The thaispec package: Thai language typesetting in X_HAT_EX

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This package allows you to input Thai characters directly to $\[ATEX] X \]$ documents and choose any (system wide) Thai fonts for typesetting in X $\[ATEX] A \]$. It also tries to appropriately justify paragraphs with no more external tools.

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1 Prerequisite

The package use TH Sarabun New font by default to typeset Thai characters which included in the collection of Thai national fonts 1 . At least this font must be installed to system wide in order to use this package. Moreover the following LATEX package are essentially required for the default option: fontspec, ucharclasses, poly glossia, setspace, datetime2, kvoptions, afterpackage, xstring, and xpatch.

¹Thai national fonts, a.k.a. SIPAFonts. See https://github.com/epsilonxe/sipafonts

2 Recommendation

Install the collection of Thai national font said above and also T_EX Gyre font family which possibly already included with your T_EX distribution. These are basically assumed to be installed prior loading the package.

3 Package loading

In the preamble, add the command

\usepackage{thaispec}

then you can input Thai characters in the document and typeset the document as usual. By default the package set thaifont to TH Sarabun New, while set mainfont, sansfont and monofont to T_EX Gyre fonts.

In case T_EX Gyre font family is not system wide installed, the package should be loaded with the following option:

\usepackage[texgyrefont = false]{thaispec}

This will typeset the document by setting mainfont to TH Sarabun New.

The package also predefines \today and \today for today Thai date printing in short and long formats respectively.

4 Loading options

This section lists additional loading options by their features as follows. The examples in the list are default and also initialized values for those options.

| Options | Features |
|---------|---|
| thainum | Uses Thai numbers for almost all number digits. It is untoggled by defalut. |
| math | Additionally load the following packages: mathtools, amssymb, amsthm, mathspec orderly. Normally thaispec package loads fontspec with no-math option. If your document consists of math objects, this option is then recommended. |

Table 1: Loading options in thaispec package.

| Options | Features |
|---|--|
| <pre>thaifont = <system_font_name></system_font_name></pre> | Choose a system font for Thai characters. Example: thaifont = TH Sarabun New |
| <pre>mainfont = <system_font_name></system_font_name></pre> | Choose a font for mainfont corre- sponding to fontspec package. Example: thaifont = TeX Gyre Termes |
| <pre>sansfont = <system_font_name></system_font_name></pre> | Choose a font for sansfont corre- sponding to fontspec package. Example: thaifont = TeX Gyre Heros |
| <pre>monofont = <system_font_name></system_font_name></pre> | Choose a font for monofont corre- sponding to fontspec package. Example: thaifont = TeX Gyre Cursors |
| thaithm = <bool></bool> | After loading amsthm package, thaispec package automatically defines a set of theorem-like en- vironments with Thai heading by default. The automatic defined envi- ronments includes theorem, lemma, corollary, definition, axiom, undefinedterm, example, remark and note. If you prefer to set them yourself, just set its value to false. Example: thaithm = true |
| thmcount = <value></value> | <pre>If the option thaithm = true is prefered, this package set the counter independently for each automatic defined environments. The value of <value> can be one of the following: default, no, full, section, chapter, kind, kind-section, and kind- chapter. Example: thmcount = default</value></pre> |

Table 1: (continued) Loading options in thaispec package.

5 Usage Examples

The following example is a basic example of using thaispec package. It is loaded with the default setting for typesetting in X₂LAT_EX, i.e., only Thai characters are typesetted with TH Sarabun New font, other charaters are typesetted with T_EX Gyre fonts, and paragraphs are justified by \sloppy macro.

```
      1
      \documentclass {article}

      2
      \usepackage {thaispec}

      3
      \begin {document}

      4
      \section {ภาษาไทย}

      5
      ทดสอบการพิมพ์ภาษาไทยในเอกสาร \XeLaTeX

      6
      \end {document}
```

In order to use another Thai font face for any charaters in a math document without \sloppy macro, the following example can be used to achieve the goal.

```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \usepackage[math,
3 thaifont = Tahoma,
4 texgyrefont = false,
5 sloppy = false]{thaispec}
6 \begin{document}
7 \section{Math nutrlNU}
8 nnsŵuŵnutlnuluionans $ax^2+bx+c=0$
9 \end{document}
```

6 Known Issues

Incorrect Thai characters with listing package

If you typeset some codes consisting of Thai characters in lstlisting environment provided by listing package, this will possibly cause you a problem with incorrect Thai characters. The recommendation is choosing minted package instead of listing package. However you need to additionally install pygments python module in order to use minted package.

7 Credits

This package is motivated by a set of LATEX commands for typesetting Thai documents provided by Dittaya Wanvarie² from Chulalongkorn University.

 $^{^2}See \mbox{ http://pioneer.netserv.chula.ac.th/~wdittaya/ in LATeX section.}$

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