

The `prelim2e` package*

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Abstract

This package allows the marking of (preliminary) versions of a document on the output.

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1 Introduction

This package allows the marking of (preliminary) versions of a document. This is done using the command `\PrelimText`, whose expansion is added *below the footer* of every page of a document (look at the bottom of this page for an example).

2 Usage

Simply using this package via `\usepackage{prelim2e}` produces a text in the form of “Preliminary version – February 28, 2003”.

`\PrelimText` The text is produced by the commands `\PrelimText` and `\PrelimWords`, which
`\PrelimWords` can be changed via `\renewcommand` or by using options at the `\usepackage` command (see section 3).

The footer for this documentation was produced by changing `\PrelimWords` to

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\renewcommand{\PrelimWords}{%
  \textsf{prelim2e} package --
  Version \fileversion{} --
  Documentation \LaTeX{}ed%
}

```

3 Options

The package has the following options:

- New feature**
2001/02/17
- danish** This sets the text to “Foreløbig version”. It does not use the `babel` package.
- draft** If this option is used a text appears below the normal pagebody. It is the default.
- final** If this option is used `prelim2e` produces no text.
- english** This sets the text to “Preliminary version”. It is the default.
- New feature**
1997/05/12
- french** This sets the text to “Version préliminaire”. It does not use the `french` or `babel` package.
- german** This sets the text to “Vorläufige Version”. It does not use the `german` or `babel` package.
- New feature**
2001/02/17
- italian** This sets the text to “Versione preliminare”. It does not use the `babel` package.
- New description**
1997/05/12
- time** This adds the time at the beginning of the current `LATEX` to the text. The time is produced using the `\thistime` command, which may be provided by the `scrttime` package[2]. If you don’t use the `scrttime` package (e.g. by specifying the `scrttime` option), you must provide it yourself or by some other package.
- New feature**
1997/05/12
- scrttime** This loads the `scrttime` package[2] (part of the KOMA-Script bundle), which provides the `\thistime` command used by the `time` option. The `scrttime` option implies the `time` option.

All other options are passed to the `scrttime` package if the `scrttime` option is selected.

4 Required packages

The package requires the following packages:

- everyshi**[3] It is used to implement the setting of the text below the normal pagebody.
- New description**
1997/05/12
- scrttime**[2] It is used to typeset the current time and is needed if the `scrttime` option is selected.

5 Putting more things at the bottom

Another package you might like to use with `prelim2e` is `vrsion`[4]. This allows the definition and maintenance of a version number like 3.14159 *within L^AT_EX*, which can be put at the bottom of every page using `prelime2e`.

6 Acknowledgements

The idea of this package is based on `prelim.sty`[1] for L^AT_EX 2.09 by Robert Tolksdorf (`tolk@cs.tu-berlin.de`). It provides nearly the same functionality as `prelim2e`, but in a very dirty way: it uses a modified output routine and does not work with L^AT_EX 2_ε.

The time functionality now uses the `scrttime` package by Markus Kohm (`markus.kohm@gmx.de`).

Rowland Bartlett (`R.BARTLETT@liverpool-john-moores.ac.uk`) brought forth the idea of separating the `time` option and the `scrttime` package; Daniel Courjon (`dcourjon@utinam.univ-fcomte.fr`) provided the text for the `french` option, Arne Jørgensen (`arne.jorgensen@tug.dk`) provided the text for the `danish` option, and Davide Giovanni Maria Salvetti (`salve@debian.org`) and Riccardo Murri (`murri@phc.unipi.it`) both provided the text for the `italian` option,

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