The **lastpage** package

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Abstract

This LaTeX package puts the label `LastPage` at the end of the document into the `.aux` file, allowing the user to refer to the last page of a document. This might be particularly useful in places like headers or footers. –

While this package allows for things like

"Page `\thepage{}` of `\pageref{LastPage}`" to get "Page 7 of 9" or "Page VII of IX", the *number* of pages is nowadays available from the kernel (`\@abspage@last`, `\thetotalpages`, `\PreviousTotalPages`), but when more than one page numbering scheme is used (for example pages I to X and then 1 to 10, thus number of pages "20", but name of the last page "10"), or another package has output after this package, or the page numbers exceed a certain range, there might be problems, which can be solved by using the **pageslts** package instead.

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1   Introduction

This LaTeX package puts the label `LastPage` (at end of the document via hook `enddocument/afterlastpage`, for older formats via `\AtEndDocument`, for LaTeX2.09 via redefining `\enddocument`) into the `aux` file, allowing the user to refer to the last page of a document via `\pageref{LastPage}`. This might be particularly useful in places like headers or footers.

This package was invented by **Jeffrey P. Goldberg**, and is now maintained by H.-Martin Münch. A big "Thank you!" to Jeffrey P. Goldberg for granting this.

If you are more ambitious in respect to your aims with this package, you might want to have a look at the pageslts package (see section 4: Alternatives).

2   Usage

Just load the package placing

        \usepackage{lastpage}

in the preamble of your source file (or `\input{lastpage.sty}` if `\usepackage` is unknown).

For example for various draft forms it is desirable to have a page reference to the last page, so that e.g. page footers can contain something like "page N of K", where N is the current page and K is the last page. Once the package is loaded, anywhere in the text references can be made to the label `LastPage`. In particular one can use the fancyhdr or nccfancyhdr package, or redefinitions of the page headings and footings to get a reference to the last page.
In your document the code

```
\makeatletter
\renewcommand{\@evenfoot}{%
 \normalsize\slshape DRAFT \today\hfil \upshape %
 page \thepage{} of \pageref{LastPage}}
\renewcommand{\@oddfoot}{\@evenfoot}
\makeatother
```

creates footers like

    "DRAFT June 6, 2025   page 7 of 9"

in the compiled document (cf. the `lastpage-example` file).
If the hyperref package is used, the references are hyperlinked to their aims. If these hyperlinks shall be suppressed, `\pageref*{...}` instead of `\pageref{...}` can be used.

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The lastpage package does not provide the words "page" or "of", but e.g. the **handout** class uses "of" in the definition of the footer. (In the `lastpage-example` also `\@evenfoot` is redefined, but it is not the lastpage *package* redefining this.) If you want to change "page" or "of" (e.g. to another language), you therefore have got to look in the used class/package(s)/preamble instead of in the lastpage package.

If the total *number* of pages of a document is needed, the kernel already gives this by `\makeatletter\@abspage@last\makeatother`, `\thetotalpages`, and `\PreviousTotalPages` (needing at least two compiler runs).

3   Some Warnings

3.1   \AtEndDocument

`\AtEndDocument` is not used by the lastpagemodern.sty version of the lastpage package, requiring LaTeX-format 2024-11-01 or newer. Instead `\AddToHook{enddocument/afterlastpage}` is used and the problem does not arise.

lastpageclassic.sty uses `\AtEndDocument` and lastpage209.sty redefines `\enddocument`. The last two cases are problematic:
The output of a LaTeX 2_ε run is not independent of the order in which the packages are loaded. It is often the case that the same formats for which one must put tables and figure at the end, are the ones in which endnotes are also required. If one wants to use `\AtEndDocument` here as well (as done for `\pageref{LastPage}`), then it is easy to get to three separate uses of `\AtEndDocument` (assuming one uses this for the endnotes as well). Clearly it is not safe for any package writer or user to assume that no material will follow what they put into `\AtEndDocument`. Therefore a message, which begins with `AED`, is included in every usage of `\AtEndDocument`. lastpage uses `\AtEndDocument{...\clearpage...}`, thus
`\usepackage{lastpage}...\AtEndDocument{`*something*`}` will place *something* after the `\clearpage`. To place it earlier, use
`\AtEndDocument{`*something*`}...\usepackage{lastpage}`. If the *something* is not known before `\usepackage{lastpage}`, you can use for example

```
 ...
 \def\beforeLastpageClearpage{\relax}
 \AtEndDocument{\beforeLastpageClearpage}
 \usepackage{lastpage}
 \begin{document}
 ...
 \def\beforeLastpageClearpage{\textit{something}}%
 ...
 \end{document}
```

(might need a protected and/or expanded `\def`). When `\clearpage` leads to some output, `\clearpage\textit{something}` instead of `\textit{something}` might be wanted.

3.2   Interaction with ancient versions of the **endfloat** package

\AtEndDocument is not used by the lastpagemodern.sty version of the last-page package, requiring LaTeX-format 2024-11-01 or newer. Instead \AddToHook{enddocument/afterlastpage} is used and the problem does not arise.

The *ancient* version 2.0 (and earlier; 2.0 from 1992; current version at the time of updating this documentation: 2.7 from 2019) of the endfloat package actually redefined the \enddocument command, and so interfered drastically with the LaTeX 2$_\varepsilon$ commands which make use of \AtEndDocument. If you want your LastPage to label the last page of these end floats, you need to load lastpage after loading endfloat (or use VeryLastPage from the pageslts package instead). If, on the other hand, you *want* LastPage to refer to the (not so) last page, exclusive of the floats at the end, then load in the reverse order. Independent from the order of lastpage and endfloat, you will still need a version of endfloat later than 2.0 from 1992.

Other LaTeX2.09 (!) packages also seem to like to redefine \enddocument. In addition to the old endfloat, harvard comes to mind. All of these will need to be modified swiftly.

3.3   Page name instead of page number

When any page numbering scheme other than `arabic` is used at the page, which \pageref{LastPage} refers to, the *name* and not the *number* of the page is given. For example, `Alph` page numbering scheme and 10 pages will give J instead of 10, `Roman` page numbering scheme and 10 pages will give X instead of 10, and so on.

(The pageslts package puts \lastpageref{LastPages} (with **s** at the end) at your disposal for remediation.)

3.4   No write access to the aux file

Some packages (e. g. tikz and selectp) sometimes prevent the output to the aux file. In that case a warning is issued. This is no problem as long as there is another compilation run where the label to the last page can be placed via the aux file.

3.5   Wrong last page number with more than one page numbering scheme

When more than one page numbering scheme is used, LastPage does not give the total **number** of pages (even if `arabic` is the page numbering scheme of that page). For example, for a document with VI+36 pages, it gives "36" as reference to the last page. While this is correct, the total number of pages is 42.

If the total *number* of pages of a document is needed, the kernel already gives this by \makeatletter\@abspage@last\makeatother, \thetotalpages, and \PreviousTotalPages. The pageslts package puts \lastpageref{LastPages} (with **s** at the end) at your disposal for remediation, giving the number of pages and linking to the last page, if linking is provided for examaple by the hyperref package.

3.6   \addtocounter{page}{...} and \setcounter{page}{...}

When the page number was manipulated by \addtocounter{page}{...} or \setcounter{page}{...}, LastPage does not give the total **number** of pages (even if `arabic` is the page numbering scheme of that page).

The pageslts package puts \lastpageref{LastPages} (with **s** at the end) at your disposal for remediation: LastPages ignores page number manipulation. Also \@abspage@last, \thetotalpages, and \PreviousTotalPages from the kernel are not influenced by page number manipulation.

3.7 Page number reset by \pagenumbering{...}

At a page numbering change the page number is reset to one. Therefore LastPage does not give the total **number** of pages (even if arabic is the page numbering scheme of that page). Furthermore, now two pages have the same name.

The pageslts package does not only put \lastpageref{LastPages} (with s at the end) at your disposal for remediation: LastPages also ignores page number manipulation. It furthermore offers the option pagecontinue to continue the page numbering, when \pagenumbering{...} is used.

3.8 Last pages of different page numbering schemes

\pageref{LastPage} refers to the (maybe not so) last page of the last page numbering scheme. References to the respective last page of the other page numbering schemes are not provided.

The pageslts package does this with labels pagesLTS.<numbering scheme>, where <numbering scheme> is e.g. arabic, roman, Roman, alph, or Alph. For fnsymbol please use \lastpageref{pagesLTS.fnsymbol} instead of \pageref{pagesLTS.fnsymbol}.

3.9 Current page

The command \thepage gives the **name** of the current page in the current page numbering scheme, which is different from the current total/absolute page number e.g. with a second page numbering scheme, \addtocounter{page}{...}, or \setcounter{page}{...}, and it will not be an arabic number at all, if the current page numbering scheme is not arabic.

The pageslts package provides the command \theCurrentPage and for the current number of pages in the current page numbering scheme \theCurrentPageLocal. The kernel already provides the number of pages, which have been shipped out, as \the\ReadonlyShipoutCounter. The current page is always ReadonlyShipoutCounter +1.

3.10 First page

There is no special label at the first page. (This is the **lastpage** package, after all.) The pageslts package creates a label pagesLTS.0 at the first page of the document.

3.11 Page counter overflow

"The ranges of supported counter values are more or less restricted. Only \arabic can be used with any counter value TeX supports.

Presentation command	Supported domain	Ignored values	Error message 'Counter too large'
\arabic	-MAX..MAX		
\roman, \Roman	1..MAX	-MAX..0	
\alph, \Alph	1..26	0	-MAX..-1, 27..MAX
\fnsymbol	1..9	0	-MAX..-1, 10..MAX

MAX = 2147483647

" (alphalph package manual, 2019/12/09, v2.6, first table, p. 2).

When *any* page is out of that range, there will be a counter overflow.

lastpage probably is not the right package to be asked to correct this anyway, but the pageslts package (with appropriate options) can do this.

When MAX is exceeded via `\setcounter{<name>}{` something greater than MAX (or smaller then −MAX) `}`, then the error

```
! Number too big.
I can only go up to 2147483647='17777777777="7FFFFFFF,
so I'm using that number instead of yours.
```

will arise. But if the counter has a value of $2\,147\,483\,647$ = MAX, and `\addtocounter{<name>}{+1}` is tried, no error is issued, but `\arabic{<name>}` prints -2147483648, and further `\addtocounter{<name>}{+1}`s give -2147483647, -2147483646 and so on.

For a counter value of $-2\,147\,483\,647 = -\mathrm{MAX}$ and `\addtocounter{<name>}{-1}`s after -2147483647 it is printed -2147483648, 2147483647, 2147483646 and so on (without any message in the `log` file about any possible issue).

3.12 Other packages manipulating `\lastpage@putlabel`

The revtex4 class redefines the `\lastpage@putlabel` command to place a label LastPage.

`\lastpage@putlabel` in the lastpage package was replaced by `\lastpage@putl@bel`, but the LastPage label could become defined more than once.

3.13 `\pagenumbering{fnsymbol}`

When using the foot-note-symbols as page numbers, it can be necessary to declare in the document's preamble:

```
\ProvideTextCommand{\textasteriskcentered}{PD1}{*}
\ProvideTextCommand{\textdagger}{PD1}{†}
%\ProvideTextCommand{\textdaggerdbl}{PD1}{‡}% seems to neither work nor be necessary
\ProvideTextCommand{\textsection}{PD1}{§}
\ProvideTextCommand{\textparagraph}{PD1}{¶}
\ProvideTextCommand{\textbardbl}{PD1}{‖}
```

4 Alternatives

There are similar packages, which do (or do not) similar things (or even more). As I neither know what exactly you want to accomplish when using this package (e. g. page number vs. page name, hyperlinks or not), nor what resources your system has (e. g. TeX, LaTeX2e, ε-TeX, LaTeX-format as recent as 2024-11-01 or newer), here is a list of some possible alternatives:

pageslts - The pageslts package first started as a revision of this lastpage package, but I thought that an enhancement was needed to accomplish what the pageslts package does. For backward compatibility, a label named LastPage is provided. Thus `\usepackage{lastpage}` can be replaced by
`\usepackage[pagecontinue=false,alphMult=0,AlphMulti=0,`
` fnsymbolmult=false,romanMult=false,RomanMulti=false]{pageslts}`,
if the behaviour of the lastpage package should be simulated. The default options are
`\usepackage[pagecontinue=true,alphMult=ab,AlphMulti=AB,`
`fnsymbolmult=true,romanMult=true,RomanMulti=true]{pageslts}`.
Benefits of pageslts package (with appropriate options) are:

+ Labels LastPage (`\AddToHook{enddocument/afterlastpage}`, formerly `\AtEndDocument`; same as the LastPage package) and VeryLastPage (also `\AddToHook{enddocument/afterlastpage}`, but formerly `\AfterLastShipout`), allowing the user to refer to the (very) last page of a document.

- For example, when more than one page numbering scheme is used, the label **LastPages** gives the total *number* of pages.

- At the last page of each page numbering scheme a label `pagesLTS.<numbering scheme>` is placed, where `<numbering scheme>` is e. g. arabic, roman, Roman, alph, or Alph. For fnsymbol please use `\lastpageref{pagesLTS.fnsymbol}` instead of `\pageref{pagesLTS.fnsymbol}`.

- When the same numbering scheme is used twice, the page numbers are either reset to one or continued automatically, depending on the option given when the package is called.

- The command `\theCurrentPage` prints the current total/absolute page number – in contrast to `\thepage`, which gives only the page *name* in the current page numbering scheme. `\theCurrentPageLocal` gives the current number of pages in the current page numbering scheme. `\thepage` and `\theCurrentPageLocal` are different e. g. when `\addtocounter{page}{...}` or `\setcounter{page}{...}` were used.

- At the first page of the document a label `pagesLTS.0` is created.

- The alphalph package is supported, i. e. page numbers alph or Alph > 26 and fnsymbol > 9 can be used (with according options set). Even zero and negative page numbers can be used with `arabic`, `alph`, `Alph`, `roman`, `Roman`, and `fnsymbol` page numbering (with alphalph package and according options).

  Further labels are provided for special cases.
  https://ctan.org/pkg/pageslts

`LaTeX-kernel` - The number of pages is nowadays available via `\@abspage@last`, `\thetotalpages`, and `\PreviousTotalPages` from the kernel, but when more than one page numbering scheme is used (for example pages I to X and then 1 to 10, thus number of pages "20", but name of the last page "10"), or when or the fnsymbol page numbering scheme is used, or another package has output after this package, or the page numbers exceed a certain range, there might be issues. (Is the total number of pages wanted? Or is the name of the last page sought?)

`\the\ReadonlyShipoutCounter` contains the number of currently shipped out pages, i. e. current page minus one.

`totpages` - The totpages package provides a `totpages` label similar to `LastPages`, but `\AtEndDocument` instead of hook enddocument/afterlastpage of the pageslts package. The totpages package additionally computes the number of paper sheets needed to (double) print the document (with one, two, three,... pages on one sheet of paper) (which can be achieved also with the papermas package, an extension of the pageslts package, which further allows to compute the mass of that printed version of the document, useful e. g. when sending it by mail to determine the postage).
https://ctan.org/pkg/totpages

`totalcount` - The totalcount package provides `\totalpages`. If there are only arabic page numbers consecutively running from 1 to the last page, this works. But for example

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[page]{totalcount}
\pagenumbering{Roman}
\begin{document}
\addtocounter{page}{49}
Page \thepage{} of \totalpages
\end{document}
```

prints "Page L of 50", where the number of pages is one (and no hyperlink is provided to the last page even if hyperref is used).
https://ctan.org/pkg/totalcount

totcount - The totcount package provides the last value of a counter, thus also the value of the page counter. You do not get a hyperlink to the last page, only the numerical value of the last page name is given (i.e. X+72 pages gives 72 instead of 82 as total number of pages), and the number of pages can be changed for example by \addtocounter.
https://ctan.org/pkg/totcount

nofm - "There is a package nofm.sty available, but some versions of it are defective, and most don't work with fancyhdr because they take over the complete page layout." (PIET VAN OOSTRUM: Page layout in LaTeX, March 2, 2004, section 16; fancyhdr.pdf)
nofm as of 1991/02/25 (without version number), available at
https://mirror.ctan.org/obsolete/macros/latex209/contrib/misc/nofm.sty,
does not work with e.g. hyperref, redefines \enddocument as well as \@oddhead, \@evenhead, \@oddfoot, and \@evenfoot.
If you know the (https://CTAN.org) location of a **working** (!) version, please send me an e-mail, thanks!

count1to - The count1to package "sets \count1 to \count8 with the values of page to subparagraph. \count9 is used to flag odd pages. ... [T]he code for the TotalPages label" (package manual, 2024-06-13) has been removed from the current package version.
https://ctan.org/pkg/count1to

zref - The zref package "implements an extensible referencing system" (package manual, 2023-09-14).
https://ctan.org/pkg/zref

memoir - The memoir *class* provides \thelastpage (page number printed on last page) and \thelastsheet (number of pages).
https://ctan.org/pkg/memoir

(You programmed or found another alternative, which is available at https://CTAN.org? OK, send an e-mail to me with the name, location at CTAN, and a short notice, and I will probably include it in the list above.)

5   Example

```
 1 ⟨∗example⟩
 2 \documentclass[british]{article}[2025/01/22]% v1.4n Standard LaTeX document class
 3 \makeatletter
 4 \usepackage[draft]{showkeys}[2024/05/23]% v3.21 Show cite and label keys (DPC, MH)
 5 %%      Use final instead of draft to hide the keys. %%
 6 \usepackage[pdfpagelabels=true,hyperindex=false]{hyperref}[2025-05-20]% v7.01m
 7 \@ifpackageloaded{hyperref}{% Hypertext links for LaTeX
 8 \hypersetup{extension=pdf,%
 9 plainpages=false,%
10 pdflang={en},%
11 pdftitle={lastpage package example},%
12 pdfauthor={H.-Martin Muench},%
13 pdfsubject={Example for the lastpage package},%
14 pdfkeywords={LaTeX, lastpage},%
15 pdfview=Fit,%
16 pdfstartview=Fit,%
17 pdfpagelayout=SinglePage%
18 }}{\usepackage{url}[2013/09/16]}%  v3.4  Verb mode for urls, etc.
19 \usepackage{lastpage}[2025/06/06]% v2.1g Refers to last page's name (HMM; JPG)]
20 \renewcommand{\@evenfoot}{{%
21 \normalsize\slshape \today\hfil \upshape %
22 page \thepage{} of \pageref{LastPage}}}
23 \renewcommand{\@oddfoot}{\@evenfoot}
24 \makeatother
25 \listfiles
26 \begin{document}
27 \pagenumbering{Roman}
28 \section*{Example for lastpage}
29 \markboth{Example for lastpage}{Example for lastpage}
30 This example demonstrates the use of package\newline
31 \textsf{lastpage}, v2.1g as of 2025-06-06 (HMM; JPG).\newline
32 The package takes no options.\newline
33 For more details please see the documentation!\newline
34
35 \noindent \label{keys} To hide the \pageref{keys}{\qquad } use option
36 \texttt{final} instead of \texttt{draft} with the \textsf{showkeys}
37 package (or remove the package call from the preamble of
38 this document).\newline
39
40 \textbf{Hyperlinks or not:} If the \textsf{hyperref} package is loaded,
41 the references are also hyperlinked:\newline
42 \smallskip
43 Last page's name (LastPage): \pageref{LastPage}\newline
44 \noindent If the \textsf{hyperref} package is loaded, but the hyperlinks
45 of the references shall be suppressed, \verb|\pageref*{...}|
46 can be used:\newline
47 \smallskip
48 Last page's name (LastPage): \pageref*{LastPage}\newline
49
50 \textbf{Trademarks} appear throughout this example without any
51 trademark symbol; they are the property of their respective
52 trademark owner. There is no intention of infringement; the
53 usage is to the benefit of the trademark owner.\newline
54
55 \textbf{Tip}: Use \textit{logical page numbers}
56 for the display of the pdf (in Adobe Acrobat Reader 2024.005.20392:
57 Edit $>$ Preferences $>$ Page Display $>$
58 Page Content and Information: Use logical page numbers)!\newline
59
60 If you are more ambitious in respect to your aims with this package,
61 you might want to have a look at the \textsf{pageslts} package:\newline
```

```latex
\url{https://ctan.org/pkg/pageslts}.
\bigskip

\noindent The page (\verb|\thepage|): \thepage \newline
Last page's name (LastPage): \pageref{LastPage}
\newpage

\noindent The page (\verb|\thepage|): \thepage \newline
Last page's name (LastPage): \pageref{LastPage}

\bigskip

\noindent There was the question:

\begin{quote}
\begin{verbatim}
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{hyperref}
\usepackage{lastpage}
\begin{document}
\ifnum\thepage=\pageref{LastPage} foo \else bar \fi
\end{document}
\end{verbatim}

producing the error
\textquotedblleft missing number, treated as zero\textquotedblright.
\end{quote}

\noindent \verb|\pageref| inserts a hyperlink, \verb|\pageref{LastPage}|
is not expandable and the code breaks.\newline
The code does not generally work even without hyperref.

\begin{quote}
\begin{verbatim}
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{hyperref}
\usepackage{lastpage}
\pagenumbering{Roman}
\begin{document}
\addtocounter{page}{8}
\edef\here{\thepage}
\makeatletter
\ifx\here\lastpage@lastpage\relax foo\else bar\fi
\makeatother
\end{document}
\end{verbatim}
\end{quote}

\noindent does work (two compilations needed), because \verb|\lastpage@lastpage|
contains the name of the page, \mbox{example:}
\begin{verbatim}
Page \thepage{} is (not) page
\makeatletter\lastpage@lastpage\makeatother.
\end{verbatim}
prints:\newline
Page \thepage{} is (not) page
\makeatletter\lastpage@lastpage\makeatother.
\newline
This can be broken for example by \verb|\pagenumbering{fnsymbol}|
(because then \verb|\edef\here{\thepage}| does not work).
\newpage
```

```
124 \noindent The page (\verb|\thepage|): \thepage\newline
125 Last page's name (LastPage): \pageref{LastPage}
126 \bigskip
127
128 With modern \LaTeX{} it is possible to say:
129 \begin{quote}
130 \begin{verbatim}
131 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2024-11-01]
132 \documentclass{article}
133 \pagenumbering{fnsymbol}
134 \begin{document}
135 \addtocounter{page}{8}%
136 \ExplSyntaxOn%
137 \xdef\test{\numexpr\the\g_shipout_readonly_int +1\relax}%
138 \ExplSyntaxOff%
139 \ifnum\PreviousTotalPages=\test\relax%
140 This is the last page.%
141 \else%
142 This is not the last page
143 (or it is but \LaTeX{} needs another compilation run
144 to detect this).
145 \fi
146 \end{document}
147 \end{verbatim}
148 \end{quote}
149
150 \newpage
151 \section*{The End}
152 \noindent The page (\verb|\thepage|): \thepage \newline
153 Last page's name (LastPage): \pageref{LastPage}
154 \bigskip
155
156 To see the content of the \texttt{enddocument/afterlastpage}-hook
157 (for a recent \LaTeX-format!) use % without the \verb||, of course!
158 \verb|\ShowHook{enddocument/afterlastpage}|.
159 \end{document}
160 ⟨/example⟩
```

6 The implementation

lastpage.sty We first need to determine whether we are on TeX 2.09 or LaTeX2e.
(That line, which is too long for the documentation, reads:
\def\loadlastpage{\ProvidesPackage{lastpage}[2025/06/06 v2.1g lastpage:
 2.09 or 2e? (HMM)]\relax\RequirePackage{lastpage2e}}.)

```
161 ⟨∗package⟩
162 %% Part of the "lastpage" package
163 %% loads either lastpage2.09.sty for TeX 2.09 or lastpage2e.sty for LaTeX 2e
164 %% with code from https://groups.google.com/g/comp.text.tex/c/-Qmhj1ZI4xM
165 \def\loadlastpage{\ProvidesPackage{lastpage}[2025/06/06 v2.1g lastpage: 2.09 or 2e? (HMM)]\re
166 \begingroup \expandafter \ifx \csname documentclass\endcsname\relax
167 \endgroup \expandafter \input{lastpage209.sty}
168 \else \endgroup \expandafter \loadlastpage
169 \fi
170 ⟨/package⟩
```

lastpage209.sty If we are on TeX 2.09 (really?!), we load the 2.09 version lastpage209.sty:

```
171 ⟨∗lastpage209⟩
172 %% Part of the "lastpage" package
173 %% FOR LaTeX 2.09 ONLY - FOR LaTeX 2e USE lastpage2e.sty
174 %% This is lastpage209.sty invented by Jeffrey P. Goldberg,
175 %% after Piet van Oostrum: Page layout in LaTeX, March 2, 2004, section 16;
176 %% fancyhdr.pdf; lastpage209.sty maintained by H.-Martin Muench.
177 \let\origenddocument=\enddocument%
178 \def\enddocument{\clearpage%
179   {\addtocounter{page}{-1}%
180     \immediate\write\@mainaux{\string\newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}}}%
181   }%
182   \addtocounter{page}{+1}%
183   \origenddocument%
184 }
185 ⟨/lastpage209⟩
```

lastpage2e.sty If \documentclass is known, we are in LaTeX 2_ε – but which one? For modern versions with ε-TeX and hook management etc. we load version lastpagemodern.sty, otherwise lastpageclassic.sty. We start off by checking that we are loading into LaTeX 2_ε and announcing the name and version of this package.

```
186 ⟨∗lastpage2e⟩
187 %% Part of the "lastpage" package
188 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
189 \ProvidesPackage{lastpage2e}[2025/06/06 v2.1g %
190  Decide which 2e lastpage version to use (HMM)]
191 \@ifl@t@r\fmtversion{2024/06/01}{\RequirePackage{lastpagemodern}}{%
192                                   \RequirePackage{lastpageclassic}}
193 \message{^^J}
194 ⟨/lastpage2e⟩
```

In case of older LaTeX-formats lastpageclassic.sty is loaded:

```
195 ⟨∗lastpageclassic⟩
196 %% Part of the "lastpage" package
197 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
198 \ProvidesPackage{lastpageclassic}[2025/06/06 v2.1g %
199   Refers to last page's name (HMM; JPG)]
200 %% allows for things like "Page \thepage{} of \pageref{LastPage}"
201 %% to get "Page 7 of 9"
202
```

For comparisons, "one" is defined (\@ne does not work for this).

```
203 \gdef\lastpage@one{1}
```

We define \lastpage@hyper, \lastpage@nameref, \lastpage@french, and \lastpage@LTS to be "0".

```
204 \gdef\lastpage@hyper{0}
205 \gdef\lastpage@nameref{0}
206 \gdef\lastpage@french{0}
207 \gdef\lastpage@LTS{0}
```

We define \lastpage@firstpage to be "1", and before re-definition via the .aux file, \lastpage@lastpage and \lastpage@lastpageHy are unknown.

```
208 \gdef\lastpage@firstpage{1}
209 \gdef\lastpage@lastpage{??}
210 \gdef\lastpage@lastpageHy{??}
211
```

\AtBeginDocument   \AtBeginDocument we give a warning about ancient versions of the endfloat package. Then it is checked whether various packages are loaded. (\@ifpackageloaded cannot be used later than \AtBeginDocument.) If this is the case, \lastpage@<package abbreviation> is defined as 1 (otherwise it stays 0).

```
212 \AtBeginDocument{%
213   \@ifpackageloaded{endfloat}{%
214     \@ifpackagelater{endfloat}{1993/04/30}{\relax}{%
215       \PackageError{lastpage}{%
216         Incompatibility with outdated version of endfloat package}{%
217         lastpage is not fully compatible with a version\MessageBreak%
218         before 2.1 of the endfloat package,\MessageBreak%
219         because those versions redefined\MessageBreak%
220         the \string\enddocument\space command.}%
221     }}{}%
222   \@ifpackageloaded{tikz}{\gdef\lastpage@tikz{1}}{}%
223   \@ifpackageloaded{hyperref}{\gdef\lastpage@hyper{1}}{}%
224   \@ifpackageloaded{nameref}{\gdef\lastpage@nameref{1}}{}%
225   \@ifpackageloaded{french}{\gdef\lastpage@french{1}}{}%
226   \@ifpackageloaded{frenchle}{\gdef\lastpage@french{1}}{}%
227   \@ifpackageloaded{pagesLTS}{\gdef\lastpage@LTS{1}}{}%
228   \@ifpackageloaded{pageslts}{\gdef\lastpage@LTS{1}}{}%
```

\lastpage@putlabel, used by older versions of this package, is redefined e. g. by revtex, frenchle, PPRcorners, and old versions of hyperref. While now \lastpage@putl@bel is used instead, revtex could also define a label LastPage, which then would be multiply defined. (Which is no big issue, if it is associated with the same page.) Therefore we define

```
229   \gdef\lastpage@putlabel{\relax}%
230 }
231
```

Because \lastpage@putlabel might be (re)defined later, depending on the order in which the packages are loaded, we will do this again \AtEndDocument.

\lastpage@putl@bel This command does the writing of the label:

```
232 \newcommand{\lastpage@putl@bel}{%
```

\AtBeginDocument it is checked whether the hyperref package is loaded,
\@ifpackageloaded{hyperref}{\gdef\lastpage@hyper{1}}{}.
\@ifpackageloaded cannot be used later than \AtBeginDocument.
User Sebastian Bank found and reported (Thanks!) a case, when this check is
not sufficient. Using a class with
\usepackage{lastpage}
\AtBeginDocument{\usepackage{hyperref}}
leads to failed detection of the hyperref package, because \AtBeginDocument *first*
the check for hyperref is performed, and *then* hyperref is loaded. As mentioned
above, \@ifpackageloaded cannot be used later, so here we do not check for
the hyperref package again, but for its \Hy@Warning command. In version 1.2c
of the lastpage package, it was checked for the \hyperref command, but as it
turned out, tcilatex *is* defining that. If some other package or user is defining
\Hy@Warning, lastpage will falsely assume, that hyperref has been loaded, but in
my humble opinion, defining \Hy@Warning does not make sense and is bad style
(except definition by the hyperref package itself, of course).

```
233     \@ifundefined{Hy@Warning}{%  hyperref not loaded
234       }{\gdef\lastpage@hyper{1}%  hyperref loaded
235         }%
```

If the pageslts package is used, this lastpage package is not needed at all. The
LastPage label would even be defined twice. Thus, if pageslts is used, here nothing
is done:

```
236     \ifx\lastpage@LTS\lastpage@one%
237     \else%
```

Otherwise the label is set:
We have got to distinguish whether hyperref has been loaded or not:

```
238       \ifx\lastpage@hyper\lastpage@one%
239         \lastpage@putlabelhyper%
240       \else%
```

and also need to treat documents with nameref differently:

```
241         \ifx\lastpage@nameref\lastpage@one%
242           \lastpage@putlabelNR%
243         \else%
```

When those packages have not been loaded, we just write the simple label into
the aux file (and store the value of the page):

```
244           \begingroup%
245             \addtocounter{page}{-1}%
246             \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}}}%
247             \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\xdef\string\lastpage@lastpage{\thepage}}%
248             \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\gdef\string\lastpage@lastpageHy{}}%
249             \addtocounter{page}{+1}%
250           \endgroup%
251         \fi%
252       \fi%
253     \fi%
254   }
255
```

<dl>

`\lastpage@putlabelhyper` When hyperref has been loaded, the label is set with the `\lastpage@putlabelhyper` command. If the hyperref package is used, but page-anchors are disabled, the hyperlinking will not work. (The warning will also be shown, when only `\pageref*{LastPage}` is used (or neither one), but without messing with `\pageref` we cannot detect this.)

```
256 \newcommand{\lastpage@putlabelhyper}{%
257   \ifHy@pageanchor%
258   \else%
259     \PackageWarningNoLine{lastpage}{%
260       The \string\pageref{LastPage} link does not work\MessageBreak%
261       using hyperref with disabled option `pageanchor'.\MessageBreak%
262       Better enable `pageanchor' or use\MessageBreak%
263       \string\pageref*{LastPage} (not generating a link)%
264     }%
265   \fi%
```

Since the page has been put out, we are on the page *after* that page. We therefore subtract one from the page counter. (For the compiler, this is equal to `\advance\c@page\m@ne`, but for human readers of the code it is probably easier to understand.)

```
266   \begingroup%
267     \addtocounter{page}{-1}%
```

Simply using `\label` for LastPage would not work, because labels wait for the output routines to work, and there may be no more invocations of the output routines. To force the write out, we need to do an `\immediate` write into the aux file.

```
268 %% with code from \Hy@EveryPageAnchor of the hyperref package,
269 %% 2010/04/17 v6.80x; newer versions are available
270     \let\@number\@firstofone%
271     \ifHy@pageanchor%
272       \ifHy@hypertexnames%
273         \ifHy@plainpages%
274           \def\Hy@temp{\arabic{page}}%
275         \else%
276           \Hy@unicodefalse%
277           \ifnum \value{page}=1\relax%
```

We do not count the pages ourselves, and so they could have been changed by e.g. `\pagenumbering{...}`, `\addtocounter{page}{...}`, `\setcounter{page}{...}`. Thus the page might have the number one while not being the first page at all. Using the everyshi package would help, but this package should not require other packages. The pageslts package does a better handling. We will make a mistake here at most once:

```
278             \ifx \lastpage@firstpage\lastpage@one\relax%
279               \def\Hy@temp{\thepage}%
280               \gdef\lastpage@firstpage{0}%
281             \else%
282                 \pdfstringdef\Hy@temp{\thepage}%
283             \fi%
284           \else%
285             \pdfstringdef\Hy@temp{\thepage}%
286           \fi%
287         \fi%
288       \else%
289         \def\Hy@temp{\the\Hy@pagecounter}%
290       \fi%
291     \fi%
292     \immediate\write\@auxout{%
293       \string\newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}{}{%
294         \ifHy@pageanchor page.\Hy@temp\fi}{}}%
295     }%
```

</dl>

We also save the values, so that we can later (next rerun) check, whether they have been saved in the aux file.

```
296    \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\xdef\string\lastpage@lastpage{\thepage}}%
297    \ifHy@pageanchor%
298      \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\xdef\string\lastpage@lastpageHy{\Hy@temp}}%
299    \else%
300      \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\gdef\string\lastpage@lastpageHy{}}%
301    \fi%
```

After the writeout we restore the page number again, since there might be other things still to be done.

```
302    \addtocounter{page}{+1}%
303  \endgroup%
304  }
305
```

\lastpage@putlabelNR The nameref package redefines \label to have five arguments instead of two, therefore
\newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}{}{}{}} instead of
\newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}} must be used:

```
306 \newcommand{\lastpage@putlabelNR}{%
307  \begingroup%
308    \addtocounter{page}{-1}%
309    \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}{}{}{}}}%
310    \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\xdef\string\lastpage@lastpage{\thepage}}%
311    \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\gdef\string\lastpage@lastpageHy{}}%
312    \addtocounter{page}{+1}%
313  \endgroup%
314  }
315
```

\lastpage@fileswtest Later it will be determined whether it is allowed to write to the aux file. If it was *not* allowed, it is checked whether the label was already set via the aux file in some earlier compilation run. (There are packages where the document is compiled with access to the aux file, and then there is an additional compiler run, where the aux file cannot be changed, but in that run there is also no need to change it.) The tikz package is somewhat different, therefore we only give a warning instead of an error (and hope that there is another compiler run where the aux file can be written).

```
316 \newcommand{\lastpage@fileswtest}[2]{%
317  \edef\lastpage@testa{#1}%
318  \edef\lastpage@testb{#2}%
319  \ifx\lastpage@testa\lastpage@testb%
320  \else%
321    \ifx\lastpage@tikz\lastpage@one\relax%
322      \PackageWarning{lastpage}%
323      {The lastpage package was not allowed to write to an\MessageBreak%
324        .aux file. This package does not work without access\MessageBreak%
325        to an .aux file.\MessageBreak%
326        It is OK if the .aux file was already updated\MessageBreak%
327        by a previous compiler run\MessageBreak%
328        and would not have changed anyway.\MessageBreak%
329        }%
330    \else%
331      \PackageError{lastpage}{No auxiliary file allowed}%
332      {The lastpage package was not allowed to write to an .aux file.\MessageBreak%
333        This package does not work without access to an .aux file.\MessageBreak%
334        Press Ctrl+Z to exit.\MessageBreak%
335        But it is OK if the .aux file was already updated\MessageBreak%
336        by a previous compiler run\MessageBreak%
337        and would not have changed anyway.}%
```

```
338        \fi%
339      \fi%
340    }
341
```

When the hyperref package has been loaded, `\lastpage@lastpageHy` must be tested additionally. (And a `\newcommand` is needed, because `\ifHy@pageanchor` is not even defined when hyperref has not been loaded.)

```
342 \newcommand{\lastpage@fileswtestHy}{%
343   \ifHy@pageanchor%
344     \lastpage@fileswtest{\Hy@temp}{\lastpage@lastpageHy}%
345   \else%
346     \lastpage@fileswtest{\empty}{\lastpage@lastpageHy}%
347   \fi%
348 }
```

`\AtEndDocument` `\AtEndDocument` we again (re)define `\lastpage@putlabel` to do nothing and check `\lastpage@lastpage`, whether it is still unchanged, which is OK for the first run only.

```
349
350 \AtEndDocument{%
351   \ifx\lastpage@LTS\lastpage@one%
352   \else%
353     \gdef\lastpage@putlabel{??}%
354     \ifx\lastpage@lastpage\lastpage@putlabel\relax%
355       \PackageWarning{lastpage}{Rerun to get the references right}%
356     \fi%
357   \fi%
358   \gdef\lastpage@putlabel{\relax}%
```

It is checked whether writing to files is allowed (otherwise, only an error message is issued and nothing is done).

```
359   \if@filesw%
```

We put in a `\message` to show, in what order things (which were called) are done (see subsection 3.1).

```
360     \message{^^JAED: lastpage setting LastPage^^J}%
```

After this we issue a `\clearpage` to put out all floats, which are still floating, and place the `LastPage` label. Sometimes `\clearpage` might be undefined.

```
361     \@ifundefined{clearpage}{\relax}{\clearpage}%
362     \ifx\lastpage@french\lastpage@one% french or frenchle loaded
363       \addtocounter{page}{+1}\lastpage@putl@bel\addtocounter{page}{-1}%
364     \else% neither one loaded
365       \lastpage@putl@bel%
366     \fi%
```

When writing to files is not allowed, nothing can be done. But when the label was already set via the `aux` file, nothing needs to be done. We check for this with `\lastpage@fileswtest` and (if hyperref has been loaded) `\lastpage@fileswtestHy`.

```
367   \else%
368     \ifx\lastpage@LTS\lastpage@one%
369     \else%
370       \lastpage@fileswtest{\thepage}{\lastpage@lastpage}%
371       \ifx\lastpage@hyper\lastpage@one%
372         \lastpage@fileswtestHy%
373       \fi%
374     \fi%
375   \fi%
376 }
```

```
377 ⟨/lastpageclassic⟩
```

In case of a recent LaTeX-format, lastpagemodern.sty is loaded:

```
378 ⟨∗lastpagemodern⟩
379 %% Part of the "lastpage" package
380 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2024-11-01]
381 \ProvidesPackage{lastpagemodern}[2025-06-06 v2.1g %
382   Refers to last page's name (HMM; JPG)]
383 %% allows for things like "Page \thepage{} of \pageref{LastPage}"
384 %% to get "Page 7 of 9" or "Page VII of IX";
385 %% the NUMBER of pages is available via \@abspage@last, but with pages
386 %% for example I to X and then 1 to 10, the number of pages would be "20",
387 %% while the name of the last page is "10". Decide what you need/want!
388
```

For comparisons, "one" is defined (`\@ne` does not work for this).

```
389 \gdef\lastpage@one{1}
```

We define `\lastpage@firstpage` to be "1", and before re-definition via the .aux file, `\lastpage@lastpage` and `\lastpage@lastpageHy` are unknown.

```
390 \gdef\lastpage@firstpage{1}
391 \gdef\lastpage@lastpage{??}
392 \gdef\lastpage@lastpageHy{??}
393
```

`\lastpage@IfNumericTF` `\lastpage@IfNumericTF` was needed to determine whether a page number was numeric or not. Although it is no longer used, I am reluctant to remove it because it may have been used in other places in documents.

```
394 \newcommand\lastpage@gobbleminus[1]{\ifx-#1\else#1\fi}
```

which is from https://texfaq.org/FAQ-isitanum,

```
395 \newcounter{lastpagecount}
```

and similar to https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/12811/17119

```
396 \newcommand{\lastpage@IfNumericTF}[3]{%
397 \sbox\z@{\c@lastpagecount=0\lastpage@gobbleminus{#1}\relax}%
398 \ifdim\wd0>\z@\relax#3% is not numeric
399 \else#2% is numeric
400 \fi}
401
```

`\AddToHook{begindocument/end}` `\lastpage@putlabel`, used by older versions of this package, is/was redefined by other packages. While now `\lastpage@putl@bel` is used instead, other packages could also define a label `LastPage`, which then would be multiply defined. (Which is no big issue, if it is associated with the same page.) Therefore we define

```
402 \AddToHook{begindocument/end}{%
403   \IfPackageLoadedT{pageslts}{%
404     \PackageNoteNoLine{lastpage}{Packages pageslts and lastpage used.\MessageBreak%
405       lastpage is not necessary when loading pageslts}%
406   }%
407   \gdef\lastpage@putlabel{\relax}%
408 }
409
```

`\protected@iwrite` We need an `\immediate\protected@write`. Just `\immediate\write` had led to errors, for example when packages like babel-greek re-defined `\roman` (thanks to ULRIKE FISCHER for the report).

```
410 %% Code provided by Prof. Enrico Gregorio at https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/542425
411 \long\def\protected@iwrite#1#2#3{%
412   \begingroup%
413   #2%
414   \let\protect\@unexpandable@protect%
```

```
415    \edef\reserved@a{\immediate\write#1{#3}}%
416    \reserved@a%
417    \endgroup%
418    \if@nobreak\ifvmode\nobreak\fi\fi%
419    }
420
```

\lastpage@makeHy Just once we need the page from `\@currentHpage` without any "page.":

```
421 \newcommand{\lastpage@makeHy}{%
```

`\gdef\lastpage@Hy{}`, but that was already done before this command.

```
422    \def\lastpage@Hptest{Doc-Start}%
423    \ifx\lastpage@Hptest\@currentHpage\relax%
424      \gdef\lastpage@Hy{\@currentHpage}%
425    \else%
426      \edef\lastpage@Hptest{\@currentHpage}%
427      \ifx\lastpage@Hptest\empty\relax%
```

`\gdef\lastpage@Hy{}`, but that was already done before this command.

```
428      \else%
429        \def\lastpage@Hptest{page.}%
430        \ifx\lastpage@Hptest\@currentHpage\relax
431          \def\lastpage@Hptest{\csname @fnsymbol\endcsname \c@page }%
432          \ifx\lastpage@Hptest\thepage\relax%
433            \ifnum\value{page}=3\else%
434              \PackageWarningNoLine{lastpage}{You should add a\MessageBreak
435                \string\ProvideTextCommand{...}{PD1}{...}\MessageBreak%
436                (see the lastpage package manual, 3.13 %
437                \string\pagenumbering{fnsymbol})\MessageBreak%
438                to your document's preamble}%
```

See subsection 3.13: `\pagenumbering{fnsymbol}`, page 7.

```
439            \fi%
440          \fi%
441          \PackageWarningNoLine{lastpage}{%
442            \string\@currentHpage\space is\MessageBreak%
443            just "page." without number,\MessageBreak%
444            \string\lastpage@lastpageHy\space is now let empty}%
```

`\gdef\lastpage@Hy{}`, but that was already done before this command.

```
445        \else%
```

`\@currentHpage` should be `page.<some number>`, `\lastpage@rmpage` removes the "page.". Next compilation run, `\lastpage@lastpageHy` gets defined via the aux file. If we arrived at this place, but the definition is still empty, then `\@currentHpage` has some unexpected content.

```
446          \gdef\lastpage@Hy{\lastpage@rmpage{\@currentHpage}}%
447          \ifx\lastpage@lastpageHy\empty\relax%
448            \PackageWarningNoLine{lastpage}{%
449              \string\@currentHpage\space is\MessageBreak%
450              \meaning\@currentHpage\MessageBreak%
451              not beginning with "page.",\MessageBreak%
452              \string\lastpage@lastpageHy\space is now let empty}%
453    \fi\fi\fi\fi%
454    }
455
```

\lastpage@rmpage `\lastpage@rmpage` removes the "page.".

```
456 %% Code provided by David Carlisle at https://tex.stackexchange.com/a/721877
457 \def\lastpage@rmpage#1{%
458    \expandafter\xlastpage@rmpage\expanded{#1}\xlastpage@rmpage page.%
459    \xlastpage@rmpage\xxlastpage@rmpage{#1}}
460 \def\xlastpage@rmpage #1page.#2\xlastpage@rmpage#3\xxlastpage@rmpage#4{%
461    \if$\detokenize{#1}$#2%\else#4
```

```
462    \fi}
463
```

\else#4 means, that it did not start with page., and whatever it is, we cannot use this #4 for \lastpage@Hy.

\lastpage@putl@bel This command does the writing of the label. If the hyperref package is used, but page-anchors are disabled, the hyperlinking will not work. (The warning will also be shown, when only \pageref*{LastPage} is used (or neither \pageref{LastPage} nor \pageref*{LastPage}), but without messing with \pageref we cannot detect this.)

```
464 \newcommand{\lastpage@putl@bel}{%
465    \IfPackageLoadedT{hyperref}{%
466      \IfPackageAtLeastF{hyperref}{2024-10-30}{%
467        \PackageError{lastpage}{hyperref package version too old}{%
468          required version: 2024-10-30 or newer, found version:\MessageBreak%
469          \csname ver@hyperref.sty\endcsname\MessageBreak%
470          Update hyperref or use lastpageclassic.sty instead of\MessageBreak%
471          lastpagemodern.sty!}}%
472      \ifHy@pageanchor\else%
473        \PackageWarningNoLine{lastpage}{%
474          The \string\pageref{LastPage} link does not work\MessageBreak%
475          using hyperref with disabled option 'pageanchor'.\MessageBreak%
476          Better enable 'pageanchor' or use\MessageBreak%
477          \string\pageref*{LastPage} (not generating a link)}%
478      \fi%
479    }%
480    \begingroup%
```

Since the page has been put out, we are on the page *after* that page. We therefore subtract one from the page counter. (For the compiler, this is equal to \advance\c@page\m@ne, but for human readers of the code it is probably easier to understand.)

```
    \addtocounter{page}{-1}
```

But LaTeX News issue 41, June 2025 (LaTeX release 2025-06-01), https://www.latex-project.org/news/latex2e-news/ltnews41.pdf, tells us: "Ensuring late \write commands aren't lost ... After the last page has been shipped out, we therefore force all further \write calls to be \immediate", i. e. it is done at the right page and we no longer need to go back one page.

```
481      \IfFormatAtLeastF{2025-06-01}{\addtocounter{page}{-1}}%
```

If the pageslts package is used, this lastpage package is not needed at all. The LastPage label would even be defined twice. Thus, if pageslts is used, here nothing is done.

```
482      \IfPackageLoadedTF{pageslts}{% then pageslts writes the label for  "LastPage".
```

Simply using \label for LastPage would not work, because labels wait for the output routines to work, and there may be no more invocations of the output routines. To force the write out, we need to do an \immediate protected write into the aux file.

```
483      }{\protected@iwrite\@auxout{}{\string\newlabel{LastPage}{%
484          {\@currentlabel}{\thepage}{\@currentlabelname}%
485          {\IfPackageLoadedTF{hyperref}{\ifHy@pageanchor\@currentHpage\fi%
486                                        }{\@currentHref}}%
487          {\@kernel@reserved@label@data}}%
488        }%
489      }%
```

We also save the values, so that we can later (next rerun) check, whether they have been saved in the aux file.

```
490        \protected@iwrite\@auxout{}{%
491          \string\gdef\string\lastpage@lastpage{\thepage}}%
492        \gdef\lastpage@Hy{}%
493        \IfPackageLoadedT{hyperref}{\ifHy@pageanchor\lastpage@makeHy\fi}%
494        \protected@iwrite\@auxout{}{%
495          \string\gdef\string\lastpage@lastpageHy{\lastpage@Hy}}%
```

After the write-out we restore the page number again (if we changed it), since there might be other things still to be done.

```
496        \IfFormatAtLeastF{2025-06-01}{\addtocounter{page}{+1}}%
497      \endgroup%
498    }
499
```

`\lastpage@fileswtest`   Later it will be determined whether it is allowed to write to the aux file. If it was *not* allowed, it is checked whether the label was already set via the aux file in some earlier compilation run. (There are packages where the document is compiled with access to the aux file, and then there is an additional compiler run, where the aux file cannot be changed, but in that run there is also no need to change it.) The tikz package is somewhat different, therefore we only give a warning instead of an error (and hope that there is another compiler run where the aux file can be written).

```
500 \newcommand{\lastpage@fileswtest}[2]{%
501   \edef\lastpage@testa{#1}%
502   \edef\lastpage@testb{#2}%
503   \ifx\lastpage@testa\lastpage@testb%
504   \else%
505     \IfPackageLoadedTF{tikz}{%
506       \PackageWarning{lastpage}%
507       {The lastpage package was not allowed to write to an\MessageBreak%
508        .aux file. This package does not work without access\MessageBreak%
509        to an .aux file.\MessageBreak%
510        It is OK if the .aux file was already updated\MessageBreak%
511        by a previous compiler run\MessageBreak%
512        and would not have changed anyway.\MessageBreak%
513       }%
514     }{\PackageError{lastpage}{No auxiliary file allowed}%
515       {The lastpage package was not allowed to write to an .aux file.\MessageBreak%
516        This package does not work without access to an .aux file.\MessageBreak%
517        Press Ctrl+Z to exit.\MessageBreak%
518        But it is OK if the .aux file was already updated\MessageBreak%
519        by a previous compiler run\MessageBreak%
520        and would not have changed anyway.\MessageBreak%
521       }%
522     }%
523   \fi%
524 }
525
```

`\lastpage@fileswtestHy`   When the hyperref package has been loaded, `\lastpage@lastpageHy` must be tested additionally. (And a `\newcommand` is needed, because `\ifHy@pageanchor` is not even defined when hyperref has not been loaded.)

```
526 \newcommand{\lastpage@fileswtestHy}{%
527   \ifHy@pageanchor%
528     \lastpage@fileswtest{\@currentHpage}{\@the@H@page}%
529   \else%
530     \lastpage@fileswtest{\empty}{\lastpage@lastpageHy}%
531   \fi%
532 }
```

533

enddocument/afterlastpage   enddocument/afterlastpage we again (re)define `\lastpage@putlabel` to do nothing, but first use it to check whether `\lastpage@lastpage` is still unchanged, which is OK for the first run only.

```
534 \AddToHook{enddocument/afterlastpage}{%
535   \gdef\lastpage@putlabel{??}%
536   \ifx\lastpage@lastpage\lastpage@putlabel\relax%
537     \AddToHook{enddocument/info}{%
538       \PackageWarning{lastpage}{Rerun to get the references right}%
539       }%
540   \fi%
541   \gdef\lastpage@putlabel{\relax}%
```

It is checked whether writing to files is allowed (otherwise, only an error message is issued and nothing is done).

```
542   \if@filesw%
```

We put in a `\message` to show, in what order things (which were called) are done.

```
543     \message{^^Jenddocument/afterlastpage (AED): lastpage setting LastPage.^^J}%
544     \IfFormatAtLeastTF{2025-06-01}{\lastpage@putl@bel}{%
545       \IfPackageLoadedTF{french}{%
546         \addtocounter{page}{+1}\lastpage@putl@bel\addtocounter{page}{-1}%
547       }{\IfPackageLoadedTF{frenchle}{%
548         \addtocounter{page}{+1}\lastpage@putl@bel\addtocounter{page}{-1}%
549       }{\lastpage@putl@bel%
550       }%
551     }%
552   }%
553   \else%
```

When writing to files is not allowed, nothing can be done. But when the label was already set via the aux file, nothing needs to be done. We check for this with `\lastpage@fileswtest` and (if hyperref has been loaded) `\lastpage@fileswtestHy`.

```
554     \lastpage@fileswtest{\thepage}{\lastpage@lastpage}%
555     \IfPackageLoadedT{hyperref}{\lastpage@fileswtestHy}%
556   \fi%
557 }
558 ⟨/lastpagemodern⟩
```

7 Installation

7.1 Downloads

Everything is available at https://www.ctan.org, but may need additional packages themselves.

lastpage.dtx   For unpacking the `lastpage.dtx` file and constructing the documentation it is required:

- TeXFormat LaTeX 2ε: https://www.CTAN.org

- document class ltxdoc, 2024/02/08, v2.1j, https://ctan.org/pkg/ltxdoc

- package holtxdoc, 2019/12/09, v0.30, https://ctan.org/pkg/holtxdoc

lastpage.sty   The `lastpage.sty` (i. e. each document using the lastpage package) requires:

- TeX, https://www.CTAN.org

- package lastpage, 2025-06-06, v2.1g, https://ctan.org/pkg/lastpage

lastpage209.sty   The `lastpage209.sty` for LaTeX2.09 (i. e. each document using the lastpage209 package) requires:

- TeX-format LaTeX, v2.09

- package lastpage209, 2025-06-06, v2.1g, https://ctan.org/pkg/lastpage

and does not work with hyperref, which needs LaTeX2e.

lastpage2e.sty   The `lastpage2e.sty` for LaTeX 2ε (i. e. each document using the lastpage2e package) requires:

- TeX-format LaTeX 2ε 1994/12/01 or newer, https://www.CTAN.org

- package lastpage, 2025-06-06, v2.1g, https://ctan.org/pkg/lastpage

lastpageclassic.sty   The `lastpageclassic.sty` for LaTeX 2ε (i. e. each document using the lastpageclassic package) requires:

- TeX-format LaTeX 2ε between 1994/12/01 and 2024-05-31,
  https://www.CTAN.org

- package lastpage, 2025-06-06, v2.1g, https://ctan.org/pkg/lastpage

and can use

- package hyperref, 2023-07-08, v7.01b, https://ctan.org/pkg/hyperref
  (probably also some older and newer versions)

lastpagemodern.sty   The `lastpagemodern.sty` for LaTeX 2ε (i. e. each document using the lastpagemodern package) requires:

- TeX-format LaTeX 2ε 2024-11-01 or newer,
  https://www.CTAN.org

- package lastpage, 2025-06-06, v2.1g, https://ctan.org/pkg/lastpage

and can use

- package hyperref, probably 2023-11-07 and newer (tested with: 2025-05-20 v7.01m), https://ctan.org/pkg/hyperref

`lastpage-example.tex`   The `lastpage-example.tex` requires the same file as all documents using the lastpage package, i. e.

- **-** package lastpage, 2025-06-06, v2.1g, https://ctan.org/pkg/lastpage
  (Well, it is the example file for this package, and because you are reading the documentation for the lastpage package, it can be assumed that you already have some version of it – is it the current one?)

and additionally:

- **-** class article, 2025/01/22, v1.4n, from classes: https://ctan.org/pkg/classes

- **-** package showkeys, 2024-05-23, v3.21, https://ctan.org/pkg/showkeys

- **-** package hyperref, 2025-05-20, v7.01m, https://ctan.org/pkg/hyperref

Münch   A hyperlinked list of my (other) packages can be found at https://ctan.org/author/muench-hm.

7.2   Package, unpacking TDS

Package.   This package is available on https://www.CTAN.org.

https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/lastpage/lastpage.dtx
    The source file.

https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/lastpage/lastpage.pdf
    The documentation.

https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/lastpage/lastpage-example.pdf
    The compiled example file, as it should look like.

https://mirror.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/lastpage/README
    The README file.

There is also a `lastpage.tds.zip` available:

https://mirror.ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/lastpage.tds.zip
    Everything in TDS compliant, compiled format.

which additionally contains
lastpage.ins	The **ins**tallation file.
lastpage.drv	The **driver** to generate the documentation.
lastpage.sty	The **style** file.
lastpage209.sty	The **style** file for LATEX2.09 **only**.
lastpage2e.sty	The **style** file to determine which 2e-style to use.
lastpageclassic.sty	The **style** file for older LATEX-formats.
lastpagemodern.sty	The **style** file for the recent LATEX-format.
lastpage-example.tex	The example file.

For required other packages please see the preceding subsection.

Unpacking.   The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting **docstrip** archive. The files are extracted by running the `..dtx` through plain TEX:

        tex lastpage.dtx

About generating the documentation see paragraph 7.4 below.

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

```
lastpage.sty          → tex/latex/lastpage.sty
lastpage209.sty       → tex/latex/lastpage.sty
lastpage2e.sty        → tex/latex/lastpage.sty
lastpageclassic.sty   → tex/latex/lastpage.sty
lastpagemodern.sty    → tex/latex/lastpage.sty
lastpage.pdf          → doc/latex/lastpage.pdf
lastpage-example.tex  → doc/latex/lastpage-example.tex
lastpage-example.pdf  → doc/latex/lastpage-example.pdf
lastpage.dtx          → source/latex/lastpage.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.

7.3 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`.

7.4 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{lastpage.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 a configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put the following 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 lastpage.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist lastpage.idx
pdflatex lastpage.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist lastpage.idx
pdflatex lastpage.dtx
```

7.5 Compiling the example

The example file, lastpage-example.tex, can be compiled via
```
latex lastpage-example.tex
```
or (recommended)
```
pdflatex lastpage-example.tex
```
and will need at least two compiler runs to get all references right.

8 Acknowledgements

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9 History

[1994/06/17 v0.99a]

- First shot by Jeffrey P. Goldberg.

[1994/06/25 v0.1b]

- Last version number created by Jeffrey P. Goldberg.

[1994/07/20 v0.1b (again)]

- Documentation updated by Jeffrey P. Goldberg.
  The main source code of the lastpage package 1994/07/20, v0.1b, was:

```
\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/06/01]
\ProvidesPackage{lastpage}[1994/07/20 v0.1b
  LaTeX2e package for refs to last page number (JPG)]
\def\lastpage@putlabel{\addtocounter{page}{-1}%
  \immediate\write\@auxout{\string
  \newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}}}%
  \addtocounter{page}{1}}
\AtEndDocument{%
  \message{AED: lastpage setting LastPage}%
  \clearpage\lastpage@putlabel}%
\endinput
```

and then the hyperref package (2012/11/06, v6.83m) even redefined \lastpage@putlabel; the REVTEX4 class 2022-06-05, v4.2f, still does this.

[2010/02/18 v1.1]

- Proposed LastPages label by H.-Martin Münch on news:comp.text.tex, see e. g. https://groups.google.com/g/comp.text.tex/c/Ad8pO2Rw_HY/m/8EfHqT1JB0QJ; now available in the pageslts package.

[2010/07/29 v1.2a]

- Complete rewriting of the package; upgrade from fancyheadings to fancyhdr package, then removed the need for the fancyhdr package at all.

- Included lastpage209.sty for LaTeX2.09.

- Replacement of \filedate, -version, -name,... because of LaTeX bug 2705:
  Synopsis: Possible problem with \fileversion and \filedate

- Example `lastpage-example.tex`.

- Alternatives listing (section 4).

- Listing of TeX sources (subsection 7.1).

- Really a lot of details.

- Complete rewriting of the documentation.

- Everything in `DTX` framework.

- Included a `\CheckSum`. [Removed in v2.0a.]

- Complete rewriting of the README file.

[2010/08/12 v1.2b]

- Bug fix: `\@PackageInfoNoLine` is only available, if the hyperref package is loaded. (Bug reported by ULRIKE FISCHER, thanks!)

- Bug fix: `\ifHy@pageanchor` etc. do not work without hyperref, and `\else` related to `\ifHy@pageanchor` was wrongly associated with a preceding `\if`, and everything went wrong. Now everything should work again also without hyperref.

- Renamed `\lastpage@putlabel` to `\lastpage@putl@bel` to get rid of the conflicts with other classes and packages and resulting multiple definitions of the `lastpage` label.

[2010/08/23 v1.2c]

- Bug fix: Additionally to checking for the hyperref package `\AtBeginDocument`, when placing the `lastpage` label it is also checked for the `\hyperref` command, in case hyperref was not loaded at `\begin{document}` yet. (Bug reported by SEBASTIAN BANK, thanks!) [lastpagemodern.sty just uses `\IfPackageLoadedT{hyperref}` and `\IfPackageLoadedTF{hyperref}`.]

- Changed the `\unit` definition (got rid of an old `\rm`). [Removed in v2.0a.]

- Changed `\lastpage@puthyperlabel` to `\lastpage@putlabelhyper` analogous to `\pagesLTS@putlabelhyper` of the pageslts package.

- Updated version number and date of pagesLTS package (especially for the check for outdated versions). [Removed in v2.0a.]

- Removed wrong % from the driver file.

[2010/08/25 v1.2d]

- Bug fix: also tcilatex defines the `\hyperref` command, therefore for hyperref package detection this had to be changed to `\Hy@Warning`. [lastpagemodern.sty just uses `\IfPackageLoadedTF{hyperref}`.]

[2010/09/12 v1.2e]

- JAMES HEDGES pointed out, that there was no instruction in the documentation about suppressing hyperlinks: added (also to the example).

- Diverse small changes.

[2010/09/24 v1.2f]

- Updated to version 2010/09/13 v6.81n of the hyperref package.

- New version of REVTeX4 2010/07/25, v4.1r, old problem.

- New version of pagesLTS package, 2010/09/22, v1.1k.

- Moved the package from `.../latex/muench/lastpage/...` to `.../latex/lastpage/...`.

[2011/02/01 v1.2g]

- Updated to version 2010/04/24 v0.19 of the holtxdoc package.

- New version of pagesLTS package, 2011/02/01, v1.1m.

- Updated to version 2010/12/16 v6.81z of the hyperref package.

- Minor details.

[2011/07/03 v1.2h]

- The holtxdoc package was fixed, therefore the warning in `drv` could be removed. – Adapted the style of this documentation to new OBERDIEK `dtx` style.

- New versions of pagesLTS, ulem, hyperref, papermas packages.

- Corrected references in the README and manual.

[2011/08/08 v1.2i]

- The pagesLTS package has been renamed to pageslts: 2011/08/08, v1.2a.

- Some details.

[2011/08/31 v1.2j]

- Updated to TeX Live 2011 (for compiling the documentation and example).

- New version of papermas package, 2011/08/22, v1.0h.

- Adapted for the use together with packages, which sometimes prevent writing to the `aux` file. (Bug reported by MIKHAIL TITOV.)

[2011/09/01 v1.2k]

- Fixed `\thepage{}` to 29␣, where there should be a space.

- New version of the hyperref package, 2011/08/19, v6.82h, but still problem with links to pages with page-"number" in `fnsymbol` pagenumbering scheme. [Fixed since v6.83m as of 2012/11/06.]

- Documentation update about "No write access to the `aux` file".

[2013/01/28 v1.2l]

- Updated to TEX Live 2012 (for compiling the documentation and example).

- New versions of the packages endfloat, holtxdoc, hypdoc, hyperref, pageslts, regstats, ulem, and zref have become available.

- The nameref package redefines \label to have five arguments instead of two, therefore \newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}{}{}{}} instead of \newlabel{LastPage}{{}{\thepage}} must be used. (Bug reported at https://tex.stackexchange.com/q/95541, thanks to MICHAŁ HERMAN!) Fixed.
  [Since LATEX release 2023-06-01 five arguments are standard.]

[2015/03/29 v1.2m]

- Updated to TEX Live 2014 (for compiling the documentation and example).

- Updates to really a lot of details in the documentation (manual & README).

[2021/09/03 v1.2n]

- Updates to the documentation (manual & README), to the example, and several small changes in code.

[2023-03-07 v2.0a]

- Removed use of ulem.

- Removed \unit.

- lastpage should now determine automatically, whether to load its TEX 2.09 version, classic LATEX2e-version, or modern version with ε-TEX, hook-management etc.

- Converted to UTF-8.

- Updated to [then] current LATEX format 2022-11-01.

- Extensive updates to the documentation (manual & README) and to the example.

[2023-04-12 v2.0b]

- Bug fix: What should have been }}{} was }{}}. Thanks to MATTEO GAMBOZ for the bug report!

[2023-07-24 v2.0c]

- Since LATEX release 2023-06-01 labels have always five arguments.

- Removed the incompatibility warning regarding endfloat before 1994-06-01 (!) from lastpagemodern.sty.

- Replaced \immediate\write by a form of (pseudo-code!) \immediate\protected@write. (Thanks to ULRIKE FISCHER for the error report and solution!)

- Update of the \lastpage@putl@bel code to hyperref 2023-07-08, v7.01b, which now allows fnsymbol as page numbering scheme.

[2023-10-06 v2.0d]

- For plain arabic page numbers only, lastpage again writes the page number in a plain format in the label in the aux file, so that it can be extracted to perform calculations with it.

[2023-10-14 v2.0e]

- Replaced a `\PackageError` by `\PackageWarningNoLine` as suggested by ULRIKE FISCHER.

[2024-04-27 v2.1a]

- Utilizes the new `\@currentHpage` provided by the LaTeX-kernel.

- The issue with `\thepage` (former `\lastpage@nonnumeric` command) has has been fixed at 2023-11-07, https://github.com/latex3/hyperref/issues/303.

- `\lastpage@IfNumericTF` is no longer needed, but has not been removed so as not to break older documents that use it in a different context.

[2024-07-03 v2.1b]

- The beamer class loads hyperref partially, so that hyperref is incorrectly detected as having been loaded. The defining operation for `\lastpage@Hy` has been changed to catch this and other different cases.

[2024-07-07 v2.1c]

- With help from DAVID CARLISLE `\lastpage@rmpage` no longer assumes `\@currentHpage` to begin with "page.".

[2024-11-24 v2.1d]

- The pageslts package has been repaired, thus here the warnings have been removed.

- Several small changes in documentation and `lastpagemodern.sty` because of the updates of LaTeX-format (to 2024-06-01), hyperref package (to 2024-10-30, v7.01k), and pageslts package (to 2024-11-20, v2.0a).

- Added a warning message about missing `\ProvideTextCommand{...}{PD1}{...}` (cf. subsection 3.13: `\pagenumbering{fnsymbol}`, page 7).

- Documentation section about alternatives rewritten.

[2025-01-27 v2.1e]

- Reorganized beginning of `\lastpage@makeHy`.

- Documentation update.

[2025-06-05 v2.1f]

- Since LaTeX-format 2025-06-01 after shipping the last page all further `\write`s are made `\immediate`, making `\addtocounter{page}{-1}` and then `\addtocounter{page}{+1}` obsolete.

[2025-06-06 v2.1g]

- With the new kernel, special handling for packages french and frenchle must not be done.

When you find a mistake or have a suggestion for an improvement of this package, please send an e-mail to the maintainer, thanks! (Please see BUG REPORTS in the README.)

10 Index

Numbers written in italic refer to the page where the corresponding entry is described; numbers underlined refer to the code line of the definition; plain numbers refer to the code lines where the entry is used.