
396                 \vskip \intextsep
397                 \box\@currbox
398                 \penalty\interlinepenalty
399                 \vskip\intextsep
400                 \ifnum\outputpenalty <-\@Mii \vskip -\parskip\fi
401                 \outputpenalty \z@
402                 \@inserttrue
403               \fi
404             \fi
405             \if@insert
406             \else
407               \@addtotoporbot
408             \fi
409           \fi
410         \fi
411       \fi
412     \fi
413   \fi

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414 \fi
415 \if@insert
416 \else
417 \@resethfps
418 \@cons\@deferlist\@currbox
419 \fi
420 }
421 \def\@xtryfc #1{%
422 \@next\reserved@a\@trylist{}-{}%
423 \@currtype \count #1%
424 \divide\@currtype\@xxxii
425 \multiply\@currtype\@xxxii
426 \@bitor \@currtype \@failedlist
427 \@testfp #1%
428 \@testwrongwidth #1%
429 \ifdim \ht #1>\@colht
430 \testtrue
431 \fi
432 \if@test
433 \@cons\@failedlist #1%
434 \else
435 \@ytryfc #1%
436 \fi}
437 \def\@ztryfc #1{%
438 \@tempcnta\count #1%
439 \divide\@tempcnta\@xxxii
440 \multiply\@tempcnta\@xxxii
441 \@bitor \@tempcnta {\@failedlist \@flfail}%
442 \@testfp #1%
443 \@testwrongwidth #1%
444 \@tempdimb\@tempdima
445 \advance\@tempdimb\ht #1%
446 \advance\@tempdimb\@fpsep
447 \ifdim \@tempdimb >\@colht
448 \testtrue
449 \fi
450 \if@test
451 \@cons\@flfail #1%
452 \else
453 \@cons\@flsucceed #1%
454 \@tempdima\@tempdimb
455 \fi}
456 \def\@{\spacefactor\@m{}}
457 \def\@tempa#1#2{#1#2\relax}
458 \ifx\setlength\@tempa
459 \def\setlength#1#2{#1 #2\relax}
460 \fi
461 \def\addpenalty#1{%
462 \ifvmode
463 \if@minipage
464 \else
465 \if@nobreak
466 \else
467 \ifdim\lastskip=\z@

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468         \penalty#1\relax
469     \else
470         \@tempskipb\lastskip
471     \begingroup
472         \advance \@tempskipb
473             \ifdim\prevdepth>\maxdepth\maxdepth\else
474             \ifdim \prevdepth = -\@m\p@ \z@ \else \prevdepth \fi
475         \fi
476         \vskip -\@tempskipb
477         \penalty#1%
478         \vskip\@tempskipb
479     \endgroup
480     \vskip -\@tempskipb
481     \vskip \@tempskipb
482 \fi
483 \fi
484 \fi
485 \else
486     \@noitemerr
487 \fi}
488 \def\@fnsymbol#1{%
489     \ifcase#1\or \TextOrMath\textasteriskcentered *\or
490     \TextOrMath \textdagger \dagger\or
491     \TextOrMath \textdaggerdbl \ddagger \or
492     \TextOrMath \textsection \mathsection\or
493     \TextOrMath \textparagraph \mathparagraph\or
494     \TextOrMath \textbardbl \|\or
495     \TextOrMath {\textasteriskcentered\textasteriskcentered}{**}\or
496     \TextOrMath {\textdagger\textdagger}{\dagger\dagger}\or
497     \TextOrMath {\textdaggerdbl\textdaggerdbl}{\ddagger\ddagger}\else
498     \@ctrerr \fi
499 }
500 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
501 \expandafter\ifx\csname eTeXversion\endcsname\relax
502 \DeclareRobustCommand\TextOrMath{%
503     \ifmode \expandafter\@secondoftwo
504     \else \expandafter\@firstoftwo \fi}
505 \protected@edef\TextOrMath#1#2{\TextOrMath{#1}{#2}}
506 \else
507 \protected\expandafter\def\csname TextOrMath\space\endcsname{%
508     \ifmode \expandafter\@secondoftwo
509     \else \expandafter\@firstoftwo \fi}
510 \edef\TextOrMath#1#2{%
511     \expandafter\noexpand\csname TextOrMath\space\endcsname
512     {#1}{#2}}
513 \fi
514 \def\@esphack{%
515     \relax
516     \ifhmode
517         \spacefactor\@savsf
518         \ifdim\@savsk>\z@
519             \nobreak \hskip\z@skip % <-----
520             \ignorespaces
521         \fi

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522 \fi}
523 \def\@Esphack{%
524 \relax
525 \ifhmode
526 \spacefactor\@savsf
527 \ifdim\@savsk>\z@
528 \nobreak \hskip\z@skip % <-----
529 \@ignoretrue
530 \ignorespaces
531 \fi
532 \fi}
533 \DeclareRobustCommand\em
534     {\@nomath\em \ifdim \fontdimen\@ne\font >\z@
535         \emminnershape \else \itshape \fi}
536 \def\emminnershape{\upshape}
537 \DeclareRobustCommand* \textsubscript [1]{%
538     \textsubscript{\selectfont#1}}
539 \def\@textsubscript#1{%
540     {\m@th\ensuremath_{\mbox{\fontsize\sf@size\z@#1}}}}
541 \def\@DeclareMathSizes #1#2#3#4#5{%
542     \@defaultunits\dimen@ #2pt\relax\@nnil
543     \if $#3$%
544         \expandafter\let\csname S@\strip@pt\dimen@\endcsname\math@fontsfalse
545     \else
546         \@defaultunits\dimen@ii #3pt\relax\@nnil
547         \@defaultunits\@tempdima #4pt\relax\@nnil
548         \@defaultunits\@tempdimb #5pt\relax\@nnil
549         \toks@{#1}%
550         \expandafter\xdef\csname S@\strip@pt\dimen@\endcsname{%
551             \gdef\noexpand\tf@size{\strip@pt\dimen@ii}%
552             \gdef\noexpand\sf@size{\strip@pt\@tempdima}%
553             \gdef\noexpand\ssf@size{\strip@pt\@tempdimb}%
554             \the\toks@
555         }%
556     \fi
557 }
558 \providecommand*\MakeRobust [1]{%
559     \@ifundefined{\expandafter\@gobble\string#1}{%
560         \@latex@error{The control sequence ‘\string#1’ is undefined!%
561             \MessageBreak There is nothing here to make robust}%
562         \@eha
563     }%
564     {%
565         \@ifundefined{\expandafter\@gobble\string#1\space}%
566         {%
567             \expandafter\let\csname
568                 \expandafter\@gobble\string#1\space\endcsname=#1%
569             \edef\reserved@a{\string#1}%
570             \def\reserved@b{#1}%
571             \edef\reserved@b{\expandafter\strip@prefix\meaning\reserved@b}%
572             \edef#1{%
573                 \ifx\reserved@a\reserved@b
574                     \noexpand\x@protect\noexpand#1%
575                 \fi

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576         \noexpand\protect\expandafter\noexpand
577         \csname\expandafter@gobble\string#1\space\endcsname}%
578     }%
579     {\@latex@info{The control sequence ‘\string#1’ is already robust}}%
580 }%
581 }
582 \MakeRobust\ (
583 \MakeRobust\ )
584 \MakeRobust\ [
585 \MakeRobust\ ]
586 \MakeRobust\makebox
587 \MakeRobust\savebox
588 \MakeRobust\framebox
589 \MakeRobust\parbox
590 \MakeRobust\rule
591 \MakeRobust\raisebox
592 \def\@xfloat #1[#2]{%
593     \@nodocument
594     \def \@capytype {#1}%
595     \def \@fps {#2}%
596     \@onelevel@sanitize \@fps
597     \def \reserved@b {!}%
598     \ifx \reserved@b \@fps
599         \@fpsadddefault
600     \else
601         \ifx \@fps \@empty
602             \@fpsadddefault
603         \fi
604     \fi
605     \ifhmode
606         \@bsphack
607         \@floatpenalty -\@Mii
608     \else
609         \@floatpenalty-\@Miii
610     \fi
611     \ifinner
612         \@parmoderr\@floatpenalty\z@
613     \else
614         \@next\@currbox\@freelist
615         {%
616             \@tempcnta \sixt@@n
617             \expandafter \@tfor \expandafter \reserved@a
618             \expandafter : \expandafter =\@fps
619             \do
620             {%
621                 \if \reserved@a h%
622                     \ifodd \@tempcnta
623                     \else
624                         \advance \@tempcnta \@ne
625                     \fi
626                 \else\if \reserved@a t%
627                     \@setfpsbit \tw@
628                 \else\if \reserved@a b%
629                     \@setfpsbit 4%

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630         \else\if \reserved@a p%
631             \@setfpsbit 8%
632         \else\if \reserved@a !%
633             \ifnum \@tempcnta>15
634                 \advance\@tempcnta -\sixt@@n\relax
635             \fi
636         \else
637             \@latex@error{Unknown float option '\reserved@a'}%
638             {Option '\reserved@a' ignored and 'p' used.}%
639             \@setfpsbit 8%
640             \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
641         }%
642         \@tempcntb \csname ftype@\@capttype \endcsname
643         \multiply \@tempcntb \@xxxii
644         \advance \@tempcnta \@tempcntb
645         \global \count\@currbox \@tempcnta
646     }%
647     \@fltovf
648 \fi
649 \global \setbox\@currbox
650     \color@vbox
651     \normalcolor
652     \vbox \bgroup
653         \hsize\columnwidth
654         \@parboxrestore
655         \@floatboxreset
656 }
657 \def\@stpeit#1{\global\csname c@#1\endcsname \m@ne\stepcounter{#1}}
658 \EndIncludeInRelease
659 </fixltx2e>

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