

# exercise.sty : a package to typeset exercises

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## Abstract

This package offers a simple environment to typeset exercises, and their questions, sub-questions, indications, answers and so on.

The layout of the exercises is fully customisable. Moreover, the answers of the exercise could be typeset immediately or later in the document.

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## 1 Options of the package

Here we list the options of the package **exercise.sty**:

**noexercise** hide all the exercises of a document.

**noanswer** hide all the answers of a document. The default behaviour is to show both the exercises and the answers.

**exercisonly** is a synonym of **noanswer**.

**answeronly** is a synonym of **noexercise**.

**nothing** hide answers and exercises (synonym of **noanswer** and **noexercise**).

**answerdelayed** save the answers instead of typeset them. The answers can be included later in the document with the command **\shipoutAnswer**. More precisely, the answers are stored in a vertical box. When **\shipoutAnswer** is encountered, this box is emptied and its contents is placed in the main vertical list. The answers defined later are placed in this emptied vertical box. In this way, you can have many group of answers in the same document.

**exercisedelayed** saves the exercises instead of typeset them. The exercises can be included later with the command **\shipoutExercise**.

**lastexercise** if no references is given for an answer, then the answer is supposed to refer to the last exercise (see section 2.1).

## 2 Commands

### 2.1 Exercises and answers

```
\begin{Exercise} [<key val list>] ... \end{Exercise}
\begin{Exercise*} [<key val list>] ... \end{Exercise*}
```

**Exercise** The **Exercise** environment is used to typeset just one exercise. We use the **keyval** package to give different informations about an exercise.

The **Exercise\*** environment typeset an exercise without number, and without putting it in the **listofexercises**.

```

label={\langle string \rangle}
title={\langle string \rangle}
difficulty={\langle number \rangle}
origin={\langle string \rangle}
name={\langle string \rangle}
counter={\langle counter \rangle}
number={\langle string \rangle}

```

All these keys define commands that will be available later to typeset the exercise. They are all optional.

**label** The label of the exercise. This label can be used later in cross-reference, or to link an answer to this exercise.

**title** The title of the exercise. It will be available later with the command `\ExerciseTitle`.

**difficulty** The difficulty of the exercise (a number). It will be available later with the counter `\ExerciseDifficulty`.

**origin** The origin of the exercise. It will be available later with the command `\ExerciseOrigin`.

**name** In document, exercises can have multiple denomination, like problem, exam, or even question. This key allows to change the denomination.

**counter** Use the given counter to number this exercise. Here, `{\langle counter \rangle}` must be a pre-defined counter.

**number** Use the given number for the exercise. In fact, this number is a string, so you can number the exercise with letters.

**exam** To keep track of exams associated with the exercise.

**year** To keep track of the year you have given the exercise.

As an example, with the default definitions, the following code:

```

\begin{Exercise}[title={Euler's constant}, difficulty=2, label=ex1,
                 origin={P.Paelw}]
\end{Exercise}

```

will give

**\*\* Exercise 1      Euler's constant (*P.Paelw*)**

**Problem** It is possible to define different type of exercise. For example, you can define a **Problem** environment with the two lines:

```

\newcounter{Problem}
\newenvironment{Problem}{\begin{Exercise}[name={Problem},
                                     counter={Problem}]}
                        {\end{Exercise}}

```

Anyway, all type of exercise will have the same layout in the document.

`\begin{Answer} [key val list] ... \end{Answer}`

**Answer**      The **Answer** environment is used to typeset the answer of an exercise. To determine which the exercise this answer is attributed to, you can use the two following keys.

`ref={\string}`  
`number={\string}`

This is the description of these keys:

**ref** a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X reference. *Must* correspond to the **label** key of an exercise.

**number** if the answer refers to an exercise in another document, you can set the number of the exercise with this key. It is in fact a string.

If the package is loaded with the option **lastexercise** and if no **ref** and no **number** key is given, then the last exercise is taken as a reference for the answer.

If no **ref** and no **number** key is given and the option **lastexercise** is not activated, a Package Warning is displayed.

`\begin{ExerciseList}`  
`\Exercise[key val list]`  
`\Answer[key val list]`  
`\end{ExerciseList}`

**ExerciseList**      The **ExerciseList** environment is a convenience to typeset a list of small exercises. In **ExerciseList**, everything between two **\Exercise** or **\Answer** tags is interpreted as the body of an exercise (or an answer).

**\Exercise**      The command **\Exercise** inside **ExerciseList** accepts the same keys than **\Exercise\*** the **Exercise** environment. The command **\Answer** inside **ExerciseList** accepts the same keys than the **Answer** environment and behaves in the same way.

## 2.2 Parts and questions

`\ExePart[key val list]`  
`\ExePart*[key val list]`

**\ExePart**      It is common to split large exercise in parts: it is the purpose of the **\ExePart**  
**\ExePart\*** command. The keys **title**, **name** and **difficulty** are available for this command. For example, a non-numbered preliminary part is obtained with

`\ExePart*[name={Preliminary}]`

<code>\Question[⟨key val list⟩]</code> <code>\subQuestion[⟨key val list⟩]</code> <code>\subsubQuestion[⟨key val list⟩]</code>
---

`\Question`      These three commands define the hierarchy of questions. A `\subsubQuestion` cannot be preceded by a `\Question` or a `\begin{Exercise}`. A `\subQuestion` cannot be preceded by a `\begin{Exercise}`. If one of these cases is detected, a Package Error is displayed.

Two keys are available for these commands: `title` and `difficulty`.

<code>\ExeText</code>
-----------------------

`\ExeText`      The text following this command has the same status that the first indications of the exercise. So, the next level of the hierarchy must be a `\ExePart` or a `\Question`.

## 2.3 Exercise selection

<code>\ExerciseSelect[⟨key val list⟩]</code> <code>\ExerciseSelect*[⟨key val list⟩]</code> <code>\ExerciseStopSelect</code>
---

`\ExerciseSelect`  
`\ExerciseStopSelect`

A very basic exercise selection mechanism is provided. When `\ExerciseSelect` is used, an exercise is printed if and only if the value of its keys are within the values specified after `\ExerciseSelect`. For example, the following command

`\ExerciseSelect[type={short}, difficulty={0,1}]`

selects the short exercises of difficulties 0 and 1, whereas

`\ExerciseSelect[label={exe1, exe10, exe11}]`

selects the exercises with label `exe1`, `exe10` and `exe11`.

With `\ExerciseStartSelect*`, the exercises which fit the conditions are *omited* instead of selected.

Last, `\ExerciseStopSelect` stops the processus of selection: every exercise will be displayed later.

The purpose of these commands is to select exercises within a long list stored on an auxiliary file.

## 2.4 References

If you want to make a cross-reference to an exercise, you must use the `label` key of the `Exercise` command. Afterward, you can use the usual L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X commands `\ref`, `\pageref` and so on.

The `hyperref` package should work normaly, but you must load it *before* the `exercise` package.

`\refAnswer{\label{}}`

`\refAnswer` Whenever an answer is connected to an exercise *via* the `ref` key, a label *Exercise label-Answer* is created. In this way, you can easily make reference to a given exercise.

The `\refAnswer` command is another way to reference the answer of a given exercise : its argument is the label of an exercise without the postfix `-Answer`.

In this way

`\ref{ex1-Answer}`      `\refAnswer{ex1}`

are two equivalent way to reference the answer of the preceding exercise labeled `ex1`.

Remember that inside an `Exercise` the command `\ExerciseLabel` stores the label of the exercise. So another way to reference the answer *inside* the code of an exercise is

`\ref{\ExerciseLabel}`

## 2.5 Extra stuff

`\marker`      The difficulty of an exercise is represented by a certain amount of stars. The  
`\DifficultyMarker` command `\marker` is used to typeset the difficulty of an exercise.

`\marker<symbol><counter>`

displays `<symbol>` repeated `<counter>` times. For example `\marker*2` gives \*\*, and `\marker+{14}` gives ++++++

By default, the difficulty is symbolized by star. You can customise this by redefining the command `\DifficultyMarker`.

`\listofexercises`      This command add a list of all the exercise in your document.

`\ListOfExerciseInToc`  
`\ExerciseLevelInToc{\level of exercises}`

`\ListOfExerciseInToc`      If you prefer to display this list of exercises in the table of contents, then use  
`\ExerciseLevelInToc` the command `\ListOfExerciseInToc`.

By default, the exercises appear in the table of content at the same level as the paragraphs. The command `\ExerciseLevelInToc` is used to customize this behaviour. For example with the command `\ExerciseLevelInToc{subsection}` the exercises will appear at the same level as the subsections. Available levels are: section, subsection, subsubsection, paragraph and subparagraph.

## 3 Customisation

### 3.1 Internationalisation

<code>\ExerciseName</code>
<code>\ExerciseListName</code>
<code>\AnswerName</code>
<code>\AnswerListName</code>
<code>\ExePartName</code>

`\ExerciseName` These commands store various hard-wired string. `\ExerciseListName` is used in the `ExerciseList` environment: it is possibly an abbreviation of the word “Exercise”.

`\AnswerName` `Exercise.sty` automatically detects the usage of `babel` and translate these terms in the language loaded... if I (the author) know the translation! As my skills in foreign language are quite weak, only English and French are currently supported.

`\AnswerListName`

`\ExePartName` If you sent me the translations in your language, I will be happy to add them in the package. Anyway, you can redefine these commands (with a `\renewcommand`).

`\ExePartListName` You must load the `exercise` package *after* `babel` to activate this option.

### 3.2 Layout

#### 3.2.1 Exercises, answers and parts

For the layout of the exercises, two levels of customisation are available. First, you can customise the way the informations will be typeset, and then you can customise the way these pieces of informations are typeset together.

<code>\ExerciseHeaderTitle</code>
<code>\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty</code>
<code>\ExerciseHeaderOrigin</code>
<code>\ExerciseHeaderNB</code>

`\ExerciseHeaderTitle` These commands are used to typeset the corresponding information:  
`\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty` `\ExerciseHeaderTitle` corresponds to the `title` key,  
`\ExerciseHeaderOrigin` `\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty` to the `difficulty` key, `\ExerciseHeaderOrigin`  
`\ExerciseHeaderNB` to the `origin` key and `\ExerciseHeaderNB` to the number of the exercise.

In these commands, you specify the fonts to use, the space around the information, some symbols (like dash or dot) you want to put here, and so on. If the key is not present in the definition of the exercise, then the corresponding part of the header will be emptied by the package.

For example the default definition of `\ExerciseHeaderTitle` is

```
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderTitle}{\quad---\quad\ExerciseTitle}
```

If an exercise has a title, then this title will be displayed preceded by an emdash (as you can see in exercise 1 of this document). If an exercise doesn't have a title, then this command is set to nothing (precisely to `{}`) during the exercise.

These commands can be redefined with a `\renewcommand`. You don't have to worry about the “undefinition” mechanism: the package manages that by itself.

`\ExerciseHeader`  
`\ExerciseListHeader`

`\ExerciseHeader`      When the layout of all the elements has been fixed, they are collected in the  
`\ExerciseListHeader` `\ExerciseHeader` command (or in `\ExerciseListHeader`). Here, you specify the way the different elements are mixed together.  
The default definition of `\ExerciseHeader` is

```
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeader}{\centerline{\textbf{\large
\ExerciseName\ExerciseHeaderNB\ExerciseHeaderTitle
\ExerciseHeaderOrigin\medskip}}}
```

which displays all the informations in a centered line, using a large bold default font.

`\AnswerHeader`  
`\AnswerListHeader`

`\AnswerHeader`      The same mechanism is implemented for the answers. `\AnswerHeader` and  
`\AnswerListHeader` `\AnswerListHeader` specifies the way the header of answers are typeset. In the definition of these commands, you can use freely the informations of the related exercise. For example, this is the default definition of `\AnswerHeader`:

```
\newcommand{\AnswerHeader}{\medskip\centerline{\textbf{
Answer of \ExerciseName\ \ExerciseHeaderNB}\smallskip}}
```

`\ExePartHeaderTitle`  
`\ExePartHeaderDifficulty`  
`\ExePartHeaderNB`  
`\ExePartHeader`  
`\ExePartListHeader`

`\ExePartHeaderTitle`      The same kind of customisation is available for the `\ExePart` command:  
`\ExePartHeaderDifficulty` `\ExePartHeaderTitle`, `\ExePartHeaderDifficulty` and `\ExePartHeaderNB`  
`\ExePartHeaderNB` control the way the title (`\ExePartTitle`), the difficulty (`\ExePartdifficulty`)  
`\ExePartHeader` and the number (`\theExePart`) of the part are displayed.  
`\ExePartListHeader`      These pieces are collected in the command `\ExePartHeader` or  
`\ExePartListHeader`.

### 3.2.2 Questions, sub-questions and sub-sub-questions

The layout of the questions is a little more rigid. Somehow, it can be customised.



<code>\QuestionHeaderTitle</code> <code>\QuestionHeaderDifficulty</code> <code>\QuestionHeaderNB</code>
---

<code>\QuestionHeaderTitle</code>	These commands plays the same role that the corresponding command relating
<code>\QuestionHeaderDifficulty</code>	to exercises. But here, no <code>\QuestionHeader</code> is defined.
<code>\QuestionHeaderNB</code>	The <code>subQuestion</code> and <code>subsubQuestion</code> versions of these commands are also
<code>\subQuestionHeaderTitle</code>	defined.
<code>\subQuestionHeaderDifficulty</code>	All of these commands can be changed using <code>\renewcommand</code> .
<code>\subQuestionHeaderNB</code>	
<code>\subsubQuestionHeaderTitle</code>	
<code>\subsubQuestionHeaderDifficulty</code>	
<code>\subsubQuestionHeaderNB</code>	

### 3.3 Lengths

<code>\ExerciseSkipBefore</code> <code>\ExerciseSkipAfter</code>
---

<code>ExerciseSkipBefore</code>	Before every <code>Exercise</code> environment the vertical skip <code>ExerciseSkipBefore</code> is
<code>ExerciseSkipAfter</code>	added. The corresponding <code>ExerciseSkipAfter</code> vertical skip is added after every
	<code>Exercise</code> environment.

<code>\Exesep</code> <code>\Exetopsep</code> <code>\Exeparsep</code> <code>\Exepartopsep</code> <code>\Exeleftmargin</code> <code>\Exerightmargin</code> <code>\Exelabelwidth</code> <code>\Exelabelsep</code>
---

<code>Exesep</code>	These lengths have an effect only inside an <code>ExerciseList</code> environment. This
<code>Exetopsep</code>	environment is nothing more than a <code>list</code> environment. All the parameters of
<code>Exeparsep</code>	$\text{\LaTeX}$ 's lists are available. Please consult your favourite source of information to
<code>Exepartopsep</code>	have the exact definitions of these lengths.
<code>Exeleftmargin</code>	
<code>Exerightmargin</code>	

<code>\QuestionBefore</code> <code>\subQuestionBefore</code> <code>\subsubQuestionBefore</code>	<code>\QuestionIndent</code> <code>\subQuestionIndent</code> <code>\subsubQuestionIndent</code>
---	---

<code>QuestionBefore</code>	Here, <code>\QuestionBefore</code> is the vertical space above <code>\Question</code> , and
<code>QuestionIndent</code>	<code>\QuestionIndent</code> it the horizontal distance added to the margin in question.
<code>subQuestionBefore</code>	Same thing for <code>\subQuestion</code> and <code>\subsubQuestion</code> .
<code>subQuestionIndent</code>	
<code>subsubQuestionBefore</code>	
<code>subsubQuestionIndent</code>	

### 3.4 The `\renewcounter` command

In a document, you will probably want to customise the way the `Exercise` counter will reseted. Strangely, it is impossible to redefined counter with  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . There is no equivalent of the `\renewcommand` command for the counters.

<code>\renewcounter</code>	We provide such an equivalent with the command <code>\renewcounter</code> .
----------------------------	---

<code>\renewcounter{&lt;foo&gt;}[&lt;counter&gt;]</code>
--

The `\renewcounter` command defines a new counter named `foo`. The counter is initialized to zero.

The optional argument [*counter*] causes the counter `foo` to be reset whenever the counter named in the optional argument is incremented.

If the counter `foo` was not previously defined, a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X error occurs.

## 4 Known problems

The commands `\Question`, `\subQuestion`, etc. are heavily based on `list` environment. These lists are hidden (I know it's bad!) to simplify the syntax of the source file (I think it's nice!).

In fact, every `\Question` is like the beginning of an environment, which is closed at the next `\Question` (the exact mechanism is a little bit more complicated).

Consequently it's dangerous to put questions inside environment. The following code will lead to an error:

```
\begin{Exercise}
  \begin{multicols}{2}
    \Question ...
    \Question ...
  \end{multicols}
\end{Exercise}
```

Of course, you can put entire exercise inside other environment (like `minipage`). The following code will work:

```
\begin{multicols}{2}
  \begin{Exercise}
    \Question ...
    \Question ...
  \end{Exercise}
\end{multicols}
```

```
\EndCurrentQuestion
\EndCurrentsubQuestion
\EndCurrentsubsubQuestion
```

`\EndCurrentQuestion`      If you really need to put some questions inside environment, you must use  
`\EndCurrentsubQuestion`    the command `\EndCurrentQuestion` just before ending the environment. This  
`\EndCurrentsubsubQuestion` command ends the question's "environment". So, this code will work:

```
\begin{Exercise}
  \begin{multicols}{2}
    \Question ...
    \Question ...
    \EndCurrentQuestion
  \end{multicols}
\end{Exercise}
```

In `ExerciseList` environment, the command `\Exercise` shouldn't be followed by an empty line.

## 5 Implementation

### 5.1 Package options

This part deals with the package options. Nothing more than an affair of boolean.

```
\newif\if@AnswerOutput      \@AnswerOutputtrue
\newif\if@AnswerDelay       \@AnswerDelayfalse
\newif\if@ExerciseOutput    \@ExerciseOutputtrue
\newif\if@ExerciseDelay     \@ExerciseDelayfalse
\newif\if@AswLastExe        \@AswLastExefalse

\DeclareOption{noanswer}    {\@AnswerOutputfalse}
\DeclareOption{answeronly}  {\@AnswerOutputtrue\@ExerciseOutputfalse}
\DeclareOption{noexercise}  {\@ExerciseOutputfalse}
\DeclareOption{exerciseonly}{\@AnswerOutputfalse}
\DeclareOption{outputnothing}{\@ExerciseOutputfalse\@AnswerOutputfalse}
\DeclareOption{exercisedelayed}{\@ExerciseDelaytrue}
\DeclareOption{answerdelayed}{\@AnswerDelaytrue}
\DeclareOption{lastexercise}{\@AswLastExetrue}
```

The following option, which displays the exercise label in margin, is not implemented yet.

```
\newif\if@ShowLabel         \@ShowLabelfalse
\DeclareOption{showlabel}    {\@ShowLabeltrue}
```

```
\ProcessOptions
```

The only required package are keyval and ifthen.

```
\RequirePackage{keyval, ifthen}
```

### 5.2 Customisation

#### 5.2.1 Internationalisation

```
\def\listexercisename{List of exercises}%
\def\ExerciseName{Exercise}%
\def\AnswerName{Answer of exercise}%
\def\ExerciseListName{Ex.}%
\def\AnswerListName{Answer}%
\def\ExePartName{Part}%
\def\ArticleOf{of\ }%
\@ifpackageloaded{babel}{
\addto{\captionsfrenchb}{
\def\listexercisename{Liste des exercices}%
\def\ExerciseName{Exercice}%
\def\AnswerName{Solution de l'exercice}%
\def\ExerciseListName{Ex.}%
\def\AnswerListName{Solution}%
\def\ExePartName{Partie}%
}
\addto{\captionsspanish}{
```

```

\def\listexercisename{\'{I}ndice de \es@uclc Eejercicios}%
\def\ExerciseName{Ejercicio}%
\def\AnswerName{Soluci\'on del ejercicio}%
\def\ExerciseListName{Ej.}%
\def\AnswerListName{Soluci\'on}%
\def\ExePartName{Parte}%
\def\ArticleOf{del\ }%
}
\addto\captionssitalian{%
\def\listexercisename{Indice degli esercizi}
\def\ExerciseName{Esercizio}%
\def\AnswerName{Soluzione dell'esercizio}%
\def\ExerciseListName{Es.}%
\def\AnswerListName{Soluzione}%
\def\ExePartName{Parte}%
}
\addto\captionsdutch{%
\def\listexercisename{Lijst van opdrachten}
\def\ExerciseName{Opdracht}
\def\AnswerName{Oplossing van opdracht}
\def\ExerciseListName{Opg.}
\def\AnswerListName{Oplossing}
\def\ExePartName{Deel}
\def\ArticleOf{van\ }
}
\addto\captionsgerman{%
\def\listexercisename{Liste der {\\"U}bungen}%
\def\ExerciseName{{\"U}bung}%
\def\AnswerName{L{\\"o}sung zu den {\\"U}bungen}%
\def\ExerciseListName{{\"U}b.}%
\def\AnswerListName{L{\\"o}sung}%
\def\ExePartName{Teil}%
\def\ArticleOf{von\ }%
}
\addto\captionsgerman{%
\def\listexercisename{Liste der {\\"U}bungen}%
\def\ExerciseName{{\"U}bung}%
\def\AnswerName{L{\\"o}sung zu den {\\"U}bungen}%
\def\ExerciseListName{{\"U}b.}%
\def\AnswerListName{L{\\"o}sung}%
\def\ExePartName{Teil}%
\def\ArticleOf{von\ }%
}
}{}

```

### 5.2.2 Layout

First a bunch of length definitions.

```

\newlength{\ExerciseSkipBefore}
\setlength{\ExerciseSkipBefore}{1\baselineskip}

```

```

\newlength{\ExerciseSkipAfter}
\setlength{\ExerciseSkipAfter}{0\baselineskip}
\newlength{\Exesep}
\setlength{\Exesep}{1\baselineskip}
\newlength{\Exetopsep}
\setlength{\Exetopsep}\z@
\newlength{\Exeparsep}
\setlength{\Exeparsep}{\parskip}
\newlength{\Exepartopsep}
\setlength{\Exepartopsep}\z@
\newlength{\Exeleftmargin}
\setlength{\Exeleftmargin}\z@
\newlength{\Exerightmargin}
\setlength{\Exerightmargin}\z@
\newlength{\Exelabelwidth}
\setlength{\Exelabelwidth}\z@
\newlength{\Exelabelsep}
\setlength{\Exelabelsep}\z@
\newlength{\ExerciseBefore}
\setlength{\ExerciseBefore}{0em}
\newlength{\QuestionBefore}
\setlength{\QuestionBefore}{.25em}
\newlength{\subQuestionBefore}
\setlength{\subQuestionBefore}{0em}
\newlength{\subsubQuestionBefore}
\setlength{\subsubQuestionBefore}{0em}
\newlength{\QuestionIndent}
\setlength{\QuestionIndent}{3em}
\newlength{\subQuestionIndent}
\setlength{\subQuestionIndent}{2em}
\newlength{\subsubQuestionIndent}
\setlength{\subsubQuestionIndent}{2.5em}

```

Now the counters

```

\newcounter{Exercise}
\newcounter{Answer}
\gdef{@ExerciseCounter{Exercise}}          %default exercise counter
\gdef{@AnswerCounter{Answer}}              %default answer counter
\@ifpackageloaded{hyperref}{
\def\@setAnswerref#1#2#3#4{%
\ifx#1\relax
\protect\G@refundefinedtrue
\nfss@text{\reset@font\bfseries ??}%
\PackageWarning{exercise}{Reference to Answer of ‘#3’ on page
\thepage \space undefined}%
\else
\hyperref[#4]{\expandafter\@setAnswerref\csname r@#1\endcsname\@firstoffive{#1}{#1-Answer}}
\fi}
\def\refAnswer#1{\expandafter\@setAnswerref\csname r@#1\endcsname\@firstoffive{#1}{#1-Answer}}
{\let\refAnswer\ref}

```

```

\newcounter{ExePart}[Exercise]
\newcounter{Question}[Exercise]
\newcounter{subQuestion}[Question]
\newcounter{subsubQuestion}[subQuestion]

```

Presentation of these labels in cross references

```

\renewcommand{\theExercise}{\if@ExeStared\else\arabic{@ExerciseCounter}\fi}
\renewcommand{\theExePart}{\Roman{ExePart}}
\renewcommand{\theQuestion}{\arabic{Question}}
\renewcommand{\thesubQuestion}{\alph{subQuestion}}
\renewcommand{\thesubsubQuestion}{\roman{subsubQuestion}}

```

For internal purposes

```

\newcounter{savedQuestion}
\newcounter{savedsubQuestion}
\newcounter{savedsubsubQuestion}

```

The `\marker` command.

```

\def\marker#1#2{\@tempcnta#2\whiledo{\@tempcnta>0}{#1\advance
\@tempcnta by -1 }}

```

Symbol used to indicate the difficulty of an exercise or a question

```

\def\DifficultyMarker{*}

```

Presentation of informations in the header of exercises

```

\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderTitle}{\qqquad\ExerciseTitle}
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderExam}{\ExerciseExam}
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderYear}{\ \ExerciseYear}
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty}{\theExerciseDifficulty\ }
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderOrigin}{%
\ (\usefont{\encodingdefault}{\rmdefault}{m}{it}\ExerciseOrigin)}}
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderNB}{\theExercise}
\newcommand{\ExerciseHeaderLabel}{\fbox{\textsc{\ExerciseLabel}}}

```

The header itself

```

\newcommand{\ExerciseHeader}{\centerline{%
\textbf{\large\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty\ExerciseName\ }
\ExerciseHeaderNB\ExerciseHeaderTitle\ExerciseHeaderOrigin}}\medskip}

```

The header of exercise in `ExerciseList` environment

```

\newcommand{\ExerciseListHeader}{\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty%
\textbf{\ExerciseListName\ \ExerciseHeaderNB%
\ --- \ \ExerciseHeaderTitle}%
\ExerciseHeaderOrigin\ignorespaces}

```

Presentation of informations in the header of `ExePart`

```

\newcommand{\ExePartHeaderNB}{\ \theExePart}
\newcommand{\ExePartHeaderTitle}{\quad --- \quad {\theExePartTitle}}
\newcommand{\ExePartHeaderDifficulty}{\theExePartDifficulty\ }

```

The header of `ExePart`

```

\newcommand{\ExePartHeader}{%
\medskip\centerline{\emph{\large\ExePartHeaderDifficulty\ExePartName%

```

```

\ExePartHeaderNB\ExePartHeaderTitle}}
\newcommand{\ExePartListHeader}{\bigskip%
\emph{\ExePartHeaderDifficulty\ExePartName%
\ExePartHeaderNB\ExePartHeaderTitle}\par\medskip}

```

#### Presentation of Questions

```

\newcommand{\QuestionNB}{\arabic{Question}.\ }
\newcommand{\QuestionHeaderTitle}{\emph{(\QuestionTitle)}\ }
\newcommand{\QuestionHeaderDifficulty}{\theQuestionDifficulty\ }
\newcommand{\theQuestionDifficulty}{\marker{\DifficultyMarker}%
{\QuestionDifficulty}}
\newcommand{\subQuestionNB}{\alph{subQuestion}}
\newcommand{\subQuestionHeaderTitle}{\emph{(\subQuestionTitle)}\ }
\newcommand{\subQuestionHeaderDifficulty}{\thesubQuestionDifficulty\ }
\newcommand{\subQuestionHeader}{\subQuestionHeaderDifficulty%
\subQuestionNB\ \emph{\subQuestionHeaderTitle}}
\newcommand{\thesubQuestionDifficulty}{\marker{\DifficultyMarker}%
{\subQuestionDifficulty}}
\newcommand{\subsubQuestionNB}{\roman{subsubQuestion} -- }
\newcommand{\subsubQuestionHeaderTitle}{\emph{(\subsubQuestionTitle)}\ }
\newcommand{\subsubQuestionHeaderDifficulty}{\thesubsubQuestionDifficulty\ }
\newcommand{\subsubQuestionHeader}{\subsubQuestionHeaderDifficulty%
\subsubQuestionNB \emph{\subsubQuestionHeaderTitle} --}
\newcommand{\thesubsubQuestionDifficulty}{%
\marker{\DifficultyMarker}{\subsubQuestionDifficulty}}

```

### 5.3 Macros definition

```

\newcount\@QuestionLevel \@QuestionLevel=0
\newcommand{\the@QuestionLevel}{\number\@QuestionLevel}
\newbox\@Exercisebox
\newbox\all@Exercisebox
\newbox\temp@Exercisebox
\newbox\all@Answerbox
\newbox\temp@Answerbox
\newif\if@echapq \@echapqfalse
\newif\if@Answer \@Answerfalse
\def\termineliste#1{\global\@echapqfalse%
\whiledo{\@QuestionLevel>#1}%
{\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=\colonnesLevel\end{multicols}\colonnesLevel=-10\fi%
\end{list}\advance\@QuestionLevel by -1}%
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=\colonnesLevel\end{multicols}\colonnesLevel=-10\fi}

```

#### 5.3.1 Definition of Exercise

The keyval package is used to specify various information about an exercise.

```

\newif\if@ExeTitle \@ExeTitlefalse
\newif\if@ExeExam \@ExeExamfalse
\newif\if@ExeYear \@ExeYearfalse
\newif\if@ExeReName \@ExeReNamefalse
\global\newcount\ExerciseDifficulty \ExerciseDifficulty=0

```

```

\newif\if@ExeDifficulty          \@ExeDifficultyfalse
\newif\if@ExeOrigin             \@ExeOriginfalse
\newif\if@ExeType               \@ExeTypefalse
\newif\if@ExeLabel              \@ExeLabelfalse
\newif\if@ExeNB                 \@ExeNBfalse
%
\def\theExerciseDifficulty{\marker{\DifficultyMarker}{\ExerciseDifficulty}}
%
\define@key{PPEExercise}{title}%
{\global\@ExeTitletrue\gdef\ExerciseTitle{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{exam}%
{\global\@ExeExamtrue\gdef\ExerciseExam{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{year}%
{\global\@ExeYeartrue\gdef\ExerciseYear{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{difficulty}%
{\global\@ExeDifficultytrue\global\ExerciseDifficulty=\number#1}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{name}%
{\global\@ExeReName true\gdef\@ExerciseName{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{origin}%
{\global\@ExeOrigintrue\gdef\ExerciseOrigin{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{type}%
{\global\@ExeTypetrue\gdef\ExerciseType{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{counter}%
{\gdef\@ExerciseCounter{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{label}%
{\global\@ExeLabeltrue\gdef\ExerciseLabel{#1}\gdef\ExerciseTrueLabel{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{number}%
{\global\@ExeNBtrue\gdef\ExerciseLocalNB{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExercise}{class}%
{\gdef\ExerciseClass{#1}}
%
\newif\if@ExeStared
\@ExeStaredfalse
%
\def\@InitExe{\@savemathindent\global\@echapqfalse%
\gdef\ExerciseTitle{}%
\gdef\ExerciseExam{}%
\gdef\ExerciseYear{}%
\gdef\@ExerciseName{}%
\gdef\ExerciseOrigin{}%
\gdef\ExerciseType{}%
\gdef\ExerciseTrueLabel{}%
\global\ExerciseDifficulty=0%
\global\@ExeTitlefalse%
\global\@ExeExamfalse%
\global\@ExeYearfalse%
\global\@ExeReNamefalse%
\global\@ExeDifficultyfalse%
\global\@ExeOriginfalse%
\global\@ExeTypefalse%

```



```

\global\@ExeNBfalse%
\gdef\@ExerciseCounter{Exercise}%
\setcounter{ExePart}{0}%
\setcounter{Question}{0}%
\global\@ExeLabelfalse%
}
%
\def\@getExerciseInfo{%
\if@ExeReName\def\ExerciseName{\@ExerciseName}\fi%
\if@ExeTitle\else\def\ExerciseHeaderTitle{}\fi%
\if@ExeExam\else\def\ExerciseHeaderExam{}\fi%
\if@ExeYear\else\def\ExerciseHeaderYear{}\fi%
\if@ExeOrigin\else\def\ExerciseHeaderOrigin{}\fi%
\if@ExeType\else\def\ExerciseHeaderType{}\fi%
\if@ExeNB\setcounter{Exercise}{\ExerciseLocalNB}%
\protected@edef\@currentlabel{\p@Exercise\theExercise}%
\fi%
\if@ExeDifficulty\else\def\ExerciseHeaderDifficulty{}\fi%
\if@ExeStared\def\ExerciseHeaderNB{}\fi%
\if@ExeLabel\recordExerciseLabel{\ExerciseLabel}\else\def\ExerciseHeaderLabel{}\fi%
}
%
\def\refstepExecounter{\if@ShipThisExercise\if@ExeStared\else\if@ExeNB\else%
\refstepcounter{\@ExerciseCounter}\fi\fi\fi}
%
\def\recordExerciseLabel#1{\label{#1}}
%
\def\@BeginExeBox{\global\setbox\@Exercisebox\vbox\bgroup}
\def\@EndExeBox{\egroup\if@Answer\if@AnswerOutput\@DelayAnswerBox\fi%
\else\if@ExerciseOutput\@DelayExerciseBox\fi\fi}
%
\def\@DelayAnswerBox{%
\if@ShipThisAnswer\if@AnswerDelay\global\setbox\temp@Answerbox%
\vbox{\unvbox\all@Answerbox\vskip\Exesep\unvbox\@Exercisebox\vskip\z@}%
\global\setbox\all@Answerbox\copy\temp@Answerbox%
\else\unvbox\@Exercisebox\fi\fi}
%
\def\@DelayExerciseBox{\if@ShipThisExercise\if@ExerciseDelay%
\global\setbox\temp@Exercisebox%
\vbox{\unvbox\all@Exercisebox\vskip\Exesep\unvbox\@Exercisebox\vskip\z@}%
\global\setbox\all@Exercisebox\copy\temp@Exercisebox%
\else\unvbox\@Exercisebox\fi\fi}
%
\newcommand{\shipoutAnswer}{\if@AnswerOutput\unvbox\all@Answerbox\fi}
\newcommand{\shipoutExercise}{\if@ExerciseOutput\unvbox\all@Exercisebox\fi}

```

The commands for the Exercise environment.

```

\def\beginExerciseEnv{\@InitExe\@ifnextchar[\@@ExeEnv{\@@ExeEnv[]}}%
%
\def\@@ExeEnv[#1]{\setkeys{PPEExercise}{#1}%

```

```

\@selectExercise\global\@Answerfalse\@BeginExeBox\@@@ExeEnv}
%
\newcommand{\@@@ExeEnv}{%
  \vskip\ExerciseSkipBefore
  \@QuestionLevel1
  \refstepExecounter
  \begin{group}\@getExerciseInfo\ExerciseHeader
  \addcontentsline{\ext@exercise}{\toc@exercise}{\ExerciseName\
    \theExercise\ \expandafter{\itshape \ExerciseTitle}\hspace{.66em}}
  \end{group}}
%
%
\def\endExerciseEnv{\termineliste{1}\@EndExeBox%
\vskip\ExerciseSkipAfter}

```

The commands for exercise within `\ExerciseList` environment

```

\def\ExerciseCmd{\@InitExe\@ifstar{\global\@ExeStaredtrue\@ExeCmd}%
{\global\@ExeStaredfalse\@ExeCmd}}
%
\def\@ExeCmd{\@ifnextchar[\@@ExeCmd{\@@ExeCmd[]}}%] for emacs
%
\def\@@ExeCmd[#1]{\setkeys{PPEExercise}{#1}\@@@ExeCmd}
%
\newcommand{\@@@ExeCmd}{%
  \ifnum\@QuestionLevel=0
    \advance \@QuestionLevel by 1
    \begin{list}{\@getExerciseInfo\ExerciseListHeader}%
      {\partopsep\Exepartopsep \labelsep\Exelabelsep \itemsep \Exesep%
      \parsep\Exeparsep \topsep\Exetopsep \labelwidth\Exelabelwidth%
      \leftmargin\Exeleftmargin \rightmargin\Exerightmargin}
    \else
      \termineliste{1}\@EndExeBox
    \fi
    \@selectExercise
    \global\@Answerfalse\@BeginExeBox\refstepExecounter%
    \addcontentsline{\ext@exercise}{\toc@exercise}{\ExerciseName\
      \theExercise\ \expandafter{\itshape \ExerciseTitle}\hspace{.66em}}
    \item\ignorespaces
  }
%
\def\defineExePartInEnv{\def\@ExePartHeader{\ExePartHeader}}
\def\defineExePartInList{\def\@ExePartHeader{\ExePartListHeader}}
\def\defineExerciseEnv{%
  \defineExePartInEnv
  \renewenvironment{Exercise}{\global\beginExerciseEnv}%
  {\@ExeStaredfalse\endExerciseEnv}
  \renewenvironment{Exercise*}{\global\@ExeStaredtrue\beginExerciseEnv}%
  {\@ExeStaredfalse\endExerciseEnv}
}
\newenvironment{Exercise}{}{}

```

```

\newenvironment{Exercise*}{}{}
%
\def\defineExerciseCmd{\def\Exercise{\ExerciseCmd}}
%
\renewcommand{\Exercise}{}
%
\defineExerciseEnv
%
\def\beginExerciseListEnv{\defineExerciseCmd\defineAnswerCmd%
\defineExePartInList}
%
\def\endExerciseListEnv{\termineliste{1}\@EndExeBox\termineliste{0}}%
\defineExerciseEnv\defineAnswerEnv
%
\newenvironment{ExerciseList}{\beginExerciseListEnv}{\endExerciseListEnv}

```

### 5.3.2 Definition of questions

```

\def\QuestionTitle{}
\newif\if@QuestionTitle           \@QuestionTitlefalse
\global\newcount\QuestionDifficulty \QuestionDifficulty=0
\newif\if@QuestionDifficulty       \@QuestionDifficultyfalse
%
\define@key{PPQuestion}{title}{%
\global\@QuestionTitletrue\gdef\QuestionTitle{#1}}
\define@key{PPQuestion}{difficulty}{%
\global\@QuestionDifficultytrue\global\QuestionDifficulty=\number#1}
%
\def\@InitQuestion{\nopagebreak
\gdef\QuestionTitle{}%
\global\QuestionDifficulty=0%
\global\@QuestionTitlefalse%
\global\@QuestionDifficultyfalse}
%
\def\@getQuestionInfo{%
\if@QuestionTitle\else\def\QuestionHeaderTitle{}\fi
\if@QuestionDifficulty\else\def\QuestionHeaderDifficulty{}\fi
}
%
\def\EndCurrentQuestion{\termineliste{1}}
%
\def\Question{\@InitQuestion\@ifnextchar[\@@Question{\@@Question[]}]%
%
\def\@@Question[#1]{\setkeys{PPQuestion}{#1}\@@@Question}
%
\def\@QuestionHeader{\item[\makebox[0cm][r]{\begingroup\@getQuestionInfo%
\QuestionHeaderDifficulty\QuestionNB\endgroup}]}%
\begingroup\@getQuestionInfo\QuestionHeaderTitle\endgroup\ignorespaces}
\newcommand{\@@@Question}{%
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=1

```

```

\advance \@QuestionLevel by 1
\begin{list}{}{\leftmargin \QuestionIndent
\partopsepOpt \parsep\parskip \topsep \QuestionBefore
\itemsep \QuestionBefore \labelwidth 2em
\labelsep .33em
\usecounter{Question}}
\if@echapq
\setcounter{Question}{\value{savedQuestion}}\global\@echapqfalse
\fi
\refstepcounter{Question}
\@restoremathindent
\@decalemathindent{\QuestionIndent}
\@QuestionHeader
\else
\ifnum \@QuestionLevel=2
\refstepcounter{Question}
\@QuestionHeader
\else
\ifnum \@QuestionLevel>2
\termineliste{2}
\refstepcounter{Question}
\@QuestionHeader
\else
\PackageError{exercise}{You don't respect the hierarchy of
questions}{Verify the Question}
\fi
\fi
\fi
}

```

### 5.3.3 Definition of sub-questions and sub-sub-questions

Here a good factorization is possible, but I prefer readability over efficacy.

```

\def\subQuestionTitle{}
\newif\if@subQuestionTitle\@subQuestionTitlefalse
\global\newcount\subQuestionDifficulty\subQuestionDifficulty=0
\newif\if@subQuestionDifficulty\@subQuestionDifficultyfalse
%
\define@key{PPsubQuestion}{title}{%
\gdef\subQuestionTitle{#1}\global\@subQuestionTitltrue}
\define@key{PPsubQuestion}{difficulty}{%
\global\@subQuestionDifficultytrue\global\subQuestionDifficulty=\number#1}
%
\def\@InitsubQuestion{\gdef\subQuestionTitle{}%
\global\subQuestionDifficulty=0%
\global\@subQuestionTitlefalse%
\global\@subQuestionDifficultyfalse}
%
\def\@getsubQuestionInfo{%
\if@subQuestionTitle\else\def\subQuestionHeaderTitle{}\fi

```

```

\if@subQuestionDifficulty\else\def\subQuestionHeaderDifficulty{}\fi
}
%
\def\EndCurrentsubQuestion{\termineliste{2}}
%
\def\subQuestion{\@InitsubQuestion%
\@ifnextchar[\@subQuestion{\@subQuestion[]}}%
\def\@subQuestion[#1]{\setkeys{PPsubQuestion}{#1}\@subQuestion}
%
\def\@subQuestionHeader{\item[\makebox[0cm]{r}%
{\begingroup\@getsubQuestionInfo\subQuestionHeaderDifficulty%
\subQuestionNB\endgroup}}}%
\begingroup\@getsubQuestionInfo\subQuestionHeaderTitle\endgroup%
\ignorespaces}
\newcommand{\@subQuestion}{%
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=2
\advance \@QuestionLevel by 1
\begin{list}{\leftmargin \subQuestionIndent
\partopsepOpt \parsep\parskip \topsep \subQuestionBefore
\itemsep \subQuestionBefore \labelwidth 2em
\labelsep .33em
\usecounter{subQuestion}}
\if@echapq
\setcounter{subQuestion}{\value{savedsubQuestion}}%
\global\@echapqfalse
\fi
\refstepcounter{subQuestion}
\@restoremathindent
\@decalemathindent{\subQuestionIndent}
\@subQuestionHeader
\else
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=3
\refstepcounter{subQuestion}
\@subQuestionHeader
\else
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel>3
\termineliste{3}
\refstepcounter{subQuestion}
\@subQuestionHeader
\else
\PackageError{exercise}{You don't respect the hierarchy of
subQuestion}{Verify the subQuestion}
\fi
\fi
\fi
}
%
\def\subsubQuestionTitle{}
\newif\if@subsubQuestionTitle\@subsubQuestionTitlefalse
\global\newcount\subsubQuestionDifficulty\subsubQuestionDifficulty=0

```

```

\newif\if@subsubQuestionDifficulty\@subsubQuestionDifficultyfalse
%
\define@key{PPsubsubQuestion}{title}{%
\gdef\subsubQuestionTitle{#1}\global\@subsubQuestionTitletrue}
\define@key{PPsubsubQuestion}{difficulty}{%
\global\@subsubQuestionDifficultytrue%
\global\subsubQuestionDifficulty=\number#1}
%
\def\@InitsubsubQuestion{\gdef\subsubQuestionTitle{}}%
\global\subsubQuestionDifficulty=0%
\global\@subsubQuestionTitlefalse%
\global\@subsubQuestionDifficultyfalse%
%
\def\@getsubsubQuestionInfo{%
\if@subsubQuestionTitle\else\def\subsubQuestionHeaderTitle{}\fi
\if@subsubQuestionDifficulty\else\def\subsubQuestionHeaderDifficulty{}\fi
}
%
\def\EndCurrentsubsubQuestion{\termineliste{3}}
\def\subsubQuestion{\@InitsubsubQuestion%
\@ifnextchar[\@@subsubQuestion{\@@subsubQuestion{}}}%]
\def\@@subsubQuestion{#1}{\setkeys{PPsubsubQuestion}{#1}\@@subsubQuestion}
%
\def\@subsubQuestionHeader{\item[{\makebox[0cm][r]}%
{\begingroup\@getsubsubQuestionInfo\subsubQuestionHeaderDifficulty%
\subsubQuestionNB\endgroup}}}%
\begingroup\@getsubsubQuestionInfo\subsubQuestionHeaderTitle\endgroup%
\ignorespaces}
\newcommand{\@@@subsubQuestion}{%
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=3
\advance \@QuestionLevel by 1
\begin{list}{\leftmargin \subsubQuestionIndent
\partopsepOpt \parsep\parskip \topsep \subsubQuestionBefore
\itemsep \subsubQuestionBefore \labelwidth 2em
\labelsep .33em
\usecounter{subsubQuestion}}
\if@echapq
\setcounter{subsubQuestion}{\value{savedsubsubQuestion}}%
\global\@echapqfalse
\fi
\refstepcounter{subsubQuestion}
\@restoremathindent
\@decalemathindent{\subsubQuestionIndent}
\@subsubQuestionHeader
\else
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=4
\refstepcounter{subsubQuestion}
\@subsubQuestionHeader
\else
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel>4

```

```

\termineliste{4}
\refstepcounter{subsubQuestion}
\@subsubQuestionHeader
\else
\PackageError{exercise}{You don't respect the hierarchy of
subsubQuestion}{Verify the subsubQuestion}
\fi
\fi
\fi
}

```

### 5.3.4 Presentation of part (within an exercise)

```

\newif\if@ExePartStared          \@ExePartStaredfalse
\newif\if@ExePartTitle           \@ExePartTitlefalse
\newif\if@ExePartReName          \@ExePartReNamefalse
\newif\if@ExePartDifficulty       \@ExePartDifficultyfalse
\global\newcount\ExePartDifficulty \ExePartDifficulty=0
%
\def\theExePartDifficulty{\marker{\DifficultyMarker}{\ExePartDifficulty}}
%
\def\@InitExePart{\global\@echapqfalse%
\gdef\ExePartTitle{}%
\gdef\@ExePartName{}%
\global\ExePartDifficulty=0%
\global\@ExePartTitlefalse%
\global\@ExePartReNamefalse%
\global\@ExePartDifficultyfalse%
\setcounter{Question}{0}\termineliste{1}}
%
\define@key{PPExePart}{title}{\gdef\ExePartTitle{#1}%
\global\@ExePartTitletrue}
\define@key{PPExePart}{name}{\gdef\@ExePartName{#1}%
\global\@ExePartReName true}
\define@key{PPExePart}{difficulty}{\global\@ExePartDifficultytrue%
\global\ExePartDifficulty=\number#1}
%
\def\@getExePartInfo{%
\if@ExePartReName\def\ExePartName{\@ExePartName}\fi
\if@ExePartTitle\else\def\ExePartHeaderTitle{}\fi
\if@ExePartDifficulty\else\def\ExePartHeaderDifficulty{}\fi
\if@ExePartStared\def\ExePartHeaderNB{}\fi
}
%
\def\ExePart{\@InitExePart\ifstar{\global\@ExePartStaredtrue\@ExePart}%
{\global\@ExePartStaredfalse\@ExePart}}
%
\def\@ExePart{\@ifnextchar[\@@ExePart{\@@ExePart[]}] for emacs
%
\def\@@ExePart[#1]{\setkeys{PPExePart}{#1}\@@@ExePart}

```

```
%
\newcommand{\@@@ExePart}{%
  \if@ExePartStared\else\refstepcounter{ExePart}\fi
  \begingroup\@getExePartInfo\@ExePartHeader\endgroup}
%
```

### 5.3.5 Presentation of answers

```
\newbox\@Answerbox
%
%\changes{v1.3}{2009/03/26}{Header of answers are now correct.}
%
\newcommand{\AnswerHeader}{\medskip\centerline{\textbf{\AnswerName\ %
  \ExerciseHeaderNB}}\smallskip}}
%
\newcommand{\AnswerListHeader}{\textbf{\AnswerListName\
  (\ExerciseListName\ \ExerciseHeaderNB)\ ---\ }}
%
% The commands for <Exercise> environment
%
\def\@InitAnswer{\@savemathindent\global\@echapqfalse%
\gdef\AnswerRef{}}%
\global\@AnswerReffalse%
\gdef\AnswerNB{}}%
\global\@AnswerNBfalse%
\setcounter{ExePart}{0}%
\setcounter{Question}{0}}
%
\def\@getAnswerInfo{%
\if@AnswerRef%
\def\theExercise{\ref{\AnswerRef}}%
\refstepcounter{Answer}%
\recordExerciseLabel{\AnswerRef-Answer}%
\else
\if@AnswerNB
\def\ExerciseTitle{}}%
\def\ExerciseName{}}%
\def\ExerciseOrigin{}}%
\def\ExerciseType{}}%
\ExerciseDifficulty=0%
\def\theExercise{\AnswerNB}%
\else
\if@AswLastExe
\else
\PackageWarning{Exercise}%
{An answer has no reference and no number}{}}%
\def\AnswerHeaderRef{\AnswerName\ ???}%
\def\AnswerListHeaderRef{\AnswerName\ ???}%
\fi\fi\fi}
%
\newif\if@AnswerRef \@AnswerReffalse
```



```

\newif\if@AnswerNB          \@AnswerNBfalse
%
\define@key{PPAnswer}{ref}{\global\@AnswerReftrue\gdef\AnswerRef{\string#1}}
\define@key{PPAnswer}{number}{\global\@AnswerNBtrue\gdef\AnswerNB{\string#1}}
%
\def\beginAnswerEnv{\@InitAnswer\@ifnextchar[\@@AnswerEnv{\@@AnswerEnv[]}}%
%
\def\@@AnswerEnv[#1]{\setkeys{PPAnswer}{#1}%
\global\@Answertrue\@selectAnswer\@BeginExeBox\@@AnswerEnv}
%
\newcommand{\@@@AnswerEnv}{%
\@QuestionLevel1
\begingroup\@getAnswerInfo\AnswerHeader\endgroup}
%
\def\endAnswerEnv{\termineliste{1}\@EndExeBox\termineliste{0}}
%
\newenvironment{Answer}{}{}
\def\defineAnswerEnv{
\gdef\@AnswerHeaderRef{\AnswerHeader}
\renewenvironment{Answer}{\beginAnswerEnv}{\endAnswerEnv}}
%
\defineAnswerEnv
%
\def\AnswerCmd{\@InitAnswer\@ifnextchar[\@@AnswerCmd{\@@AnswerCmd[]}}
%
\def\@@AnswerCmd[#1]{\setkeys{PPAnswer}{#1}\@@@AnswerCmd}
%
\newcommand{\@@@AnswerCmd}{%
\ifnum\@QuestionLevel=0
\advance \@QuestionLevel by 1
\begin{list}{}{\partopsep\Exepartopsep \labelsep\Exelabelsep
\itemsep \Exesep \parsep\Exeparsep
\topsep\Exetopsep \labelwidth\Exelabelwidth
\leftmargin\Exeleftmargin
\rightmargin\Exerightmargin }
%% \refstepExecounter
\else
\termineliste{1}\@EndExeBox
\fi
\global\@Answertrue\@selectAnswer\@BeginExeBox%
\item[\bgroup\@getAnswerInfo\AnswerListHeader\egroup]\ignorespaces
}
%
\def\defineAnswerCmd{\gdef\@AnswerHeaderRef{\AnswerListHeader}%
\gdef\Answer{\AnswerCmd}}

```

### 5.3.6 Exercises selection

```

\newif\if@ShipThisExercise    \@ShipThisExercisetrue

```

```

\newif\if@@ShipThisExercise      \@@ShipThisExercisetrue
\newif\if@ExerciseSelected      \@ExerciseSelectedtrue
\newif\if@ShipThisAnswer        \@ShipThisAnswertrue
\newif\if@@ShipThisAnswer       \@@ShipThisAnswertrue
\newif\if@ExeSelectExam         \@ExeSelectExamfalse
\newif\if@ExeSelectYear         \@ExeSelectYearfalse
\newif\if@ExeSelectDifficulty   \@ExeSelectDifficultyfalse
\newif\if@ExeSelectOrigin       \@ExeSelectOriginfalse
\newif\if@ExeSelectClass        \@ExeSelectClassfalse
\newif\if@ExeSelectType         \@ExeSelectTypefalse
\newif\if@ExeSelectLabel        \@ExeSelectLabelfalse

\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{exam}%
{\global\@ExeSelectExamtrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectExam{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{year}%
{\global\@ExeSelectYeartrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectYear{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{difficulty}%
{\global\@ExeSelectDifficultytrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectDifficulty{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{type}%
{\global\@ExeSelectTypetrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectType{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{origin}%
{\global\@ExeSelectOrigintrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectOrigin{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{class}%
{\global\@ExeSelectClasstrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectClass{#1}}
\define@key{PPEExerciseSelect}{label}%
{\global\@ExeSelectLabeltrue\gdef\ExerciseSelectLabel{#1}}

\newcommand{\ExerciseStopSelect}{
  \@ExeSelectExamfalse
  \@ExeSelectYearfalse
  \@ExeSelectDifficultyfalse
  \@ExeSelectTypefalse
  \@ExeSelectOriginfalse
  \@ExeSelectClassfalse
  \@ExeSelectLabelfalse
  \@ExeSelectTypefalse
}

\newcommand{\ExerciseSelect}{\@ifstar{\global\@ExerciseSelectedfalse\@ExerciseSelect}{\global\@
\newcommand{\@ExerciseSelect}[1][\@]{\setkeys{PPEExerciseSelect}{#1}}

\def\@selectExercise{%
  \global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
  \global\@@ShipThisExercisefalse
  \if@ExeSelectExam
  \@for\@exam:=\ExerciseSelectExam\do
  {\ifthenelse{\equal{\@exam}{\ExerciseExam}}{
    \global\@@ShipThisExercisetrue
  }}
}

```

```

\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
%
\if@ExeSelectYear
\@for\@year:=\ExerciseSelectYear\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@year}{\ExerciseYear}}{
\global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
}{}}
}
\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
%
\if@ExeSelectDifficulty
\@for\@difficulty:=\ExerciseSelectDifficulty\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@difficulty}{\ExerciseDifficulty}}{
\global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
}{}}
}
\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
%
\if@ExeSelectOrigin
\@for\@origin:=\ExerciseSelectOrigin\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@origin}{\ExerciseOrigin}}{
\global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
}{}}
}
\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
%
\if@ExeSelectClass
\@for\@origin:=\ExerciseSelectClass\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@origin}{\ExerciseClass}}{
\global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
}{}}
}
\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
%
\if@ExeSelectLabel
\@for\@label:=\ExerciseSelectLabel\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@label}{\ExerciseLabel}}{
\global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
}{}}
}
}

```

```

\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
%
\if@ExeSelectType
\@for\@type:=\ExerciseSelectType\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@type}{\ExerciseType}}{
\global\@ShipThisExercisetrue
}{}}
}
\if@@ShipThisExercise\else\@ShipThisExercisefalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse
\fi
\if@ExerciseSelected\else\if@ShipThisExercise\global\@ShipThisExercisefalse\else\global\@Sh
}
\def\@selectAnswer{%
\global\@ShipThisAnswertrue
\global\@ShipThisAnswerfalse
%
\if@ExeSelectLabel
\@for\@label:=\ExerciseSelectLabel\do
{ \ifthenelse{\equal{\@label}{\AnswerRef}}{
\global\@ShipThisAnswertrue
}{}}
}
\if@@ShipThisAnswer\else\@ShipThisAnswerfalse\fi
\global\@ShipThisAnswerfalse
\fi
\if@ExerciseSelected\else\if@ShipThisAnswer\global\@ShipThisAnswerfalse\else\global\@ShipTh
}

```

### 5.3.7 Some extra stuff

```

\newcommand{\ExeText}{\setcounter{savedQuestion}{\value{Question}}%
\termineliste{1}\@echapqtrue}

```

### 5.3.8 Secret stuff

```

%
% Il est possible de présenter un niveau de sectionnement sur
% deux colonnes avec la commande \colonnesLevel
%
\newcount\colonnesLevel \colonnesLevel=-10
\newskip\tempskipa
\newskip\tempskipb
\def\deuxcolonnes{\tempskipa=\multicolsep\colonnesLevel=\@QuestionLevel
\ifcase\@QuestionLevel \multicolsep=\QuestionBefore %
\or
\multicolsep=\subQuestionBefore\or\multicolsep=\subsubQuestionBefore\fi%
\begin{multicols}{2}}
%
% Tenir compte de l'option fleqn

```

```
%
\ifundefined{if@fleqn}{\newif@if@fleqn\@fleqnfalse}{}
%
\newlength{\@savedmathindent}
\newcommand{\@savemathindent}{\relax}
\newcommand{\@decalemathindent}[1]{\relax}
\newcommand{\@restoremathindent}{\relax}
\if@fleqn %
  \renewcommand{\@savemathindent}{\setlength{\@savedmathindent}{\mathindent}}
  \renewcommand{\@decalemathindent}[1]{\addtolength{\mathindent}{#1}}
  \renewcommand{\@restoremathindent}{\setlength{\mathindent}{\@savedmathindent}}
\else
  \renewcommand{\@savemathindent}{\relax}
  \renewcommand{\@decalemathindent}[1]{\relax}
  \renewcommand{\@restoremathindent}{\relax}
\fi
```

## 5.4 The `\renewcounter` command

This commands is the equivalent of the well-known `\renewcommand`, but for counter. It allows you to redefine the `Exercise` counter, in order to reset it at each chapter (for example).

```
\def\renewcounter#1{%
  \ifundefined{c@#1}
    {\@latexerror{counter #1 undefined}\@ehc}%
  \relax
  \let\@ifdefinable\@rc@ifdefinable
  \ifnextchar[{\@newctr{#1}}{}]}

\def\ext@exercise{loe}
\newcommand{\ExerciseLevelInToc}[1]{\def\toc@exercise{#1}}
\ExerciseLevelInToc{exercise}
\newcommand{\ListOfExerciseInToc}{\def\ext@exercise{toc}\ExerciseLevelInToc{paragraph}}
\newcommand\listofexercises{%
  \section*{\listexercisename}%
  \@mkboth{\MakeUppercase\listexercisename}%
  {\MakeUppercase\listexercisename}%
  \@starttoc{\ext@exercise}%
}
\newcommand*\l@exercise{\@dottedtocline{2}{1.5em}{2.3em}}
```

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