

Two `pagestyles` for underlining headers*

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Abstract

This package implements two new `pagestyles` `underline` and `myunderline` that are similar to the standard `headings` and `myheadings` `pagestyles` but provide a horizontal line just below the head line.

The purpose of this package file is to provide a way to underline a running head. This is done by redefining the `\@evenhead` and `\@oddhead` macros. To understand this you must know that whenever a given `pagestyle` (say ‘xxx’) is selected by a `\pagestyle{xxx}` command the macro `\ps@xxx` is executed. Therefore we define a macro `\ps@underline` which is called when you say `\pagestyle{underline}`. To provide for a rule with user-defined headings we also define the `pagestyle` ‘`myunderline`’, i.e. the macro `\ps@myunderline`.

1 Implementation

1 `(*package)`
`\ps@underline` The first thing the macro `\ps@underline` does is to call `\ps@headings` to set up everything like the ‘headings’ `pagestyle` does. Here we do not need to distinguish onesided and twosided printing since this is already done correctly by `\ps@headings`.

2 `\def\ps@underline{\ps@headings}`
Then we redefine `\@evenhead`. The first part is a copy of the definition in `\ps@headings`. This has the advantage that this style option works with document styles ‘article’, ‘report’, and ‘book’.

3 `\def\@evenhead{\the\page\hfil\slshape\leftmark\null}`
`\null` is defined to be `\hbox{}` in the L^AT_EX kernel file `ltplain.dtx`. Additionally we include a `\vadjust` primitive. The effect of this primitive is to add its argument after the current `\hbox` to the enclosing vertical list.

4 `\vadjust{\vskip .3ex\hrule}{}%`

The `\@oddhead` macro is constructed analogously.

5 `\def\@oddhead{\null\{\slshape \rightmark\}\hfil\the\page}`
6 `\vadjust{\vskip .3ex\hrule}{}}}`

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\ps@myunderline The macro \ps@myunderline for underlining user defined running heads is constructed analogously.

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7 \def\ps@myunderline{\ps@myheadings
8   \def\@oddhead{\null\{\slshape\rightmark\}\hfil
9     \rm\thepage\vadjust{\vskip .3ex\hrule}}%
10 \def\@evenhead{\thepage\hfil\slshape \leftmark \null
11   \vadjust{\vskip .3ex\hrule}}}
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Well, that's all. Use it and enjoy.