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This document describes a version of Don Knuth's WEB system, adapted to C by Silvio Levy. Since its creation in 1987, CWEB has been revised and enhanced in various ways, by both Knuth and Levy. We now believe that its evolution is near an end; however, bug reports, suggestions and comments are still welcome, and should be sent to the T_EX-related mailing list tex-k@tug.org.

Readers who are familiar with Knuth's memo "The WEB System of Structured Documentation" will be able to skim this material rapidly, because CWEB and WEB share the same philosophy and (essentially) the same syntax. In some respects CWEB is a simplification of WEB: for example, CWEB does not need WEB's features for macro definition and string handling, because C and its preprocessor already take care of macros and strings. Similarly, the WEB conventions of denoting octal and hexadecimal constants by @'77 and @'3f are replaced by C's conventions 077 and 0x3f. All other features of WEB have been retained, and new features have been added.

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Introduction

The philosophy behind CWEB is that programmers who want to provide the best possible documentation for their programs need two things simultaneously: a language like T_EX for formatting, and a language like C for programming. Neither type of language can provide the best documentation by itself. But when both are appropriately combined, we obtain a system that is much more useful than either language separately.

The structure of a software program may be thought of as a "web" that is made up of many interconnected pieces. To document such a program, we want to explain each individual part of the web and how it relates to its neighbors. The typographic tools provided by T_EX give us an opportunity to explain the local structure of each part by making that structure visible, and the programming tools provided by C make it possible for us to specify the algorithms formally and unambiguously. By combining the two, we can develop a style of programming that maximizes our ability to perceive the structure of a complex piece of software, and at the same time the documented programs can be mechanically translated into a working software system that matches the documentation.

The CWEB system consists of two programs named CWEAVE and CTANGLE. When writing a CWEB program the user keeps the C code and the documentation in the same file, called the CWEB file and generally named `something.w`. The command `'cweave something'` creates an output file `something.tex`, which can then be fed to T_EX, yielding a "pretty printed" version of `something.w` that correctly handles typographic details like page layout and the use of indentation, italics, boldface, and mathematical symbols. The typeset output also includes extensive cross-index information that is gathered automatically. Similarly, if you run the command `'ctangle something'` you will get a C file `something.c`, which can then be compiled to yield executable code.

Besides providing a documentation tool, CWEB enhances the C language by providing the ability to permute pieces of the program text, so that a large system can be understood entirely in terms of small sections and their local interrelationships. The CTANGLE program is so named because it takes a given web and moves the sections from their web structure into the order required by C; the advantage of programming in CWEB is that the algorithms can be expressed in "untangled" form, with each section explained separately. The CWEAVE program is so named because it takes a given web and intertwines the T_EX and C portions contained in each section, then it knits the whole fabric into a structured document. (Get it? Wow.) Perhaps there is some deep connection here with the fact that the German word for "weave" is "*webe*", and the corresponding Latin imperative is "*texe*"!

A user of CWEB should be fairly familiar with the C programming language. A minimal amount of acquaintance with T_EX is also desirable, but in fact it can be acquired as one uses CWEB, since straight text can be typeset in T_EX with virtually no knowledge of that language. To someone familiar with both C and T_EX the amount of effort necessary to learn the commands of CWEB is small.

Overview

Two kinds of material go into CWEB files: T_EX text and C text. A programmer writing in CWEB should be thinking both of the documentation and of the C program being created; i.e., the programmer should be instinctively aware of the different actions that CWEAVE and CTANGLE will perform on the CWEB file. T_EX text is essentially copied without change by CWEAVE, and it is entirely deleted by CTANGLE; the T_EX text is “pure documentation.” C text, on the other hand, is formatted by CWEAVE and it is shuffled around by CTANGLE, according to rules that will become clear later. For now the important point to keep in mind is that there are two kinds of text. Writing CWEB programs is something like writing T_EX documents, but with an additional “C mode” that is added to T_EX’s horizontal mode, vertical mode, and math mode.

A CWEB file is built up from units called *sections* that are more or less self-contained. Each section has three parts:

- A T_EX part, containing explanatory material about what is going on in the section.
- A middle part, containing macro definitions that serve as abbreviations for C constructions that would be less comprehensible if written out in full each time. They are turned by CTANGLE into preprocessor macro definitions.
- A C part, containing a piece of the program that CTANGLE will produce. This C code should ideally be about a dozen lines long, so that it is easily comprehensible as a unit and so that its structure is readily perceived.

The three parts of each section must appear in this order; i.e., the T_EX commentary must come first, then the middle part, and finally the C code. Any of the parts may be empty.

A section begins with either of the symbols ‘@_’ or ‘@*’, where ‘_’ denotes a blank space. A section ends at the beginning of the next section (i.e., at the next ‘@_’ or ‘@*’), or at the end of the file, whichever comes first. The CWEB file may also contain material that is not part of any section at all, namely the text (if any) that occurs before the first section. Such text is said to be “in limbo”; it is ignored by CTANGLE and copied essentially verbatim by CWEAVE, so its function is to provide any additional formatting instructions that may be desired in the T_EX output. Indeed, it is customary to begin a CWEB file with T_EX code in limbo that loads special fonts, defines special macros, changes the page sizes, and/or produces a title page.

Sections are numbered consecutively, starting with 1. These numbers appear at the beginning of each section of the T_EX documentation output by CWEAVE, and they appear as bracketed comments at the beginning and end of the code generated by that section in the C program output by CTANGLE.

Section Names

Fortunately, you never mention these numbers yourself when you are writing in CWEB. You just say ‘@_’ or ‘@*’ at the beginning of each new section, and the numbers are supplied automatically by CWEAVE and CTANGLE. As far as you are concerned, a section has a *name* instead of a number; its name is specified by writing ‘@<’ followed by T_EX text followed by ‘@>’. When CWEAVE outputs a section name, it replaces the ‘@<’ and ‘@>’ by angle brackets and inserts the section number in small type. Thus, when you read the output of CWEAVE it is easy to locate any section that is referred to in another section.

For expository purposes, a section name should be a good description of the contents of that section; i.e., it should stand for the abstraction represented by the section. Then the section can be “plugged into” one or more other sections in such a way that unimportant details of its inner workings are suppressed. A section name therefore ought to be long enough to convey the necessary meaning.

Unfortunately, it is laborious to type such long names over and over again, and it is also difficult to specify a long name twice in exactly the same way so that CWEAVE and CTANGLE will be able to match the names to the sections. To ameliorate this situation, CWEAVE and CTANGLE let you abbreviate a section name, so long as the full name appears somewhere in the CWEB file; you can type simply ‘@< α ...@>’, where α is any string that is a prefix of exactly one section name appearing in the file. For example, ‘@<Clear the arrays@>’ can be abbreviated to ‘@<Clear...@>’ if no other section name begins with the five letters ‘Clear’. Elsewhere you might use the abbreviation ‘@<Clear t...@>’, and so on.

Section names must otherwise match character for character, except that consecutive characters of white space (spaces, tab marks, newlines, and/or form feeds) are treated as equivalent to a single space, and such spaces are deleted at the beginning and end of the name. Thus, ‘@< Clear the arrays @>’ will also match the name in the previous example. Spaces following the ellipsis in abbreviations are ignored as well, but not those before, so that ‘@<Clear t ...@>’ would not match ‘@<Clear the arrays@>’.

What CTANGLE Does

We have said that a section begins with ‘@_’ or ‘@*’, but we didn’t say how it gets divided up into a TeX part, a middle part, and a C part. The middle part begins with the first appearance of ‘@d’ or ‘@f’ in the section, and the C part begins with the first appearance of ‘@c’ or ‘@<section name@>’. In the latter case you are saying, in effect, that the section name stands for the C text that follows. Alternatively, if the C part begins with ‘@c’ instead of a section name, the current section is said to be *unnamed*.

The construct ‘@<section name@>’ can appear any number of times in the C part of a section: Subsequent appearances indicate that a named section is being “used” rather than “defined.” In other words, the C code for the named section, presumably defined elsewhere, should be spliced in at this point in the C program. Indeed, the main idea of CTANGLE is to make a C program out of individual sections, named and unnamed. The exact way in which this is done is this: First all the macro definitions indicated by ‘@d’ are turned into C preprocessor macro definitions and copied at the beginning. Then the C parts of unnamed sections are copied down, in order; this constitutes the first-order approximation to the text of the program. (There should be at least one unnamed section, otherwise there will be no program.) Then all section names that appear in the first-order approximation are replaced by the C parts of the corresponding sections, and this substitution process continues until no section names remain. All comments are removed, because the C program is intended only for the eyes of the C compiler.

If the same name has been given to more than one section, the C text for that name is obtained by putting together all of the C parts in the corresponding sections. This feature is useful, for example, in a section named ‘Global variables’, since one can then declare global variables in whatever sections those variables are introduced. When several sections have the same name, CWEAVE assigns the first section number as the number corresponding to that name, and it inserts a note at the bottom of that section telling the reader to ‘See also sections so-and-so’; this footnote gives the numbers of all the other sections having the same name as the present one. The C text corresponding to a section is usually formatted by CWEAVE so that the output has an equivalence sign in place of the equals sign in the CWEB file; i.e., the output says ‘<section name> ≡ C text’. However, in the case of the second and subsequent appearances of a section with the same name, this ‘≡’ sign is replaced by ‘+≡’, as an indication that the following C text is being appended to the C text of another section.

As CTANGLE enters and leaves sections, it inserts preprocessor #line commands into the C output file. This means that when the compiler gives you error messages, or when you debug your program, the messages refer to line numbers in the CWEB file, and not in the C file. In most cases you can therefore forget about the C file altogether.

What CWEAVE Does

The general idea of CWEAVE is to make a .tex file from the CWEB file in the following way: The first line of the .tex file tells TeX to input a file with macros that define CWEB’s documentation conventions. The next lines of the file will be copied from whatever TeX text is in limbo before the first section. Then comes the output for each section in turn, possibly interspersed with end-of-page marks. Finally, CWEAVE will generate a cross-reference index that lists each section number in which each C identifier appears, and it will also generate an alphabetized list of the section names, as well as a table of contents that shows the page and section numbers for each “starred” section.

What is a “starred” section, you ask? A section that begins with ‘@*’ instead of ‘@_’ is slightly special in that it denotes a new major group of sections. The ‘@*’ should be followed by the title of this group, followed by a period. Such sections will always start on a new page in the TeX output, and the group title will appear as a running headline on all subsequent pages until the next starred section. The title will also appear in the table of contents, and in boldface type at the beginning of its section. Caution: Do not use TeX control sequences in such titles, unless you know that the cwebmac macros will do the right thing with them. The reason is that these titles are converted to uppercase when they appear as running heads, and

they are converted to boldface when they appear at the beginning of their sections, and they are also written out to a table-of-contents file used for temporary storage while T_EX is working; whatever control sequences you use must be meaningful in all three of these modes.

The T_EX output produced by CWEB for each section consists of the following: First comes the section number (e.g., ‘\M123.’ at the beginning of section 123, except that ‘\N’ appears in place of ‘\M’ at the beginning of a starred section). Then comes the T_EX part of the section, copied almost verbatim except as noted below. Then comes the middle part and the C part, formatted so that there will be a little extra space between them if both are nonempty. The middle and C parts are obtained by inserting a bunch of funny-looking T_EX macros into the C program; these macros handle typographic details about fonts and proper math spacing, as well as line breaks and indentation.

C Code in T_EX Text and Vice Versa

When you are typing T_EX text, you will probably want to make frequent reference to variables and other quantities in your C code, and you will want those variables to have the same typographic treatment when they appear in your text as when they appear in your program. Therefore the CWEB language allows you to get the effect of C editing within T_EX text, if you place ‘|’ marks before and after the C material. For example, suppose you want to say something like this:

If *pa* is declared as ‘**int *pa**’, the assignment *pa* = &*a*[0] makes *pa* point to the zeroth element of *a*.

The T_EX text would look like this in your CWEB file:

```
If |pa| is declared as '|int *pa|', the assignment
|pa=&a[0]| makes |pa| point to the zeroth element of |a|.
```

And CWEB translates this into something you are glad you didn't have to type:

```
If \PB{\{\pa}} is declared as '\PB{\&{int} ${}*}\{\pa}$', the
assignment \PB{\$\{\pa}\K{\AND}\|a[\T{0}]$} makes \PB{\{\pa}} point
to the zeroth element of \PB{\|a}.
```

Incidentally, the cross-reference index that CWEB would make, in the presence of a comment like this, would include the current section number as one of the index entries for *pa*, even though *pa* might not appear in the C part of this section. Thus, the index covers references to identifiers in the explanatory comments as well as in the program itself; you will soon learn to appreciate this feature. However, the identifiers **int** and *a* would not be indexed, because CWEB does not make index entries for reserved words or single-letter identifiers. Such identifiers are felt to be so ubiquitous that it would be pointless to mention every place where they occur.

Although a section begins with T_EX text and ends with C text, we have noted that the dividing line isn't sharp, since C text can be included in T_EX text if it is enclosed in ‘|...|’. Conversely, T_EX text appears frequently within C text, because everything in comments (i.e., between /* and */, or following //) is treated as T_EX text. Likewise, the text of a section name consists of T_EX text, but the construct @<section name> as a whole is expected to be found in C text; thus, one typically goes back and forth between the C and T_EX environments in a natural way, as in these examples:

```
if (x==0) @<Empty the |buffer| array>
... using the algorithm in |@<Empty the |buffer| array@|.
```

The first of these excerpts would be found in the C part of a section, into which the code from the section named “Empty the *buffer* array” is being spliced. The second excerpt would be found in the T_EX part of the section, and the named section is being “cited”, rather than defined or used. (Note the ‘|...|’ surrounding the section name in this case.)

Macros

The control code `@d` followed by

identifier C text or by *identifier* (*par*₁, ..., *par*_{*n*}) C text

(where there is no blank between the *identifier* and the parentheses in the second case) is transformed by CTANGLE into a preprocessor command, starting with `#define`, which is printed at the top of the C output file as explained earlier.

A ‘`@d`’ macro definition can go on for several lines, and the newlines don’t have to be protected by backslashes, since CTANGLE itself inserts the backslashes. If for any reason you need a `#define` command at a specific spot in your C file, you can treat it as C code, instead of as a CWEB macro; but then you do have to protect newlines yourself.

Strings and constants

If you want a string to appear in the C file, delimited by pairs of ‘`’` or ‘`”`’ marks as usual, you can type it exactly so in the CWEB file, except that the character ‘`@`’ should be typed ‘`@@`’ (it becomes a control code, the only one that can appear in strings; see below). Strings should end on the same line as they begin, unless there’s a backslash at the end of lines within them.

T_EX and C have different ways to refer to octal and hex constants, because T_EX is oriented to technical writing while C is oriented to computer processing. In T_EX you make a constant octal or hexadecimal by prepending ‘`’` or ‘`”`’, respectively, to it; in C the constant should be preceded by `0` or `0x`. In CWEB it seems reasonable to let each convention hold in its respective realm; so in C text you get `408` by typing ‘`’040’`, which CTANGLE faithfully copies into the C file (for the compiler’s benefit) and which CWEAVE prints as `’40`. Similarly, CWEAVE prints the hexadecimal C constant ‘`’0x20’` as `#20`. The use of italic font for octal digits and typewriter font for hexadecimal digits makes the meaning of such constants clearer in a document. For consistency, then, you should type ‘`’|040|’` or ‘`’|0x20|’` in the T_EX part of the section.

And if you type a binary constant like ‘`’0b00101010’`, CWEAVE prints it as `’b00101010`. In all numeric literals you may add ‘`’` separators for improved readability.

Control codes

A CWEB *control code* is a two-character combination of which the first is ‘`@`’. We’ve already seen the meaning of several control codes; it’s time to list them more methodically.

In the following list, the letters in brackets after a control code indicate in what contexts that code is allowed. *L* indicates that the code is allowed in limbo; *T* (for T_EX), *M* (for middle), and *C* (for C) mean that the code is allowed in each of the three parts of a section, at top level—that is, outside such constructs as ‘`| . . . |`’ and section names. An arrow `→` means that the control code terminates the present part of the CWEB file, and inaugurates the part indicated by the letter following the arrow. Thus [*LTMC* `→` *T*] next to `@_` indicates that this control code can occur in limbo, or in any of the three parts of a section, and that it starts the (possibly empty) T_EX part of the following section.

Two other abbreviations can occur in these brackets: The letter *r* stands for *restricted context*, that is, material inside C comments, section names, C strings and control texts (defined below); the letter *c* stands for *inner C context*, that is, C material inside ‘`| . . . |`’ (including ‘`| . . . |`’s inside comments, but not those occurring in other restricted contexts). An asterisk `*` following the brackets means that the context from this control code to the matching `@>` is restricted.

Control codes involving letters are case-insensitive; thus `@d` and `@D` are equivalent. Only the lowercase versions are mentioned specifically below.

`@@` [*LTMCrc*] A double `@` denotes the single character ‘`@`’. This is the only control code that is legal everywhere. Note that you must use this convention if you are giving an internet email address in a CWEB file (e.g., tex-k@tug.org).

Here are the codes that introduce the T_EX part of a section.

@_ [*LTMC* → *T*] This denotes the beginning of a new (unstarred) section. A tab mark or form feed or end-of-line character is equivalent to a space when it follows an @ sign (and in most other cases).

@* [*LTMC* → *T*] This denotes the beginning of a new starred section, i.e., a section that begins a new major group. The title of the new group should appear after the @*, followed by a period. As explained above, T_EX control sequences should be avoided in such titles unless they are quite simple. When CWEAVE and CTANGLE read a @*, they print an asterisk on the terminal followed by the current section number, so that the user can see some indication of progress. The very first section should be starred.

You can specify the “depth” of a starred section by typing * or a decimal number after the @*; this indicates the relative ranking of the current group of sections in the program hierarchy. Top-level portions of the program, introduced by @**, get their names typeset in boldface type in the table of contents; they are said to have depth -1 . Otherwise the depth is a nonnegative number, which governs the amount of indentation on the contents page. Such indentation helps clarify the structure of a long program. The depth is assumed to be 0 if it is not specified explicitly; when your program is short, you might as well leave all depths zero. A starred section always begins a new page in the output, unless the depth is greater than 1.

The middle part of each section consists of any number of macro definitions (beginning with @d) and format definitions (beginning with @f or @s), intermixed in any order.

@d [*TM* → *M*] Macro definitions begin with @d, followed by an identifier and optional parameters and C text as explained earlier.

@f [*TM* → *M*] Format definitions begin with @f; they cause CWEAVE to treat identifiers in a special way when they appear in C text. The general form of a format definition is ‘@f *l r*’, followed by an optional comment enclosed between /* and */, where *l* and *r* are identifiers; CWEAVE will subsequently treat identifier *l* as it currently treats *r*. This feature allows a CWEB programmer to invent new reserved words and/or to unreserve some of C’s reserved identifiers. For example, the common words ‘error’ and ‘line’ have been given a special meaning in the C preprocessor, so CWEAVE is set up to format them specially; if you want a variable named *error* or *line*, you should say

```
@f error normal      @f line normal
```

somewhere in your program.

If *r* is the special identifier ‘*TeX*’, identifier *l* will be formatted as a T_EX control sequence; for example, ‘@f foo TeX’ in the CWEB file will cause identifier *foo* to be output as \foo by CWEAVE. The programmer should define \foo to have whatever custom format is desired, assuming T_EX math mode. (Each underline character is converted to x when making the T_EX control sequence, and each dollar sign is converted to X; thus *foo_bar* becomes \fooxbar. Other characters, including digits, are left untranslated, so T_EX will consider them as macro parameters, not as part of the control sequence itself. For example,

```
\def\x#1{x_{#1}} @f x1 TeX @f x2 TeX
```

will format *x1* and *x2* not as *x1* and *x2* but as x_1 and x_2 .)

If *r* is the special identifier ‘*make_pair*’, identifier *l* will be treated as a C++ function template. For example, after @f convert make_pair one can say ‘convert<int>(2.5)’ without having < and > misunderstood as less-than and greater-than signs.

CWEAVE knows that identifiers being defined with a **typedef** should become reserved words; thus you don’t need format definitions very often.

@s [*TM* → *M*; *L*] Same as @f, but CWEAVE does not show the format definition in the output, and the optional C comment is not allowed. This is used mostly in @i files.

Next come the codes that govern the C part of a section.

@c **@p** [*TM* → *C*] The C part of an unnamed section begins with **@c** (or with **@p** for “program”; both control codes do the same thing). This causes **CTANGLE** to append the following C code to the first-order program text, as explained on page 3. Note that **CWEAVE** does not print a ‘**@c**’ in the T_EX output, so if you are creating a CWEB file based on a T_EX-printed CWEB documentation you have to remember to insert **@c** in the appropriate places of the unnamed sections.

@< [*TM* → *C*; *C*; *c*] * This control code introduces a section name (or unambiguous prefix, as discussed above), which consists of T_EX text and extends to the matching **@>**. The whole construct **@<...@>** is conceptually a C element. The behavior is different depending on the context:

A **@<** appearing in contexts *T* and *M* attaches the following section name to the current section, and inaugurates the C part of the section. The closing **@>** should be followed by = or +=.

In context *C*, **@<** indicates that the named section is being used—its C definition is spliced in by **CTANGLE**, as explained on page 3. As an error-detection measure, **CTANGLE** and **CWEAVE** complain if such a section name is followed by =, because most likely this is meant as the definition of a new section, and so should be preceded by **@_**. If you really want to say $\langle \text{foo} \rangle = \text{bar}$, where $\langle \text{foo} \rangle$ is being used and not defined, put a newline before the =.

Finally, in inner C context (that is, within ‘|...|’ in the T_EX part of a section or in a comment), **@<...@>** means that the named section is being cited. Such an occurrence is ignored by **CTANGLE**. Note that even here we think of the section name as being a C element, hence the |...|.

@([*TM* → *C*; *C*; *c*] * A section name can begin with **@(**. Everything works just as for **@<**, except that the C code of the section named **@(foo@>** is written by **CTANGLE** to file **foo**. In this way you can get multiple-file output from a single CWEB file. (The **@d** definitions are not output to such files, only to the master .c file.) One use of this feature is to produce header files for other program modules that will be loaded with the present one. Another use is to produce a test routine that goes with your program. By keeping the sources for a program and its header and test routine together, you are more likely to keep all three consistent with each other. Notice that the output of a named section can be incorporated in several different output files, because you can mention **@(foo@>** in both **@(bar1@>** and **@(bar2@>**.

@h [*Cc*] Causes **CTANGLE** to insert at the current spot the **#define** statements from the middle parts of all sections, and *not* to write them at the beginning of the C file. Useful when you want the macro definitions to come after the include files, say. (Ignored by **CTANGLE** inside ‘|...|’.)

The next several control codes introduce “control texts,” which end with the next ‘**@>**’. The closing ‘**@>**’ must be on the same line of the CWEB file as the line where the control text began. The context from each of these control codes to the matching **@>** is restricted.

@~ [*TMcc*] * The control text that follows, up to the next ‘**@>**’, will be entered into the index together with the identifiers of the C program; this text will appear in roman type. For example, to put the phrase “system dependencies” into the index that is output by **CWEAVE**, type ‘**@~system dependencies@>**’ in each section that you want to index as system dependent.

@. [*TMcc*] * The control text that follows will be entered into the index in typewriter type.

@: [*TMcc*] * The control text that follows will be entered into the index in a format controlled by the T_EX macro ‘**\9**’, which you should define as desired.

@t [*Mcc*] * The control text that follows will be put into a T_EX **\hbox** and formatted along with the neighboring C program. This text is ignored by **CTANGLE**, but it can be used for various purposes within **CWEAVE**. For example, you can make comments that mix C and classical mathematics, as in ‘*size* < 2¹⁵’, by typing ‘|*size* < 2@t\${15}\$@>|’.

@= [*Mcc*] * The control text that follows will be passed verbatim to the C program.

@q [*LTMCc*] * The control text that follows will be totally ignored—it’s a comment for readers of the CWEB file only. A file intended to be included in limbo, with **@i**, can identify itself with **@q** comments. Another use is to balance unbalanced parentheses in C strings, so that your text editor’s parenthesis matcher doesn’t go into a tailspin.

@! [*TMCc*] * The section number in an index entry will be underlined if ‘@!’ immediately precedes the identifier or control text being indexed. This convention is used to distinguish the sections where an identifier is defined, or where it is explained in some special way, from the sections where it is used. A reserved word or an identifier of length one will not be indexed except for underlined entries. An ‘@!’ is implicitly inserted by CWEB when an identifier is being defined or declared in C code; for example, the definition

```
int array[max_dim], count = old_count;
```

makes the names *array* and *count* get an underlined entry in the index. Statement labels, function definitions like *main*(int *argc*, char **argv*[]), and **typedef** definitions also imply underlining. An old-style function definition (without prototyping) doesn’t define its arguments; the arguments will, however, be considered to be defined (i.e., their index entries will be underlined) if their types are declared before the body of the function in the usual way (e.g., ‘int *argc*; char **argv*[]; { ... }’). Thus @! is not needed very often, except in unusual constructions or in cases like

```
enum boolean {@!false, @!true};
```

here @! gives the best results because individual constants enumerated by **enum** are not automatically underlined in the index at their point of definition.

We now turn to control codes that affect only the operation of CTANGLE.

@’ [*Mcc*] This control code is dangerous because it has quite different meanings in CWEB and the original WEB. In CWEB it produces the decimal constant corresponding to the ASCII code for a string of length 1 (e.g., @’a’ is CTANGLED into 97 and @’\t’ into 9). You might want to use this if you need to work in ASCII on a non-ASCII machine; but in most cases the C conventions of <ctype.h> are adequate for character-set-independent programming.

@& [*Mcc*] The @& operation causes whatever is on its left to be adjacent to whatever is on its right, in the C output. No spaces or line breaks will separate these two items.

@l [*L*] CWEB programmers have the option of using any 8-bit character code from the often-forbidden range 128–255 within T_EX text; such characters are also permitted in strings and even in identifiers of the C program. Under various extensions of the basic ASCII standard, the higher 8-bit codes correspond to accented letters, letters from non-Latin alphabets, and so on. When such characters occur in identifiers, CTANGLE must replace them by standard ASCII alphanumeric characters or `_`, in order to generate legal C code. It does this by means of a transliteration table, which by default associates the string *Xab* to the character with ASCII code *#ab* (where *a* and *b* are hexadecimal digits, and *a* ≥ 8). By placing the construction @l_{ab}*newstring* in limbo, you are telling CTANGLE to replace this character by *newstring* instead. For example, the ISO Latin-1 code for the letter ‘ü’ is *#FC* (or ‘\374’), and CTANGLE will normally change this code to the three-character sequence *XFC* if it appears in an identifier. If you say @l *fc ue*, the code will be transliterated into *ue* instead.

CWEB passes 8-bit characters straight through to T_EX without transliteration; therefore T_EX must be prepared to receive them. If you are formatting all your nonstandard identifiers as “custom” control sequences, you should make T_EX treat all their characters as letters. Otherwise you should either make your 8-bit codes “active” in T_EX, or load fonts that contain the special characters you need in the correct positions. (The font selected by T_EX control sequence `\it` is used for identifiers.) Look for special macro packages designed for CWEB users in your language; or, if you are brave, write one yourself.

The next eight control codes (namely ‘@,’ , ‘@/,’ , ‘@|,’ , ‘@#,’ , ‘@+,’ , ‘@,’ , ‘@[,’ , and ‘@]’) have no effect on the C program output by CTANGLE; they merely help to improve the readability of the T_EX-formatted C that is output by CWEB, in unusual circumstances. CWEB’s built-in formatting method is fairly good when dealing with syntactically correct C text, but it is incapable of handling all possible cases, because it must deal with fragments of text involving macros and section names; these fragments do not necessarily obey C’s syntax. Although CWEB allows you to override the automatic formatting, your best strategy is not to worry about such things until you have seen what CWEB produces automatically, since you will probably need to make only a few corrections when you are touching up your documentation.

@, [*Mcc*] This control code inserts a thin space in CWEB’s output. Sometimes you need this extra space if you are using macros in an unusual way, e.g., if two identifiers are adjacent.

- @/ [MC] This control code causes a line break to occur within a C program formatted by CWEAVE. Line breaks are chosen automatically by TeX according to a scheme that works 99% of the time, but sometimes you will prefer to force a line break so that the program is segmented according to logical rather than visual criteria. If a comment follows, say ‘@/’, to break the line before the comment.
- @| [MC] This control code specifies an optional line break in the midst of an expression. For example, if you have a long expression on the right-hand side of an assignment statement, you can use ‘@|’ to specify breakpoints more logical than the ones that TeX might choose on visual grounds.
- @# [MC] This control code forces a line break, like @/ does, and it also causes a little extra white space to appear between the lines at this break. You might use it, for example, between groups of macro definitions that are logically separate but within the same section. CWEB automatically inserts this extra space between functions, between external declarations and functions, and between declarations and statements within a function.
- @+ [MC] This control code cancels a line break that might otherwise be inserted by CWEAVE, e.g., before the word ‘else’, if you want to put a short if–else construction on a single line. If you say ‘{’@+’ at the beginning of a compound statement that is the body of a function, the first declaration or statement of the function will appear on the same line as the left brace, and it will be indented by the same amount as the second declaration or statement on the next line.
- @; [MC] This control code is treated like a semicolon, for formatting purposes, except that it is invisible. You can use it, for example, after a section name or macro when the C text represented by that section or macro is a compound statement or ends with a semicolon. Consider constructions like

```
if (condition) macro @;
else break;
```

where *macro* is defined to be a compound statement (enclosed in braces). This is a well-known infelicity of C syntax. You can add a visible semicolon with @t;@> (before @;).

@[[MC] See @].

- @] [MC] Place @[...@] brackets around program text that CWEAVE is supposed to format as an expression, if it doesn’t already do so. (This occasionally applies to unusual macro arguments.) Also insert ‘@[’ between a simple type name and a left parenthesis when declaring a pointer to a function, as in

```
int @[@] (*f)();
```

otherwise CWEAVE will confuse the first part of that declaration with the C++ expression ‘int(*f)’. Another example, for people who want to use low-level #define commands in the midst of C code and the definition begins with a cast:

```
#define foo @[ (int)(bar)@]
```

The remaining control codes govern the input that CWEB sees.

- @x @y @z [*change_file*] CWEAVE and CTANGLE are designed to work with two input files, called *web_file* and *change_file*, where *change_file* contains data that overrides selected portions of *web_file*. The resulting merged text is actually what has been called the CWEB file elsewhere in this report.

Here’s how it works: The change file consists of zero or more “changes,” where a change has the form ‘@x⟨old lines⟩@y⟨new lines⟩@z’. The special control codes @x, @y, @z, which are allowed only in change files, must appear at the beginning of a line; the remainder of such a line is ignored. The ⟨old lines⟩ represent material that exactly matches consecutive lines of the *web_file*; the ⟨new lines⟩ represent zero or more lines that are supposed to replace the old. Whenever the first “old line” of a change is found to match a line in the *web_file*, all the other lines in that change must match too.

Between changes, before the first change, and after the last change, the change file can have any number of lines that do not begin with ‘@x’, ‘@y’, or ‘@z’. Such lines are bypassed and not used for matching purposes.

This dual-input feature is useful when working with a master CWEB file that has been received from elsewhere (e.g., *ctangle.w* or *cweave.w* or *ctex.w*), when changes are desirable to customize the program for your local computer system. You will be able to debug your system-dependent changes without clobbering the master web file; and once your changes are working, you will be able to incorporate them readily into new releases of the master web file that you might receive from time to time.

@i [*web_file*] Furthermore the *web_file* itself can be a combination of several files. When either **CWEAVE** or **CTANGLE** is reading a file and encounters the control code **@i** at the beginning of a line, it interrupts normal reading and starts looking at the file named after the **@i**, much as the C preprocessor does when it encounters an **#include** line. After the included file has been entirely read, the program goes back to the next line of the original file. The file name following **@i** can be surrounded by " characters, but such delimiters are optional. Include files can nest.

Change files can have lines starting with **@i**. In this way you can replace one included file with another. Conceptually, the replacement mechanism described above does its work first, and its output is then checked for **@i** lines. If **@i foo** occurs between **@y** and **@z** in a change file, individual lines of file *foo* and files it includes are not changeable; but changes can be made to lines from files that were included by unchanged input.

On UNIX systems (and others that support environment variables), if the environment variable **CWEBINPUTS** is set, or if the compiler flag of the same name was defined at compile time, **CWEB** will look for include files in the directory thus named, if it cannot find them in the current directory.¹

Additional features and caveats

1. In certain installations of **CWEB** that have an extended character set, the characters ‘↑’, ‘↓’, ‘→’, ‘≠’, ‘≤’, ‘≥’, ‘≡’, ‘∨’, ‘∧’, ‘C’, and ‘D’ can be typed as abbreviations for ‘++’, ‘--’, ‘->’, ‘!=’, ‘<=’, ‘>=’, ‘==’, ‘||’, ‘&&’, ‘<<’, and ‘>>’, respectively.

2. If you have an extended character set, you can use it with only minimal restrictions, as discussed under the rules for **@l** above. But you should stick to standard ASCII characters if you want to write programs that will be useful to all the poor souls out there who don’t have extended character sets.

3. The T_EX file output by **CWEAVE** is broken into lines having at most 80 characters each. When T_EX text is being copied, the existing line breaks are copied as well. If you aren’t doing anything too tricky, **CWEAVE** will recognize when a T_EX comment is being split across two or more lines, and it will append ‘%’ to the beginning of such continued comments.

4. C text is translated by a “bottom up” procedure that identifies each token as a “part of speech” and combines parts of speech into larger and larger phrases as much as possible according to a special grammar that is explained in the documentation of **CWEAVE**. It is easy to learn the translation scheme for simple constructions like single identifiers and short expressions, just by looking at a few examples of what **CWEAVE** does, but the general mechanism is somewhat complex because it must handle much more than C itself. Furthermore the output contains embedded codes that cause T_EX to indent and break lines as necessary, depending on the fonts used and the desired page width. For best results it is wise to avoid enclosing long C texts in |...|, since the indentation and line breaking codes are omitted when the |...| text is translated from C to T_EX. Stick to simple expressions or statements. If a C preprocessor command is enclosed in |...|, the # that introduces it must be at the beginning of a line, or **CWEAVE** won’t print it correctly.

5. Comments are not permitted in |...| text. After a ‘|’ signals the change from T_EX text to C text, the next ‘|’ that is not part of a string or control text or section name ends the C text.

6. A comment must have properly nested occurrences of left and right braces, otherwise **CWEAVE** will complain. But it does try to balance the braces, so that T_EX won’t foul up too much.

7. When you’re debugging a program and decide to omit some of your C code, do NOT simply “comment it out.” Such comments are not in the spirit of **CWEB** documentation; they will appear to readers as if they were explanations of the uncommented-out instructions. Furthermore, comments of a program must be valid T_EX text; hence **CWEAVE** will get confused if you enclose C statements in */*...*/* instead of in */*|...|*/*. If you must comment out C code, you can surround it with preprocessor commands like **#if 0==1** and **#endif**.

8. The **@f** feature allows you to define one identifier to act like another, and these format definitions are carried out sequentially. In general, a given identifier has only one printed format throughout the entire document, and this format is used even before the **@f** that defines it. The reason is that **CWEAVE** operates in two passes; it processes **@f**’s and cross-references on the first pass and it does the output on the second. (However, identifiers that implicitly get a boldface format, thanks to a **typedef** declaration, don’t obey this

¹ In this extended implementation, if an **@include** file can not be found in the current directory, **CWEB** will use the conventions of the KPATHSEA library as outlined in section (File lookup with KPATHSEA 93) of [appendix D](#) to look for it. (This is true for any other input or change file lookup.)

rule; they are printed differently before and after the relevant `typedef`. This is unfortunate, but hard to fix. You can get around the restriction by saying, say, `@s foo int`, before or after the `typedef`.)

9. Sometimes it is desirable to insert spacing into formatted C code that is more general than the thin space provided by `@,`. The `@t` feature can be used for this purpose; e.g., `@t\hskip 1in@>` will leave one inch of blank space. Furthermore, `@t\4@>` can be used to backspace by one unit of indentation, since the control sequence `\4` is defined in `cwebmac` to be such a backspace. (This control sequence is used, for example, at the beginning of lines that contain labeled statements, so that the label will stick out a little at the left.) You can also use `@t}\3{-5@>` to force a break in the middle of an expression.

10. Each identifier in CWEB has a single formatting convention. Therefore you shouldn't use the same identifier to denote, say, both a type name and part of a `struct`, even though C does allow this.

Running the programs

The UNIX command line for CTANGLE is

```
ctangle [options] webfile[.w] [{change}file[.ch]|-} [outfile[.c]]]
```

and the same conventions apply to CWEAVE. If `-` or no change file is specified, the change file is null. The extensions `.w` and `.ch` are appended only if the given file names contain no dot. If the web file defined in this way cannot be found, the extension `.web` will be tried. For example, `cweave cob` will try to read `cob.w`; failing that, it will try `cob.web` before giving up. If no output file name is specified, the name of the C file output by CTANGLE is obtained by appending the extension `.c`; the name of the T_EX file output by CWEAVE gets the extension `.tex`. Index files output by CWEAVE replace `.tex` by `.idx` and `.scn`.

Programmers who like terseness might choose to set up their operating shell so that `wv` expands to `cweave -bhp`; this will suppress most terminal output from CWEAVE except for error messages.²

Options are introduced either by a `-` sign, to turn an option off, or by a `+` sign to turn one on. For example, `-fb` turns off options `f` and `b`; `+s` turns on option `s`. Options can be specified before the file names, after the file names, or both. The following options are currently implemented:³

- b** Print a banner line at the beginning of execution. (On by default.)
- e** Enclose C material formatted by CWEAVE in brackets `\PB{...}`, so that special hooks can be used. (On by default.) (Has no effect on CTANGLE.)
- f** Force line breaks after each C statement formatted by CWEAVE. (On by default; `-f` saves paper but looks less C-like to some people.) (Has no effect on CTANGLE.)
- F** Force the first statement in a 'compound statement' (a.k.a. 'block') on a line of its own. (On by default; some people prefer the `-F` layout.) (Has no effect on CTANGLE.)
- h** Print a happy message at the conclusion of a successful run. (On by default.)
- k** Keep single quotes (`'`) in numeric literals in the C/C++ output. (Off by default.) (CTANGLE only.)
- p** Give progress reports as the program runs. (On by default.)
- s** Show statistics about memory usage after the program runs to completion. (Off by default.) If you have large CWEB files or sections, you may need to see how close you come to exceeding the capacity of CTANGLE and/or CWEAVE.
- t** Treat **typename** in a template like **typedef**. (Off by default.) (Has no effect on CTANGLE.)
- x** Include indexes and a table of contents in the T_EX file output by CWEAVE. (On by default.) (CWEAVE only.)

² CWEB in T_EX Live runs `--quietly`, i.e., options `'b'`, `'h'`, and `'p'` are 'off' by default.

³ This extended version of CWEB adds the following options to the list:

- c** Check temporary output files for changes. (Off by default.)
- d** Set the debugging variable `kpathsea_debug` to the numeric value $N \in [0, 127]$ of this option. See section 95 of [appendix D](#) for details.
- i** Indent parameters in function declarations. (On by default; `-i` typesets declarations flush left; some people think this to be more logical than indenting them.) (Has no effect on CTANGLE.)
- l** This option takes the string of characters to its right as its argument to switch between different user languages and macro packages. (Off by default.) (Has no effect on CTANGLE.)
- o** Separate declarations and the first statement in a function block. (On by default.) (CWEAVE only.)
- u** Transliteration of UTF-8 multi-byte characters. (Off by default.) (Has no effect on CWEB.)

Further details about formatting

You may not like the way CWEAVE handles certain situations. If you're desperate, you can customize CWEAVE by changing its grammar. This means changing the source code, a task that you might find amusing. A table of grammar rules appears in the CWEAVE source listing, and you can make a separate copy of that table by copying the file `prod.w` found in the CWEB sources and saying `cweave -x prod`, followed by `tex prod`.

You can see exactly how CWEAVE is parsing your C code by preceding it with the line `@ @c @2`. (The control code `@2` turns on a "peeping" mode, and `@0` turns it off.) For example, if you run CWEAVE on the file

```
@ @c @2
main (argc,argv)
char **argv;
{ for (;argc>0;argc--) printf("%s\n",argv[argc-1]); }
```

you get the following gibberish on your screen:

```
[...]
14:*exp +( + exp...
11:*exp +exp+ raw...
10:**exp+ raw +ubinop?+...
[...]
60: +fn_decl+**{+ -stmt- +}-
55:**fn_decl+ -stmt-
52:**function-
[...]
```

The first line says that grammar rule 14 has just been applied, and CWEAVE currently has in its memory a sequence of chunks of T_EX code (called "scraps") that are respectively of type *exp* (for expression), open-parenthesis, *exp* again, close-parenthesis, and further scraps that haven't yet been considered by the parser. (The + and - signs stipulate that T_EX should be in or out of math mode at the scrap boundaries. The * shows the parser's current position.) Then rule 11 is applied, and the sequence (*exp*) becomes an *exp* and so on. In the end the whole C text has become one big scrap of type *function*.

Sometimes things don't work as smoothly, and you get a bunch of lines lumped together. This means that CWEAVE could not digest something in your C code. For instance, suppose `@<Argument definitions@>` had appeared instead of `char **argv;` in the program above. Then CWEAVE would have been somewhat mystified, since it thinks that section names are just *exp*s. Thus it would tell T_EX to format `<Argument declarations 2>` on the same line as `main(argc, argv)`. In this case you should help CWEAVE by putting `@/` after `main(argc, argv)` (plus `@t\qqquad@>` for consistent indentation).

CWEAVE automatically inserts a bit of extra space between declarations and the first apparent statement of a block. One way to defeat this spacing locally is

```
int x;@+@t}\6{>
@<Other locals@>@;@#
```

the `@#` will put extra space after `<Other locals>`.⁴

⁴ This extended version of CWEB acknowledges the `-o` option to suppress the extra space globally.

Hypertext and hyperdocumentation

Many people have of course noticed analogies between CWEB and the World Wide Web. The CWEB macros are in fact set up so that the output of CWEAVE can be converted easily into Portable Document Format, with clickable hyperlinks that can be read with your favorite PDF viewer, using a widely available open-source program called `dvipdfm` developed by Mark A. Wicks. After using CWEAVE to convert `cob.w` into `cob.tex`, you can prepare a hypertext version of the program by giving the commands

```
tex "\let\pdf+ \input cob"
dvipdfm cob
```

instead of invoking T_EX in the normal way. (Thanks to Hans Hagen, César Augusto Rorato Crusius, and Julian Gilbey for the macros that make this work.) Alternatively, thanks to Hàn Thế Thành and Andreas Scherer, you can generate `cob.pdf` in one step by simply saying `'pdftex cob'`. Alternative ways to create PDF output from CWEB input are to say `'xetex cob'` or `'luatex cob'`.

Similar output for “smart” devices can be created with Martin Ruckert’s HiT_EX and its dynamic HINT format; just say `'hitex cob'`. HINT files can be viewed with the `hintview` program, which is available from <https://hint.userweb.mwn.de/hint/hintview.html>.

A more elaborate system called CTWILL, which extends the usual cross references of CWEAVE by preparing links from the uses of identifiers to their definitions, is also available—provided that you are willing to work a bit harder in cases where an identifier is multiply defined. CTWILL is intended primarily for hardcopy output, but its principles could be used for hypertext as well. See Chapter 11 of *Digital Typography* by D. E. Knuth (1999), and the program sources at <http://ftp.cs.stanford.edu/pub/ctwill>.⁵

Appendices

As an example of a real program written in CWEB, [Appendix A](#) contains an excerpt from the CWEB program itself. The reader who examines the listings in this appendix carefully will get a good feeling for the basic ideas of CWEB.

[Appendix B](#) displays the files that set T_EX up to accept the output of CWEAVE, and [Appendix C](#) discusses how to use some of those macros to vary the output formats.

A “long” version of this manual, which can be produced from the CWEB sources via the UNIX command `make fullmanual`, also contains appendices [D](#), [E](#), and [F](#), which exhibit the complete source code for CTANGLE and CWEAVE.⁶

⁵ T_EX Live comes with an up-to-date `ctwill` executable – and its associated helpers – out of the box.

⁶ Actually, [Appendix D](#) contains the source code for COMMON, and the additional [Appendix G](#) exhibits the source code for CTWILL, which is based on CWEAVE.

Appendix A: Excerpts from a CWEB Program

This appendix consists of four listings. The first shows the CWEB input that generated sections 27–31 of the file `common.w`, which contains routines common to CWEAVE and CTANGLE. Note that some of the lines are indented to show the program structure; the indentation is ignored by CWEAVE and CTANGLE, but users find that CWEB files are quite readable if they have some such indentation.

The second and third listings show corresponding parts of the C code output by CTANGLE and of the \TeX code output by CWEAVE, when run on `common.w`. The fourth listing shows how that output looks in print.

```
@ Procedure |prime_the_change_buffer|
sets |change_buffer| in preparation for the next matching operation.
Since blank lines in the change file are not used for matching, we have
|(change_limit==change_buffer && !changing)| if and only if
the change file is exhausted. This procedure is called only when
|changing| is |true|; hence error messages will be reported correctly.

@c
static void
prime_the_change_buffer(void)
{
    change_limit=change_buffer; /* this value is used if the change file ends */
    @<Skip over comment lines in the change file; |return| if end of file@>;
    @<Skip to the next nonblank line; |return| if end of file@>;
    @<Move |buffer| and |limit| to |change_buffer| and |change_limit|@>;
}

@ @<Predecl...@>=@static void prime_the_change_buffer(void);

@ While looking for a line that begins with \.{@x} in the change file, we
allow lines that begin with \.{@}, as long as they don't begin with \.{@y},
\.{@z}, or \.{@i} (which would probably mean that the change file is fouled up).

@<Skip over comment lines in the change file...@>=
while(true) {
    change_line++;
    if (!input_ln(change_file)) return;
    if (limit<buffer+2) continue;
    if (buffer[0]!='@') continue;
    if (xisupper(buffer[1])) buffer[1]=tolower((int)buffer[1]);
    if (buffer[1]=='x') break;
    if (buffer[1]=='y' || buffer[1]=='z' || buffer[1]=='i') {
        loc=buffer+2;
        err_print("! Missing @x in change file");
@.Missing @x...@>
    }
}

@ Here we are looking at lines following the \.{@x}.

@<Skip to the next nonblank line...@>=
do {
    change_line++;
    if (!input_ln(change_file)) {
        err_print("! Change file ended after @x");
@.Change file ended...@>
        return;
    }
} while (limit==buffer);

@ @<Move |buffer| and |limit| to |change_buffer| and |change_limit|@>=
change_limit=change_buffer+(ptrdiff_t)(limit-buffer);
strncpy(change_buffer,buffer,(size_t)(limit-buffer+1));
```

Here's the portion of the C code generated by CTANGLE that corresponds to the source on the preceding page. Notice that sections 29, 30 and 31 have been tangled into section 27.

```

/*:23*//*27:*/
#line 227 "common.w"

static void
prime_the_change_buffer(void)
{
change_limit= change_buffer;
/*29:*/
#line 243 "common.w"

while(true){
change_line++;
if(!input_ln(change_file))return;
if(limit<buffer+2)continue;
if(buffer[0]!='@')continue;
if(xisupper(buffer[1]))buffer[1]= tolower((int)buffer[1]);
if(buffer[1]=='x')break;
if(buffer[1]=='y' || buffer[1]=='z' || buffer[1]=='i'){
loc= buffer+2;
err_print("! Missing @x in change file");

}
}

/*:29*/
#line 232 "common.w"

/*30:*/
#line 260 "common.w"

do{
change_line++;
if(!input_ln(change_file)){
err_print("! Change file ended after @x");

return;
}
}while(limit==buffer);

/*:30*/
#line 233 "common.w"

/*31:*/
#line 270 "common.w"

change_limit= change_buffer+(ptrdiff_t)(limit-buffer);
strncpy(change_buffer,buffer,(size_t)(limit-buffer+1));

/*:31*/
#line 234 "common.w"

}

/*:27*//*32:*/
#line 296 "common.w"

```

Here is the corresponding excerpt from `common.tex`. (Code for section 31 is omitted for space reasons.)

```

\M{27}Procedure \PB{\{\prime\_the\_change\_buffer\}}
sets \PB{\{\change\_buffer\}} in preparation for the next matching operation.
Since blank lines in the change file are not used for matching, we have
\PB{\{\change\_limit\}\E\{\change\_buffer\}\W\R\{\changing\}} if and only if
the change file is exhausted. This procedure is called only when
\PB{\{\changing\}} is \PB{\{\true\}}; hence error messages will be reported
correctly.

\Y\B\1\1\&\{static\} \&\{void\} \{\prime\_the\_change\_buffer\}(\&\{void\})\2\2\6
\${}\{\}\$1\6
\${}\{\change\_limit\}\K\{\change\_buffer\}\};\C{ this value is used if the
change file ends }\6
\X29:Skip over comment lines in the change file; \PB{\&\{return\}} if end of file%
\X\6
\X30:Skip to the next nonblank line; \PB{\&\{return\}} if end of file\X\6
\X31:Move \PB{\{\buffer\}} and \PB{\{\limit\}} to \PB{\{\change\_buffer\}} and %
\PB{\{\change\_limit\}}\X\6
\4$\{\}\{\}\$2\par
\fi

\M{28}\B\X3:Predeclaration of procedures\X$\{\}\mathrel+E{\}\$5
\&\{static\} \&\{void\} \{\prime\_the\_change\_buffer\}(\&\{void\});\par
\fi

\M{29}While looking for a line that begins with \.{@x} in the change file, we
allow lines that begin with \.{@}, as long as they don't begin with \.{@y},
\.{@z}, or \.{@i} (which would probably mean that the change file is fouled
up).

\Y\B\4\X29:Skip over comment lines in the change file; \PB{\&\{return\}} if end
of file\X$\{\}\E{\}\$6
\&\{while\} (\{\true\})\5
\${}\{\}\$1\6
\${}\{\change\_line\}\PP;\}\$6
\&\{if\} \${}\{\R\{\input\_ln\}(\{\change\_file\})\}\$1\5
\&\{return\};\2\6
\&\{if\} \${}\{\{\limit\}<\{\buffer\}+\T{2}\}\}\$1\5
\&\{continue\};\2\6
\&\{if\} \${}\{\{\buffer\}[\T{0}]\I.\{'\@'\}\}\$1\5
\&\{continue\};\2\6
\&\{if\} (\{\xisupper\})(\{\buffer\}[\T{1}])\1\5
\${}\{\buffer\}[\T{1}]\K\{\tolower\}(\&\{int\}),\{\buffer\}[\T{1}];\}\$2\6
\&\{if\} \${}\{\{\buffer\}[\T{1}]\E.\{ 'x'\}\}\$1\5
\&\{break\};\2\6
\&\{if\} \${}\{\{\buffer\}[\T{1}]\E.\{ 'y'\}\V\{\buffer\}[\T{1}]\E.\{ 'z'\}\V\{\buffer\}[\T{1}]\E.\{ 'i'\}\}\$5
\${}\{\}\$1\6
\${}\{\loc\}\K\{\buffer\}+\T{2};\}\$6
\{\err\_print\}(\{!\ Missing\ @x\ in\ cha\})\.\{nge\ file\});\6
\4$\{\}\{\}\$2\6
\4$\{\}\{\}\$2\par
\U27.\fi

\M{30}Here we are looking at lines following the \.{@x}.

\Y\B\4\X30:Skip to the next nonblank line; \PB{\&\{return\}} if end of file\X$\{\}\E{\}\$6
\&\{do\}\5
\${}\{\}\$1\6
\${}\{\change\_line\}\PP;\}\$6
\&\{if\} \${}\{\R\{\input\_ln\}(\{\change\_file\})\}\$1\5
\${}\{\}\$1\6
\{\err\_print\}(\{!\ Change\ file\ ended\})\.\{ after\ @x\});\6
\&\{return\};\6
\4$\{\}\{\}\$2\6
\4$\{\}\{\}\$2\5
\&\{while\} \${}\{\{\limit\}\E\{\buffer\}\}\};\par
\U27.\fi

```

And here's what the same excerpt looks like when typeset. (Can you spot the typographical niceties used in the CWEB code?)

27. Procedure *prime_the_change_buffer* sets *change_buffer* in preparation for the next matching operation. Since blank lines in the change file are not used for matching, we have ($change_limit \equiv change_buffer \wedge \neg changing$) if and only if the change file is exhausted. This procedure is called only when *changing* is *true*; hence error messages will be reported correctly.

```
static void prime_the_change_buffer(void)
{
  change_limit ← change_buffer;    ▷ this value is used if the change file ends ◁
  ◁Skip over comment lines in the change file; return if end of file 29◁
  ◁Skip to the next nonblank line; return if end of file 30◁
  ◁Move buffer and limit to change_buffer and change_limit 31◁
}
```

28. ◁Predeclaration of procedures 3◁ +≡ **static void** *prime_the_change_buffer*(**void**);

29. While looking for a line that begins with **@x** in the change file, we allow lines that begin with **@**, as long as they don't begin with **@y**, **@z**, or **@i** (which would probably mean that the change file is fouled up).

◁Skip over comment lines in the change file; **return** if end of file 29◁ ≡

```
while (true) {
  change_line ++;
  if (¬input_ln(change_file)) return;
  if (limit < buffer + 2) continue;
  if (buffer[0] ≠ '@') continue;
  if (xisupper(buffer[1])) buffer[1] ← tolower((int) buffer[1]);
  if (buffer[1] ≡ 'x') break;
  if (buffer[1] ≡ 'y' ∨ buffer[1] ≡ 'z' ∨ buffer[1] ≡ 'i') {
    loc ← buffer + 2;
    err_print("!Missing_@x_in_change_file");
  }
}
```

This code is used in section 27.

30. Here we are looking at lines following the **@x**.

◁Skip to the next nonblank line; **return** if end of file 30◁ ≡

```
do {
  change_line ++;
  if (¬input_ln(change_file)) {
    err_print("!Change_file_ended_after_@x");
    return;
  }
} while (limit ≡ buffer);
```

This code is used in section 27.

31. ◁Move *buffer* and *limit* to *change_buffer* and *change_limit* 31◁ ≡

```
change_limit ← change_buffer + (ptrdiff_t)(limit - buffer);
strncpy(change_buffer, buffer, (size_t)(limit - buffer + 1));
```

This code is used in sections 27 and 32.

Appendix B: The cwebmac.tex file

This is the file that extends “plain T_EX” format in order to support the features needed by the output of CWEBE.

```
% standard macros for CWEB listings (in addition to plain.tex)
% Version 4.12 --- May 2024
\ifx\renewenvironment\undefined\else\endinput\fi % LaTeX will use other macros
\xdef\fmtversion{\fmtversion+CWEB4.12}
\chardef\cwebversion=4 \chardef\cwebrevision=12

\let\:=\. % preserve a way to get the dot accent
% (all other accents will still work as usual)

\parskip 0pt % no stretch between paragraphs
\parindent 1em % for paragraphs and for the first line of C text

\font\ninerm=cmr9
\let\mc=\ninerm % medium caps
\def\CEE/{\mc C\spacefactor1000}
\def\UNIX/{\mc U\kern-.05emNIX\spacefactor1000}
\def\TEX/{\TeX}
\def\CPLUSPLUS/{\mc C\PP\spacefactor1000}
\def\Cee{\CEE/} % for backward compatibility
\def\Cpp{\CPLUSPLUS/} % for backward compatibility
\def\9#1{
% with this definition of \9 you can say @:sort key}{TeX code@}
% to alphabetize an index entry by the sort key but format with the TeX code
\font\eightrm=cmr8
\let\sc=\eightrm % for smallish caps (NOT a caps-and-small-caps font)
\let\mainfont=\tenrm
\let\cmntfont\tenrm
\font\tenss=cmss10 \let\cmntfont\tenss % alternative comment font
\font\titlefont=cmr7 scaled\magstep4 % title on the contents page
\font\ttitlefont=cmtt10 scaled\magstep2 % typewriter type in title
\font\tentex=cmtex10 % TeX extended character set (used in strings)
\fontdimen7\tentex=0pt % no double space after sentences

\def\#1{\leavevmode\hbox{\it#1/\kern.05em}} % italic type for identifiers
\def|#1{\leavevmode\hbox{#1$}} % one-letter identifiers look better this way
\def&#1{\leavevmode\hbox{\bf
\def\_{\kern.04em\vbox{\hrule width.3em height .6pt}\kern.08em}%
#1/\kern.05em}} % boldface type for reserved words
\def.#1{\leavevmode\hbox{\tentex % typewriter type for strings
\let\=\BS % backslash in a string
\let\{=\LB % left brace in a string
\let\}=\RB % right brace in a string
\let\~=\TL % tilde in a string
\let\ =\SP % space in a string
\let\_=\UL % underline in a string
\let\&=\AM % ampersand in a string
\let\^=\CF % circumflex in a string
#1\kern.05em}}
\def\){\tentex\kern-.05em}\discretionary{\hbox{\tentex\BS}}{ }{ }
\def@{ @ % at sign for control text (not needed in versions >= 2.9)
\def@L{\par\noindent\bggroup\catcode'\_ =12 \postATL} % print @1 in limbo
\def\postATL#1 #2 {\bf letter \{\uppercase{\char"#1}}
\tangles as \tentex "#2"\egroup\par}
\def\noATL#1 #2 {}
\def\noat1{\let\ATL=\noATL} % suppress output from @1
\def\ATH{\acrohintfalse\X\kern-.5em:Preprocessor definitions\X}
\let\PB=\relax % hook for program brackets |...| in TeX part or section name

\chardef\AM='& % ampersand character in a string
\chardef\BS='\' % backslash in a string
\chardef\LB='{ % left brace in a string
\chardef\RB='} % right brace in a string
\def\SP{\tt\char' } % (visible) space in a string
\chardef\TL='~ % tilde in a string
\chardef\UL='_ % underline character in a string
\chardef\CF='^ % circumflex character in a string
```

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\newbox\PPbox % symbol for ++
\setbox\PPbox=\hbox{\kern.5pt\raise1pt\hbox{\sevenrm+\kern-1pt+}\kern.5pt}
\def\PP{\copy\PPbox}
\newbox\MMbox \setbox\MMbox=\hbox{\kern.5pt\raise1pt\hbox{\sevensy\char0
\kern-1pt\char0}\kern.5pt}
\def\MM{\copy\MMbox}
\newbox\MGbox % symbol for ->
\setbox\MGbox=\hbox{\kern-2pt\lower3pt\hbox{\teni\char'176}\kern1pt}
\def\MG{\copy\MGbox}
\def\MRL#1{\mathrel{\let\K==#1}}
%\def\MRL#1{\KK#1}\def\KK#1#2{\buildrel\;#1\over{#2}}
\let\GG=\gg
\let\LL=\ll
\let\NULL=\Lambda
\mathchardef\AND="2026 % bitwise and; also \& (unary operator)
\let\OR=\mid % bitwise or
\let\XOR=\oplus % bitwise exclusive or
\def\CM{{\sim}} % bitwise complement
\newbox\MODbox \setbox\MODbox=\hbox{\eightrm\%}
\def\MOD{\mathbin{\copy\MODbox}}
\def\DC{\kern.1em{:}\kern.1em} % symbol for ::
\def\PA{\mathbin{.*}} % symbol for .*
\def\MGA{\mathbin{\MG*}} % symbol for ->*
\def\this{\&{this}}

\newbox\bak \setbox\bak=\hbox to -1em{} % backspace one em
\newbox\bakk \setbox\bakk=\hbox to -2em{} % backspace two ems

\newcount\ind % current indentation in ems
\def\1{\global\advance\ind by1\hangindent\ind em} % indent one more notch
\def\2{\global\advance\ind by-1} % indent one less notch
\def\3#1{\hfil\penalty#10\hfilneg} % optional break within a statement
\def\4{\copy\bak} % backspace one notch
\def\5{\hfil\penalty-1\hfilneg\kern2.4em\copy\bakk\ignorespaces}% optional break
\def\6{\ifmmode\else\par % forced break
\hangindent\ind em\noindent\kern\ind em\copy\bakk\ignorespaces\fi}
\def\7{\Y6} % forced break and a little extra space
\def\8{\hskip-\ind em\hskip 2em} % no indentation

\newcount\gdepth % depth of current major group, plus one
\newcount\secpagedepth
\secpagedepth=3 % page breaks will occur for depths -1, 0, and 1
\newtoks\gtitle % title of current major group
\newskip\intersecskip \intersecskip=12pt minus 3pt % space between sections
\let\yskip=\smallskip
\def\?{\mathrel?}
\def\,{\relax\ifmmode\mskip\thinmuskip\else\thisspace\fi}
\def\note#1#2.{\Y\noindent{\hangindent2em%
\baselineskip10pt\eightrm#1~\ifacrophint{\pdfnote#2.}\else#2\fi.\par}}

\newtoks\toksA \newtoks\toksB \newtoks\toksC \newtoks\toksD
\newtoks\toksE \newtoks\toksF \newtoks\usersanitizer
\newcount\countA \countA=0 \newcount\countB \countB=0
\newcount\countC \countC=0 \newcount\countD \countD=0
\newif\iftokprocessed \newif\ifTnum \newif\ifinstr
{\def\{\global\let\spacechar= }\ }

% Here we decide the output format, depending on the TeX engine in use:
\input iftex.sty % TeX engine tests
\ifx\pdf+\pdftrue\fi % for plain TeX in combination with dvipdfm
% Uncomment the following line if you want PDF goodies to be the default
%\ifx\pdf-\else\pdftrue\fi
\ifxetex\pdftrue\fi % XeTeX produces PDF output
\ifpdf \def\pdflinkcolor{0 0 1} \fi % the RGB values for hyperlink color
\let\ifacro=\ifpdf
\newif\ifacrophint \ifacro\acrophinttrue\fi \ifhint\acrophinttrue\fi
\newif\ifpdflua \ifluatex\pdfuatrue\fi \ifpdftex\pdfuatrue\fi
\ifpdflua % luaTeX and pdfTeX produce PDF output if \pdfoutput>0 (default)
\def\Black{\pdfliteral{0 g 0 G}} % use rgb colors for direct PDF output too
\def\Blue{\pdfliteral{\pdflinkcolor\space rg \pdflinkcolor\space RG}}

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\fi
\ifacrophint \input cwebacromac \fi % load hypertext macros
\def\pdfURL#1#2{\ifpdf \ifpdflua\pdfannotlink height \theheight depth \thedepth
  attr {/Border [0 0 0]} user { /Type /Annot /Subtype /Link /A
  << /S /URI /URI (#2) >>}\Blue #1\Black \pdfendlink % changed in 3.69
  \else {\setbox0=\hbox{\special{pdf: bc [ \pdflinkcolor ]}{#1}%
  \special{pdf: ec}}\special{pdf: ann width \thewidth height \theheight
  depth \thedepth << /Border [0 0 0] /Type /Annot /Subtype /Link /A
  << /S /URI /URI (#2) >>}}\box0\relax}\fi
  \else #1 ({\tt#2})\fi}
{\catcode'\~ =12 \gdef\TILDE/{~}} % ~ in a URL
{\catcode'\_ =12 \gdef\UNDER/{_}} % _ in a URL

\def\lapstar{\rlap{*}}
\def\stsec{\rightskip=0pt % get out of C mode (cf. \B)
\sfcode';=1500 \pretolerance 200 \hyphenpenalty 50 \exhyphenpenalty 50
\ifhint\HINTlabel\fi} Start page before section
\noindent{\let*=\lapstar\bf\secstar.\quad}%
\ifacro \smash{\raise\baselineskip\hbox to0pt{\let*=\empty
\ifpdflua \pdfdest num \secstar fith%
\else \special{pdf: dest (\romannumeral\secstar)
[ @thispage /FitH @ypos ]}\fi}\fi}
\let\startsection=\stsec
\def\defin#1{\global\advance\ind by 2 \1\&{#1}} % begin 'define' or 'format'
\def\A{\note{See also section}} % xref for doubly defined section name
\def\As{\note{See also sections}} % xref for multiply defined section name
\def\B{\rightskip=0pt plus 100pt minus 10pt % go into C mode
\sfcode';=3000
\pretolerance 10000
\hyphenpenalty 1000 % so strings can be broken (discretionary \ is inserted)
\exhyphenpenalty 10000
\global\ind=2 \1\ \unskip}
\def\C#1{\5\quad$\ast$, ${\cmntfont #1}$, \ast/$}
\let\SHC\C % "/" short comments" treated like "/* ordinary comments */"
%\def\C#1{\5\quad$\triangleright$, ${\cmntfont#1}$, \triangleleft$}
%\def\SHC#1{\5\quad$\diamond$, ${\cmntfont#1}}
\def\D{\defin{\rm\#}define}} % macro definition
\let\E=\equiv % equivalence sign
\def\ET{ and~} % conjunction between two section numbers
\def\ETS{, and~} % conjunction between the last two of several section numbers
\def\F{\defin{format}} % format definition
\let\G=\ge % greater than or equal sign
% \H is long Hungarian umlaut accent
\let\I=\ne % unequal sign
\def\J{\.\@&}} % CTANGLE's join operation
\let\K== % assignment operator
%\let\K=\leftarrow % "honest" alternative to standard assignment operator
% \L is Polish letter suppressed-L
\outer\def\M#1{\MN{#1}\ifon\vfil\penalty-100\vfilneg % beginning of section
\vskip\intersecskip\startsection\ignorespaces}
\outer\def\N#1#2#3.{% beginning of starred section
\ifacro{\toksF={}\makeoutlinetoks#3\outlinedone\outlinedone}\fi
\gdepth=#1\gttitle={#3}\MN{#2}%
\ifon\ifnum#1<\secpagedepth \vfil\reject % force page break if depth is small
\else\vfil\penalty-100\vfilneg\vskip\intersecskip\fi\fi
\message{*}\secno} % progress report
\def\stripprefix#1>{} \def\gttitletoks{#3}%
\edef\gttitletoks{\expandafter\stripprefix\meaning\gttitletoks}%
\edef\next{\write\cont{\ZZ{\gttitletoks}{#1}{\secno}}% write to contents file
{\noexpand\the\pageno}{\the\toksE}}\next % \ZZ{title}{depth}{sec}{page}{ss}
\ifpdf \ifpdflua\expandafter\edef\csname curr#1\endcsname{\secno}
\ifnum#1>0\countB=#1 \advance\countB by-1
\advancenumber{chunk\the\countB.\expnumber{curr\the\countB}}\fi
\else \special{pdf: outline #1 << /Title (\the\toksE)
/ Dest [ @thispage /FitH @ypos ] >>}\fi \fi
\ifon\startsection{\bf#3.\quad}\ignorespaces}
\def\MN#1{\par % common code for \M, \N
{x\def\secstar{#1}\let*=\empty\edef\secno{#1}}% remove * from section name
\ifx\secno\secstar \onmaybe \else\ontrue \fi
\mark{{{\tensy x}\secno}{\the\gdepth}{\the\gttitle}}}
% each \mark is {section reference or null}{depth plus 1}{group title}

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% \O is Scandinavian letter O-with-slash
% \P is paragraph sign
\def\Q{\note{This code is cited in section}} % xref for mention of a section
\def\Qs{\note{This code is cited in sections}} % xref for mentions of a section
\let\R=\lnot % logical not
% \S is section sign
\def\T#1{\leavevmode % octal, hex or decimal constant
  \hbox{\def{?}{\kern.2em}}%$%
  \let\ , % C++ digit separator becomes a little white space
%   \def\##1{\egroup_{\ ,\rm##1}\bgroup}% suffix to constant %% versions < 3.67
  \def\##1{\egroup_{\rm##1}\bgroup}% suffix to constant %% in version 3.67
  \def_{\cdot 10^{\aftergroup}}% power of ten (via dirty trick)
  \let\~=\oct \let\^=\hex \let\=\bin {#1$}}%$%
\def\U{\note{This code is used in section}} % xref for use of a section
\def\Us{\note{This code is used in sections}} % xref for uses of a section
\let\V=\lor % logical or
\let\W=\land % logical and
\def\X#1:#2X{\ifmode\gdef\XX{\null$\null}\else\gdef\XX{\fi %% section name
  \XX$\angle,${\let\I=\ne#2\eightrm\kern.5em
  \ifacrophint{\pdfnote#1.}\else#1\fi}$\ ,\rangle$XX}
\def\Y{\par\yskip}
\let\Z=\le
\let\ZZ=\let % now you can \write the control sequence \ZZ
\let\***

\def\Xand{\W} \def\Xandxeq{\MRL{{\AND}{\K}}} \def\Xbitand{\AND}
\def\Xbitor{\OR} \def\Xcompl{\CM} \def\Xnot{\R} \def\Xnotxeq{\I} \def\Xor{\V}
\def\Xorxeq{\MRL{{\OR}{\K}}} \def\Xxor{\XOR} \def\Xxorxeq{\MRL{{\XOR}{\K}}}

%\def\oct{\hbox{\rm\char'23\kern-.2em\it\aftergroup}\? \aftergroup}} % WEB style
%\def\hex{\hbox{\rm\char"7D\tt\aftergroup}} % WEB style
\def\oct{\hbox{\$~\circ$\kern-.1em\it\aftergroup}\? \aftergroup}} % CWEB style
\def\hex{\hbox{\$~{\scriptscriptstyle\#}$\tt\aftergroup}} % CWEB style
\def\bin{\hbox{\$~{\scriptscriptstyle b}$\tt\aftergroup}} % new in CWEB 4.3
\def\vb#1{\leavevmode\hbox{\kern2pt\vrule\vtop{\vbox{\hrule
  \hbox{\strut\kern2pt\ .{#1}\kern2pt}}
  \hrule}\vrule\kern2pt}} % verbatim string
\def\p#1{\cdot 2^{#1}} % power of two (hex exponent)

\def\onmaybe{\let\ifon=\maybe} \let\maybe=\iftrue
\newif\ifon \newif\iftitle \newif\ifpagesaved

\newif\ifheader
\def\lheader{\headertrue\mainfont\the\pageno\eightrm\qqquad\grouptitle
  \hfill\title\qqquad\mainfont\topsecno} % top line on left-hand pages
\def\rheader{\headertrue\mainfont\topsecno\eightrm\qqquad\title\hfill
  \grouptitle\qqquad\mainfont\the\pageno} % top line on right-hand pages
\def\grouptitle{\let\i=I\let\j=J\uppercase\expandafter{\expandafter
  \takethree\topmark}}
\def\topsecno{\expandafter\takeone\topmark}
\def\takeone#1#2#3{#1}
\def\taketwo#1#2#3{#2}
\def\takethree#1#2#3{#3}
\def\nullsec{\eightrm\kern-2em} % the \kern-2em cancels \qqquad in headers

\let\page=\pagebody \raggedbottom
% \def\page{\box255 }\normalbottom % faster, but loses plain TeX footnotes
\def\normaloutput#1#2#3{\ifodd\pageno\hoffset=\pageshift\fi
  \shipout\vbox{
  \vbox to\fullpageheight{
  \iftitle\global\titlefalse
  \else\hbox to\pagewidth{\vbox to10pt{\ifodd\pageno #3\else#2\fi}\fi
  \vfill#1}} % parameter #1 is the page itself
  \global\advance\pageno by1}

\gtitle={{\tentex CWEB} output} % this running head is reset by starred sections
\mark{\noexpand\nullsec0{\the\gtitle}}
\def\title{\expandafter\uppercase\expandafter{\jobname}}
\def\topofcontents{\centerline{\titlefont\title}\vskip.7in
  \vfill} % this material will start the table of contents page
\def\botofcontents{\vfill

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\centerline{\covernote}} % this material will end the table of contents page
\def\covernote{}
\def\contentspagenumber{0} % default page number for table of contents
\newdimen\pagewidth \pagewidth=6.5in % the width of each page
\newdimen\pageheight \pageheight=8.7in % the height of each page
\newdimen\fullpageheight \fullpageheight=9in % page height including headlines
\newdimen\pageshift \pageshift=\hoffset
% shift righthand pages wrt lefthand ones (changed in version 3.70)
\def\magnify#1{\mag=#1\pagewidth=6.5truein\pageheight=8.7truein
\fullpageheight=9truein\setpage}
\def\setpage{\hsize\pagewidth\vsiz\pageheight} % use after changing page size
\def\contentsfile{\jobname.toc} % file that gets table of contents info
\def\readcontents{\input \contentsfile}
\def\readindex{\input \jobname.idx}
\def\readsections{\input \jobname.scn}

\newwrite\cont
\output{\setbox0=\page % the first page is garbage
\openout\cont=\contentsfile
\write\cont{\catcode'\noexpand@=11\relax} % \makeatletter
\global\output{\normaloutput\page\lheader\rheader}}
\setpage
\ vbox to \vsize{} % the first \topmark won't be null

\def\ch{\note{The following sections were changed by the change file:}
\let\*=\relax}
\newbox\sbox % saved box preceding the index
\newbox\lbox % lefthand column in the index
\def\inx{\par\vskip6pt plus 1fil % we are beginning the index
\def\page{\box255 } \normalbottom
\write\cont{} % ensure that the contents file isn't empty
\write\cont{\catcode'\noexpand@=12\relax} % \makeatother
\closeout\cont % the contents information has been fully gathered
\output{\ifpagesaved\normaloutput{\box\sbox}\lheader\rheader\fi
\global\setbox\sbox=\page \global\pagesavedtrue \mark{\topmark}}
\pagesavedfalse \eject % eject the page-so-far and predecessors
\setbox\sbox\vbox{\unbox\sbox} % take it out of its box
\vsiz=\pageheight \advance\vsiz by -\ht\sbox % the remaining height
\hsiz=.5\pagewidth \advance\hsiz by -10pt
% column width for the index (20pt between cols)
\ifhint\else
\parfillskip 0pt plus .6\hsiz % try to avoid almost empty lines
\fi
\def\lr{L} % this tells whether the left or right column is next
\output{\if L\lr\global\setbox\lbox=\page \gdef\lr{R}
\else\normaloutput{\vbox to\pageheight{\box\sbox\vss
\hbox to\pagewidth{\box\lbox\hfil\page}}}\lheader\rheader
\global\vsiz\pageheight\gdef\lr{L}\global\pagesavedfalse\fi}
\message{Index:}
\parskip 0pt plus .5pt
\outer\def\I##1, ##2.{\par\hangindent2em\noindent##1:\kern1em
\ifacrophint\pdfnote##2.\else##2\fi.} % index entry
\def\[#1]{\underline{##1}} % underlined index item
\rm \rightskip0pt plus 2.5em \tolerance 10000 \let\*=\lapstar
\hyphenpenalty 10000 \parindent0pt
\readindex}
\def\fin{\par\vfill\eject % this is done when we are ending the index
\ifpagesaved\null\vfill\eject\fi % output a null index column
\if L\lr\else\null\vfill\eject\fi % finish the current page
\ifpdf \ifpdflua \makebookmarks % added in Version 3.68
\countsections \fi\fi % and in Version 4.9
\parfillskip 0pt plus 1fil
\def\grouptitle{NAMES OF THE SECTIONS}
\let\topsecno=\nullsec
\message{Section names:}
\output={\normaloutput\page\lheader\rheader}
\setpage
\def\note##1##2.{\quad\eightrm##1~\ifacrophint{\pdfnote##2.}\else{##2}\fi.}}
\def\Q{\note{Cited in section}} % crossref for mention of a section
\def\Qs{\note{Cited in sections}} % crossref for mentions of a section
\def\U{\note{Used in section}} % crossref for use of a section

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\def\Us{\note{Used in sections}} % crossref for uses of a section
\def\I{\par\hangindent 2em}\let\***
\ifacro \def\outsecname{Names of the sections} \let\Xpdf\X
% \ifpdflua \makebookmarks \pdfdest name {NOS} fitb % in versions < 3.68
\ifpdflua \pdfdest name {NOS} fith % changed in version 3.69
  \pdfoutline goto name {NOS} count -\the\countD {\outsecname}
  \def\X##1:##2\X{\Xpdf##1:##2\X \firstsecno##1.%
    {\toksF={}\makeoutlinetoks##2\outlinedone\outlinedone}%
    \pdfoutline goto num \the\toksA \expandafter{\the\toksE}}
\else \special{pdf: outline -1 << /Title (\outsecname)
  /Dest [ @thispage /FitH @ypos ] >>}
  \def\X##1:##2\X{\Xpdf##1:##2\X \firstsecno##1.%
    {\toksF={}\makeoutlinetoks##2\outlinedone\outlinedone}%
    \special{pdf: outline 0 << /Title (\the\toksE)
  /A << /S /GoTo /D (\romannumeral\the\toksA) >> >>}}
\fi\fi
\readsections}
\def\makebookmarks{\let\ZZ=\writebookmarkline \readcontents\relax}
\def\countsections{\message{Number of named sections:}
  {\def\I{\global\advance\countD by 1}\def\X##1\X{\relax}
  \def\Q##1.{\relax}\def\Qs##1.{\relax}\def\U##1.{\relax}\def\Us##1.{\relax}
  \readsections\relax}\message{\the\countD}}
\def\expnumber#1{\expandafter\ifx\csname#1\endcsname\relax 0%
  \else \csname#1\endcsname \fi} % Petr Olsak's macros from texinfo.tex
\def\advancenumber#1{\countA=\expnumber{#1}\relax \advance\countA by1
  \expandafter\xdef\csname#1\endcsname{\the\countA}}
\def\writebookmarkline#1#2#3#4#5{%
  \let\=(\let \let\)=\let \let\[\=\let \let\]=\let \let\]=\let
  \pdfoutline goto num #3 count -\expnumber{chunk#2.#3} {#5}}
\def\con{\par\vfill\eject % finish the section names
% \ifodd\pageno\else\titltrue\null\vfill\eject\fi % for duplex printers
\rightskip Opt \hyphenpenalty 50 \tolerance 200
\setpage \output={\normaloutput\page\lheader\rheader}
\ifpdf\startpdf\fi \titltrue % prepare to output the table of contents
\pageno=\contentspagenumber
\def\grouptitle{TABLE OF CONTENTS}
\message{Table of contents:}
\ifhint\HINThome\fi% Mark the Table of contents as home page
\topofcontents
\line{\hfил Section\ifhint\else\hbox to3em{\hss Page}\fi}% No Page in HINT
\let\ZZ=\contentsline
\readcontents\relax % read the contents info
\botofcontents \end} % print the contents page(s) and terminate
\def\contentsline#1#2#3#4#5{\ifnum#2=0 \smallbreak\fi
  \line{\consetup{#2}#1
  \rm\leaders\hbox to .5em{.hfил}\hfил
  \ \ifhint
    \HINTlink{#3}{\romannumeral#3}% No page numbers in HINT
    \HINTcontents{#1}{#2}{#3}%
  \else\ifacro\pdflink{#3}{\romannumeral#3}\else#3\fi
  \hbox to3em{\hss#4}\fi}}
\def\consetup#1{\ifcase#1 \bf % depth -1 (@**)
  \or % depth 0 (@)
  \or \hskip2em % depth 1 (@*1)
  \or \hskip4em \or \hskip6em \or \hskip8em \or \hskip10em % depth 2,3,4,5
  \else \hskip12em \fi} % depth 6 or more
\def\noinx{\let\inx=\end} % no indexes or table of contents
\def\nosecs{\let\FIN=\fin \def\fin{\let\parfillskip=\end \FIN}}
% no index of section names or table of contents
\def\nocon{\let\con=\end} % no table of contents
\def\today{\ifcase\month\or
  January\or February\or March\or April\or May\or June\or
  July\or August\or September\or October\or November\or December\fi
  \space\number\day, \number\year}
\newcount\twodigits
\def\hours{\twodigits=\time \divide\twodigits by 60 \printtwodigits
  \multiply\twodigits by-60 \advance\twodigits by\time :\printtwodigits}
\def\gobbleone{\}
\def\printtwodigits{\advance\twodigits100
  \expandafter\gobbleone\number\twodigits
  \advance\twodigits-100 }

```

```

\def\datethis{\def\startsection{\leftline{\sc\today\ at \hours}\bigskip
\let\startsection=\stsec\stsec}}
% say 'datethis' in limbo, to get your listing timestamped before section 1
%\def\datecontentspage{% versions up to 3.65
%\def\topofcontents{\leftline{\sc\today\ at \hours}\bigskip
%\centerline{\titlefont\title}\vfill}} % timestamps the contents page
\def\datecontentspage{% changed in version 3.66
\def\botofcontents{\vfill
\centerline{\covernote}
\bigskip
\leftline{\sc\today\ at \hours}} % timestamps the contents page

```

And here comes the file that extends `cwebmac.tex` in order to support the “hypertext” features needed by the enhanced \TeX engines when processing the output of `CWEAVE`.

```

% hypertext macros for CWEB listings (in addition to cwebmac.tex)
% Version 2.0 --- May 2024
\ifx\ifacrohint\undefined\endinput\fi % these are not standalone macros
\ifluatex % LuaTeX is almost like pdfTeX
\protected\def\pdfliteral {\pdfextension literal}
\protected\def\pdfstartlink {\pdfextension startlink\space}
\protected\def\pdfendlink {\pdfextension endlink}
\protected\def\pdfoutline {\pdfextension outline\space}
\protected\def\pdfdest {\pdfextension dest\space}
\protected\def\pdfcatalog {\pdfextension catalog}
\edef\pdfhorigin {\pdfvariable horigin}
\edef\pdfvorigin {\pdfvariable vorigin}
\let\pdfpagewidth=\pagewidth
\let\pdfpageheight=\pageheight
\let\pdfoutput=\outputmode
\fi % end of LuaTeX->pdfTeX redirection macros

% Used in cwebmac.tex, pdfctwimac.tex, pdfproofmac.tex
\def\tocpages{1} % Most programs have one-page Table-of-Contents
\def\startpdf{\def\pagemode{/PageMode /UseOutlines}
\ifnum\contentspagenumber=0 \advance \pageno by -\tocpages
\def\pagelabels{/PageLabels << /Nums [ 0 << /S/D/St \tocpages >>
\the\pageno << /P(Contents) >> ] >>}
\else \twodigits=\pageno \pageno=\contentspagenumber
\advance \pageno by \tocpages \advance \twodigits by -\pageno
\def\pagelabels{/PageLabels << /Nums [ 0 << /S/D/St \the\pageno >>
\the\twodigits << /S/D/St \contentspagenumber >> ] >>} \fi
\ifpdflua\pdfcatalog{\pagemode\space\pagelabels}
\else \special{pdf: docview << \pagemode\space\pagelabels >>}\fi

\ifacro % The following are general pdf macros
\def\thewidth{\the\wd0 \space}
\def\theheight{\the\ht\strutbox\space}
\def\thedepth{\the\dp\strutbox\space}
\ifpdflua
\ifx\pdfannotlink\undefined\let\pdfannotlink\pdfstartlink\fi% for pdfTeX 0.14
\def\pdflink#1#2{\hbox{\pdfannotlink height \theheight depth \thedepth
attr{/Border [0 0 0]} goto num #1 \Blue #1\Black\pdfendlink}} % changed 3.69
\else\def\pdflink#1#2{\setbox0=\hbox{\special{pdf: bc [ \pdflinkcolor ]}{#1}%
\special{pdf: ec}}\special{pdf: ann width \thewidth height \theheight
depth \thedepth << /Type /Annot /Subtype /Link
/Border [0 0 0] /A << /S /GoTo /D (#2) >> >>}\box0\relax}\fi
\def\sanitizecommand#1#2{\addtokens\usersanitizer
{\noexpand\dosanitizecommand\noexpand#1{#2}}}
\def\dosanitizecommand#1#2{\ifx\nxt#1\addF{#2}\fi

\catcode'\[=1 \catcode'\]=2 \catcode'\{=12 \catcode'\}=12
\def\lbchar[{} \def\rbchar[{}
\catcode'\[=12 \catcode'\]=12 \catcode'\{=1 \catcode'\}=2
\catcode'\~=12 \def\tildechar{~} \catcode'\~=13
\catcode'\|=0 |catcode'\|=12 |def|bschar{|} |catcode'\|=0 \catcode'\|=12
\def\makeoutlinetoks{\Tnumfalse\afterassignment\makeolproctok\let\nxt=}
\def\makeolnexttok{\afterassignment\makeolproctok\let\nxt=}
\def\makeolgobbletok{\afterassignment\makeolnexttok\let\nxt=}
\def\addF#1{\addtokens\toksF{#1}\tokprocessedtrue}
% now comes a routine to "sanitize" section names, for pdf outlines

```

```

\def\makeolproctok{\tokprocessedfalse
\let\next\makeolnexttok % default
\ifx\nxt\outlinedone\let\next\outlinedone
\else\ifx{\nxt \else\ifx}\nxt \Tnumfalse \instrfalse % skip braces
\else\ifx$\nxt % or a $ sign
\else\ifx`\nxt \addF`\else\ifx_`nxt \addF_% sanitize ^ and _
\else\ifx\nxt\spacechar \addF\space
\else\if\noexpand\nxt\relax % we have a control sequence; is it one we know?
\ifx\nxt~\addF\space
\else\ifx\nxt\onespace\addF\space
\else\the\usersanitizer
\iftokprocessed\else\makeolproctokctli
\iftokprocessed\else\makeolproctokctlii
\iftokprocessed\else\makeolproctokctliii % if not recognised, skip it
\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi
\else % we don't have a control sequence, it's an ordinary char
\ifx\nxt \addF{\string\}% quote chars special to PDF with backslash
\else\ifx(\nxt \addF{\string\}\else\ifx)\nxt \addF{\string\})%
\else\ifx[\nxt \addF{\string\[]\else\ifx]\nxt \addF{\string\]}%
\else\expandafter\makeolproctokchar\meaning\nxt
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi\fi\fi
\next
}
\def\makeolproctokchar#1 #2 #3{\addF{#3}}
\def\makeolproctokctli{%
\ifx\nxt\CEE\addF{C}\let\next\makeolgobbletok % \CEE/
\else\ifx\nxt\UNIX\addF{UNIX}\let\next\makeolgobbletok % \UNIX/
\else\ifx\nxt\TEX\addF{TeX}\let\next\makeolgobbletok % \TEX/
\else\ifx\nxt\TeX\addF{TeX}\else\ifx\nxt\LaTeX\addF{LaTeX}%
\else\ifx\nxt\CPLUSPLUS\addF{C++}\let\next\makeolgobbletok % \CPLUSPLUS/
\else\ifx\nxt\Cee\addF{C}%
\else\ifx\nxt\PB \let\next\makeolgobbletok \tokprocessedtrue % \PB{...}
\else\ifx\nxt\.\tokprocessedtrue\instrtrue % \.{...}
% skip \
\else\ifx\nxt\\\ifinstr\addF{\bschar\bschar}\else\tokprocessedtrue\fi
\else\ifx\nxt&\ifinstr\addF&\else\tokprocessedtrue\fi
\else\ifx\nxt~\ifTnum\addF{0}\else\addF\tildechar\fi % 077->\T{\~77}
\else\ifx\nxt_\ifTnum\addF{E}\else\addF_\fi % 0.1E5->\T{0.1\~5}
\else\ifx\nxt^\ifTnum\addF{0x}\else\addF^\fi % 0x77 -> \T{\~77}
\else\ifx\nxt\\\ifTnum\addF{0b}\else\addF\\\fi % 0b10111 -> \T{\~10111}
\else\ifx\nxt$\ifTnum\tokprocessedtrue\else\addF$\fi %% \T{77$}L}
\else\ifx\nxt{\addF\lbchar\else\ifx\nxt\}\addF\rbchar
\else\ifx\nxt \addF\space\else\ifx\nxt\#\addF{\string\#}%
\else\ifx\nxt\PP\addF{++}\else\ifx\nxt\MM\addF{--}%
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi
}
\def\makeolproctokctlii{%
\ifx\nxt\MG\addF{->}\else\ifx\nxt\GG\addF{>>}%
\else\ifx\nxt\LL\addF{<<}\else\ifx\nxt\NULL\addF{NULL}%
\else\ifx\nxt\AND\addF&\else\ifx\nxt\OR\addF|%
\else\ifx\nxt\XOR\addF^\else\ifx\nxt\CM\addF\tildechar
\else\ifx\nxt\MOD\addF{\string\%}\else\ifx\nxt\DC\addF{:}%
\else\ifx\nxt\PA\addF{.}%\else\ifx\nxt\MGA\addF{->*}%
\else\ifx\nxt\this\addF{this}\else\ifx\nxt\?\addF??%
\else\ifx\nxt\E\addF{=} \else\ifx\nxt\G\addF{>=}%
\else\ifx\nxt\I\addF{!=} \else\ifx\nxt\K\addF{=} %
\else\ifx\nxt\l\addF{l} \else\ifx\nxt\L\addF{L} %
\else\ifx\nxt\o\addF{o} \else\ifx\nxt\O\addF{O} %
\else\ifx\nxt\R\addF!%
\else\ifx\nxt\T \Tnumtrue \let\next\makeolgobbletok
\tokprocessedtrue % \T{number}
\else\ifx\nxt\AM\addF&\else\ifx\nxt\%\addF{\string\}%
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi
}
\def\makeolproctokctliiii{%

```

```

\ifx\nxt\V\addF{||}\else\ifx\nxt\W\addF{&&}\else\ifx\nxt\Z\addF{<=}%
\else\ifx\nxt\*\addF*\else\ifx\nxt\Xand\addF{\space and\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xandxeq\addF{\space and_eq\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xbitand\addF{\space bitand\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xbitor\addF{\space bitor\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xcompl\addF{\space compl\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xnot\addF{\space not\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xnotxeq\addF{\space not_eq\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xor\addF{\space or\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xorxeq\addF{\space or_eq\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xxor\addF{\space xor\space}%
\else\ifx\nxt\Xxorxeq\addF{\space xor_eq\space}%
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi \fi\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
\fi\fi\fi\fi\fi
}
\def\outlinedone{\edef\outlinest{\global\noexpand\toksE={\the\toksF}}%
\outlinest\let\outlinedone=\relax}
\fi % End of pdf macros

\ifhint
% The following uses HINT primitives to implement:
% \HINThome to mark the position of the home page
% \HINTlabel to attach a label to the top of a section
% \HINTlink to link a section number to the section label
% \HINTcontents to produce an 'outline' item
% These are the top level HINT macros that are used in this file
% No HINT primitives are used directly.
\def\HINThome{\HINTdest name {HINT.home}%
\HINToutline goto name {HINT.home} depth 1 {Table of Contents}}
\def\HINTlabel{\let\*=\empty\HINTdest num \secstar top}}
\def\HINTlink#1#2{\HINTstartlink goto num #1 {#1}\HINTendlink}% #2 not used ???
\def\HINTcontents#1#2#3{\HINToutline goto num #3 depth #2 {#1}}
\let\pdflink=\HINTlink
\fi % End of HINT macros

% Common macros for \ifacro and \ifhint
\ifacrohint
\def\pdfnote#1.{\setbox0=\hbox{\toksA={#1.}\toksB={}\maketoks}\the\toksA}
\def\firstsecno#1.{\setbox0=\hbox{\toksA={#1.}\toksB={}}%
\def\makenote{\addtoks\toksB{\the\toksC}\def\makenote{\toksD={}\toksC={}\let\space\empty}\makenote}\maketoks}}
\def\addtoks#1#2{\edef\addtoks{\noexpand#1={\the#1#2}}\addtoks}
\def\poptoks#1#2|ENDTOKS|{\let\first=#1\toksD={#1}%
\ifcat\noexpand\first0\countB=#1\else\countB=0\fi\toksA={#2}}
\def\maketoks{\expandafter\poptoks\the\toksA|ENDTOKS|%
\ifnum\countB>'9 \countB=0 \fi
\ifnum\countB<'0
\ifnum0=\countC\else\makenote\fi
\ifx\first.\let\next=\maketoksdone\else
\let\next=\maketoks
\addtoks\toksB{\the\toksD}
\ifx\first,\addtoks\toksB{\space}\fi
\fi
\else \addtoks\toksC{\the\toksD}\global\countC=1\let\next=\maketoks
\fi
\next
}
\def\makenote{\addtoks\toksB
{\noexpand\pdflink{\the\toksC}{\romannumeral\the\toksC}}\toksC={}\global\countC=0}
\def\maketoksdone{\edef\st{\global\noexpand\toksA={\the\toksB}}\st}
\fi % End of common macros

```

Appendix C: How to use CWEB macros

The macros in `cwebmac` and `cwebacromac` make it possible to produce a variety of formats without editing the output of `CWEAVE`, and the purpose of this appendix is to explain some of the possibilities.

1. Four fonts have been declared in addition to the standard fonts of PLAIN format: You can say ‘`\mc UNIX`’ to get UNIX in medium-size caps; you can say ‘`\sc STUFF`’ to get STUFF in small caps; and you can select the largish fonts `\titlefont` and `\tttitlefont` in the title of your document, where `\tttitlefont` is a typewriter style of type. There are macros `\UNIX/` and `\CEE/` to refer to UNIX and C with medium-size caps.

2. When you mention an identifier in T_EX text, you normally call it ‘`|identifier|`’. But you can also say ‘`\{identifier}`’. The output will look the same in both cases, but the second alternative doesn’t put *identifier* into the index, since it bypasses `CWEAVE`’s translation from C mode. In the second case you must put a backslash before each underline character in the identifier.

3. To get typewriter-like type, as when referring to ‘CWEB’, you can use the ‘`\.`’ macro (e.g., ‘`\.{CWEB}`’). In the argument to this macro you should insert an additional backslash before the symbols listed as ‘special string characters’ in the index to `CWEAVE`, i.e., before backslashes and dollar signs and the like. A ‘`_`’ here will result in the visible space symbol; to get an invisible space following a control sequence you can say ‘`_`’. If the string is long, you can break it up into substrings that are separated by ‘`\`’; the latter gives a discretionary backslash if T_EX has to break a line here.

4. The three control sequences `\pagewidth`, `\pageheight`, and `\fullpageheight` can be redefined in the limbo section at the beginning of your CWEB file, to change the dimensions of each page. The default settings

```
\pagewidth=6.5in
\pageheight=8.7in
\fullpageheight=9in
```

were used to prepare this manual; `\fullpageheight` is `\pageheight` plus room for the additional heading and page numbers at the top of each page. If you change any of these quantities, you should call the macro `\setpage` immediately after making the change.

5. The `\pageshift` macro defines an amount by which right-hand pages (i.e., odd-numbered pages) are shifted right with respect to left-hand (even-numbered) ones. By adjusting this amount you may be able to get two-sided output in which the page numbers line up on opposite sides of each sheet.

6. The `\title` macro will appear at the top of each page in small caps; it is the job name unless redefined.

7. The first page usually is assigned page number 1. To start on page 16, with contents on page 15, say this: ‘`\def\contentspagenumber{15} \pageno=\contentspagenumber \advance\pageno by 1`’.

8. The macro `\iftitle` will suppress the header line if it is defined by ‘`\titletrue`’. The normal value is `\titlefalse` except for the table of contents; thus, the contents page is usually unnumbered.

Two macros are provided to give flexibility to the table of contents: `\topofcontents` is invoked just before the contents info is read, and `\botofcontents` is invoked just after. Here’s a typical definition:

```
\def\topofcontents{\null\vfill
\titlefalse % include headline on the contents page
\def\rheader{\mainfont The {\tt CWEAVE} processor\hfil}
\centerline{\titlefont The {\tttitlefont CWEAVE} processor}
\vskip 15pt \centerline{(Version 4.11)} \vfill}
```

Redefining `\rheader`, which is the headline for right-hand pages, suffices in this case to put the desired information at the top of the contents page.

9. Data for the table of contents is written to a file that is read after the indexes have been T_EXed; there’s one line of data for every starred section. The file `common.toc` might look like this:

```
\ZZ {Introduction}{1}{1}{30}{-}
\ZZ {The character set}{1}{21}{36}{-}
```

and so on. The `\topofcontents` macro could redefine `\ZZ` so that the information appears in any desired format. (See also point 19 below.)

10. Sometimes it is necessary or desirable to divide the output of `CWEAVE` into subfiles that can be processed separately. For example, the listing of `TEX` runs to more than 500 pages, and that is enough to exceed the capacity of many printing devices and/or their software. When an extremely large job isn't cut into smaller pieces, the entire process might be spoiled by a single error of some sort, making it necessary to start everything over.

Here's a safe way to break a woven file into three parts: Say the pieces are α , β , and γ , where each piece begins with a starred section. All macros should be defined in the opening limbo section of α , and copies of this `TEX` code should be placed at the beginning of β and of γ . In order to process the parts separately, we need to take care of two things: The starting page numbers of β and γ need to be set up properly, and the table of contents data from all three runs needs to be accumulated.

The `cwebmac` macros include two control sequences `\contentsfile` and `\readcontents` that facilitate the necessary processing. We include `'\def\contentsfile{cont1}'` in the limbo section of α , and we include `'\def\contentsfile{cont2}'` in the limbo section of β ; this causes `TEX` to write the contents data for α and β into `cont1.tex` and `cont2.tex`. Now in γ we say

```
\def\readcontents{\input cont1 \input cont2 \input \contentsfile};
```

this brings in the data from all three pieces, in the proper order.

However, we still need to solve the page-numbering problem. One way to do it is to include the following in the limbo material for β :

```
\message{Please type the last page number of part 1: }
\read -1 to \temp \pageno=\temp \advance\pageno by 1
```

Then you simply provide the necessary data when `TEX` requests it; a similar construction is used at the beginning of γ .

This method can, of course, be used to divide a woven file into any number of pieces.

11. Sometimes it is nice to include things in the index that are typeset in a special way. For example, we might want to have an index entry for `'TEX'`. `CWEAVE` provides two simple ways to typeset an index entry (unless the entry is an identifier or a reserved word): `'@~'` gives roman type, and `'@.'` gives typewriter type. But if we try to typeset `'TEX'` in roman type by saying, e.g., `'@~\TeX@>'`, the backslash character gets in the way, and this entry wouldn't appear in the index with the T's.

The solution is to use the `'@:.'` feature, declaring a macro that simply removes a sort key as follows:

```
\def\9#1{}
```

Now you can say, e.g., `'@:TeX}{\TeX@>'` in your `CWEB` file; `CWEAVE` puts it into the index alphabetically, based on the sort key, and produces the macro call `'\9{TeX}{\TeX}'` which will ensure that the sort key isn't printed.

A similar idea can be used to insert hidden material into section names so that they are alphabetized in whatever way you might wish. Some people call these tricks "special refinements"; others call them "kludges."

12. The control sequence `\secno` is set to the number of the section being typeset.

13. If you want to list only the sections that have changed, together with the index, put the command `'\let\maybe=\iffalse'` in the limbo section before the first section of your `CWEB` file. It's customary to make this the first change in your change file.

This feature has a `TEX`nic limitation, however: You cannot use it together with control sequences like `\proclaim` or `\+` or `\newcount` that plain `TEX` has declared to be `'\outer'`, because `TEX` refuses to skip silently over such control sequences. One way to work around this limitation is to say

```
\fi \let\proclaim\relax \def\proclaim{...} \ifon
```

where `\proclaim` is redefined to be the same as usual but without an `\outer` qualification. (The `\fi` here stops the conditional skipping, and the `\ifon` turns it back on again.) Similarly,

```
\fi \newcount\n \ifon
```

is a safe way to use `\newcount`. Plain \TeX already provides a non-outer macro `\tabalign` that does the work of `\+`; you can say

```
\fi \let\+\tabalign \ifon
```

if you prefer the shorter notation `\+`.

14. To get output in languages other than English, redefine the macros `\A`, `\As`, `\ATH`, `\ET`, `\ETs`, `\Q`, `\Qs`, `\U`, `\Us`, `\ch`, `\fin`, `\con`, `\today`, `\datethis`, and `\datecontentspage`. `CWEAVE` itself need not be changed.

15. Some output can be selectively suppressed with the macros `\noatl`, `\noinx`, `\nosecs`, `\nocon`.

16. All accents and special text symbols of plain \TeX format will work in `CWEB` documents just as they are described in Chapter 9 of *The \TeX book*, with one exception. The dot accent (normally `\.`) must be typed `\:` instead.

17. Several commented-out lines in `cwebmac.tex` are suggestions that users may wish to adopt. For example, one such line inserts a blank page if you have a duplex printer. Appendices [D](#), [E](#), and [F](#)⁷ of the complete version of this manual are printed using a commented-out option that substitutes ‘←’ for ‘=’ in the program listings.⁸ Looking at those appendices might help you decide which format you like better.

18. Andreas Scherer has contributed a macro called `\pdfURL` with which one can say things like the following, anywhere in the \TeX parts or the C comments of a `CWEB` file:

```
You can send email to \pdfURL{the author}{mailto:andreas\UNDER/github@@freenet.de}
or visit \pdfURL{his home page}{https://github.com/ascherer}
```

In a PDF document, the first argument will appear in blue as clickable text; the PDF viewer, if correctly configured, will then redirect those links to the user’s browser and open either the email client or the HTML viewer. In a hardcopy document, both arguments will be printed (**the second in parentheses and typewriter type**). Certain special characters in an Internet address need to be handled in a somewhat awkward way, so that `CWEAVE` and/or \TeX will not confuse them with formatting controls: Use `@@` for `@` and `\TILDE/` for `~` and `\UNDER/` for `_`.

19. PDF documents contain bookmarks that list all the major group titles in the table of contents, some of which will be subsidiary to others if the depth feature of `@*` has been used. Such bookmark entries are also known as “outlines.” Moreover, the final group title, ‘Names of the sections’, can be opened up to list every section name; users can therefore navigate easily to any desired section.

The macros of `cwebacromac.tex` are careful to “sanitize” all the names that appear as bookmarks, by removing special characters and formatting codes that are inappropriate for the limited typographic capabilities of PDF outlines. For example, one section of `CWEAVE` is named ‘Cases for *case_like*’, which is represented by the \TeX code ‘Cases for `\PB{\{case_like\}}`’ in `cweave.tex`; its sanitized name is simply ‘Cases for `case_like`’. (When `.pdf` files are produced, the fifth parameter of every `\ZZ` in the `.toc` file is set to the sanitized form of the first parameter; see point 9 above and point 20 below.)

In general, sanitization removes \TeX control sequences and braces, except for control sequences defined by `CWEB` itself. Such a translation works most of the time, but you can override the defaults and obtain any translation that you want by using \TeX tricks. For example, after

```
\sanitizecommand\foo{bar}
```

the control sequence `\foo` will sanitize to ‘`bar`’. And after

```
\def\kluj#1\{foo}
```

the \TeX code ‘`\kluj bar\`’ will print as ‘`foo`’ but sanitize to ‘`bar`’, because the control sequences `\kluj` and `\` are removed by sanitization.

⁷ And [Appendix G](#).

⁸ They also make use of the alternative format for C comments.

20. Furthermore, group titles can be converted to an arbitrary sanitized text while also changing their form in running headlines, by using `\ifheader`. Consider, for example, a CWEB source file that begins with the two lines

```
\def\klujj#1\{\ifheader FOO\else foo\fi}
@*Chinese \klujj bar\.
```

This coding introduces a major group entitled ‘**Chinese foo**’, with running headline ‘CHINESE FOO’ and table-of-contents entry ‘Chinese foo’. The corresponding bookmark is, however, ‘**Chinese bar**’. And the corresponding `.toc` file entry is ‘\ZZ {Chinese \klujj bar\}\{1}\{1}\{1}\{Chinese bar}’.

21. With modern T_EX engines like ‘`luatex`’, ‘`pdftex`’, and ‘`xetex`’ (but *not* with classic ‘`tex`’) you can say ‘`\input pdfwebtocfront`’ as the last command in the limbo section and run T_EX *twice* on your woven CWEB document, in order to shift the table-of-contents to the front of the PDF output.