

# The `secnum` package

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## Abstract

The package `secnum` provides a marco `\setsecnum` which allows user to format section numbering intuitively.

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## A Example

This document uses the following setting of section numbering format.

```
\usepackage[tocdep=2]{secnum}
\setsecnum{A,:1.i}
```

## B Usage

Before using the macro, load the package in preamble.

```
\usepackage{secnum}
```

## 1 Set numbering format

One can format the section numbering by using the marco `\setsecnum` in preamble.

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`\setsecnum` `\setsecnum{<num format>}`

A typical *<num format>* is like this:

A, : 1 . i

It consists of some syntax abbrs of numbering formats, reffering the follows,

A	a	I	i	1
<code>\Alph</code>	<code>\alph</code>	<code>\Roman</code>	<code>\roman</code>	<code>\arabic</code>

and some separators delimiting them.

A separator can contain any character except above abbrs, the tokens “{”, “}” and “#” (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6) and the space “`\` ”.

Note that *<num format>* must end with an abbr.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This command will overwrite `secnumdepth` and `tocdepth`

## 2 Breaking the numbering

The comma “,” in above example is used as the breaking mark. When a separator contains a comma (in our example, , : between A and 1), the shallower section levels (in our example, `\thesection`) will not be shown in titles of deeper levels (in our example, `\thesubsection` and `\thesubsubsection`). However, the numbering will appear in the reference labels with the given separator removing the comma. For instance, the next subsection is refered as **B:3**.

## 3 Package options

### 3.i tocdep

There is an option setting `tocdepth`, the table-of-contents depth manually.

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`tocdep` `tocdep = <integer>`

The *<integer>* refers to the table-of-contents depth, which should between 1 and 5.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** If this option is used, then `\setsecnum` will not overwrite `tocdepth`.

### 3.ii breaking

Another option is used to change the breaking mark.

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`breaking` `breaking = <token>`

The `<token>` will be the breaking mark (the default is the comma “,”). It can be any character except above abbrs, the tokens “{”, “}” and “#” (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6) and the space “ ”.

## C Process

The process of the macro `\setsecnum` can be explained as follows.

- Step 1. The main function eats the input, saying `A, :1.i`, and stores it in a token list.
- Step 2. Replace abbrs by macros. In our example, it results “`\Alph,:\arabic.\roman`”
- Step 3. Split this token list into a sequence by macros. In our example, it results “`\Alph`”, “`,:`”, “`\arabic`”, “`.`”, and “`\roman`”.
- Step 4. Store those codes in indivial containers.
- Step 5. Detect if there is `\thechapter`. Skip the chapter level if not. In our example, this is the case.
- Step 6. Use the containers to redefine `\thesection`, `\thesubsection`, `\thesubsubsection` etc. In each step, detect if such level needs numbering and if there is a breaking mark in the container. In our example, the numbering formats will be redefined as

```
\renewcommand*{\thesection}{\Alph{section}}
\renewcommand*{\thesubsection}{\arabic{subsection}}
\renewcommand*{\thesubsubsection}{thesubsection.\roman{subsubsection}}
\makeatletter
  \renewcommand*{\p@subsection}{\Alph{section}:}
  \renewcommand*{\p@subsubsection}{\Alph{section}:}
\makeatother
```

## D Implementation

The following is the implementation. Users can ignore.

### 1 Preparations

This package uses L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3. Therefore, the packages `expl3`, `xparse` and `l3keys2e` are needed and should use `\ProvidesExplPackage` rather than `\ProvidesPackage`.

```
1 <*package>
2 <@@=syu>
3 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
4 \RequirePackage{expl3,xparse,l3keys2e}
5 \ProvidesExplPackage{secnum}{2022/01/30}{ }
6 { An intuitive way to format section numbering }
```

`\g__syu_secnum_depth` This *<integer>* counts the depth of section levels.

```
7 \int_new:N \g__syu_secnum_depth
```

`\g__syu_ifchapter_int` This *<integer>* encodes if `\thechapter` is defined.

```
8 \int_new:N \g__syu_ifchapter_int
If \thechapter is defined, it is 1.
9 \if_cs_exist:N \thechapter
10 \int_gset:Nn \g__syu_ifchapter_int 1
Otherwise, it is 0.
11 \else:
12 \int_gset:Nn \g__syu_ifchapter_int 0
13 \fi:
```

`\g__syu_secnum_bkm` This variable is used to store the breaking mark.

```
14 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_secnum_bkmr {,}
We need the following variants
15 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:NnTF { NV }
16 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_remove_all:Nn { NV }
```

The following variables are used to store the individual formatting codes.

```
\g__syu_chapter_tl
\g__syu_chapter_section_tl
\g__syu_section_tl
\g__syu_section_subsection_tl
\g__syu_subsection_tl
\g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl
\g__syu_subsubsection_tl
\g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl
\g__syu_paragraph_tl
\g__syu_paragraph_subparagraph_tl
\g__syu_subparagraph_tl
17 \tl_new:N \g__syu_chapter_tl
18 \tl_new:N \g__syu_chapter_section_tl
19 \tl_new:N \g__syu_section_tl
20 \tl_new:N \g__syu_section_subsection_tl
21 \tl_new:N \g__syu_subsection_tl
22 \tl_new:N \g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl
23 \tl_new:N \g__syu_subsubsection_tl
24 \tl_new:N \g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl
25 \tl_new:N \g__syu_paragraph_tl
26 \tl_new:N \g__syu_paragraph_subparagraph_tl
27 \tl_new:N \g__syu_subparagraph_tl
```

## 2 Package option

```
28 \keys_define:nm { syu / options }{
```

**tocdep** Set the table-of-contents depth.

```
29 \tocdep .code:n = {
30 \int_const:Nn \g__syu_tocdep {#1}
31 \setcounter{tocdepth}{ \g__syu_tocdep }
32 },
```

**breaking** Set the breaking mark used in *<num format>*.

```
33 \breaking .code:n = {
34 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_secnum_bkmr {#1}
35 },
36 }
```

Passing keys to options.

```
37 \ProcessKeysOptions{ syu / options }
```

### 3 Main function

`\setsecnum` Here is the definition of the main function `\setsecnum`.

```
38 \DeclareDocumentCommand{\setsecnum}{m}{
Store the input in.
39   \tl_set:Nn \l__syu_secnum_tl {#1}
Replace syntax abbrs by corresponding macros.
40   \__syu_secnum_unabbr:N \l__syu_secnum_tl
Split into a sequence by macros.
41   \__syu_split_by_macros:NNN
42   \l__syu_secnum_tl \l__syu_secnum_seq \g__syu_secnum_depth
Read formatting information.
43   \__syu_secnum_from_seq:N \l__syu_secnum_seq
Set the secnumdepth and tocdepth.
44   \setcounter{secnumdepth}{
45     \int_eval:n { \g__syu_secnum_depth - \g__syu_ifchapter_int }
46   }
47   \int_if_exist:NTF \g__syu_tocdep {
48     \setcounter{tocdepth}{ \g__syu_tocdep }
49   }{
50     \setcounter{tocdepth}{
51       \int_eval:n { \g__syu_secnum_depth - \g__syu_ifchapter_int }
52     }
53   }
Format numberings.
54   \__syu_secnum:
55 }
```

### 4 Unabbravation

`\__syu_secnum_unabbr:N` This function replace the abbrs in a  $\langle tl var \rangle$  by expansions.

```
56 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__syu_secnum_unabbr:N #1 {
57   \regex_replace_all:nnN {A} {\c{Alph}} #1
58   \regex_replace_all:nnN {a} {\c{alph}} #1
59   \regex_replace_all:nnN {I} {\c{Roman}} #1
60   \regex_replace_all:nnN {i} {\c{roman}} #1
61   \regex_replace_all:nnN {1} {\c{arabic}} #1
62 }
```

### 5 Split to sequence

`\__syu_split_by_macros:NNN` This function splits a  $\langle tl var \rangle$  into a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  by macros and provides the number of macros it contains.

```
63 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__syu_split_by_macros:NNN #1 #2 #3 {
64   \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl {S}
65   \seq_clear:N #2
66   \int_set:Nn #3 {0}
67   \tl_map_inline:Nn #1 {
68     \__syu_if_macro:nTF ##1 {
```

```

69     \seq_put_right:NV #2 \l_tmpa_tl
70     \tl_clear:N \l_tmpa_tl
71     \tl_put_right:Nn \l_tmpa_tl ##1
72     \seq_put_right:NV #2 \l_tmpa_tl
73     \tl_clear:N \l_tmpa_tl
74     \int_incr:N #3
75   }{
76     \tl_put_right:Nn \l_tmpa_tl ##1
77   }
78 }
79 }

```

But how to see if an *<item>* in the token list is a macro?

`\g__syu_macro_tl` This *<tl var>* stores the first five characters of the meaning of any macro, i.e. `macro` (watch out its catcode). The idea is to create a *<tl var>* and then set its value to be the first five characters of its meaning.

```

80 \tl_new:N \g__syu_macro_tl
81 \tl_set:Nx \g__syu_macro_tl { \meaning \g__syu_macro_tl }
82 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_macro_tl { \tl_range:Nnn \g__syu_macro_tl {1}{5} }

```

`\__syu_if_macro:nT` Then, define a conditional testing if the input is a macro. Note that I use `\if_meaning`  
`\__syu_if_macro:nF` rather than `\tl_if_eq:NNTF`.

```

\__syu_if_macro:nTF
83 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \__syu_if_macro:n #1 { T , F , TF }{
84   \group_begin:
85     \tl_set:Nx \l_tmpa_tl {\meaning #1}
86     \tl_set:Nx \l_tmpa_tl {\tl_range:Nnn \l_tmpa_tl {1} {5}}

```

This is a trick to keep `\l_tmpa_tl` in the current local group

```

87   \exp_after:wN
88   \group_end:

```

while throwing the comparison result out.

```

89   \if_meaning:w \l_tmpa_tl \g__syu_macro_tl
90     \prg_return_true:
91   \else:
92     \prg_return_false:
93   \fi:
94 }

```

## 6 Read formatting info

`\__syu_secnum_from_seq:N` Read the formatting info from given *<sequence>*.

```

95 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__syu_secnum_from_seq:N #1 {

```

Use `\tl_gset:Nx` since: 1, these data are global and 2: I need them eating the fully expanded results.

```

96   \int_if_odd:nTF \g__syu_ifchapter_int {
97     \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_chapter_tl
98     { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 2 } }
99     \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_chapter_section_tl
100    { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 3 } }
101    \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_section_tl
102    { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 4 } }

```

```

103 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_section_subsection_tl
104 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 5 } }
105 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsection_tl
106 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 6 } }
107 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl
108 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 7 } }
109 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsubsection_tl
110 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 8 } }
111 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl
112 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 9 } }
113 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_paragraph_tl
114 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 10 } }
115 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_paragraph_subparagrah_tl
116 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 11 } }
117 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subparagraph_tl
118 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 12 } }
119 }{
120 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_section_tl
121 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 2 } }
122 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_section_subsection_tl
123 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 3 } }
124 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsection_tl
125 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 4 } }
126 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl
127 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 5 } }
128 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsubsection_tl
129 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 6 } }
130 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl
131 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 7 } }
132 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_paragraph_tl
133 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 8 } }
134 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_paragraph_subparagrah_tl
135 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 9 } }
136 \tl_gset:Nx \g__syu_subparagraph_tl
137 { \seq_item:Nn #1 { 10 } }
138 }
139 }

```

## 7 Formatting

`\__syu_secnum:` Formatting section numbering.

```

140 \cs_new:Nn \__syu_secnum: {

```

### 7.i Detect if there is `\thechapter`

When `\thechapter` is defined, start from it.

```

141 \if_cs_exist:N \thechapter
142 \renewcommand*{\thechapter}{ \g__syu_chapter_tl {chapter} }

```

Test if the numbering breaks before section.

```

143 \tl_if_in:NVTF \g__syu_chapter_section_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr {

```

Remove the breaking marker.

```

144 \tl_remove_all:NV

```

145           \g\_\_syu\_chapter\_section\_tl \g\_\_syu\_secnum\_bkmr  
 Format \thesection.

146           \renewcommand\*{\thesection}{ \g\_\_syu\_section\_tl {section} }  
 Restore the \p@s.

147           \makeatletter  
 148           \renewcommand\*{\p@section}{  
 149            \thechapter\g\_\_syu\_chapter\_section\_tl  
 150            }  
 151           \renewcommand\*{\p@subsection}{ \p@section }  
 152           \renewcommand\*{\p@subsubsection}{ \p@section }  
 153           \renewcommand\*{\p@paragraph}{ \p@section }  
 154           \renewcommand\*{\p@subparagraph}{ \p@section }  
 155           \makeatother  
 156           }{

Format \thesection.

157           \renewcommand\*{\thesection}{  
 158            \thechapter\g\_\_syu\_chapter\_section\_tl  
 159            \g\_\_syu\_section\_tl {section}  
 160            }  
 161           }

Otherwise start from \thesection.

162    \else:  
 163      \renewcommand\*{\thesection}{ \g\_\_syu\_section\_tl {section} }  
 164    \fi:

## 7.ii Subsections

Test if the subsections are needed to be numbered.

165    \tl\_if\_empty:NF \g\_\_syu\_subsection\_tl {

Test if the numbering breaks before subsection.

166      \tl\_if\_in:NVTF \g\_\_syu\_section\_subsection\_tl \g\_\_syu\_secnum\_bkmr {

Remove the breaking marker.

167          \tl\_remove\_all:NV  
 168          \g\_\_syu\_section\_subsection\_tl \g\_\_syu\_secnum\_bkmr

Format \thesubsection.

169           \renewcommand\*{\thesubsection}{ \g\_\_syu\_subsection\_tl {subsection} }

Restore the \p@s.

170           \makeatletter  
 171           \renewcommand\*{\p@subsection}{  
 172            \p@section\g\_\_syu\_section\_tl{section}  
 173            \g\_\_syu\_section\_subsection\_tl  
 174            }  
 175           \renewcommand\*{\p@subsubsection}{ \p@subsection }  
 176           \renewcommand\*{\p@paragraph}{ \p@subsection }  
 177           \renewcommand\*{\p@subparagraph}{ \p@subsection }  
 178           \makeatother  
 179           }{



Format `\thesubsection`.

```
180     \renewcommand*\thesubsection){
181         \thesection\g__syu_section_subsection_tl
182         \g__syu_subsection_tl {subsection}
183     }
184 }
185 }
```

### 7.iii Subsubsections

Test if the subsubsections are needed to be numbered.

```
186 \tl_if_empty:NF \g__syu_subsubsection_tl {
```

Test if the numbering breaks before subsubsection.

```
187     \tl_if_in:NVTF \g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr {
```

Remove the breaking marker.

```
188         \tl_remove_all:NV
189         \g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr
```

Format `\thesubsubsection`.

```
190     \renewcommand*\thesubsubsection}
191     { \g__syu_subsubsection_tl {subsubsection} }
```

Restore the `\p@s`.

```
192     \makeatletter
193     \renewcommand*\p@subsubsection){
194         \p@subsection\g__syu_subsection_tl {subsection}
195         \g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl
196     }
197     \renewcommand*\p@paragraph){ \p@subsubsection}
198     \renewcommand*\p@subparagraph){ \p@subsubsection }
199     \makeatother
200 }
```

Format `\thesubsubsection`.

```
201     \renewcommand*\thesubsubsection){
202         \thesubsection\g__syu_subsection_subsubsection_tl
203         \g__syu_subsubsection_tl {subsubsection}
204     }
205 }
206 }
```

### 7.iv Paragraphs

Test if the paragraphs are needed to be numbered.

```
207 \tl_if_empty:NF \g__syu_paragraph_tl {
```

Test if the numbering breaks before paragraph.

```
208     \tl_if_in:NVTF \g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr {
```

Remove the breaking marker.

```
209         \tl_remove_all:NV
210         \g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr
```

Format `\theparagraph`.

```
211     \renewcommand*\theparagraph{\g__syu_paragraph_tl {paragraph} }
```

Restore the `\p@s`.

```
212     \makeatletter
213     \renewcommand*\p@paragraph{\p@subsubsection\g__syu_subsubsection_tl {subsubsection}
214     \g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl
215     }
216     \renewcommand*\p@subparagraph{\p@paragraph }
217     \makeatother
218     }{
219 }
```

Format `\thesubparagraph`.

```
220     \renewcommand*\thesubparagraph{\thesubsubsection\g__syu_subsubsection_paragraph_tl
221     \g__syu_paragraph_tl {paragraph}
222     }
223     }
224     }
225 }
```

## 7.v Subparagraphs

Test if the subparagraphs are needed to be numbered.

```
226 \tl_if_empty:NF \g__syu_subparagraph_tl {
```

Test if the numbering breaks before paragraph.

```
227 \tl_if_in:NVTF \g__syu_paragraph_subparagrah_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr {
```

Remove the breaking marker.

```
228 \tl_remove_all:NV
229 \g__syu_paragraph_subparagrah_tl \g__syu_secnum_bkmr
```

Format `\thesubparagraph`.

```
230 \renewcommand*\thesubparagraph{\g__syu_subparagraph_tl {subparagraph} }
```

Restore the `\p@s`.

```
231 \makeatletter
232 \renewcommand*\p@subparagraph{\p@paragraph\g__syu_paragraph_tl {paragraph}
233 \g__syu_paragraph_subparagrah_tl
234 }
235 \makeatother
236 }{
237 }
```

Format `\thesubparagraph`.

```
238 \renewcommand*\thesubparagraph{\theparagraph\g__syu_paragraph_subparagrah_tl
239 \g__syu_subparagraph_tl {subparagraph}
240 }
241 }
242 }
243 }
244 }
```

```
245 </package>
```