

This Way

ConTEXt magazine #1102 MKIV
July 2011

Annotated Verbatim
Hans Hagen
PRAGMA ADE

Annotating verbatim content is done using a mechanism called escaping. For such special cases it's often best to define a specific instance.

```
\definetyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape=/,
   color=darkblue,
   before=,
   after=]

\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           /bgroup /sl oeps /egroup
                   /bgroup /bf some more /egroup
      | another test
      | somethingverylong /bgroup /it oeps /egroup
\stopannotatedtyping
```

```
bla = test           oeps
                   some more
      | another test
      | somethingverylong oeps
```

In this example the / now serves as an escape character. Of course you can also use the normal backslash but then you need to use a command to specify it.

```
\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape=\letterbackslash]
```

Now we can say:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           \bgroup \sl oeps \egroup
                   \bgroup \bf some more \egroup
      | another test
      | somethingverylong \bgroup \it oeps \egroup
\stopannotatedtyping
```

and get:

```
bla = test           oeps
                   some more
      | another test
      | somethingverylong oeps
```

You can also define an end symbol:

```
\setuptyping
```

```
[annotatedtyping]
[escape={//,*},
color=darkblue]

\definestartstop
[cmt]
[style=\rm\bf]
```

Here the // starts the annotation and * ends it.

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // \black // \cmt{oeps} *
                   // \black // \cmt{some more} *
    | another test
    | somethingverylong // \black // \cmt{oeps} *
\stopannotatedtyping
```

Contrary to the first example, all text in the annotation is treated as T_EX input:

```
bla = test           // oeps
                   // some more
    | another test
    | somethingverylong // oeps
```

You can consider using more balanced tagging, as in:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // \black // \cmt{oeps} *
                   // \black // \cmt{some more} *
    | another test
    | somethingverylong // \black // \cmt{oeps} *
\stopannotatedtyping
```

Watch how we limit the annotation to part of the text:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           << \rm\bf first >> test
                   << \rm\bf second >> test
    | test
    | somethingverylong << \rm\bf fourth >> test
\stopannotatedtyping
```

The test at the end of the lines is verbatim again.

```
bla = test           << \rm\bf first >> test
                   << \rm\bf second >> test
    | test
    | somethingverylong << \rm\bf fourth >> test
```

If no end symbol is given, the end of the line is used instead:

```
\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape={//,},
   color=darkblue]
```

Watch out: here we use {//,} and not just // (which would trigger the escaped variant).

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // \black // \cmt{oeps}
                   // \black // \cmt{some more}
    | test
    | somethingverylong // \black // \cmt{oeps}
\stopannotatedtyping
```

The result is:

```
bla = test           // oeps
                   // some more
    | test
    | somethingverylong // oeps
```

This can also be done easier by abusing the style option of cmt:

```
\definestartstop
  [cmt]
  [color=black,
   style=\black //\rm\bf\space]
```

When we give:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // \cmt{oeps}
                   // \cmt{some more}
    | test
    | somethingverylong // \cmt{oeps}
\stopannotatedtyping
```

We get:

```
bla = test           // oeps
                   // some more
    | test
    | somethingverylong // oeps
```

For cases like this, where we want to specify a somewhat detailed way to deal with a situation, we can use processors:¹

```
\defineprocessor
[escape]
[style=bold,
color=black,
left=(,right=)]
```

The previous definition of the annotation now becomes:

```
\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape=escape->{//,},
color=darkblue]
```

This time no commands are needed in the annotation:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // first
                    // second
    | test
    | somethingverylong // fourth
\stopannotatedtyping
```

The processor is applied to all text following the //. Spaces before the text are stripped.

```
bla = test           (first)
                    (second)
    | test
    | somethingverylong (fourth)
```

As some characters are special to T_EX, sometimes you need to escape the boundary sequence:

```
\defineprocessor
[myescape]
[style=\rm\bf,
color=black]

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape=myescape->{\letterhash\letterhash,},
color=darkgreen]
```

¹ More mechanisms in ConT_EXt MkIV will use that feature.

All text between the double hashes and the end of the line is now treated as annotation:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          ## first \bf test
                   ## second \sl test
                   | test
                   | somethingverylong ## third \it test
\stopannotatedtyping
```

So we get:

```
bla = test          first test
                   second test
                   | test
                   | somethingverylong third test
```

We can beautify \TeX commenting as follows:

```
\defineprocessor
[comment]
[style=\rm,
color=black,
left={\ttf\letterpercent\space}]

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape=comment->{\letterpercent\letterpercent,},
color=darkblue]
```

Here the double comments are turned into a single one and the text after it is typeset in a regular font:

```
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          %% first \bf test
                   %% second \sl test
                   | test
                   | somethingverylong %% third \it test
\stopannotatedtyping
```

This gives:

```
bla = test          % first test
                   % second test
                   | test
                   | somethingverylong % third test
```

It is possible to define several escapes. Let's start with the delimited variant:

```

\defineprocessor
[escape_a]
[style=bold,
 color=darkred,
 left=(,
 right=)]

\defineprocessor
[escape_b]
[style=bold,
 color=darkgreen,
 left=(,
 right=)]

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape={escape_a->{[,]},escape_b->{[(,)]}},
 color=darkblue]

```

We can now alternate comments:

```

\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          [[ first ]] test [( first )]
                   [[ second ]] test [( second )]
    | test
    | somethingverylong [[ fourth ]] test [( fourth )]
\stopannotatedtyping

```

When typeset this looks as follows:

```

bla = test          (first) test (first)
                   (second) test (second)
    | test
    | somethingverylong (fourth) test (fourth)

```

The line terminated variant can also have multiple escapes.

```

\defineprocessor
[annotated_bf]
[style=\rm\bf,
 color=darkred]

\defineprocessor
[annotated_bs]
[style=\rm\bs,
 color=darkyellow]

```

```

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape={annotated_bf->{\bf,},annotated_bs->{\!bs,}},
color=darkblue]

```

So this time we have two ways to enter regular T_EX mode:

```

\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           !bf one {\em again}
                    !bs two {\em again}
    | test
    | somethingverylong !bf three {\em again}
\stopannotatedtyping

```

These somewhat meaningful tags result in:

```

bla = test           one again
                    two again
    | test
    | somethingverylong three again

```

source code of this document

```

% language=uk

% author      : Hans Hagen
% copyright   : PRAGMA ADE & ConTeXt Development Team
% license     : Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike 4.0 International
% reference   : pragma-ade.nl | contextgarden.net | texlive (related) distributions
% origin      : the ConTeXt distribution
%
% comment     : Because this manual is distributed with TeX distributions it comes with a rather
%              liberal license. We try to adapt these documents to upgrades in the (sub)systems
%              that they describe. Using parts of the content otherwise can therefore conflict
%              with existing functionality and we cannot be held responsible for that. Many of
%              the manuals contain characteristic graphics and personal notes or examples that
%              make no sense when used out-of-context.

\usemodule[mag-01,abr-02]

\startbuffer[abstract]
  A not so widely known feature of the verbatim handler in \CONTEXT is the
  ability to add comments in another style and \MKIV even offers a bit more.
  Here some examples are shown.
\stopbuffer

\startdocument
  [title={Annotated Verbatim},
  author=Hans Hagen,
  affiliation=PRAGMA ADE,
  date=July 2011,
  number=1102 \MKIV]

\definetextbackground
  [example]
  [frame=on,
  framecolor=darkblue,
  location=paragraph,
  leftoffset=1ex,
  topoffset=1ex,
  bottomoffset=1ex]

Annotating verbatim content is done using a mechanism called escaping. For such
special cases it's often best to define a specific instance.

\startbuffer[define]
\definetyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape=/,
  color=darkblue,
  before=,
  after=]
\stopbuffer

\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test                /bgroup /sl oeps /egroup
                          /bgroup /bf some more /egroup

  | another test
  | somethingverylong /bgroup /it oeps /egroup
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer

```

source code of this document

```
\typebuffer[define,example][option=TEX] \getbuffer[define]

\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

In this example the `\type {/}` now serves as an escape character. Of course you can also use the normal backslash but then you need to use a command to specify it.

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape=\letterbackslash]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

Now we can say:

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          \bgroup \sl oeps \egroup
                   \bgroup \bf some more \egroup
  | another test
  | somethingverylong \bgroup \it oeps \egroup
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

and get:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

You can also define an end symbol:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape={//,*},
  [color=darkblue]

\definestartstop
  [cmt]
  [style=\rm\bf]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

Here the `\type {//}` starts the annotation and `\type {*}` ends it.

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          // \black // \cmt{oeps} *
                   // \black // \cmt{some more} *
  | another test
  | somethingverylong // \black // \cmt{oeps} *
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer
```

source code of this document

```
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

Contrary to the first example, all text in the annotation is treated as `\TEX\` input:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

You can consider using more balanced tagging, as in:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape={<<, >>},
  [color=darkblue]
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

Watch how we limit the annotation to part of the text:

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          << \rm\bf first >> test
                   << \rm\bf second >> test
    | test
    | somethingverylong << \rm\bf fourth >> test
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

The `\type {test}` at the end of the lines is verbatim again.

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

If no end symbol is given, the end of the line is used instead:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape={//,},
  [color=darkblue]
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

Watch out: here we use `\type {{//,}` and not just `\type {//}` (which would trigger the escaped variant).

```
\definestartstop[cmt][style=\rm\bf]
```

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          // \black // \cmt{oeps}
                   // \black // \cmt{some more}
    | test
    | somethingverylong // \black // \cmt{oeps}
\stopannotatedtyping
```

source code of this document

```
\stopbuffer
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

The result is:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

This can also be done easier by abusing the `\type {style}` option of `\type {cmt}`:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\definestartstop
[cmt]
[color=black,
 style=\black //\rm\bf\space]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

When we give:

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // \cmt{oeps}
                    // \cmt{some more}
    | test
    | somethingverylong // \cmt{oeps}
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

We get:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

For cases like this, where we want to specify a somewhat detailed way to deal with a situation, we can use processors: `\footnote {More mechanisms in \CONTEXT\MKIV\ will use that feature.}`

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\defineprocessor
[escape]
[style=bold,
 color=black,
 left=(,right=)]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

The previous definition of the annotation now becomes:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape=escape->{//,},
 color=darkblue]
\stopbuffer
```

source code of this document

```
\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

This time no commands are needed in the annotation:

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           // first
                    // second
    | test
    | somethingverylong // fourth
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

The processor is applied to all text following the `\type {//}`. Spaces before the text are stripped.

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

As some characters are special to `\TEX`, sometimes you need to escape the boundary sequence:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\defineprocessor
  [myscape]
  [style=\rm\tf,
   color=black]

\setuptyping
  [annotatedtyping]
  [escape=myscape->{\letterhash\letterhash,},
   color=darkgreen]
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

All text between the double hashes and the end of the line is now treated as annotation:

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test           ## first \bf test
                    ## second \sl test
    | test
    | somethingverylong ## third \it test
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

So we get:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

We can beautify `\TEX` commenting as follows:

```
\startbuffer[setup]
```

source code of this document

```

\defineprocessor
[comment]
[style=\rm,
color=black,
left={\tttf\letterpercent\space}]

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape=comment->{\letterpercent\letterpercent,},
color=darkblue]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]

```

Here the double comments are turned into a single one and the text after it is typeset in a regular font:

```

\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          %% first \bf test
                   %% second \sl test
    | test
    | somethingverylong %% third \it test
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]

```

This gives:

```

\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground

```

It is possible to define several escapes. Let's start with the delimited variant:

```

\startbuffer[setup]
\defineprocessor
[escape_a]
[style=bold,
color=darkred,
left=(,
right=)]

\defineprocessor
[escape_b]
[style=bold,
color=darkgreen,
left=(,
right=)]

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape={escape_a->{[[,]]},escape_b->{[(,)]}},
color=darkblue]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]

```

We can now alternate comments:

source code of this document

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          [[ first ]] test [( first )]
                   [[ second ]] test [( second )]
    | test
    | somethingverylong [[ fourth ]] test [( fourth )]
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer
```

```
\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

When typeset this looks as follows:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground
```

The line terminated variant can also have multiple escapes.

```
\startbuffer[setup]
\defineprocessor
[annotated_bf]
[style=\rm\bf,
 color=darkred]

\defineprocessor
[annotated_bs]
[style=\rm\bs,
 color=darkyellow]

\setuptyping
[annotatedtyping]
[escape={annotated_bf->{\bf,},annotated_bs->{\bs,}},
 color=darkblue]
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[setup][option=TEX] \getbuffer[setup]
```

So this time we have two ways to enter regular `\TEX\` mode:

```
\startbuffer[example]
\startannotatedtyping
bla = test          !bf one {\em again}
                   !bs two {\em again}
    | test
    | somethingverylong !bf three {\em again}
\stopannotatedtyping
\stopbuffer

\typebuffer[example][option=TEX]
```

These somewhat meaningful tags result in:

```
\starttextbackground[example]
  \getbuffer[example]
\stoptextbackground

\stopdocument
```

