The fancyhdr and extramarks packages

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Abstract
This document describes how to customize the page layout of your LaTeX documents, i.e. how to change page margings and sizes, headers and footers, and the proper placement of figures and tables (collectively called floats) on the page.

This documentation describes version 3.10 or later of the fancyhdr and extramarks packages. The user documentation is valid for the versions 3.8 or later of the fancyhdr package and version 2.1 or later of the extramarks package.

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Introduction

This document contains four parts:

Part I is a short documentation on the user commands of the fancyhdr and extramarks packages.

Part II contains elaborate documentation on page layout in \LaTeX{}. This used to be the complete documentation of fancyhdr and extramarks for several years.

Part III contains Questions and Answers.

Part IV contains the annotated implementation.

1 Installation

The preferred way to install this package is with a package installer. If you want to install it by hand, then first run the command \texttt{tex fancyhdr.ins} and
then move the files fancyhdr.sty, extramarks.sty and fancyheadings.sty to a place where \LaTeX{} can find it, preferably in a directory similar to ...	exttt{texmf/tex/latex/fancyhdr/} in your \TeX{} directory tree.

2 Using fancyhdr

The package fancyhdr gives you several commands to define headers and footers of the pages in a \LaTeX{} document.

\begin{Verbatim}
\fancyhead \fancyfoot \fancyhf
\end{Verbatim}

Here \texttt{places} is a comma-separated list of places where \texttt{field} will be placed. There are 12 places defined: Left, Center and Right Headers and Footers, and both can be on Even or Odd pages. Each place therefore has 3 coordinates which are the initial letters of the above description: (1) E or O, (2) L or R, (3) H or F. So a place is given with 3 letters, like \texttt{EOH}. A missing coordinate means: all possibilities, except for \texttt{\fancyhead} where H is implied and \texttt{\fancyfoot} where F is implied.

\begin{Verbatim}
\fancyheadoffset \fancyfootoffset \fancyhfoffset
\end{Verbatim}

These define offsets to let the headers stick into the margin (or to the inside if negative). Places cannot contain the \texttt{C} specifier. See section 15 for more details.

\begin{Verbatim}
\headrulewidth \headrulewidth \headrule
\footrule \footrule \headrule
\headwidth
\end{Verbatim}

\texttt{\headrulewidth} and \texttt{\headrulewidth} are macros to define the thickness of a line under the header and above the footer. \texttt{\headrule} and \texttt{\footrule} are macros to completely redefine these lines. And \texttt{\headwidth} is a length parameter that defines the total width of the headers and footers. See sections 8, 14 and 15 for more details.

\begin{Verbatim}
\iftopfloat \ifbotfloat \iffloatpage \iffootnote
\end{Verbatim}

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These are macros to detect if there is a float on the top or the bottom of the page, or the page is a float page, or if there is a footnote at the bottom of the page. These can be used to choose different headers and/or footers if these conditions are met. See section 16 for more details.

\fancypagestyle
\fancypagestyle{pagestyle}{commands}

This command lets you (re)define page styles for use in special situations. See section 10 for more details.

3 Using extramarks

The extramarks gives you some extra marks in \LaTeX, besides the normal \leftmark and \rightmark, that are defined by the \markboth and \markright commands.

\firstleftmark
\firstrightmark
\lastleftmark
\lastrightmark
\firstrightmark
\lastleftmark
\firstleftmark
\lastrightmark
\topleftmark
\toprightmark
\lastleftmark
\lastrightmark
\firstmark
\lastmark
\topmark

Standard \LaTeX has two marks: a left and a right one. The standard command \leftmark gives you the last left mark on a page, and \rightmark gives you the first right one. These macros give you also the other combinations, where \firstrightmark = \rightmark and \lastleftmark = \leftmark. As with the standard marks, these are meant to be used in headers and footers. In other places they will not work properly.

\extramarks{aa}{bb}
\firstleftxmark
\firstrightxmark
\topleftxmark
\toprightxmark
\lastleftxmark
\lastrightxmark
\firstxmark
\lastxmark
\topxmark

The command \extramarks{aa}{bb} defines two extra marks, similar to the standard ones by \LaTeX, where aa is the left one and bb is the right one. The other commands are to extract these in the headers and footers, similar to the ones without the x. See sections 12 and 21 for more details.
Part II
Page Layout in LATEX

4 Introduction

A page in a LATEX document is built from various elements as shown in figure 1. The body contains the main text of the document together with the so called floats (tables and figures).

The pages are constructed by LATEX’s output routine, which is quite complicated and should therefore not be modified. Some of the packages described in this paper contains small modifications to the output routine to accomplish things that cannot be done in another way. You should use these packages to get the desired result rather than fiddling with the output routine yourself.

There are a number of things that you must be aware of:

1. The margins on the left are not called \texttt{\leftmargin}, but \texttt{\evensidemargin} (on even-numbered pages) and \texttt{\oddsidemargin} (on odd-numbered pages). In one-sided documents \texttt{\oddsidemargin} is used for either. \texttt{\leftmargin} is also a valid LATEX parameter but it has a different use (namely the indentation of lists).

2. Most of the parameters should not be changed in the middle of a document. Some changes might work at a pagebreak. If you want to change the height of a single page, you can use the \texttt{\enlargethispage} command.

The margin notes area contains small pieces of information created by the \texttt{\marginpar} command. On twosided documents the margin notes appear on the left and right alternatively. The margin notes are not on fixed places with respect to the paper but at approximately the same height as the paragraph in which they appear. Due to the algorithm used to decide the placement of margin notes, in a twosided document unfortunately they may appear on the wrong side if they are close to a page break. If you want to put information on fixed places in the margins you may use the technique described in sections 22 and 23.

The first part of this paper describes how to change the header and footer areas. The last part describes how to get your floats at the desired place.

5 Page headers and footers

The page headers and footers in LATEX are defined by the \texttt{\pagestyle} and \texttt{\pagenumbering} commands. \texttt{\pagestyle} defines the general contents of the headers and footers (e.g. where the page number will be printed), while \texttt{\pagenumbering} defines the format of the page number. LATEX has four standard page styles:
Figure 1: Page elements. The values shown are those in effect in the current document, not the defaults.
Although these are useful styles, they are quite limited. Additional page styles can be defined by defining commands of the form `\ps@xxx`. This command is executed when a `\pagestyle{xxx}` is given in the document. The `\ps@xxx` command should define the following commands for the contents of the headers and footers:

```
\@oddhead  header on odd numbered pages in two-sided documents (on all pages in one-sided)
\@evenhead header on even numbered pages in two-sided documents
\@oddfoot  footer on odd numbered pages in two-sided documents (on all pages in one-sided)
\@evenfoot footer on even numbered pages in two-sided documents
```

These are not user commands, but rather “variables” that are used by \LaTeX{}’s output routine. As the command names contain the character ‘@’, they should be defined in a package file, or otherwise be sandwiched between the commands `\makeatletter` and `\makeatother`.

The `\pagenumbering` command defines the layout of the page number. It has a parameter from the following list:

| arabic | arabic numerals       |
| roman  | lower case roman numerals |
| Roman  | upper case roman numerals |
| alph   | lower case letter      |
| Alph   | upper case letter      |

The `\pagenumbering{xxx}` defines the command `\thepage` to be the expansion of the page number in the given notation `xxx`. The pagestyle command then would include `\thepage` in the appropriate place. Additionally the `\pagenumbering` command resets the page number to 1. The `\pagestyle` and `\pagenumbering` apply to the page that is being constructed, so they should be used at a location where it is clear to what page they apply (see section 20).

6 What is fancyhdr

The `fancyhdr` macro package allows you to customize in \LaTeX{} your page headers and footers in an easy way. You can define:

- three-part headers and footers
- decorative lines in headers and footers
• headers and footers wider than the width of the text
• multi-line headers and footers
• separate headers and footers for even and odd pages
• different headers and footers for chapter pages
• different headers and footer on pages with floats

Of course, you also have complete control over fonts, uppercase and lowercase displays, etc.

7 Simple use of fancyhdr

To use this package install it is a place where \LaTeX{} can find it (see section 1)\textsuperscript{1}, and include in the preamble of your document the commands:

\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\pagestyle{fancy}

We can visualize the page layout we can create with fancyhdr as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LeftHeader</th>
<th>CenteredHeader</th>
<th>RightHeader</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>page body</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LeftFooter</td>
<td>CenteredFooter</td>
<td>RightFooter</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The LeftHeader and LeftFooter are left justified; the CenteredHeader and CenteredFooter are centered; the RightHeader and RightFooter are right justified.

We define each of the six “fields” and the two decorative lines separately.

8 A simple example

K. Grant is writing a report to Dean A. Smith, on “The performance of new graduates” with the following page layout:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>The performance of new graduates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>page body</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>From: K. Grant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To: Dean A. Smith</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\textsuperscript{1}In most modern \LaTeX{} installation the package is already included.
where “3” is the page number. The title: “The performance of new graduates” is bold.

This is accomplished by these commands following `\pagestyle{fancy}`:

```
\fancyhead[L,C]{}
\fancyhead[R]{\textbf{The performance of new graduates}}
\fancyfoot[L]{From: K. Grant}
\fancyfoot[C]{To: Dean A. Smith}
\fancyfoot[R]{\thepage}
\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0.4pt}
\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0.4pt}
```

(The `\thepage` macro displays the current page number. `\textbf` puts it in bold face.)

This is now fine, except that the first page does not need all these headers and footers. To eliminate all but the centered page number, issue the command

```
\thispagestyle{plain}
```

after the `\begin{document}` and the `\maketitle` commands.

Alternatively, issue

```
\thispagestyle{empty}
```

if you do not want any headers or footers.

In fact the standard \LaTeX\ classes have the command `\maketitle` defined in such a way that a `\thispagestyle{plain}` is automatically issued. So if you do want the fancy layout on a page containing `\maketitle` you must issue a `\thispagestyle{fancy}` after the `\maketitle`.

9 An example of two-sided printing

Some document classes, such as `book.cls`, print two-sided by default: the even pages and the odd pages have different layouts; other document classes use the `twoside` option to print two-sided.

Now let us print the report two-sided. Let the above page layout be used for the odd (right-side) pages, and the following for the even (left-side) pages:

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>The performance of new graduates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>page body</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>From: K. Grant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To: Dean A. Smith</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

\footnote{Note that version 1 of fancyheadings used the `\setlength` command to change the `\...rulewidth` parameters.}
where “4” is the page number.

Here are the commands:

\fancyhead{} % clear all header fields
\fancyhead[RO,LE]{textbf{The performance of new graduates}}
\fancyfoot{} % clear all footer fields
\fancyfoot[LE,RO]{thepage}
\fancyfoot[LO,CE]{From: K. Grant}
\fancyfoot[CO,RE]{To: Dean A. Smith}
\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0.4pt}
\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0.4pt}

The commands \fancyhead and \fancyfoot have an additional parameter between square brackets that specifies for which pages and/or parts of the header/footer they apply. The first \fancyhead command omits this parameter, and thus applies to all header fields. In general this is only useful to get rid of the defaults or a previous definition, as is done here. Similar the \fancyfoot command without square brackets clears all footer fields. In this particular example it could be omitted as all footer fields have a value specified. The selectors that can be used between the square brackets are given in figure 2. Selectors can be combined so \fancyhead[LE,RO]{text} will define the field for both the left header on even pages and the right header on odd pages. If you don’t give an E or O the definition applies to both. Similar for LRC. The selectors may be given as uppercase or lowercase letters.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>E</th>
<th>Even page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>O</td>
<td>Odd page</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td>Left field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Center field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>R</td>
<td>Right field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>Header</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>Footer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 2: Selectors

There is also a more general command \fancyhf that you can use to combine the specifications for headers and footers. This allows additional selectors H (header) and F (footer). In fact \fancyhead and \fancyfoot are just \fancyhf with H and F pre-specified, respectively.

Again, you may use \thispagestyle{plain} for a simple page layout for page 1.

10 Redefining page style plain

Some \LaTeX commands, like \chapter, use the \thispagestyle command to automatically switch to the plain page style, thus ignoring the page style currently in effect.
They do this by issuing a `\thispagestyle{plain}` command. The most well-known places where this could happen are:

- The first pages of chapters in the `book` and `report` class
- The first page of a document in the `article` class when `\maketitle` is used
- The first page of an index

but it could happen at other places depending on the class and the packages used.

To customize even such pages you must redefine the `plain` page style. As we indicated before you could do this by defining the `\ps@plain` command, but `fancyhdr` gives you an easier way with the `\fancypagestyle` command. This command can be used to redefine existing page styles (like `plain`) or to define new ones, e.g. if part of your document is to use a different page style. This command has two parameters: the first one is the name of the page style to be defined, the second consists of commands that change the headers and/or footers, i.e. `fancyhead` etc. Also allowed are changes to `\headrulewidth` and `\footrulewidth` or even `\headrule` and `\footrule`. The (re)defined page style uses the standard `fancy` definitions, amended by the definitions in the second parameter. In other words, those parts that are not redefined in the second parameter get their value from the `fancy` definition that is current. In particular, if the second parameter is empty, i.e. given as `{}`, then the new page style is equal to page style `fancy`.

As an example, let us redefine the `plain` style so that it will be the same as page style `fancy`:

```
\fancypagestyle{plain}{}
```

Now when these special pages use the `plain` page style, they use your redefined version.

As another example, let us redefine the `plain` style for the report in Section 9 by making the page number bold.

```
\fancypagestyle{plain}\
\fancyhf{} % clear all header and footer fields
\fancyfoot[C]{\textbf{\thepage}} % except the center
\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0pt}
\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0pt}
```

11 The default layout

Let us use the `book.cls` document class and the default settings for `fancyhdr`; so we only issue the commands

```
\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\pagestyle{fancy}
```
and let fancyhdr take care of everything. On the pages where new chapters start, we get a centered page number in the footer; there is no header, and there are no decorative lines.

On an even page, we get the layout:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1.2 EVALUATION</th>
<th>CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>page body</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

On an odd page, we get the layout:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION</th>
<th>1.2 EVALUATION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>page body</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

where the header text is slanted uppercase.

This default layout is produced by the following commands:

\fancyhead[LE,RO]{\textsl{\rightmark}}
\fancyhead[LO,RE]{\textsl{\leftmark}}
\fancyfoot[C]{\thepage}

The following settings are used for the decorative lines:

\headrulewidth 0.4pt
\footrulewidth 0 pt

The header text is turned into all uppercase in book.cls.

### 12 The scoop on \LaTeX’s marks

Usually, for documents of class \texttt{book} and \texttt{report}, you may want to use chapter and section information in the headings (chapter only for one-sided printing), and for documents of class \texttt{article}, section and subsection information (section only for one-sided printing). \LaTeX uses a marker mechanism to remember the chapter and section (section and subsection) information for a page; this is discussed in detail in \textit{The \LaTeX Companion}, Section 4.3.1, or \textit{The \LaTeX Companion, Second Edition}, Section 4.3.4.

There are two ways you can use and change the higher- and lower-level sectioning information available to you. The macros: \texttt{\leftmark} (higher-level) and
\rightmark (lower-level) contain the information processed by \LaTeX, and you can use them directly as shown in Section 11.

The leftmark contains the Left argument of the Last \markboth on the page, the rightmark contains the Right argument of the first \markright on the page. If no marks are present on a page they are “inherited” from the previous page.

You can influence how chapter, section, and subsection information (only two of them!) is displayed by redefining the \chaptermark, \sectionmark, and \subsectionmark commands\(^3\). You must put the redefinition after the first call of \pagetitle as this sets up the defaults.

Let us illustrate this with chapter info. It is made up of three parts:

- the number (say, 2), displayed by the macro \thechapter
- the name (in English, Chapter), displayed by the macro \chaptername
- the title, contained in the argument of \chaptermark.

Figure 3 shows some variants for “Chapter 2. Do it now” (the last example is appropriate in some non-English languages). The % signs at the end of the lines are to prevent unwanted space. Normally you would continue the lines and remove these % signs\(^4\).

For the lower-level sectioning information, do the same with \markright.

So if “Section 2.2. First steps” is the current section, then

\begin{verbatim}
\renewcommand{\sectionmark}{\markright{\thesection. #1}}
\end{verbatim}

will give “2.2. First steps”

Redefining the \chaptermark and \sectionmark commands may not eliminate all uppercaseness. E.g. the bibliography will have a title of \textbf{BIBLIOGRAPHY} in the header, as the \texttt{\MakeUppercase} is explicitly given in the definition of \texttt{\thebibliography}. Similar for \texttt{INDEX} etc. If you don’t want to redefine these commands, you can use the \texttt{\nouppercase} command that \texttt{fancyhdr} makes available in the header and footer fields. Note that this may screw other things, like uppercase roman numerals in your headers, so it should be used with care. Essentially this command typesets its argument in an environment where \texttt{\MakeUppercase} and \texttt{\uppercase} are changed into do-nothing operations.

\begin{verbatim}
\fancyhead[L]{\nouppercase{\rightmark}}
\fancyhead[R]{\nouppercase{\leftmark}}
\end{verbatim}

It should be noted that the \LaTeX marking mechanism works fine with chapters (which always start on a new page) and sections (which are reasonably long). It

\(^3\)There are similar commands for \texttt{paragraph} and \texttt{subparagraph} but they are seldom used.

\(^4\)the \texttt{\MakeUppercase} command is used in \LaTeX to generate uppercase text, while in \LaTeX 2.09 \texttt{\uppercase} is used. The difference is that \texttt{\MakeUppercase} also deals with non-ASCII letters. \texttt{Fancyhdr} defines \texttt{\MakeUppercase} to be an alias for \texttt{\uppercase} if it isn’t defined.
does not work quite as well with short sections and subsections. This is a problem with \LaTeX, not with fancyhdr.

As an example let’s take a page layout where the leftmarks are generated by the sections and the rightmarks by the subsections (as is default in the \texttt{article} class). Take a page with some short sections, e.g. Section 1.
subsection 1.1
subsection 1.2
Section 2.

As the leftmark contains the \texttt{last} mark of the page it will be “Section 2.”, and the rightmark will be “subsection 1.1” as it will be the \texttt{first} mark of the page. So the page header info will combine section 2 with subsection 1.1 which isn’t very nice. The best you can do in these cases is use only the \texttt{rightmark} and redefine \texttt{sectionmark} accordingly. A \LaTeX\ command \texttt{\firstleftmark} would also be a nice addition (see the \texttt{extramarks} package in section 21).

Another problem with the marks in the standard \LaTeX\ classes is that the higher level sectioning commands (e.g. \texttt{\chapter}) call \texttt{\markboth} with an empty right argument. This means that on the first page of a chapter (or a section in \texttt{article} style) the \texttt{\rightmark} will be empty. The underlying problem is that the
\TeX\ machinery has only one \texttt{\mark}. All the marks must be packed together in this one. So there are no independent left or right marks. That also applies to the extra marks as described in section 21. If this is a problem you must manually insert extra \texttt{\markright} commands or redefine the \texttt{\chaptermark} (\texttt{\sectionmark}) commands to issue a \texttt{\markboth} command with two decent parameters.

As a final remark you should also note that the * forms of the \texttt{\chapter} etc. commands do not call the mark commands. So if you want your preface to set the header info but not be numbered nor be put in the table of contents, you must issue the \texttt{\markboth} command yourself, e.g.

\texttt{\chapter\{Preface\markboth\{Preface\}{}}

Entering the \texttt{\markboth} command inside the \texttt{\chapter} command insures that the mark will not be separated from the title by a page break. Of course with \texttt{\chapter} this wouldn’t be a problem if you put the mark command after the chapter title, as the \texttt{\chapter} command starts at a new page. However with a \texttt{\section} it could be dangerous to say:

\texttt{\section\{Preface\markboth\{Preface\}{}}

as a page break may occur between the two commands. Therefore to be safe, put the \texttt{\mark...} command inside the \texttt{\section} command.

You have to be careful, however, if you do this with a non-starred sectioning command. These will be put in the Table of Contents (if you have one), and this means the entries are “moving” (they move to the Table of Contents). The \texttt{\mark...} commands are “fragile”, which means they will break when moved. Therefore they must be protected with the \texttt{\protect} command, for example

\texttt{\protect\chapter\{Preface\markboth\{Preface\}{Preface\}}

In this example we give \texttt{\markboth} two non-empty arguments otherwise it would make no sense to use the \texttt{\markboth} command inside the \texttt{\chapter} command. It is harmless to use the \texttt{\protect} command when it is not really necessary.

### 13 Dictionary style headers

Dictionaries and concordances usually have a header containing the first word defined on the page or both the first and the last words. This can easily be accomplished with \texttt{fancyhdr} and \TeX’s \texttt{mark} mechanism. Of course if you use the marks for dictionary style headers, you cannot use them for chapter and section information, so if there are also chapters and sections present, you must redefine the \texttt{\chaptermark} and \texttt{\sectionmark} to make them harmless:

\texttt{\renewcommand\{\chaptermark\}[1]{}}
\texttt{\renewcommand\{\sectionmark\}[1]{}}
Now you do a \markboth{#1}{#1} for each dictionary or concordance entry #1 and use \rightmark for the first entry defined on the page and \leftmark for the last one.

If you want to use a header entry of the form firstword–lastword it would be nice if this would be reduced to just the form firstword if both are the same. This could happen if there is just one entry on the page. In this case a test must be made to check if the marks are the same. However, TeX’s marks are strange beasts, which cannot be compared out of the box with the plain TeX if commands. Fortunately the ifthen package works well:

\newcommand{\mymarks}{
  \ifthenelse{\equal{\leftmark}{\rightmark}}{\rightmark}{\rightmark--\leftmark}
  \fancyhead[LE,RO]{\mymarks}
  \fancyhead[LO,RE]{\thepage}
}

14 Fancy layouts

You can make a multi-line field with the \ command. It is also possible to put extra space in a field with the \vspace command. Note that if you do this you will probably have to increase the height of the header (\headheight) and/or of the footer (\footskip), otherwise you may get error messages “Overfull \vbox ... has occurred while \output is active”\footnote{If you use 11pt or 12pt you will probably also have to do this, because LATEX’s defaults are quite small.}. See Section 4.1 of the LATEX Companion for detail.

For instance, the following code will place the section title and the subsection title of an article in two lines in the upper right hand corner:

\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\pagestyle{fancy}
\addtolength{\headheight}{\baselineskip}
\renewcommand{\sectionmark}[1]{\markboth{#1}{}}
\renewcommand{\subsectionmark}[1]{\markright{#1}}
\fancyhead[R]{\leftmark\\rightmark}

You can also customize the decorative lines. You can make the decorative line in the header quite thick with

\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0.6pt}

or you can make the decorative line in the footer disappear with

\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0pt}
The decorative lines, themselves, are defined in the two macros \texttt{\headrule} and \texttt{\footrule}. For instance, if you want a dotted line rather than a solid line in the header, redefine the command \texttt{\headrule}:

\begin{verbatim}
\renewcommand{\headrule}{\vbox to 0pt{\hbox to\headwidth{\dotfill}\vss}}
\end{verbatim}

The redefined \texttt{\headrule} should preferably take up no vertical space, as in the example above, and as in the standard definition. If it does take vertical space, the header may come too close to the text, or even intrude in the text. In that case \texttt{fancyhdr} will give you a warning that \texttt{\headheight} is too small. Like

\texttt{Package Fancyhdr Warning: \headheight is too small (12.0pt): Make it at least 14.0pt.}

We now make it that large for the rest of the document. This may cause the page layout to be inconsistent, however.

As the warning says, \texttt{fancyhdr} will change the \texttt{\headheight} itself, but this is too late for the current page. For subsequent pages it will have effect, but now the text on these pages will come out lower than on this page. So you are strongly advised to redefine \texttt{\headheight} in the preamble, like this:

\begin{verbatim}
\setlength{\headheight}{14pt}
\end{verbatim}

A similar change would be necessary for \texttt{\footskip} if the footer comes out too tall.

As an alternative to changing \texttt{\headrulewidth} to 0 to have the rule disappear, you can also make it empty with

\begin{verbatim}
\renewcommand{\headrule}{}
\end{verbatim}

Visually this makes no difference, but it is more difficult to restore it later to its default value.

Finally, let us make a real ‘decorative’ line\textsuperscript{6}.

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage{fourier-orns}
... \renewcommand{\headrule}{% \hrulefill \raisebox{-2.1pt}{\quad\decofourleft\decotwo\decofourright\quad}% \hrulefill}
\end{verbatim}

This gives us the following headrule:

\begin{verbatim}
\end{verbatim}

\textsuperscript{6}Based upon an idea by Wayne Chan.
Note that we haven’t taken care to make this decorative line occupy zero vertical space. The consequence is that it will extend towards the text and that we will get the warning about \headheight too small. So we should change \headheight as given above. Another problem is that the distance between the line and the header text is quite big. We can reduce this by putting a negative \vspace above it, like

\renewcommand\headrule{%
  \vspace{-6pt}
  \hrulefill
  \raisebox{-2.1pt}{\quad\decofourleft\decotwo\decofourright\quad}\
  \hrulefill}

We can use the same code for the \footrule, but we wouldn’t need the \vspace. If you want to change the distance between that decorative line and the footer text you need to adjust the parameter \footruleskip. It defines the distance between the decorative line in the footer and the top of the footer text line. By default it is set to 30\% of the normal line distance. You may want to adjust it if you use unusually large or small fonts in the footer. Change it with \renewcommand.

15 Two book examples

The following definitions give an approximation of the style used in L. Lamport’s \LaTeX\ book.

Lamport’s header overhangs the outside margin. This is done as follows.

The width of headers and footers is \headwidth, which by default equals the width of the text: \textwidth. You can make the width wider (or narrower) by redefining \headwidth with the \setlength and \addtolength commands. To overhang the outside margin where the marginal notes are printed, add both \marginparsep and \marginparwidth to \headwidth with the commands:

\addtolength{\headwidth}{\marginparsep}
\addtolength{\headwidth}{\marginparwidth}

You must issue these commands after the first \pagestyle{fancy} command as this will establish the default for \headwidth\footnote{In version 2 or later of \fancyhdr it is usually safe to do it before, but it is still advised to do after.}.

And now a complete definition of Lamport’s book style:

\documentclass{book}
\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\pagestyle{fancy}
\addtolength{\headwidth}{\marginparsep}
\addtolength{\headwidth}{\marginparwidth}
Notice that the \chaptermark and \sectionmark commands have been redefined to eliminate the chapter numbers and the uppercaseness.

For more control about the horizontal position of the headers and/or footers, fancyhdr has additional commands to specify the offset of the header and/or footer elements. Use \fancyhfoffset[place]{length} to offset one or more elements. The place parameter is like the optional parameter of \fancyhf, like L R E O, except that C cannot be used. It specifies for which elements the offset should be applied. The length parameter specifies the actual offset. Positive values move the element outward (into the margin), negative values inward. There are also specialised commands \fancyheadoffset and \fancyfootoffset, which have the H and F parameter pre-applied, respectively.

When you use these commands, \LaTeX{} will recalculate \headwidth, based on the given parameters.

So the above example could also have been done with (N.B. You can only use such an expression as a length parameter if the calc package is used):

\fancyheadoffset[LE,RO]{marginparsep+marginparwidth}

For the second example, we take the \textit{AMS-\LaTeX} book\footnote{George Gratzer, \textit{Math into \LaTeX}, An Introduction to \LaTeX{} and \textit{AMS-\LaTeX}, Birkhauser, Boston.}.

Chapter pages have no headers or footers. So we declare

\thispagestyle{empty}

for every chapter page, and we do not need to redefine plain.

Chapter and section titles appear in the form: 2. DO IT NOW, so we have to redefine \chaptermark and \sectionmark as follows (see Section 12):

\renewcommand{\chaptermark}{[1]\%\markboth{MakeUppercase{thechapter. \ #1}}{}}
\renewcommand{\sectionmark}{[1]\%\markright{MakeUppercase{thesection. \ #1}}}
In an even-header, the page number is printed as the LeftHeader and the chapter info as the RightHeader; in an odd-header, the section info is printed as the LeftHeader and the page number as the RightHeader. The CenteredHeaders are empty. There are no footers.

There is a decorative line in the header. It is 0.5pt wide, so we need the commands:

\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0.5pt}  
\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0pt}

The font used in the headers is 9 pt bold Helvetica. The PSNFSS system by Sebastian Rahtz uses the short (Karl Berry) name phv for Helvetica, so this font is selected with the commands:

\fontfamily{phv}\fontseries{b}\fontsize{9}{11}\selectfont

(See Sections 7.6.1 and 11.9.1 of the \LaTeX Companion.) Let us define a shorthand for this:

\newcommand{\helv}{\fontfamily{phv}\fontseries{b}\fontsize{9}{11}\selectfont}

Now we are ready for the page layout:

\documentclass{book}  
\usepackage{fancyhdr}  
\pagestyle{fancy}  
\renewcommand{\chaptermark}[1]{\markboth{\MakeUppercase{\thechapter. #1}}{}}  
\renewcommand{\sectionmark}[1]{\markright{\MakeUppercase{\thesection. #1}}}  
\renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0.5pt}  
\renewcommand{\footrulewidth}{0pt}  
\newcommand{\helv}{\fontfamily{phv}\fontseries{b}\fontsize{9}{11}\selectfont}  
\fancyhf{}  
\fancyhead[LE,RO]{\helv \thepage}  
\fancyhead[LO]{\helv \rightmark}  
\fancyhead[RE]{\helv \leftmark}

16 Special page layout for float pages

Some people want to have a special layout for float pages (pages only containing floats). As these pages are generated autonomically by \LaTeX, the user doesn’t have any control over them. There is no \thispagestyle for float pages and any change of the page style will at least also affect the page before the float page. With fancyhdr, however, you can specify in each of the header- or footer fields
\iftopfloat, \ifbotfloat and \iffootnote similar to \iffloatpage.

Note: Marks in floats will not be visible in \LaTeX's output routine, so it is not useful to put marks in floats. So there is currently no way to let a float (e.g. a figure caption) influence the page header or footer.

17 Those blank pages

In the book class when the openany option is not given or in the report class when the openright option is given, chapters start at odd-numbered pages, half of the time causing a blank page to be inserted. Some people prefer this page to be completely empty, i.e. without headers and footers. This cannot be done with \thispagestyle as this command would have to be issued on the previous page. There is, however, no magic necessary to get this done:

\clearpage{\pagestyle{empty}\cleardoublepage}

As the \pagestyle{empty} is enclosed in a group it only affects the page that may be generated by the \cleardoublepage. You can of course put the above in a private command. If you want to have this done automatically at each chapter start or when you want some other text on the page then you must redefine the \cleardoublepage command.

\makeatletter
\def\cleardoublepage{\clearpage\if@twoside \ifodd\c@page\else \hbox{} \vspace*{\fill} \begin{center} This page intentionally contains only this sentence. \end{center} \vspace{\fill} \thispagestyle{empty} \newpage \if@twocolumn\hbox{}\newpage\fi\fi\fi}
\makeatother

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18 N of M style page numbers

Some document writers prefer the pages to be numbered as \textit{n} of \textit{m} where \textit{m} is the number of pages in the document. There is a package \texttt{lastpage} available which you can use with \texttt{fancyhdr} as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage{lastpage}
...
\fancyfoot[C]{\thepage\ of \pageref{LastPage}}
\end{verbatim}

Because you want the pages with pagestyle \texttt{plain} to contain the same style of page numbers, you will have to redefine this pagestyle too.

\begin{verbatim}
\fancypagestyle{plain}{\fancyhead{}\renewcommand{\headrule}{}\}
\end{verbatim}

We clear all the headers including its rule. The footer will be “inherited” from the pagestyle \texttt{fancy}.

The value of the \texttt{LastPage} label can be used to make different headers or footers on the last page of a document. E.g. if you want the footer of every odd page, except if it is the last one, to contain the text “please turn over”, this can be done as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage{lastpage}
\usepackage{ifthen}
...
\fancyfoot[R]{\ifthenelse{\isodd{\value{page}}\and\not\value{page}=\pageref{LastPage}}{please turn over}{}}
\end{verbatim}

19 Chapter or section related page numbers

In technical documentation very often page numbers are used of the form 2-10 where the first number is the chapter number and the second is the pagenumber relative to the chapter. Sometimes section is used rather than chapter. The package \texttt{chappg} can be used to get this format.

Basically this package redefines \texttt{\thepage} as \texttt{\thechapter\chappgsep\arabic{page}}, where \texttt{\chappgsep} by default is ‘\texttt{-}’. If you want do use a different separator, you must redefine \texttt{\chappgsep}, for example to use an en-dash:

\begin{verbatim}
\renewcommand{\chappgsep}{--}
\end{verbatim}

To use a different prefix, for example the section number, use the \texttt{\pagenumbering{bychapter}} command with an optional argument specifying the prefix.

\begin{verbatim}
\pagenumbering{\sectionname}\{bychapter\}
\end{verbatim}
What the package also does is reset the page number to 1 at the beginning of each chapter.

In the frontmatter of your document (for example the Table of Contents) there will be no chapter numbers. Therefore a simple page number will be used there. This may be confusing, so you might prefer to use roman pagenumbers in the front matter. Do this by using \pagenumbering{roman} in the beginning of the document and \pagenumbering{bychapter} after the first \chapter command. If you want to do it before the \chapter command you must precede it by a \newpage command (see the next section).

\pagenumbering{roman}
\tableofcontents
\newpage
\pagenumbering{bychapter}
\chapter{Introduction}

There is a caveat when you have appendices in your document. Before the \appendix command you should give a \cleardoublepage. See the \chappg documentation for details.

There is a fundamental difference between the page numbering of the style “m of n” as described in the previous section and the current one. The m of n style is only used in the page header or footer, but not in the table of contents, index, or references like “See page xx”. Therefore it does not change the command \thepage. The page numbering style “2-10”, however should be used in all references to the page number, therefore it must be done by redefining \thepage.

\section{When to change the headers and footers?}

Sometimes you want to change the header or footer layout in the course of a document. Some of these changes can be accomplished by using the mark mechanism as may be seen in section 12 and 21. However, sometimes we want a more drastic change, e.g. to change the page numbering from roman to arabic (with \pagenumbering), to change one of the fancyhdr fields or to change to another page style. Sometimes you may be surprised to find the change to occur too early. In general the above mentioned changes take effect immediately, i.e. on the page that is currently being built. If you want the change to take effect at the next page you must make sure that the current page is finished. In most cases this can be done by issuing a \newpage or \cleardoublepage command before any of the above mentioned changes. If this is not possible you can use the afterpage package with:
\afterpage{\fancyhead[L]{new value}} or \afterpage{\pagenumbering{roman}}.

You cannot use \afterpage to change the \pagestyle as the commands issued by \afterpage are local in a group, and the \pagestyle command makes only local changes. The \pagenumbering and the fancyhdr commands make global changes so they will work, as will the \thispagestyle command.

It should be noted that although the fancyhdr commands like \fancyhead take effect immediately, this does not mean that any “variables” used in these
commands get the value they have at the place where these commands are given. E.g. if \fancyfoot[C]{\thepage} is given the page number that will be inserted in the footer is not the page number of the page where this command is given, but rather the page number of the actual page where the footer is constructed. Of course for the page number this is what you expect, but it is also true for other commands.

So if you have a book where each chapter is written by a different author and you want the name of the author in the lower left-hand corner you can use the following commands:

\newcommand{\TheAuthor}{}
\newcommand{\Author}[1]{\renewcommand{\TheAuthor}{#1}}
\fancyfoot[L]{\TheAuthor}

and start each chapter with the command \Author{Real Name}. If however, the author name would be changed before a page is completed the wrong author could come in the footer. This would be the case if you gave the above command before the \chapter command rather than after it. Another source of problems is the fact that \TeX{'}s output routine processes commands ahead, so it may already have processed some commands that produce text that will appear on the next page. See the next section for an example.

21 Headers and footers induced by the text

We have seen how we can use \LaTeX{}'s marks to get information from the document contents to the headers and footers. The marks mechanism is the only reliable mechanism that you can use to get changing information to the headers or footers. This is because \LaTeX{} may be processing your document ahead before deciding to break the page.

Sometimes the two marks that \LaTeX{} offers are not enough. An example is the following:

If a solution to an exercise goes across a page break, then I would like to have “(Continued on next page...)” at the bottom of the first page and “(Continued...)” at the top in the margin of the next page.

You cannot use \LaTeX{}'s mark mechanisms for this if you also want to use chapter and section information.

The extramarks package gives you two extra marks that can be used in this situation. Here is a way to use this package:

\usepackage{extramarks}
...
\pagestyle{fancy}
\fancyhead[L]{\firstxmark}
\fancyfoot[R]{\lastxmark}
...
\extramarks{}{(Continued on next page\ldots) \%1
Some text that may or may not cross a page boundary...
\extramarks{(Continued\ldots)} \%2
\extramarks{}{} \%3

Note that the \texttt{\extramarks} command must be close to the text, i.e. no empty lines (paragraph boundaries) should intervene. Otherwise the page may be broken at that boundary and the extramarks would come on the wrong page. The final \texttt{\extramarks{}{}} is to prevent the ‘Continued…’ header to appear on the following pages.

Explanation: There are two new marks that can be used in the page layout with this package: If commands of the form \texttt{\extramarks\{m_1\}\{m_2\}} are given \texttt{\firstxmark} gives you the first $m_1$ value and \texttt{\lastxmark} gives you the last $m_2$ value of the current page. In the above example, when the complete block falls on the same page, the \texttt{\firstxmark} will be the empty parameter of the first \texttt{\extramarks} command (indicated by \%1), and the \texttt{\lastxmark} will be the empty parameter from the last \texttt{\extramarks} command (indicated by \%3).

However, when the page break falls in the block, the mark generated by \%1 will be the last one on the first page. Therefore on that page \texttt{\lastxmark} will be ‘Continued on next page…’. On the second page, the first mark will be \%2, therefore \texttt{\firstxmark} will be ‘Continued…’. On all the following pages the values of \%3 will be used, i.e. empty ones. Of course in real life you would leave out the \% indicators.

In case you want the last $m_1$ value or the first $m_2$ value, you can use the \texttt{\lastleftxmark} or \texttt{\firstrightxmark}, respectively. For symmetry reasons there are also commands \texttt{\firstleftxmark (\=\firstxmark)}, \texttt{\lastrightxmark (\=\lastxmark)}, \texttt{\topleftxmark (\=\topxmark)} and \texttt{\toprightxmark}. The top-marks are basically the last-marks of the previous page.

The package also gives you the \texttt{\firstleftmark} and \texttt{\lastrightmark} commands that complement the standard \LaTeX marks.

To stress the point that marks are the correct way to do this, let me give you a “solution” that will not work$^9$:

\fancyhead[\L]{Continued}
\fancyfoot[\R]{Continued on next page\ldots}
\fancyhead[\L]{}
\fancyfoot[\R]{}

Some text that may or may not cross a page boundary...
\fancyhead[\L]{}
\fancyfoot[\R]{}

You may be tempted to think that the first \texttt{\fancyhead} and \texttt{\fancyfoot} will be in effect when \TeX breaks the page in the middle of the text, and the last ones when the page breaks after the text. This is not true as the whole paragraph (including the last definitions) will be processed before \TeX considers the page break, so at the time of the page break the last definitions are effective, whether the

\footnotesize
$^9$Actually there is another way but it requires two \LaTeX passes: you can put \texttt{\label} commands before and after the text and compare the \texttt{\pageref}s.
page break occurs inside the text or outside of it. Putting a paragraph boundary between the text and the last definitions will not work either, because you don’t want the first definitions to be in effect when \TeX\ decides to break the page exactly at this boundary. Actually the marks mechanism was invented to get rid of these kinds of problems.

In the above example the text “Continued” appears in the page header. It may be nicer to put it in the margin. This can be easily accomplished by positioning it at a fixed place relative to the page header. In plain \TeX\ you would use a concoction of \texttt{hbox to Opt, vbox to Opt, hskip, vskip, hss and vsb} but fortunately $\LaTeX$’s \texttt{picture} environment gives a much cleaner way to do this. In order not to disturb the normal header layout we put the text in a zero-sized \texttt{picture}. Generally this is the best way to position things on fixed places on the page. You can then also use the normal headings. See also section 23 for another example of this technique.

\begin{verbatim}
\fancyhead[\hoffset-2,\voffset-3]{\begin{picture}(0,0)
\put(-2,-3){\makebox(0,0)[r]{\firstxmark}}
\end{picture}\leftmark}
\end{verbatim}

This solution can of course also be used for the footer. Make sure you put the \texttt{picture} as the first thing in left-hand-side entries and last in right-hand-side ones.

Finally you may want to put “(Continued...)” in the text rather than in the header or the margin. Then you have to use the \texttt{afterpage} package. We also decide to make a separate environment for it.

\begin{verbatim}
\newenvironment{continued}{\par
\extramarks{}{(Continued on next page\ldots)}
\afterpage{\noindent\firstxmark\vspace{1ex}}
\extramarks{(Continued\ldots)}\par}
\end{verbatim}

It is a bit dangerous to use \texttt{\firstxmark} outside the page layout routine, but apparently with \texttt{\afterpage} this works. If you would need the information further on in the page you must remember the state of the marks in your own variable. You can set this in one of the \texttt{fancyhdr} fields. For example if you want to add something \texttt{after} the broken piece of text you can use the following:

\begin{verbatim}
\newcommand{\mysaved}{\}
\newenvironment{continued}{\par
\extramarks{(Continued on next page\ldots)}
}{\extramarks{(Continued\ldots)}\par}
\fancyhead[\hoffset-2]{\begin{picture}(0,0)
\put(-2,-3){\makebox(0,0)[r]{\firstxmark}}
\end{picture}\leftmark}
\end{verbatim}

If you want to include one of the marks or other varying information in the saved text, you must use \texttt{xdef} rather than \texttt{gdef}. 26
22 A movie

If you put at each page on the same place a picture that slightly changes from page to page you can get a movie-like effect by flipping through the pages. You can create such a movie easily with fancyhdr. For simplicity we assume that each picture is in a postscript (EPS) file called \texttt{pic⟨n⟩.ps} where ⟨n⟩ is the page number and that we use the \texttt{graphics} or \texttt{graphicx} package. To put the movie in the right-hand side bottom corner the following will work:

\begin{verbatim}
\fancyfoot[R]{\setlength{\unitlength}{1mm}
\begin{picture}(0,0)
\put(5,0){\includegraphics{pic\thepage.ps}}
\end{picture}}
\end{verbatim}

Notice that the \texttt{\unitlength} parameter should be set locally in the fancyhdr field in order to avoid unwanted interference with its value in the text.

23 Thumb-indexes

Some railroad guides and expensive bibles have so called thumb-indexes, i.e. there are marks on the sides of the pages that indicate where the chapters are. You can create these by printing black blobs in the margin of the pages. The vertical position should be determined by the chapter number or some other counter. As the position is independent of the contents of the page, we print these blobs as part of the header in a zero-sized \texttt{picture} as described in the previous section.

Of course we have to take care of two-sided printing, and we may want to have an index page with all the blobs in the correct position. The solution requires some hand-tuning to get the blobs nicely spaced out vertically. For the application that I had there were 12 sections, so I made the blobs 18 mm apart, i.e. 9 mm blob separated by 9 mm whitespace. In order to avoid calculations they are set in a \texttt{picture} environment with the \texttt{\unitlength} set to 18 mm. Page numbers are set in the headers at the outer sides, and the blobs are attached to these. In this example the section numbers are used to position the blobs, but you can replace this with any numeric value. See figure 4 for the resulting overview page and figure 5 for the code.

24 Float placement

Floats are page elements that float with respect to the rest of the document. Standard floats are tables and figures, but with the \texttt{float} package you can easily make new ones, like algorithms. Most of the time floats work satisfactorily, but sometimes \LaTeX{} seems too stubborn to do what you want. This section describes how you can influence \LaTeX{} so that it will do most of the time what you want. There might, however be some pathological cases where it is impossible to convince

\footnote{If you use an older version of \LaTeX{} you could use the \texttt{epsf} or \texttt{epsfig} package.}
\LaTeX{} to do things your way. In the following we will use figures as an example but everything applies to other floats as well.

The most encountered problems with floats are:

1. You want a float at a certain position in the text, but \LaTeX{} moves it, usually to the next page.

2. From a certain point, \LaTeX{} moves all your floats to the end of the document or the end of a chapter.

3. \LaTeX{} complains about “Too many floats”.

In the first two cases you must first check if you have given the correct “placement” parameter to your float, e.g. \texttt{\begin{figure}[htp]} specifies that your figure may be placed either: Here (i.e. in the text position where the command is given), on the Top of a page (which may be the page where you put the command), or on a separate Page of floats. You could also have specified “b” for Bottom of the page. The order of the letters is insignificant, you cannot force \LaTeX{} to try Bottom first and then Top by specifying [bt].

If \LaTeX{} doesn’t put the float at the place where you expected it, it is usually caused by the following:

1. The float didn’t fit on the page. In this case it has to move to the next page or even further. If you didn’t specify either [t] or [b] in the position parameter, \LaTeX{} must save it until it has enough for a page of floats. So don’t specify only [h]. If you want to give \LaTeX{} a chance to put the float on a page of floats, you must also specify “p”.

2. The placement would violate the constraints imposed by \LaTeX{}’s float placement parameters. This is one of the most occurring causes and it can easily be corrected by changing the parameters. Here is a list of them:
Figure 5: Thumb-index code
Counters – change with \setcounter
\begin{tabular}{ll}
\textbf{topnumber} & max. number of floats at top of page \hspace{1cm} 2 \\
\textbf{bottomnumber} & max. number of floats at bottom of page \hspace{1cm} 1 \\
\textbf{totalnumber} & max. number of floats on a page \hspace{1cm} 3 \\
\end{tabular}

Other – change with \renewcommand
\begin{tabular}{ll}
\textbf{\textbackslash topfraction} & max fraction of page for floats at top \hspace{1cm} 0.7 \\
\textbf{\textbackslash bottomfraction} & max fraction of page for floats at bottom \hspace{1cm} 0.3 \\
\textbf{\textbackslash textfraction} & min fraction of page for text \hspace{1cm} 0.2 \\
\textbf{\textbackslash floatpagefraction} & min fraction of floatpage that should have floats \hspace{1cm} 0.5 \\
\end{tabular}

There are also some others for double column floats in two-column documents.

The values in the righthand column are the defaults for the standard \LaTeX classes. Other classes could use different defaults. As you see with the default values a float will not be put in the bottom of a page if its height is more than 30% of the page height. So if you specify [hb] for a float which is taller it has to move to a float page. But if it is less than 50% of the page height it will have to wait until some more floats are given before a float page can be filled to satisfy the \textbackslash floatpagefraction parameter. If you have this kind of behaviour you can easily adapt the parameters, e.g. with:

\begin{verbatim}
\renewcommand{\textfraction}{0.05} \\
\renewcommand{\topfraction}{0.95} \\
\renewcommand{\bottomfraction}{0.95} \\
\renewcommand{\floatpagefraction}{0.35} \\
\setcounter{totalnumber}{5}
\end{verbatim}

You may want to be careful not to make \textbackslash floatpagefraction too small, otherwise you may get too many small floatpages.

You can force \LaTeX to ignore most of the parameters for one specific float occurrence by including an exclamation mark (!) in the placement parameters, e.g.

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{figure}[!htb]
\end{verbatim}

Floats which contain a “t” in the position parameter could be placed before the place where they are referenced (but on the same page). This is normal behaviour for \LaTeX but some people just don’t like it. There are a number of ways to prevent this:

1. Of course deleting the “t” will help, but in general this is undesirable, as you may want the float to be placed at the top of the next page.
2. use the flafter package which causes floats never to be placed “backwards”.
3. use the command \textbackslash suppressfloats[t]. This command will cause floats for the top position \textit{on this page} to be moved to the next page. This can also be done with [b] or without parameter for all floats on this page.
If in spite of all your attempts \LaTeX{} still moves your floats to the end of the document or the end of a chapter, you can insert a \texttt{\textbackslash clearpage} command. This will start a new page and insert all pending floats before continuing. If it is undesirable to have a pagebreak you can use the \texttt{afterpage} package and the following command:

\texttt{\afterpage{clearpage}}

This will wait until the current page is finished and then flush all outstanding floats. In some pathological circumstances \texttt{afterpage} may give strange results, however.

Finally, if you want a float only at the place where you define it, without \LaTeX{} moving it whatsoever, you can use the \texttt{float} package and give the command:

\texttt{\restylefloat{figure}}

in the preamble. Now you will be able to specify \texttt{[H]} as the position parameter, which will mean “HERE and only HERE”. This may cause an unwanted page break however. If you want to avoid the unwanted pagebreak, i.e. let \LaTeX{} move the float only if it doesn’t fit on the page, then use the \texttt{afterpage} package with:

\texttt{\afterpage{\textbackslash clearpage \begin{figure}\[H\] ... \end{figure}}}

Complaints from \LaTeX{} about “Too many floats” are usually caused by one of the above problems: floats not being able to be placed and \LaTeX{} collecting too many of them. The solutions given above, especially those with \texttt{\textbackslash clearpage} in them will usually help. In some cases there really are too many floats, as \LaTeX{} has a limited number of “boxes” to store the floats. The package \texttt{morefloats} can be used to increase this number. If you need still more then you must edit a private copy of this file, but even then there will be some limit that you cannot pass. Then your only resort will be to change your document.

25 Multipage Floats

\LaTeX{}’s floats cannot be split across pages. Sometimes, however, you want to have a table or figure that doesn’t fit on one page. The easiest way is to split these into multiple table or figure environments, but this has a number of undesirable effects:

- Where do you split it? This is in general more difficult for tables than for figures.
- How do you keep them together?
- You don’t want more than one entry in the list of figures/tables.

Although these problems are not fully solvable in all cases, here are a couple of suggestions:
25.1 Tables

For tables longer than a page you can use the \texttt{longtable} package. This package defines a \texttt{longtable} environment that is a kind of amalgamation of \texttt{table} and \texttt{tabular}. It has approximately the same syntax as the \texttt{tabular} environment, but it adds some features of \texttt{table}, like captions. Longtables will be automatically split when they don’t fit on the page. And they will be entered in the list of tables when a caption is given. They will not float, however, and cannot be used inside a float environment. This could mean that another \texttt{table} environment, which was defined before the \texttt{longtable}, will float past it, and therefore the numbers may get out of order. Another problem could be that the \texttt{longtable} starts rather far down the page, which isn’t a pleasant sight. If you want the \texttt{longtable} to start at the top of the page, the best thing to do is to include it in an \texttt{afterpage} command (using the \texttt{afterpage} package). As a \texttt{longtable} is by definition large, it is best to put it in a separate file, and \texttt{input} it in the \texttt{afterpage} command:

\begin{verbatim}
\afterpage{\input{mytable}}
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
\afterpage{\clearpage\input{mytable}}
\end{verbatim}

The last form has the additional advantage that most of the outstanding floats will be printed first.

25.2 Figures

There isn’t an equivalent \texttt{longfigure} solution, so for figures you will usually have to split it yourself. In general this is less of a problem. However, the problem you get now is how to keep them together, i.e. how to get the parts on subsequent pages, and how to get a single entry in the list of figures.

You will have to split the figure into pieces and put each part in a separate \texttt{figure} environment. To keep them together it is best to use only the \texttt{[p]} placement, so that they will be put on floatpages. As they are bigger than a page this is appropriate. The first part would then get a \texttt{\caption}, the subsequent parts would be used without a caption. If you want to add a caption-like text, enter it as normal text rather than a \texttt{\caption}, so that it will not be entered in the list of figures. It may also be desirable to issue a \texttt{\clearpage} first, just like we did for the \texttt{longtable}, and to encapsulate this in the \texttt{afterpage} command. E.g.

\begin{verbatim}
\afterpage{\clearpage\input{myfigure}}
\end{verbatim}

where \texttt{myfigure.tex} contains:

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{figure}[p]
\includegraphics{myfig1.eps}
\caption{This is a multipage figure}
\label{fig:xxx}
\end{figure}
\end{verbatim}
\begin{figure}[p]
\includegraphics{myfig2.eps}
\begin{center}
Figure\textsuperscript{\ref{fig:xxx}} (continued)
\end{center}
\end{figure}

You have to make sure that the last part is big enough, otherwise \LaTeX could
decide to postpone it until it has collected some more floats. This can be done
either by making the figure big enough (e.g. by adding some \vspace), or by
tweaking the \texttt{floatpagefraction} parameter.

If you want your multipage figure to start at a left-hand-side (even-numbered)
page you can use a test in the \texttt{afterpage} command (using the \texttt{ifthen}
package):
\begin{verbatim}
\afterpage{\clearpage\ifthenelse{\isodd{\value{page}}}{\afterpage{\input{myfigure}}} % odd page
 {\input{myfigure}}} % even page
\end{verbatim}

If there are too many floats on the skipped page, this may still fail to start your
multipage figure on an even page, however.

26 Deprecated commands

This section contains the description of deprecated commands. These were parts of
the original implementation of \texttt{fancyheadings}. They continue to work for compat-
ibility reasons, but it is recommended not to use them anymore. This description
is given so that you know what they mean and how to convert them to the stan-
dard commands. To be honest, I use these sometimes myself in quick examples,
because \texttt{\lhead} is less typing than \texttt{\fancyhead[L]}.

These commands for specifying the header or footer fields and their translation
to the modern commands are given in table 1.

As you see, if there is an optional parameter, this one applies to the even
pages, whereas the required parameter applies to the odd pages. Of course this
only works if the \texttt{twoside} option is given in the documentclass. If there is no
optional parameter, the required parameter applies to both even and odd pages.

There was also a special pagestyle \texttt{fancyplain} that could be used to define
both the pagestyle \texttt{fancy} and to redefine the pagestyle \texttt{plain} at the same time.
In order to use that you say
\begin{verbatim}
\pagestyle{fancyplain}
\end{verbatim}

and then in the headers/footers you use for example:
\begin{verbatim}
\fancyhead[L]{\fancyplain{value for ‘plain’ page}{value for other pages}}
\end{verbatim}

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The \fancyplain command is only useful within the pagestyle fancyplain. Nowadays you would just redefine pagestyle plain with the \fancypagestyle{plain}{xxxx} command (see section 10).

There are also \plainheadrulewidth and \plainfootrulewidth commands to define the values of \headrulewidth and \footrulewidth to be used on ‘plain’ pages. This also only works with the pagestyle fancyplain, not when you redefine pagestyle plain with the \fancypagestyle command.

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### 28 Version information

- Version 1.0. March 11, 2003. This is the version that was distributed for a long time on CTAN. Version history before this has been lost.

- Version 2.0. August 27, 2016:
  - Removed references to fixmarks.sty as that is no longer used.
  - References to older \TeX versions removed.
  - Removed obsolete source code of extramarks.sty
  - Changed font commands to \textbf and \textsl.
  - Added description of the \fancy\ldots offset commands.
  - Added various \ldots xmark commands from extramarks.sty.
  - Various corrections applied.
– Updated contact information.
– Added Version information. :)

• Version 2.1. August 28, 2016
  – Explain what the top-marks are.

• Version 2.1. Sept. 6, 2016
  – Add \string to special indexing commands to get a neater index file.
  – Add a decorative headrule example.

• Version 3.9, October 13, 2016.
  – Documentation integrated in fancyhdr.dtx.
  – Version number unified with fancyhdr.sty.
  – All deprecated commands moved to a separate section (26).
  – Documentation expanded.

• Version 3.9a, June 30, 2017.
  – Updated contact information.
  – Restore \newtoks\@temptokenb

• Version 3.10, Januari 25, 2019
  – Distribution based on fancydhr.dtx.
  – Use \f@nch@ifundefined instead of \ifx or \@ifundefined.
  – Replace \def with \newcommand in several places.
  – Don’t use \global\setlength.
  – Put \footrule in a \vbox to accommodate for flexible footrules, and then \unvbox that. Move the \footruleskip vertical space outside of the definition of \footrule.

Part III
Questions & Answers

This part contains answers to questions that have been emailed to me, or have been asked at various internet forums, and don’t have a logical place in the other documentation. It is expected to grow gradually.
29 Large chapter/section titles

Sometimes a chapter or section title is too large to fit in the header or footer. It may take more than one line in the header/footer, or it may overwrite other parts. How can we shorten these titles in the header/footer without changing the actual title?

Here is an example:

```latex
\fancyhead[LE,RO]{\nouppercase{\rightmark}} \% Section title \\
fancyhead[LO,RE]{\nouppercase{\leftmark}} \% Chapter title \\
fancyfoot[C]{\thepage}
```

```
\chapter{This is a very long chapter title}
```

```
\section{This is a very long section title that will not fit in the header}
```

With these settings the header will come out as:

Chapter 1. This is a very long chapter title 1.2. This is a very long section title that will not fit in the header

which isn't very nice. There are basically three options to solve this problem.

29.1 Using optional arguments

As we have seen in section 12, the header info comes from the marks. So if we want the text in the header to be smaller we have to supply smaller marks. This can be done by giving these as optional arguments in the `\chapter` and `\section` commands.\footnote{At least in the `book` and `report` documentclasses. In the `article` class this would be the `\section` and `\subsection` commands.}

```
\chapter[Short chapter title]{This is a very long chapter title}
```

```
\section[Short section title]{This is a very long section title that will not fit in the header}
```

The short titles will now appear in the header. However, these will also appear in the table of contents. If that is what you want than you are ready. But if you want to use the long titles in the table of contents, you have to use some trickery. In particular you have to supply the marks yourself.

29.2 Using explicit marks

First we show how you can supply a different value for the chapter title in the heading, because this is the easiest. Remember from section 12 that this mark is defined by calling `\chaptermark`. Also, because it is used as `\leftmark`, the last value of this mark on the page is used. So we can easily overrule the value that
is supplied by the \chapter command, by supplying an additional \chaptermark command after the \chapter command, like this:

\chapter{This is a very long chapter title that does not fit in the header}
\chaptermark{This is a not so long chapter title}

For the section titles the situation is more complicated. Here we use the \rightmark, which uses the first mark of its kind on the page. So you might think putting a \sectionmark before the \section command would be the solution. Unfortunately, it is not that simple. In many cases, this will work, but not when there is a page break just before the section title, because in that case the \sectionmark will stay behind on the previous page. However, we can put the \sectionmark inside the argument of the \section command. Because L\TeX first typesets the title (which will execute the included \sectionmark command), and after that executes its own \sectionmark, our \sectionmark will be the first. But there is one case in which this fails: if the next page does not have any \sectionmark commands, it will inherit the last mark from the page before it, which will be the long title. To correct this we must also give an additional \sectionmark with the short title after the \section command.

As if this isn't enough, there is still a problem with this setup. Our section title is not only used to typeset the title in the text, but it is also included in the table of contents. But the table of contents does not accept a \sectionmark in its title. It will generate an ugly error message. To prevent this we must give the long title (that we want to appear in the table of contents) also as the optional argument to the \section command. Of course this will also generate a mark for the header, but this will be overruled by our included \sectionmark commands.

So the complete code would be:

$\section{Long title}{Long title\sectionmark{Short title}}$
$\sectionmark{Short title}$

To avoid all the repetitions, it is better to make a macro:

\newcommand{\Section}[2]{\section[#1]{#1\sectionmark{#2}}\sectionmark{#2}}

\Section{Text title}{Header title}

And if you want to use yet a different text in the table of contents, you can make a macro with three parameters. The third parameter is the text to be put in the table of contents. We use this parameter as the optional argument for the \section command.

\newcommand{\Sectioniii}[3]{\section[#3]{#3\sectionmark{#2}}\sectionmark{#2}}

\Sectioniii{Text title}{Header title}{TOC title}

Please note that if you use the article class, instead of \chaptermark and \sectionmark, you would probably use \sectionmark\subsectionmark.
29.3 Using automatic truncation

For this solution we use the _truncate_ package by Donald Arseneau. This has a \texttt{\textbackslash truncate} command that truncates a text to a maximum size, when it exceeds that size. We put both headers in \texttt{\textbackslash truncate} to limit it to half the \texttt{\textbackslash headwidth}. Of course it is also possible to make asymmetric arrangements.

\begin{verbatim}
usepackage[fit]{truncate}
fancyhead[LE,RO]{\nouppercase{\truncate{0.5\headwidth}{\rightmark}}}
fancyhead[LO,RE]{\nouppercase{\truncate{0.5\headwidth}{\leftmark}}}
\end{verbatim}

We don’t have to make any changes to the chapter and section titles because \texttt{\textbackslash truncate} will take care of this. This arrangement gives the following header when both titles are too big, like in the example above:

Chapter 1. This is a very long chapter... 1.2. This is a very long section title...

Note that we have used the \texttt{[fit]} option of the \texttt{truncate} package. Otherwise the right header will not be right aligned, but it will start at halfway the header. Note also that, as each part can occupy half of the available width, they could theoretically touch each other. This can be prevented by making the widths slightly smaller. And when there is only one title in the header, you can make the width equal to or slightly smaller than \texttt{\textbackslash headwidth}.

30 I lost my chapter/section titles

Some time ago I got a question like this (edited to get the essentials):

“I redefined the \texttt{\pagestyle{fancy}} to get my own kind of headings. Also, I redefined the \texttt{\chaptermark}. I need the fancy style from chapter 1 and on (mainmatter part), but, until the Introduction chapter (that I included into the frontmatter part) I need the myheadings style.

When I set the myheadings style into the frontmatter the fancy style doesn’t show the chapter title any more.

What can I do in order to reestablish the right behavior of the fancy style?”

The solution to this problem is actually very simple. The pagestyle myheadings (as well as headings) redefines the \texttt{\chaptermark} and \texttt{\sectionmark}, so when you return to pagestyle fancy, the definitions you had given before (or the ones that fancyhdr provided) are lost. You just have to repeat them at the point where you switch back to pagestyle fancy.

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{document}
\frontmatter
\pagestyle{myheadings}
\mainmatter
\pagestyle{fancy}
\renewcommand{\chaptermark}{....}
\end{verbatim}
Part IV
Implementation

31 fancyhdr.sty

\if@nch@mpty
This macro tests if its argument is empty.
1 \def\if@nch@mpty#1{\def\temp@a{#1}\ifx\temp@a\@empty}

\f@nch@def
This macro defines another macro (usually a header or footer field). Depending
on the value of \f@nch@gbl the definition will be global or local (the latter case
is used in \fancypagestyle). If the value (argument 2) is empty, a \leavevmode
will be substituted. If it is not empty, a \strut will be added.
2 \def\f@nch@def#1#2{\if@nch@mpty{#2}\f@nch@gbl\def#1{\leavevmode}\else
3 \f@nch@gbl\def#1{#2\strut}\fi}

\f@nch@gbl
Initialize \f@nch@gbl to \global.
4 \let\f@nch@gbl\global

\f@nch@ifundefined
This macro tests if a command is undefined. Older versions of fancyhdr used
\@ifundefined, but this had an undesired side effect in the original \LaTeX (the
command was made equal to \relax if it was undefined). Another way was
\ifx\thecommand\undefined ... or \ifx\thecommand\@undefined ... but
that could conflict with packages that use the \@ifundefined method. \LaTeX
versions later than 2018 have a definition of \@ifundefined that avoids these
problems, but not everybody may have such a version installed. Therefore we
define our own version \f@nch@ifundefined. This definition is copied from the
tocloft package by Peter Wilson and Will Robertson.
5 \newcommand{\f@nch@ifundefined}[1]{%
6 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
7 \expandafter\ifx\csname #1\endcsname\relax
8 \else
9 \expandafter\@secondoftwo
10 \fi
11 \endmacro
12 \end{macrocode}
13 \end{macro}
14 \%
15 \begin{macro}{\f@nch@errmsg}
16 \%
This macro generates an error message.
17 \changes{fancyhdr v3.10}{2019/01/25}{Use \cs{\f@nch@ifundefined} instead of \cs{ifx}.
18 \changes{fancyhdr v3.10}{2019/01/25}{Use \cs{newcommand} instead of \cs{def}.}
19 \%
\begin{macrocode}
20 \newcommand{\f@nch@errmsg}[1]{%
21 \f@nch@ifundefined{PackageError}{\errmessage{#1}}{\PackageError{Fancyhdr}{#1}{}}}}
\f@nch@warning
This macro generates a warning.
\f@nch@forc Usage: \f@nch@forc \var \{charstring\}(\{body\}).

Execute the body for each character in charstring bound to \var. This is similar
to L\LaTEX's \texttt{@for}, but it expands the charstring.
\f@nch@for Usage: \f@nch@for \var \{list\}\{body\}

Execute the body for each element of the list, bound to \var. List elements are
separated by commas. This is like L\LaTEX's \texttt{@for} but an empty list is treated as
a list with an empty element.
\f@nch@default Usage: \f@nch@default \var \{defaults\}\{argument\}

Sets \var to the characters from defaults appearing in argument, or to defaults
if it would be empty. All characters are lowercased first.
\f@nch@ifin Usage: \f@nch@ifin \langle char \rangle \langle set \rangle \langle truecase \rangle \langle falsecase \rangle

If \langle char \rangle is in \langle set \rangle, then \langle truecase \rangle else \langle falsecase \rangle.
\f@nch@head These are the principal user macros. Pick up the parameters, and supply an 'h'
(\f@nch@head) or 'f' (\f@nch@foot).
\f@nch@headoffset The commands for offsets. Pick up the parameters, and supply an 'h'
(\f@nch@headoffset) or 'f' (\f@nch@footoffset).
This macro interprets the parameters for the headers and footers.

Parameters:
(1) The user command that was used (like `\fancyhead`). This is used for errors/warnings.
(2) h (for `\fancyhead`), f (for `\fancyfoot`), or {} (for `\fancyhf`).
(3) The optional parameter that was given to these commands (default []).
(4) The required parameter that was given to these commands.

The header and footer fields are stored in command sequences with names of the form: `\f@nch@hf(x)\f@nch@eo(y)\f@nch@lcr(z)` with (x) from [eo], (y) from [lcr] and (z) from [hf].

```latex
\def\f@nch@fancyhf#1#2[#3]#4{% 
  \def\temp@c{}% 
  \f@nch@forc\tmpf@ra{#3}% 
  \expandafter\f@nch@ifin\tmpf@ra{eolcrhf,EOLCRHF}% 
  \ifx\@empty\temp@c\else \f@nch@errmsg{Illegal char '\temp@c' in % 
  \string#1 argument: [#3]}% \fi \f@nch@for\temp@c{#3}% 
  \f@nch@default\f@nch@@eo{eo}\temp@c \if@twoside\else \f@nch@warning \{\string#1's 'E' option without twoside option is useless\}\fi \f@nch@default\f@nch@@lcr{lcr}\temp@c \f@nch@default\f@nch@@hf{hf}{#2\temp@c}% 
\f@nch@forc\f@nch@eo\f@nch@@eo \f@nch@forc\f@nch@lcr\f@nch@@lcr \f@nch@forc\f@nch@hf\f@nch@@hf \expandafter\f@nch@default\csname f@nch@eo f@nch@lcr f@nch@hf\endcsname {#4}}}%}
```

This macro interprets the parameters for the header and footer offsets.

Parameters:
(1) The user command that was used (like `\fancyheadoffset`). This is used for errors/warnings.
(2) h (for `\fancyheadoffset`), f (for `\fancyfootoffset`), or {} (for `\fancyhfoffset`).
(3) The optional parameter that was given to these commands (default []).
(4) The required parameter that was given to these commands.

The header and footer offsets are stored in command sequences with names of the form: `\f@nch@hfoffset(x)\f@nch@eo(y)\f@nch@lcr(z)` with (x) from [eo], (y) from [lcr] and (z) from [hf].

```latex
\def\f@nch@fancyhfoffs#1#2[#3]#4{% 
  \def\temp@c{}% 
  \f@nch@forc\tmpf@ra{#3}% 
  \expandafter\f@nch@ifin\tmpf@ra{eolrhf,EOLRHF}% 
  \ifx\@empty\temp@c\else \f@nch@errmsg{Illegal char '\temp@c' in % 
  \string#1 argument: [#3]}% \fi \f@nch@for\temp@c{#3}% 
  \f@nch@default\f@nch@@eo{eo}\temp@c \if@twoside\else \f@nch@warning \{\string#1's 'E' option without twoside option is useless\}\fi \f@nch@default\f@nch@@lcr{lcr}\temp@c \f@nch@default\f@nch@@hf{hf}{#2\temp@c}% 
\f@nch@forc\f@nch@eo\f@nch@@eo \f@nch@forc\f@nch@lcr\f@nch@@lcr \f@nch@forc\f@nch@hf\f@nch@@hf \expandafter\f@nch@default\csname f@nch@eo f@nch@lcr f@nch@hf\endcsname {#4}}}%}
```
Fancyheadings version 1 commands. These are deprecated, but they continue to work for compatibility reasons. They have an optional parameter that is used as the value for even pages in a two-sided document. If this is not given (or if the document is not two-sided) the required parameter is used for both even and odd pages. Therefore the default value for the optional parameter is the required parameter. It is not possible to express this directly in the definition. Therefore we use a trick. Both parameters are store in a macro. For example for \lhead the parameter for even pages is stored in \f@nch@elh, and the one for odd pages in \f@nch@olh. For the others it is similar, just replace the l with c or r, and the h with f. In the body of the macro we first store the required parameter in \f@nch@olh, and we use this macro as default for the optional parameter. The optional parameter is then stored in \f@nch@elh. The order of the assignments is therefore important.

\newcommand{\lhead}[2][\f@nch@olh]{}
\newcommand{\chead}[2][\f@nch@och]{}
\newcommand{\rhead}[2][\f@nch@orh]{}
\newcommand{\lfoot}[2][\f@nch@olf]{}
\newcommand{\cfoot}[2][\f@nch@ocf]{}
\newcommand{\rfoot}[2][\f@nch@orf]{}

\f@nch@headwidth Length parameter to be used for \headwidth. We use this rather than defining \headwidth as a length parameter directly to protect ourself to someone saying: \let\headwidth\textwidth.
\newlength{\f@nch@headwidth} \let\headwidth\f@nch@headwidth

\f@nch@olh \f@nch@orh \f@nch@olh \f@nch@orh \f@nch@olf \f@nch@erf \f@nch@olh \f@nch@orf \f@nch@headwidth

\headrulewidth \footrulewidth
Memoir also defines \footruleskip. Don’t define \footruleskip if it is already defined.

\f@nch@ifundefined{footruleskip}{}{
ewcommand{\footruleskip}{0.3\normalbaselineskip}}

Fancyplain stuff shouldn’t be used anymore (rather \fancypagestyle{plain} should be used), but we keep it for compatibility reasons.

\f@nch@ifundefined{plainheadrulewidth}{}{
ewcommand{\plainheadrulewidth}{0pt}}
\f@nch@ifundefined{plainfootrulewidth}{}{
ewcommand{\plainfootrulewidth}{0pt}}

\f@nch@ifundefined{fancyplain}{}{
ewcommand{\fancyplain}{\@fancyplainfalse}}
\def{\fancyplain#1#2}{\if@fancyplain#1\else#2\fi}

\headwidth Initialize \headwidth with a magic constant.
\headwidth=-123456789sp

Save the standard definitions of \raggedleft, \raggedright, \centering and \everypar so that we can reset them when we are typesetting the headers and footers. Some packages change these to incompatible values.

\let{\f@nch@raggedleft}{\raggedleft}
\let{\f@nch@raggedright}{\raggedright}
\let{\f@nch@centering}{\centering}
\let{\f@nch@everypar}{\everypar}

Command to reset various things in the headers: a.o. single spacing (taken from setspace.sty) and the catcode of \endlinechar (so that epsf files in the header work if a verbatim crosses a page boundary) It also defines a \nouppercase command that disables \uppercase and \MakeUppercase. It can only be used in the headers and footers. Set \hsize to \headwidth (this helps for multicols); reset \\, \raggedleft, \raggedright and \centering to their default values (for tabu), and \everypar to empty. The font is reset to \normalfont.

\def{\f@nch@reset}{\f@nch@everypar{}\restorecr\endlinechar=13
\let{}\@normalcr \let\raggedleft\f@nch@raggedleft
\let\raggedright\f@nch@raggedright \let\centering\f@nch@centering
\def{\baselinestretch}{1}
\hsize={\headwidth}
\def{\nouppercase#1{{\let\uppercase\relax\let\MakeUppercase\relax
\expandafter\let\csname MakeUppercase\endcsname\relax#1}}}
\f@nch@ifundefined{@newbaseline} % NFSS not present; 2.09 or 2e
{\if@fancyplain\@fancyplainfalse\normalsize}{\@newbaseline}% NFSS (2.09) present
}
Initialization of the head and foot text.

The default values still contain `\fancyplain` for compatibility: lefthead empty on "plain" pages, `\rightmark` on even, `\leftmark` on odd pages; evenhead empty on "plain" pages, `\leftmark` on even, `\rightmark` on odd pages.

\fancyhf{}
\if@twoside
\fancyhead[el,or]{\fancyplain{}{\slshape\rightmark}}
\fancyhead[er,ol]{\fancyplain{}{\slshape\leftmark}}
\else
\fancyhead[il]{\fancyplain{}{\slshape\rightmark}}
\fancyhead[ir]{\fancyplain{}{\slshape\leftmark}}
\fi
\fancyfoot[c]{\rmfamily\thepage} % page number
\f@nch@vbox Make a \vbox with the header or footer. Check whether there is enough space and give a warning if not. Use box 0 as a temp box and dimen 0 as temp dimen. This can be done, because this code will always be used inside another box, and therefore the changes are local. Parameter 1 is `\headheight` or `\footskip`, respectively. Parameter 2 is the contents of the box.
\newcommand\f@nch@vbox[2]{$%$
\setbox0\vbox{#2}$%$
\ifdim\ht0>#1\relax
\f@nch@warning{%
\string#1 is too small (\the#1): \^^J%
Make it at least \the\ht0.\^^J%
We now make it that large for the rest of the document.\^^J%
This may cause the page layout to be inconsistent, however\@gobble
}%
\dimen0=#1\relax
\global\ht0=\ht0\relax
\ht0=\dimen0 %
\fi
\box0} %
\f@nch@head
\f@nch@foot

Put together a header or footer given the left, center and right text, fillers at left and right and a rule. The `\xlap` commands put the text into an hbox of zero size, so overlapping text does not generate an errormessage. These macros have 5 parameters:
1. LEFTSIDE BEARING. This determines at which side the header will stick out. When `\fancyhfoffset` is used this calculates `\headwidth`, otherwise it is `\hss` or `\relax` (after expansion).
2. `\f@nch@olh, \f@nch@elh, \f@nch@olf or \f@nch@elf`. This is the left component.
3. `\f@nch@och, \f@nch@ech, \f@nch@ocf or \f@nch@ecf`. This is the center component.
4. `\f@nch@orh, \f@nch@erh, \f@nch@orf or \f@nch@erf`. This is the right component.
5. RIGHTSIDE BEARING. This is always `\relax` or `\hss` (after expansion).
We put the \footrule in a \vbox to accommodate for flexible footrules (e.g. using \hrulefill), so that the \headwidth will be used as the line width. But to preserve the vertical spacing we then \unvbox this box.

\newcommand\f@nch@foot[5]{%
  #1%
  \hbox to \headwidth{%  
    \f@nch@reset
    \f@nch@vbox\footskip{%  
      \setbox0=\vbox{\footrule}\unvbox0
      \vskip\footruleskip
      \hbox{%  
        \rlap{\parbox[t]{\headwidth}{\raggedright#2}}%
        \hrulefill
        \parbox[t]{\headwidth}{\centering#3}%
        \hrulefill
        \llap{\parbox[t]{\headwidth}{\raggedleft#4}}%
      }
    }
  }%
  #5%
}

\headrule
\footrule
\ps@fancy Pagestyle fancy
\MakeUppercase

\chaptermark
\sectionmark
\subsectionmark

Standard definitions for \chaptermark, \sectionmark and \subsectionmark.

\ps@fancy

\ps@fancy
\ps@fancyplain

\ps@empty

\ps@fancy
\def\@oddhead{@nch@head\f@nch@Oolh\f@nch@olh\f@nch@och\f@nch@orh\f@nch@Oorh}\%
\def\@oddfoot{@nch@foot\f@nch@Oolf\f@nch@olf\f@nch@ocf\f@nch@orf\f@nch@Oorf}\%
\def\@evenhead{@nch@head\f@nch@Oelh\f@nch@elh\f@nch@ech\f@nch@erh\f@nch@Oerh}\%
\def\@evenfoot{@nch@foot\f@nch@Oelf\f@nch@elf\f@nch@ecf\f@nch@erf\f@nch@Oerf}\%
}

\f@nch@Oolh Default definitions for compatibility mode: These cause the header/footer to take
\f@nch@Oorh the defined \headwidth as its width and if required to shift it in the direction of
\f@nch@Oelh the marginpar area.
\f@nch@Oerh
\f@nch@Oolf New definitions for the use of \fancyhfoffset, \fancyheadoffset,
\f@nch@Oorh \fancyfootoffset. These calculate the \headwidth from \textwidth
\f@nch@Oerh and the specified offsets.

First for the header.
\f@nch@offsolh
\f@nch@offselh
\f@nch@offsolf The same for the footer.
\f@nch@offself
\f@nch@setoffs Set the offset parts to be used in the construction of the headers and footers.
Depending on \f@nch@gb@b it will be done globally (for pagestyle fancy) or locally
(for \fancypagestyle). Just in case \let\headwidth\textwidth was used, we
\f@nch@setoffs reset \headwidth to the length parameter that it should be.
\iff@nch@footnote Redefine \@makecol so that we can capture if there are top/bottom floats, foot-
@makecol notes or if we are on a float page. Because of a clash with the footmisc package
we do this at \begin{document}.
We need a boolean \iff@nch@footnote to capture if there was a footnote.

\newif\iff@nch@footnote
\AtBeginDocument{%
\let\latex@makecol\@makecol
\def\@makecol{\ifvoid\footins\f@nch@footnotefalse\else\f@nch@footnotetrue\fi
\let\topfloat\@toplist\let\botfloat\@botlist\latex@makecol}%
\iftopfloat
\ifbotfloat
\iffloatpage
\iffootnote
These can be used in a header/footer field to make them conditional on the presence of floats and/or footnotes.

\newcommand\iftopfloat[2]{\ifx\topfloat\empty #2\else #1\fi}%
\newcommand\ifbotfloat[2]{\ifx\botfloat\empty #2\else #1\fi}%
\newcommand\iffloatpage[2]{\if@fcolmade #1\else #2\fi}%
\newcommand\iffootnote[2]{\iff@nch@footnote #1\else #2\fi}%
\fancypagestyle
\newcommand{\fancypagestyle}[2]{%\@namedef{ps@#1}{\let\f@nch@gbl\relax#2\relax\ps@fancy}}%
</fancyhdr>

32 extramarks.sty
<\extramarks>
\@temptokenb A token register to store some marks information
\newtoks\@temptokenb
\unrestored@protected@xdef Define this macro just in case it isn’t defined (should be part of \LaTeX).
\providecommand\unrestored@protected@xdef{%\let\protect\@unexpandable@protect \xdef}
\markboth Our own definition of \markboth, mainly because \@markboth gets more parameters.
\def\markboth#1#2{%\begingroup\let\label\relax \let\index\relax \let\glossary\relax
\expandafter\@markboth\@themark{#1}{#2}%
\@temptokena \expandafter{\@themark}\mark{\the\@temptokena}%
\endgroup}
\markright We use the standard definition of \markright. No use to duplicate here.
\@markboth Note: put \#3\#4 in toks register.
\def\@markboth#1#2#3#4#5#6{\@temptokena{(#3)#4)#5#6}\let\@markboth=\@markboth
\unrestored@protected@xdef@temtokena{(#5)#6)\the\@temtokena}
Note: put #1 and #3#4 in toks registers. Maybe I can get rid of the extra 
by doing the expansion of #5 to a temp separately. But then, 
nowadays registers are plenty.

\def\markright#1#2#3#4#5{{\@temptokena{#1}\@temptokenb{{#3}{#4}}}% 
\unrestored@protected@xdef\themark{{\the\@temptokena}{#5}\the\@temptokenb}}

Internal macros to get the standard marks.
\def\leftmark#1#2#3#4{#1}  \def\rightmark#1#2#3#4{#2}
\def\firstleftmark#1{\expandafter\@leftmark\botmark\@empty\@empty\@empty\@empty}
\def\firstrightmark#1{\expandafter\@rightmark\firstmark\@empty\@empty\@empty\@empty}
\def\topleftmark#1{\expandafter\@leftmark\topmark\@empty\@empty\@empty\@empty}
\def\toprightmark#1{\expandafter\@rightmark\topmark\@empty\@empty\@empty\@empty}
\let\firstrightmark\rightmark
\let\lastleftmark\leftmark
\def\@themark{{}{}{}{}}
\def\extramarks[2]{% 
\begingroup 
\let\label\relax \let\index\relax \let\glossary\relax 
\expandafter\@markextra\@themark{#1}{#2}% 
\@temptokena \expandafter\@themark% 
\mark\the\@temptokena% 
\endgroup 
\if@nobreak\ifvmode\nobreak\fi\fi}

Internal macro to store the extra marks in the marks storage.
Note: Put #1#2 in toks register.
\def\markextra#1#2#3#4#5#6{{\@temptokena {#1}{#2}}% 
\unrestored@protected@xdef\themark{{\the\@temptokena}{#5}{#6}}}
Internal macros to extract the extra marks out of the marks storage.

33 fancyheadings.sty

Fancyheadings.sty was the original style file (as they were called then) to implement fancy headers and footers in \LaTeX. This was in the time when MSDOS was still quite a dominant “Operating System”. It had a nasty property (amongst others): filenames consisted of at most 8 characters + a 3 character extension. This meant that the name 'fancyheadings.sty' was internally truncated in MSDOS to 'fancyhea.sty', although it was perfectly OK to say 'fancyheadings' in \LaTeX. However, some people started to write also 'fancyhea' in \LaTeX documents, which made them unportable to for example Unix systems, unless there a copy or link was made to 'fancyhea.sty'. I found this so annoying that I decided to rename the package to 'fancyhdr.sty'. This package has evolved to a version that is incompatible with the original 'fancyheadings'. Fancyheadings should no longer be used, therefore this package is provided that issues a clear warning and then switches to fancyhdr.

\PackageWarningNoLine{fancyheadings}{% Please stop using fancyheadings! Use fancyhdr instead. We will call fancyhdr with the very same options you passed to fancyheadings. fancyhdr is 99 percent compatible with fancyheadings. The only incompatibility is that \protect\headrulewidth\space and \protect\footrulewidth\space and their \protect\plain... versions are no longer length parameters, but normal macros (to be changed with \protect\renewcommand\space rather than \protect\setlength).}
Change History

extramarks v1.99e
General: Added a few % marks to get rid of unwanted spaces, and \endinput.
        Added LPPL license clause. . . 48
extramarks v2.0beta
General: Adapted for the new implementation of marks in \LaTeX{} to solve bug latex/3203.
        Added symmetric commands \firstrightmark, \lastleftmark, \firstleftxmark, \firstrightxmark, \lastrightxmark, \lastleftxmark, \topleftxmark and \toprightxmark. . . . . . . . . . . 48
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fancyhdr v1.6
General: Reset single spacing in headers/footers for use with \setspace.sty or \doublespace.sty 39
fancyhdr v1.7
General: Changed \let\@mkboth\markboth to \def\@mkboth\protect\markboth to make it more robust. . . . . . . 39
fancyhdr v1.8
General: corrections for \amsbook/\amsart: define \chapter@sectionmark definitions from ps@headings if they exist (which should be true for all standard classes). . 39
fancyhdr v1.9
General: The proposed \renewcommand{\headrulewidth}\iffloatpage... construction in the doc did not work properly with the fancyplain style. . . . . . . 39
fancyhdr v1.91
General: The definition of \@mkboth wasn’t restored on subsequent \pagestyle{fancy}’s. . . . . . . 39
fancyhdr v1.92
General: The sequence \pagestyle{fancyplain}\pagestyle{plain}\pagestyle{fancy} would erroneously select the plain version. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 39
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General: \fancypagestyle command added. . . . . . . . . 39
fancyhdr v1.94
General: (suggested by Conrad Hughes <chughes@maths.tcd.ie>): added \foottoprule to allow control over footrule position (old hardcoded value of .3\normalbaselineskip is far too high when used with very small footer fonts). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 39
fancyhdr v1.95
General: call \normalsize in the reset code if that is defined, otherwise \normalsize. This is to solve a problem with ucthesis.cls, as this doesn’t define \currsize.
Unfortunately for latex209 calling \normalsize doesn’t work as this is optimized to do very little, so there \@normalsize should be called. Hopefully this code works for all versions of LaTeX known to mankind. 39

fancyhdr v1.96
General: Initialize \headwidth to a magic (negative) value to catch most common cases that people change it before calling \pagestyle{fancy}. Note it can’t be initialized when reading in this file, because \textwidth could be changed afterwards. This is quite probable. We also switch to \MakeUppercase rather than \uppercase and introduce a \nouppercase command for use in headers and footers. 39

fancyhdr v1.97
General: Two changes:
1. Undo the change in version 1.8 (using the \pagestyle{headings} defaults for the chapter and section marks). The current version of amsbook and amsart classes don’t seem to need them anymore. Moreover the standard \LaTeX classes don’t use \markboth if twoside isn’t selected, and this is confusing as \leftmark doesn’t work as expected.
2. Include a call to \ps@empty in \ps@fancy. This is to solve a problem in the amssbook and amsart classes, that make global changes to \topskip, which are reset in \ps@empty. Hopefully this doesn’t break other things. 39

fancyhdr v1.98
General: Added \% after the line \def\nouppercase 39

fancyhdr v1.99
General: This is the alpha version of fancyhdr 2.0
Introduced the new commands \fancyhead, \fancyfoot, and \fancyhf. Changed \headrulewidth, \footrulewidth, \footruleskip to macros rather than length parameters, In this way they can be conditionalized and they don’t consume length registers. There is no need to have them as length registers unless you want to do calculations with them, which is unlikely. Note that this may make some uses of them incompatible (i.e. if you have a file that uses \setlength or \xxxx=) 39

fancyhdr v1.99a
General: Added a few more \% signs. 39

fancyhdr v1.99b
General: Changed the syntax of \f@nch@for to be resistant to catcode changes of :=. Removed the [1] from the defs of \lhead etc. because the parameter is consumed by the \@[xy]lhead etc. macros. 39

fancyhdr v1.99c
General: Corrected \nouppercase to also include the protected form of \MakeUppercase. \global added to manipulation of \headwidth. \iff@footnote command added. Some comments added about \f@mch@head and \f@mch@foot. 39

fancyhdr v1.99d
General: Changed the default \ps@empty to \ps@empty in order to allow \fancypagestyle{empty} redefinition. 39

fancyhdr v2.0
General: Added LPPL license clause.
A check for \headheight is added. An error message is
given (once) if the header is too large. Empty headers don’t generate the error even if \headheight is very small or even 0pt.
Warning added for the use of ‘E’ option when twoside option is not used. In this case the ‘E’ fields will never be used. . . . . 39

fancyhdr v2.1beta
General: New command:

\fancyhfoffset[place]{length}
defines offsets to be applied to the header/footers to let it stick into the margins (if length > 0). place is like in \fancyhead, except that only E,O,L,R can be used. This replaces the old calculation based on \headwidth and the marginpar area. \headwidth will be dynamically calculated in the headers/footers when this is used. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 39

fancyhdr v2.1beta2
General: \fancyhoffset now also takes H,F as possible letters in the argument to allow the header and footer widths to be different.
New commands \fancyheadoffset and \fancyfootoffset added comparable to \fancyhead and \fancyfoot.
Error messages and warnings have been made more informative. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 39

fancyhdr v2.1
General: The defaults for \footrulewidth, \plainheadrulewidth and \plainfootrulewidth are changed from \z@skip to 0pt.
In this way when someone inadvertently uses \setlength to change any of these, the value of \z@skip will not be changed, rather an errormessage will be given. . . 39

fancyhdr v3.0
General: Release of version 3.0. . . 39

fancyhdr v3.1
General: Added ‘\endlinechar=13’ to ‘@ch@reset’ to prevent problems with ‘\includegraphics in header/footer when ‘verbatiminput is active. . . . . 39

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\f@nch@vbox: Don’t use \global\setlength. . . . . . 44
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General: Reset \everypar (the real one) in ‘@ch@reset’ because spanish.ldf does strange things with \everypar between « and ». . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 39

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  \footruleskip if it is already
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fancyhdr v3.6
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  \ProvidesPackage line.
  Updated contact information. 39

fancyhdr v3.7
  General: Removed \normalfont
  from default values, as every
  field is already initialised with
  \normalfont. 
  Set \hsize to \headwidth in
  header/footer. ............... 39

fancyhdr v3.8
  General: Reset \,
  \raggedleft, \raggedright and \centering
to their default values to avoid
  a clash with the tabu package.
  Move the redefinition of
  \makecol to
  \begin{document} to avoid a
  clash with the footmisc package
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