The **turnthepage** package

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1 Introduction

On some exams' sheets, some professors or lecturers like to indicate to the reader that the 'page' can be turned. That avoids oversights to the student, thereby avoiding them cold sweat at the end of the exam, realizing that there were other questions they needed to answer. One might implement a LaTeX mechanism so that each odd page (except the last one, if the last page is odd) displays a message to turn the page. This mechanism can also be useful for different kinds of documents.

This package can thus be used for exams, or special documents printed 'twoside'.

2 General Use

2.1 Loading the Package

The general method to *load the package* is to use

```
\usepackage[option]{turnthepage}
```

2.2 Available Options

The *following options are available*:

- `short`: will display '/...' at the bottom of each odd page, in its right corner,
- `english`: will display '*Turn the page.*' at the bottom of each odd page, in its right corner,
- `francais`: will display '*Tournez la page.*' at the bottom of each odd page, in its right corner,
- `nederlands`: will display '*Sla de pagina om.*' at the bottom of each odd page, in its right corner,
- `deutsch`: will display '*Bitte wenden.*' at the bottom of each odd page, in its right corner,

As the package calls `\turnthepage` where it needs to be placed, you can define `\turnthepage` as you want. For example, if you want a more polite way to say it, you can use

```
\renewcommand{\turnthepage}{\itshape Turn the page please.}
```

after the preamble.

The package automatically detects ϵ-TEX and recent ($\geq$ 2024-06-01) LATEX-format versions and loads `\turnpageetex`, for older versions it loads `\turnpagewoetex`, which does not even use ϵ-TEX!

3 Version History

0. `v1.0`: The package is introduced to the LATEX world (happy new 2011 year!).

1. `v1.1`: New options are added thanks to Mr. van Dongen's suggestions: `english` now replaces `long`, and `francais`, `nederlands`, `deutsch` are implemented as translations of 'Turn the page.' in French, Dutch, and German.

2. `v1.2`: In `v1.1`, setting page numbering to 'arabic' lead to errors. As a result, Mr. Philipp Stephani proposed to use `zref-abspage` and `zref-lastpage` at the place of `lastpage`. After some slight modifications, one can now use any page numbering style.

3. `v1.3a`: Mx. H.-Martin Münch told me (Merciadri Luca) by personal communication that the package cannot be used on all LATEX distributions, when they are not ϵ-TEX capable. Fortunately, they had previously implemented the `pagesLTS` package, which does not rely on ϵ-TEX. It allowed them to write three files:

   - `turnpageetex`: old `turnthepage`'s equivalent (using ϵ-TEX),
   - `turnpagewoetex`: old `turnthepage`'s equivalent using `pagesLTS`,
   - `turnthepage`: main file.

   The package now works for users who do not have ϵ-TEX: when invoking `turnthepage`, the `turnthepage` package decides to use either `turnpageetex` or `turnpagewoetex` depending on ϵ-TEX availability. It is also possible to use e.g. the `turnpagewoetex` package independently. You simply need to replace

   ```
   \usepackage[option]{turnthepage}
   ```

   by

   ```
   \usepackage[option]{turnpagewoetex}
   ```

and the same remark applies for `turnpageetex`. Many thanks go to Mx. Martin Münch for this, who also added info messages depending on the package's status so that the user is now more aware about what's going on.

4. `v2.0a`: The `pagesLTS` package has been renamed `pageslts` and since version 2.0a requires ϵ-TEX. The necessary code from the old `pagesLTS` has been merged into the `\turnpagewoetex` package, so that `pagesLTS` (or `pageslts`) is no longer required. `turnpageetex` now uses the commands provided by modern LATEX-formats.

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- Marc van Dongen for his help at [2],
- Martin Münch for their personal communications and their version of `turnthepage` without ϵ-TEX,
- Philipp Stephani at [1].

5 Contact

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