

The **linegoal*** package

A new “dimen” corresponding to the remainder of the line

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Abstract

linegoal provides a macro `\linegoal` which expands to the dimension of the remainder of the line. It requires pdfTeX for its `\pdfsavepos` primitive. Two compilations (at least) are necessary to get the correct line goal.

More precisely: `\setlength` is overloaded so that:

`\setlength\mydimen{\linegoal}`

sets `\mydimen` to be the (horizontal) length of the remainder of the current line. This can be useful for use with `tabularx` or `tabular*` for example (see [User interface](#)).

linegoal requires pdfTeX and uses the `zref-savepos` module of `zref`¹ package.

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1 User interface

This is a tabular that fills the remainder of the line:

```
\begin{tabularx}{\linegoal}{|l|X|}\hline
  Something & Something else \\\
  Something & Something else \\\hline
\end{tabularx}
```

This is a tabular that fills the remainder of the line:

Something	Something else
Something	Something else

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The .dtx file is embedded into this pdf file thank to `embedfile` by H. Oberdiek.

1. zref: CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/

2 Implementation

2.1 Identification

- This package is intended to use with \LaTeX so we don’t check if it is loaded twice.
- The package namespace is `\LNGL@`

```

1 <*package>
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}% LaTeX 2.09 can't be used (nor non-LaTeX)
3   [2005/12/01]% LaTeX must be 2005/12/01 or younger
4 \ProvidesPackage{linegoal}
5   [2010/06/06 v1.1 - A new dimen corresponding to the remainder of the line]
6 \def\LNGL@pkg@name{linegoal}

```

2.2 Requirements

The package requires `zref` and its module `zref-savepos`.

```

7 \ifdefined\pdfsavepos\else
8   \PackageWarning\LNGL@pkg@name
9     {This package requires pdfTeX for its \string\pdfsavepos primitive\MessageBreak
10      pdfTeX has not been detected and \LNGL@pkg@name\space will not be loaded}%
11   \expandafter\endinput
12 \fi
13 \RequirePackage{etex,zref,zref-savepos}

```

2.3 `zref` property : page as arabic number

```

14 \zref@newprop*{\LNGL@page}[0]{\the\c@page}

```

2.4 The `linegoal` macro

`\linegoal`

```

15 \globcount\LNGL@unique
16 \def\linegoal{linegoal}
17 \def\set@linegoal#1#2{%
18   \@bsphack
19   \if@filesw
20     \global\advance\LNGL@unique\@ne
21     \pdfsavepos
22     \zref@labelbyprops{linegoal.\the\LNGL@unique}{posx,LNGL@page}%
23     #1=\dimexpr\linewidth-\zref@extractdefault{linegoal.\the\LNGL@unique}{posx}0sp
24     +\ifodd\zref@extractdefault{linegoal.\the\LNGL@unique}{LNGL@page}0
25       \oddsidemargin
26     \else \evensidemargin
27     \fi
28     +1in+\hoffset
29     \relax
30   \fi
31   \@esphack
32 }% \set@linegoal
33 \AtBeginDocument\LNGL@AtBeginDocument@hook
34 \def\LNGL@AtBeginDocument@hook{%
35   \let\LNGL@ORI@setlength\setlength
36   \protected\def\setlength##1##2{%
37     \ifx\linegoal##2\expandafter\set@linegoal
38     \else \expandafter\LNGL@ORI@setlength
39     \fi{##1}{##2}%

```

```
40 }% \setlength
41 }% \LNGL@AtBeginDocument@hook

42 \end{package}
```

3 History

[2010/06/06 v1.1]

- The first release required some small corrections !

[2010/05/07 v1.0]

- First version.

4 References

[1] Heiko Oberdiek: *The zref package*; 2010/05/01 v2.17; CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/.

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