The kvdefinekeys package

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Abstract

Package kvdefinekeys provides `\kv@define@key` to define keys the same way as keyval's `\define@key`. However, it works also using iniTEX.

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1.1 Motivation

`\kvsetkeys` serves as replacement for keyval's `\setkeys`. This package adds macros to define keys, closing the gap `\kvsetkeys` leaves.

*Please report any issues at https://github.com/ho-tex/kvdefinekeys/issues

`\kv@define@key` {⟨*family*⟩} {⟨*key*⟩} [⟨*default*⟩] {⟨*definition*⟩}

Macro `\kv@define@key` reimplements keyval's `\define@key`. Differences to the original:

- The defined keys also allow `\par` inside values.
- Shorthands of package babel are supported in family and key names.
- Macro `\kv@define@key` is made robust if ε-TEX's `\protected` or LATEX's `\DeclareRobustCommand` are found.

2 Implementation

2.1 Identification

```
1 ⟨*package⟩
```

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with LATEX.

```
2 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
3   \catcode13=5 % ^^M
4   \endlinechar=13 %
5   \catcode35=6 % #
6   \catcode39=12 % '
7   \catcode44=12 % ,
8   \catcode45=12 % -
9   \catcode46=12 % .
10  \catcode58=12 % :
11  \catcode64=11 % @
12  \catcode123=1 % {
13  \catcode125=2 % }
14  \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@kvdefinekeys.sty\endcsname
15  \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading
16  \else
17    \def\empty{}%
18    \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
19      % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
20    \else
21      \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
22        \def\x#1#2{%
23          \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
24        }%
25      \else
26        \def\x#1#2{\PackageInfo{#1}{#2, stopped}}%
27      \fi
28      \x{kvdefinekeys}{The package is already loaded}%
29      \aftergroup\endinput
30    \fi
31  \fi
32 \endgroup%
```

Package identification:

```
33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
34   \catcode13=5 % ^^M
35   \endlinechar=13 %
36   \catcode35=6 % #
37   \catcode39=12 % '
38   \catcode40=12 % (
39   \catcode41=12 % )
```

```
  \catcode44=12 % ,
  \catcode45=12 % -
  \catcode46=12 % .
  \catcode47=12 % /
  \catcode58=12 % :
  \catcode64=11 % @
  \catcode91=12 % [
  \catcode93=12 % ]
  \catcode123=1 % {
  \catcode125=2 % }
  \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
    \def\x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup
      \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
      \xdef#1{#4}%
    }%
  \else
    \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup
      #2[{#3}]%
      \ifx#1\@undefined
        \xdef#1{#3}%
      \fi
      \ifx#1\relax
        \xdef#1{#3}%
      \fi
    }%
  \fi
\expandafter\x\csname ver@kvdefinekeys.sty\endcsname
\ProvidesPackage{kvdefinekeys}%
  [2019-12-19 v1.6 Define keys (HO)]%
\begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
  \catcode13=5 % ^^M
  \endlinechar=13 %
  \catcode123=1 % {
  \catcode125=2 % }
  \catcode64=11 % @
  \def\x{\endgroup
    \expandafter\edef\csname KVD@AtEnd\endcsname{%
      \endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax
      \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
      \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
      \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
      \catcode61=\the\catcode61\relax
      \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
      \catcode123=\the\catcode123\relax
      \catcode125=\the\catcode125\relax
    }%
  }%
\x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
\catcode13=5 % ^^M
\endlinechar=13 %
\catcode35=6 % #
\catcode64=11 % @
\catcode123=1 % {
\catcode125=2 % }
\def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
  \edef\KVD@AtEnd{%
    \KVD@AtEnd
    \catcode#1=\the\catcode#1\relax
```

```
  }%
  \catcode#1=#2\relax
}
\TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
\TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}% .
\TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
\TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
\TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
\edef\KVD@AtEnd{\KVD@AtEnd\noexpand\endinput}
```

2.2 Package loading

```
\begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
\expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
  \def\TMP@RequirePackage#1[#2]{%
    \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
    \expandafter\ifx\csname ver@#1.sty\endcsname\relax
      \input #1.sty\relax
    \fi
  }%
  \TMP@RequirePackage{ltxcmds}[2010/03/01]%
  \let\@ifundefined\ltx@IfUndefined
  \let\@ifnextchar\ltx@ifnextchar
  \long\def\@firstoftwo#1#2{#1}
  \long\def\@secondoftwo#1#2{#2}
\else
\fi
```

2.3 Provide key defining macro

\kv@define@key

```
\@ifundefined{protected}{%
  \@ifundefined{DeclareRobustCommand}{%
    \def\kv@define@key#1#2%
  }{%
    \DeclareRobustCommand*{\kv@define@key}[2]%
  }%
}{%
  \protected\def\kv@define@key#1#2%
}%
{%
  \begingroup
    \csname @safe@activestrue\endcsname
    \let\ifincsname\iftrue
    \edef\KVD@temp{\endgroup
      \noexpand\KVD@DefineKey{#1}{#2}%
    }%
  \KVD@temp
}
```

\KVD@DefineKey

```
\def\KVD@DefineKey#1#2{%
  \begingroup
   \toks\z@{\endgroup\KVD@DefineKeyWithDefault{#1}{#2}}%
   \toks\tw@{\endgroup\long\expandafter\def\csname KV@#1@#2\endcsname##1}%
  \@ifnextchar[{\the\toks\z@}{\the\toks\tw@}%
}
```

\KVD@DefineKeyWithDefault

```
\long\def\KVD@DefineKeyWithDefault#1#2[#3]{%
  \expandafter\def\csname KV@#1@#2@default\expandafter\endcsname
  \expandafter{%
    \csname KV@#1@#2\endcsname{#3}%
  }%
  \long\expandafter\def\csname KV@#1@#2\endcsname##1%
}

\KVD@AtEnd%
⟨/package⟩
```

3 Installation

3.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN[1]:

CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/kvdefinekeys/kvdefinekeys.dtx The source file.

CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/kvdefinekeys/kvdefinekeys.pdf Documentation.

Bundle. All the packages of the bundle 'kvdefinekeys' 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.

CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/kvdefinekeys.tds.zip

TDS refers to the standard "A Directory Structure for TEX Files" (CTAN:pkg/tds). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

3.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the `kvdefinekeys.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip kvdefinekeys.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

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 kvdefinekeys.dtx
```

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

```
kvdefinekeys.sty → tex/generic/kvdefinekeys/kvdefinekeys.sty
kvdefinekeys.pdf → doc/latex/kvdefinekeys/kvdefinekeys.pdf
kvdefinekeys.dtx → source/latex/kvdefinekeys/kvdefinekeys.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.

[1] CTAN:pkg/kvdefinekeys

3.4 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`.

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:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{kvdefinekeys.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 kvdefinekeys.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist kvdefinekeys.idx
pdflatex kvdefinekeys.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist kvdefinekeys.idx
pdflatex kvdefinekeys.dtx
```

4 References

[1] David Carlisle: *The keyval package*; 1999/03/16 v1.13; CTAN:macros/latex/required/graphics/keyval.dtx.

5 History

[2010/03/01 v1.0]

- First version.

[2010/08/19 v1.1]

- Documentation fix, no code change.

[2011/01/30 v1.2]

- Already loaded package files are not input in plain TEX.

[2011/04/07 v1.3]

- Support for package babel's shorthands added.
- `\kv@define@key` is made robust if available.

[2016/05/16 v1.4]

- Documentation updates.

[2019/12/15 v1.5]

- Documentation updates.

[2019-12-19 v1.6]

- Fix definition of `\KVD@DefineKey` for gh issue embedfile/2

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