The froufrou package[*]

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Abstract

This package provides fancy separators, which are visual cues that indicate a change of subject or context without actually starting a new chapter or section.

1 Introduction

This package allows the user to create fancy separators that visually indicate text subdivisions without a title, i.e., they are similar to `\section` but do not provide a name to the new section. Apparently, there is no definite name for such separators; they may be regarded as thought breaks or anonymous sections, but often borrow their name from the ornament that embodies them, such as asterism, fleuron, or dinkus. An example:

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Such separators never appear at the top of the page (that would be confusing), but may appear at the bottom. They should work equally well with one or two-column text and with single or doublespacing. The package offers a few predefined ornaments to be used as separators, but the user may create others.

2 Usage

After `\usepackage{froufrou}`, just call `\froufrou` to create a subdivision. By default, the separator behaves like `\section`, suppressing indentation in the following paragraph. With `\froufrou*`, this feature is disabled and the following paragraph is indented normally.

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[*]This document corresponds to froufrou 1.2, dated 2020/12/22.

You may select a different separator appearance either by supplying the name of a predefined ornament as a package option (\usepackage[ornament]{froufrou}) or by calling \setfroufrou{ornament} anywhere in the document. You may also use \froufrou[ornament] to only affect that specific separator. ornament is one of:

fleuron, the default[1]: ——— ☙❦❧ ———

simplefleuron, similar to the default, but without the side lines: ☙❦❧

asterism, three asterisks forming a triangle[2]: ⁂

tightasterism, similar, but with tighter spacing: ⁂

trueasterism, also similar, but using unicode character U+2042[3]: ⁂

dinkus, three asterisks forming a line: * * *

Beyond the predefined ornaments, you may also use \setfroufrou{SOMETHING} or \froufrou[SOMETHING] to make SOMETHING be the separator. However, please note that \usepackage[SOMETHING]{froufrou} does *not* work!

3 See also

- http://tug.org/TUGboat/tb32-2/tb101glister.pdf ;

- The pgfornament package, which may aid in creating separators;

- The novel class, which offers the somewhat similar \ChapterDeco command;

- The memoir class, which offers the somewhat similar \fancybreak command;

Change History

v1.0
   General: Prerelease 1

v1.1
   General: Prerelease 1

v1.2
   General: First public version 1

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[1]From the fancyhdr docs.

[2]From symbols-a4 (search for "asterism").

[3]This only works with a unicode engine (luatex, xetex) and with a font that actually provides the glyph (such as libertinus or libertine).