

# The `morewrites` package: Always room for a new `\write`\*

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## 1 morewrites documentation

This L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package is meant to be a solution for the error “no room for a new `\write`”, which occurs when too many macro packages reserve streams to write data to various auxiliary files. It is in principle possible to rewrite packages so that they are less greedy on resources, but that is often impractical for the end-user. Instead, `morewrites` hooks at the lowest level (T<sub>E</sub>X primitives). If I did my job correctly, you simply need to add the line `\usepackage{morewrites}` somewhere near the beginning of your L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X file, and the “no room for a new `\write`” error should vanish.

I have tried to make the code as robust as possible, but there may still be bugs lurking as this package has not been tested very thoroughly yet. I thus encourage you to check that references are correct after loading that package: if they are correct without `morewrites`, but wrong with, please send me a minimal file showing the problem, or post a question on the [tex.stackexchange.com](http://tex.stackexchange.com) question and answers website, or the [comp.text.tex](mailto:comp.text.tex@compusernet.de) newsgroup.

This package loads the `expl3` package, hence the `l3kernel` bundle needs to be up to date. If Heiko Oberdiek’s package `atbegshi` is available, it will be used.

## 2 Known deficiencies and open questions

Some distributions of T<sub>E</sub>X allow a quoted syntax for file names with spaces. I haven’t yet coded that. A temporary fix is to avoid file names with spaces.

The current code trims spaces at the end of every line that is written to a file. I might be able to change the code to avoid this.

The package code is not very legible, and definitely uses too many `:D` control sequences, whose name means “do not use”. The author does not see a way to avoid using primitives in this package, since hooking into the primitives `\immediate`, `\write`, *etc.* requires having a very strong control on what every command does. *Do not take this package as an example of how to code with expl3; go and see Joseph Wright’s siunitx instead.*

Things that I need to do.

- Redefine the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 functions to use `morewrites` too?
- Should `\newwrite` be protected?

## 3 morewrites implementation

```
<*package>
1 \RequirePackage {expl3} [2012/08/14]
2 \RequirePackage {primargs} [2012/08/24]
3 \ProvidesExplPackage
4   {morewrites} {2012/08/24} {0.2c} {Always room for a new write}
5 <@@=morewrites>
```

### 3.1 Overview of relevant T<sub>E</sub>X facts

The aim of the `morewrites` package is to lift T<sub>E</sub>X's restriction of only having 16 files open for writing at the same time. We must thus patch 4 primitives, `\openout`, `\write`, `\closeout` and `\immediate`, and the `\newwrite` macro, defined by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (and plain T<sub>E</sub>X). Each of those commands must be made to accept numbers outside the range [0, 15]. Let us review the syntax of the various commands we need to alter (see Chapter 24 of the T<sub>E</sub>Xbook).

We start with the three “actions”. T<sub>E</sub>X searches the path for a file with a name given by  $\langle file\ name \rangle$ . If found, this file is opened in the writing stream  $\langle integer \rangle$ , which must be a number in the range [0, 15]. T<sub>E</sub>X expands the  $\langle general\ text \rangle$  as for an x-type expansion, with the caveat that macro parameter characters do not need to be doubled; converts the result to a string, and writes it in the writing stream  $\langle integer \rangle$ . If the writing stream  $\langle integer \rangle$  is open (in particular it must be in the range [0, 15]), then this writes to the corresponding file. Otherwise, if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is negative, the text is written to the log file, and a non-negative  $\langle integer \rangle$  writes to the terminal. One exception: if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is 18, the text is sent to a shell to be run as shell code. If the writing stream  $\langle integer \rangle$  is open, it is closed. Otherwise, if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is not in the range [0, 15] an error may be raised, or nothing happens.

By default, each one of those three “actions” are recorded in a whatsit node in the current list, and will be performed when the box containing the whatsit node is sent to the final pdf, *i.e.*, at “shipout” time. In particular, the  $\langle general\ text \rangle$  for the `\write` primitive is expanded at shipout time. This behaviour may be modified by putting `\immediate` before any of the three “actions” to force T<sub>E</sub>X to perform the action immediately instead of recording it in a whatsit node.

Since the `\openout`, `\write`, and `\closeout` primitives operate at `\shipout` time, we will have to hook into this primitive too. It expects to be followed by a box specification such as `\box<integer>`, or `\hbox{<material to typeset>}`.

Finally, the `\newwrite` macro expects one token as its argument, and defines this token (with `\chardef`) to be an integer corresponding to the first available writing stream. We must extend it to let it allocate higher (virtual) write registers.

All of the primitives above perform full expansion of all tokens when looking for their operands. In most cases, only the `\meaning` of tokens encountered in this way matters. Specifically,

- $\langle integer \rangle$  denotes an integer in any form that T<sub>E</sub>X accepts as the right-hand side of a primitive integer assignment of the form `\count0=<integer>`;
- $\langle equals \rangle$  is an arbitrary (optional) number of explicit or implicit space characters, an optional explicit equal sign of category other, and further (optional) explicit or implicit space characters;
- $\langle file\ name \rangle$  is an arbitrary sequence of explicit or implicit characters with arbitrary category codes (except active characters, which are expanded before reaching T<sub>E</sub>X's mouth), ending either with a space character (character code 32, arbitrary non-active category code, explicit or implicit), which is removed, or with a non-expandable token, with some care needed for the case of a `\notexpanded:` expandable token;

- $\langle filler \rangle$  is an arbitrary combination of tokens whose meaning is `\relax` or a character with category code 10;
- $\langle general\ text \rangle$  is formed of braced tokens, starting with an explicit or implicit begin-group character, and ending with the matching explicit end-group character (both with any character code), with an equal number of explicit begin-group and end-group characters in between: this is precisely the right-hand side of an assignment of the form `\toks0=\langle general\ text \rangle`.

## 3.2 Variants

`\prop_gpop:NVNT` We need this function later.

```
6 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNT { NV }
(End definition for \prop_gpop:NVNT)
```

## 3.3 Renaming primitives (again)

First save the output-related primitives.

```
\_morewrites\_tex\_immediate:w
\_morewrites\_tex\_openout:w 7 \cs_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_immediate:w \tex\_immediate:D
\_morewrites\_tex\_write:w 8 \cs_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_openout:w \tex\_openout:D
\_morewrites\_tex\_closeout:w 9 \cs_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_write:w \tex\_write:D
10 \cs_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_closeout:w \tex\_closeout:D
(End definition for \_morewrites\_tex\_immediate:w and others.)
```

`\_morewrites\_tex\_shipout:w` Since the non-`\immediate` output primitives act at `\shipout` time, we need to alter this primitive too.

```
11 \cs_new\_eq:NN \_morewrites\_tex\_shipout:w \tex\_shipout:D
(End definition for \_morewrites\_tex\_shipout:w)
```

## 3.4 Variables

`\g\_morewrites\_late\_write\_int` The integer `\g\_morewrites\_late\_write\_int` labels the various non-immediate operations in the order in which they appear in the source. We can never reuse a number because there is no way to know if a whatsit was recorded in a box register, which could be reused in a shipped-out box:

```
\vbox\_set:Nn \l\_my\_box
{ \iow\_shipout\_x:Nn \c\_term\_iow { \langle text \rangle } } \tex\_shipout:D \tex\_
copy:D \l\_my\_box \tex\_shipout:D \tex\_copy:D \l\_my\_box
```

will print  $\langle text \rangle$  to the terminal twice.

```
12 \int\_new:N \g\_morewrites\_late\_write\_int
(End definition for \g\_morewrites\_late\_write\_int This variable is documented on page ??.)
```

`\g\_morewrites\_iow\_prop` The property list `\g\_morewrites\_iow\_prop` associates a file name to each open stream.

```
13 \prop\_new:N \g\_morewrites\_iow\_prop
(End definition for \g\_morewrites\_iow\_prop This variable is documented on page ??.)
```

`\g__morewrites_iow` The expansion that `\write` performs is impossible to emulate with anything else than  
`\g__morewrites_ior` `\write`. We will write on the stream `\g__morewrites_iow` to the file `\g__morewrites_-`  
`\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` `tmp_file_tl` and read back from it in the stream `\g__morewrites_ior` for things to work  
properly. Unfortunately, this means that the file is repeatedly opened and closed, leaving  
a trace of that in the log.

```

14 \newwrite \g__morewrites_iow
15 \newread \g__morewrites_ior
16 \tl_new:N \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl
17 \tl_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl { \jobname.mw }

```

(End definition for `\g__morewrites_iow`, `\g__morewrites_ior`, and `\g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl` These  
variables are documented on page ??.)

`\g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist` Some of the writing streams are already allocated when loading this package, and we let  
the engine manage them. This variable is a clist because it only contains integers and  
the main task is to test if a given integer is in the comma list.

```

18 \clist_new:N \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist
19 \int_step_inline:nnnn {0} {1} { \g__morewrites_iow - 1 }
20 { \clist_gput_right:Nn \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1} }
21 \clist_gput_right:Nn \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {18}

```

(End definition for `\g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\g__morewrites_stream_int` An integer holding the  $\langle number \rangle$  argument of various primitives, namely a writing stream.

```

22 \int_new:N \g__morewrites_stream_int

```

(End definition for `\g__morewrites_stream_int`)

`\s__morewrites` A recognizable version of `\scan_stop:`. This is inspired from<sup>1</sup> scan marks (see the  
`l3quark` module of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3), but note that we don't use `\__scan_new:N` directly, since it  
is internal to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3.

```

23 \cs_new_eq:NN \s__morewrites \scan_stop:

```

(End definition for `\s__morewrites`)

`\l__morewrites_internal_tl` Temporary token list, used for scratch purposes.

```

24 \tl_new:N \l__morewrites_internal_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__morewrites_internal_tl`)

### 3.5 Parsing

`\__morewrites_equals_file_name:N` Most of the parsing for primitive arguments is done using `primargs`, except for one case  
we care about: after its  $\langle number \rangle$  argument, the `\openout` primitive expects an  $\langle equals \rangle$   
(optional spaces and =) and a  $\langle file name \rangle$ .

```

25 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_equals_file_name:N #1
26 {
27   \group_begin:
28   \tex_aftergroup:D #1

```

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<sup>1</sup>Historically, this might have happened the other way around, since the author of this package is also  
on the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 Team.

```

29     \primargs_remove_equals:N \__morewrites_parse_file_name:
30   }
31   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_parse_file_name:
32     { \primargs_get_file_name:N \group_end: }
(End definition for \__morewrites_equals_file_name:N)

```

## 3.6 Immediate (writing)

In the context of immediate writing, we can store the text in a token list, and only write it at the corresponding `\closeout` command. We keep track of a property list, `\g__morewrites_iow_prop`, of the writes which are open (from the point of view of the user), with the corresponding file name.

### 3.6.1 What follows `\immediate`

This is a little bit subtle:  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$ 's `\immediate` primitive raises a flag which is cancelled once  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  sees a non-expandable token. We use `\primargs's read_x_token` function to fully expand in the  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$  way, then test for `\openout`, `\write`, or `\closeout`. We don't test for the primitives themselves, but rather for a recognizable marker, `\s__morewrites`, equal to `\relax`. If present, replace `morewrites` by `morewrites_immediate` in the csname of the second token after it (it turns out that this is the correct structure).

```

\__morewrites_immediate:w
\__morewrites_immediate_ii:
  \__morewrites_immediate_iii:N
  \__morewrites_immediate_iv:NN
\__morewrites_immediate_v:w

```

```

33 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_immediate:w
34   { \primargs_read_x_token:N \__morewrites_immediate_ii: }
35 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_ii:
36   {
37     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNT \g_primargs_token \s__morewrites
38     { \__morewrites_immediate_iii:N }
39   }
40 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_iii:N #1
41   {
42     \tl_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { \s__morewrites }
43     { \__morewrites_immediate_iv:NN }
44     { #1 }
45   }
46 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_iv:NN #1 #2
47   {
48     \exp_args:Nc #1
49     {
50       \exp_after:wN \__morewrites_immediate_v:w
51       \token_to_str:N #2
52     }
53   }
54 \use:x
55   {
56     \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__morewrites_immediate_v:w
57       ##1 \tl_to_str:n { __morewrites } { __morewrites_immediate }
58   }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_immediate:w` This function is documented on page ??.)

### 3.6.2 Immediate closeout

`\_morewrites_immediate_closeout_test:n` When the user requests to close a stream, we look in `\g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist` to see if it is a reserved stream: in this case, we simply use the primitive.

```
59 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_immediate_closeout_test:n #1
60 {
61   \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
62   \clist_if_in:NnTF \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1}
63     { \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_closeout:w \g__morewrites_stream_int }
64     { \_morewrites_immediate_closeout_aux: }
65 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_immediate_closeout_test:n`)

`\_morewrites_immediate_closeout_aux:` We then look in `\g__morewrites_iow_prop` to find the file name corresponding to that stream number. If the stream does not appear as a key in the property list, then it was not open yet, and we do nothing. Otherwise, the key is removed, and we write the collected material to the file.

```
66 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_morewrites_immediate_closeout_aux:
67 {
68   \prop_gpop:NVNT \g__morewrites_iow_prop \g__morewrites_stream_int \l__morewrites_internal_tl
69   {
70     \_morewrites_immediate_write_and_close:nn
71     { \g__morewrites_stream_int } { \l__morewrites_internal_tl }
72   }
73 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_immediate_closeout_aux:`)

`\_morewrites_immediate_write_and_close:nn` The code to write the material collected so far for a given output  $\langle stream \rangle$  is in the token list `\g__morewrites_iow_⟨stream⟩_tl`. We do this writing in the actual stream `\g__morewrites_iow`, briefly opened and closed on the file #2.

```
74 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_immediate_write_and_close:nn #1#2
75 {
76   \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_openout:w
77   \g__morewrites_iow #2 \scan_stop:
78   \group_begin:
79   \int_set_eq:NN \tex_newlinechar:D \c_minus_one
80   \tl_use:c { g__morewrites_iow_ \int_eval:n {#1} _tl }
81   \tl_gclear:c { g__morewrites_iow_ \int_eval:n {#1} _tl }
82   \group_end:
83   \_morewrites_tex_immediate:w \_morewrites_tex_closeout:w \g__morewrites_iow
84 }
```

(End definition for `\_morewrites_immediate_write_and_close:nn`)

### 3.6.3 Immediate openout

`\_morewrites_immediate_openout_test:n` Read the stream number. If it is one of the reserved streams, we use the primitive. Otherwise, parse an optional equal sign, followed by the file name.

```
85 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_immediate_openout_test:n #1
```

```

86 {
87   \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
88   \clist_if_in:NnTF \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1}
89     { \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \g__morewrites_stream_int }
90     { \__morewrites_equals_file_name:N \__morewrites_immediate_openout_aux:n }
91 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_openout\_test:n)

\\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_openout\_aux:n

When the user requests to open a stream, it might already be open, with another file as its destination. We thus need to first close the stream, writing all that we collected so far to that other file. This has no effect if the stream was not open yet.

We then put the stream and its associated file name in the property list, and empty/create the corresponding token list.

```

92 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_openout_aux:n #1
93 {
94   \__morewrites_immediate_closeout_aux:
95   \prop_gput:NVn \g__morewrites_iow_prop \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
96   \tl_gclear_new:c { g__morewrites_iow_ \int_use:N \g__morewrites_stream_int _tl }
97 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_openout\_aux:n)

### 3.6.4 Immediate write

\\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_test:n

Read the stream number. If it is one of the reserved streams, we use the primitive. Otherwise, parse the text.

```

98 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_write_test:n #1
99 {
100   \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
101   \clist_if_in:NnTF \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1}
102     { \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_write:w \g__morewrites_stream_int }
103     { \primargs_get_general_text:N \__morewrites_immediate_write_aux:n }
104 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_test:n)

\\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_aux:n

Test whether the stream is allocated or not.

```

105 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_write_aux:n
106 {
107   \prop_get:NVNTF \g__morewrites_iow_prop \g__morewrites_stream_int \l__morewrites_internal_
108     { \__morewrites_immediate_write_open:n }
109     { \__morewrites_immediate_write_closed:n }
110 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_aux:n)

\\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_closed:n

If the stream \g\_\_morewrites\_stream\_int is not allocated, then write either to the terminal or only to the log file, depending on the sign.

```

111 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_write_closed:n #1
112 {
113   \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_write:w

```



```

114     \if_num:w \g__morewrites_stream_int < \c_zero
115         -1
116     \else:
117         16
118     \fi:
119     {#1}
120 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_closed:n)

\\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_open:n  
\\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_readlines\_loop:

Only `\write` itself can emulate how `\write` expands tokens, because `#` don't have to be doubled, and because the `\newlinechar` has to be changed to new lines. Hence, we start by writing `#1` to a file, yielding some lines. The lines are then read one at a time using  $\varepsilon$ -TEX's `\readline` with `\endlinechar` set to `-1` to avoid spurious characters. Each line becomes a `\immediate \write` statement added to the token list `\g__morewrites_iow_{stream}_tl`. This token list will be called when it is time to actually write to the file. At that time, `\newlinechar` will be `-1`, so that writing each line will produce no extra line.

```

121 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_write_open:n #1
122 {
123     \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \g__morewrites_iow
124     \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl \scan_stop:
125     \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_write:w \g__morewrites_iow {#1}
126     \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w \g__morewrites_iow
127     \group_begin:
128     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_endlinechar:D \c_minus_one
129     \tex_openin:D \g__morewrites_ior \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl \scan_stop:
130     \__morewrites_immediate_write_readlines_loop:
131     \tex_closein:D \g__morewrites_ior
132     \group_end:
133 }
134 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_immediate_write_readlines_loop:
135 {
136     \etex_readline:D \g__morewrites_ior to \l__morewrites_internal_tl
137     \ior_if_eof:NF \g__morewrites_ior
138     {
139         \tl_gput_right:cx
140         { \g__morewrites_iow_ \int_use:N \g__morewrites_stream_int _tl }
141         {
142             \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_write:w \g__morewrites_iow
143             { \l__morewrites_internal_tl }
144         }
145     }
146     \__morewrites_immediate_write_readlines_loop:
147 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_immediate\_write\_open:n This function is documented on page ??.)

### 3.7 Non-immediate writing

This is trickier, because the expansion of the text for a non-immediate `\write` takes place immediately after the page containing it is shipped out. We store each non-immediate `\openout`, `\write`, or `\closeout` without expansion in separate token lists `\g__morewrites_late_write_⟨stream⟩_tl` to be used later, and instead write ‘ $\langle stream \rangle$ ’ to a file (including the strange delimiters). After each shipout, we can read the file to see which output operations we need to perform, and in what order.

#### 3.7.1 Replacement for primitives

`\__morewrites_late:n` Store the action to be done at shipout in a token list, and non-immediately write the label `\g__morewrites_late_write_int` of the output operation to the temporary file. Here, `#1` holds an assignment similar to the lines above it, and `#2` holds the relevant immediate action to be performed after shipout.

```

148 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_late:n #1
149 {
150   \int_gincr:N \g__morewrites_late_write_int
151   \tl_const:cx
152   {
153     c__morewrites_late_write_
154     \int_use:N \g__morewrites_late_write_int
155     _tl
156   }
157   {
158     \int_gset:Nn \exp_not:N \g__morewrites_stream_int
159     { \exp_not:V \g__morewrites_stream_int }
160     \exp_not:n {#1}
161   }
162   \exp_args:NNx \__morewrites_tex_write:w \g__morewrites_iow
163   { ‘( \int_use:N \g__morewrites_late_write_int ) }
164 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_late:n)*

`\__morewrites_openout:w` `\openout` tests if the number to come is among reserved streams. If it is, use the primitive, otherwise, parse a file name.

```

\__morewrites_openout_test:n
\__morewrites_openout_aux:n
165 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_openout:w
166 { \s__morewrites \primargs_get_number:N \__morewrites_openout_test:n }
167 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openout_test:n #1
168 {
169   \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
170   \clist_if_in:NnTF \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1}
171   { \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \g__morewrites_stream_int }
172   { \__morewrites_equals_file_name:N \__morewrites_openout_aux:n }
173 }
174 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_openout_aux:n #1
175 { \__morewrites_late:n { \__morewrites_immediate_openout_aux:n {#1} } }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_morewrites\_openout:w This function is documented on page ??.)*

```

    \_morewrites_write:w
\_morewrites_write_test:n
\_morewrites_write_aux:n
176 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_morewrites_write:w
177   { \s__morewrites \primargs_get_number:N \_morewrites_write_test:n }
178 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_write_test:n #1
179   {
180     \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
181     \clist_if_in:NnTF \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1}
182       { \_morewrites_tex_write:w \g__morewrites_stream_int }
183       { \primargs_get_general_text:N \_morewrites_write_aux:n }
184   }
185 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_morewrites_write_aux:n #1
186   { \_morewrites_late:n { \_morewrites_immediate_write_aux:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for \\_morewrites write:w This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\__morewrites_closeout:w Same idea for \closeout, and we don't need to parse anything else than the number.
\__morewrites_closeout_test:n
\__morewrites_closeout_aux:
187 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_closeout:w
188 { \s__morewrites \primargs_get_number:N \__morewrites_closeout_test:n }
189 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_closeout_test:n #1
190 {
191   \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_stream_int {#1}
192   \clist_if_in:NnTF \g__morewrites_reserved_iow_clist {#1}
193     { \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w \g__morewrites_stream_int }
194     { \__morewrites_closeout_aux: }
195 }
196 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_closeout_aux:
197 { \__morewrites_late:n { \__morewrites_immediate_closeout_aux: } }
(End definition for \__morewrites_closeout:w This function is documented on page ??.)

```

### 3.7.2 Shipout business

In this section, we hook into the `\shipout` primitive, and redefine it to first build a box with the material to ship out, then perform

```

\_morewrites_before_shipout:
<primitive shipout> <collected box>
\_morewrites_after_shipout:

```

This is correct even if the values of the `\newlinechar` is changed within the user code which builds the shipped out box, because the value that  $\text{\TeX}$  uses is the value in effect immediately after `\shipout`.

`\_morewrites_before_shipout:` Immediately before the shipout, we must open the writing stream `\g\_morewrites\_iow`. Each delayed output operation has been replaced by `\write \g\_morewrites\_iow {‘(‘operation number’)}`. The delimiters we chose to put around numbers must be at least two distinct characters on the left (then `\tex_newlinechar:D` cannot be equal to the delimiter), and at least one non-digit character on the right.

```

198 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_morewrites_before_shipout:
199 {

```

```

200 \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_openout:w \g__morewrites_iow
201 \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl \scan_stop:
202 }
(End definition for \__morewrites_before_shipout:)

```

`\__morewrites_after_shipout:` Immediately after all the `\writes` are performed, close the file, then read the file with `\newlinechar` set to `\newlinechar`<sup>2</sup> to get exactly the original characters that have been written, possibly with extra characters between ‘(...)’ groups. The file is then read with all the appropriate category codes set up (no other character can appear in the file). The looping auxiliary `\__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww` extract the *operation* numbers from the file, and makes a token list out of those. This token list is then used in a mapping function to perform the appropriate `\write` operations. Note that those operations may reuse the file, so we have to fully parse the file before moving on.

```

203 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_after_shipout:
204 {
205   \__morewrites_tex_immediate:w \__morewrites_tex_closeout:w \g__morewrites_iow
206   \group_begin:
207     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_endlinechar:D \tex_newlinechar:D
208     \char_set_catcode_other:n { \tex_endlinechar:D }
209     \tl_map_inline:nn { '(0123456789)' }
210       { \char_set_catcode_other:n {'##1'} }
211     \etex_everyeof:D { '() \exp_not:N }
212     \tl_gset:Nx \g__morewrites_internal_tl
213       {
214         \exp_after:wN \__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww
215         \tex_input:D \g__morewrites_tmp_file_tl \c_space_tl
216       }
217     \group_end:
218     \tl_map_inline:Nn \g__morewrites_internal_tl
219       { \tl_use:c { c__morewrites_late_write_ ##1 _tl } }
220   }
221 \cs_new:Npn \__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww #1 '( #2 )
222 {
223   \tl_if_empty:nF {#2}
224   {
225     {#2}
226     \__morewrites_after_shipout_loop:ww
227   }
228 }

```

(End definition for `\__morewrites_after_shipout:` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\shipout` If `atbegshi` is available, patch it by adding `\__morewrites_before_shipout:` and `\__morewrites_after_shipout:` at the right place: the two transformations are needed to cover several versions of the package. Otherwise, redefine `\shipout` to add a hook (see Heiko’s `atbegshi` for details).

<sup>2</sup>Note that the `\newlinechar` used by `\writes` at `\shipout` time are those in effect when the page is shipped out, *i.e.*, just after the closing brace of the `\shipout` construction, which is exactly where we have added this hook.

```

229 \IfFileExists{atbegshi.sty}
230 {
231   \RequirePackage{atbegshi}
232   \tl_replace_once:Nnn \AtBegShi@Output
233   { \AtBegShi@OrgShipout \box \AtBeginShipoutBox }
234   {
235     \__morewrites_before_shipout:
236     \AtBegShi@OrgShipout \box \AtBeginShipoutBox
237     \__morewrites_after_shipout:
238   }
239   \tl_replace_once:Nnn \AtBegShi@Output
240   { \AtBeginShipoutOriginalShipout \box \AtBeginShipoutBox }
241   {
242     \__morewrites_before_shipout:
243     \AtBeginShipoutOriginalShipout \box \AtBeginShipoutBox
244     \__morewrites_after_shipout:
245   }
246 }
247 {
248   \int_new:N \g__morewrites_group_level_int
249   \box_new:N \g__morewrites_shipout_box
250   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_shipout:w
251   {
252     \int_gset_eq:NN \g__morewrites_group_level_int \etex_currentgrouplevel:D
253     \tex_afterassignment:D \__morewrites_shipout_i:
254     \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D \g__morewrites_shipout_box
255   }
256   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_shipout_i:
257   {
258     \int_compare:nNnTF { \g__morewrites_group_level_int }
259     = { \etex_currentgrouplevel:D }
260     { \__morewrites_shipout_ii: }
261     { \tex_aftergroup:D \__morewrites_shipout_ii: }
262   }
263   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_shipout_ii:
264   {
265     \__morewrites_before_shipout:
266     \__morewrites_tex_shipout:w \tex_box:D \g__morewrites_shipout_box
267     \__morewrites_after_shipout:
268   }
269   \AtBeginDocument { \cs_gset_eq:NN \shipout \__morewrites_shipout:w }
270 }

```

(End definition for `\shipout` This function is documented on page ??.)

### 3.8 Hook at the very end

`\g__morewrites_at_end_int` At the end of the run, we try very hard to put some material at the `\@@end`. This integer controls how many times to call `\__morewrites_close_all_at_end:w`, to avoid infinite loops in case two packages compete for that last place.

```

271 \int_new:N \g__morewrites_at_end_int
272 \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_at_end_int { 10 }
(End definition for \g__morewrites_at_end_int This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

`\__morewrites_close_all:` At the end of the document, close all the files.

```

273 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__morewrites_close_all:
274 {
275   \prop_map_function:NN \g__morewrites_iow_prop
276   \__morewrites_immediate_write_and_close:nn
277   \prop_gclear:N \g__morewrites_iow_prop
278 }
(End definition for \__morewrites_close_all:)

```

`\__morewrites_close_all_at_end:w` This pushes its first argument to the very end of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X run, recursively (at most 10 times, initial value of `\g__morewrites_at_end_int`), just in case some other code adds things there.

```

279 \cs_set:Npn \__morewrites_tmp:w #1
280 {
281   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:w ##1 #1
282   {
283     \int_gdecr:N \g__morewrites_at_end_int
284     \int_compare:nNnTF \g__morewrites_at_end_int > \c_zero
285     {
286       \tl_if_empty:nTF {##1}
287       { ##1 \__morewrites_close_all: }
288       { ##1 \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:w }
289     }
290     { \__morewrites_close_all: ##1 }
291     #1
292   }
293 }
294 \exp_args:Nc \__morewrites_tmp:w { @ @ end }
295 \AtEndDocument { \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:w }
(End definition for \__morewrites_close_all_at_end:w)

```

### 3.9 Modified `\newwrite`

`\g__morewrites_alloc_int` The counter that L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> uses to allocate `\write` registers.

```

296 \tex_countdef:D \g__morewrites_alloc_int 17 \scan_stop:
(End definition for \g__morewrites_alloc_int This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

`\newwrite` We need to allow `\newwrite` to allocate more than 16 writes, but beware that 18 is reserved, and that packages might expect 16 or 17 to write to the terminal. So instead skip until 20, to be on the safe side. This really ought to be `\protected`, but none of the formats does that.

```

297 \cs_new:Npn \__morewrites_newwrite:N #1
298 {
299   \int_gincr:N \g__morewrites_alloc_int

```

```

300     \if_num:w \g__morewrites_alloc_int = \c_sixteen
301     \int_gset:Nn \g__morewrites_alloc_int { 20 }
302     \fi:
303     \int_set_eq:NN \allocationnumber \g__morewrites_alloc_int
304     \cs_undefine:N #1
305     \int_const:Nn #1 { \allocationnumber }
306     \wlog
307     {
308         \token_to_str:N #1
309         = \token_to_str:N \write \int_use:N \allocationnumber
310     }
311 }

```

*(End definition for \newwrite)*

### 3.10 Redefining the “normal” control sequences

`\shipout` has been redefined earlier.

```

\immediate \shipout
\openout   312 \cs_gset_eq:NN \immediate \__morewrites_immediate:w
\write     313 \cs_gset_eq:NN \openout   \__morewrites_openout:w
\closeout  314 \cs_gset_eq:NN \write     \__morewrites_write:w
\newwrite  315 \cs_gset_eq:NN \closeout  \__morewrites_closeout:w
           316 \cs_gset_eq:NN \newwrite  \__morewrites_newwrite:N

```

*(End definition for \immediate and others.)*

</package>