

# The `amsidx` package

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## 1 Introduction

This package provides the facility to produce multiple indexes with *AMS-L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X* document classes (particularly `amsbook` and the AMS author packages for books), superseding the built-in index facility which can accommodate only one index. This may in the future be incorporated as an option into the *AMS-L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X* document classes.

This package is based on `multind.sty` by F.W. Long.  
Standard file identification.

```
1 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1995/06/01]
2 \ProvidesPackage{amsidx}[2004/08/03 v2.01 multiple indexes for AMS classes]
```

## 2 User instructions

In the preamble, invoke `\makeindex` with a file name to provide as many indexes as desired:

```
\makeindex{filename-a}
\makeindex{filename-b}
```

This will initiate the creation of `filename-a.idx` etc.

In the body of the text, use the `\index` command with two arguments

```
\index{filename-a}{index term}
```

as appropriate to populate the `.idx` files.

In the `\backmatter` segment of the driver file, insert the `\Printindex` command to print the indexes; the second argument gives the title to be printed at the top of the index:

```
\Printindex{filename-a}{First Index}
\Printindex{filename-b}{Second Index}
```

On the first pass, the `.idx` files will be created. Process each `.idx` file with *MakeIndex* to generate an `.ind` file, which will then be read in by `\Printindex`. Whenever any page references change, be sure to run *MakeIndex* again, and process the entire job with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X once more to get the correct page references in the indexes.

To include a paragraph of comments below the index title, insert the text as an `\indexcomment` before the relevant `\Printindex`:

```
\indexcomment{Text of comments}
\Printindex{...}{...}
```

The `\indexcomment` text will be cleared after use.

### 3 Implementation

- makeindex** Redefine `\makeindex` to create a new `.idx` file with the name provided by argument #1.
- ```

3 \renewcommand{\makeindex}[1]{%
4   \begingroup
5     \makeatletter
6     \if@filesw \expandafter\newwrite\csname #1@idxfile\endcsname
7     \expandafter\immediate\openout \csname #1@idxfile\endcsname #1.idx\relax
8     \typeout{Writing index file #1.idx }\fi
9   \endgroup}
```
- index** Redefine `\index` to specify into which file/index the term is to be placed. Argument #1 identifies the file, #2 provides the text of the term to be indexed.
- ```

10 \renewcommand{\index}[1]{%
11   \@bsphack
12   \begingroup
13     \def\protect##1{\string##1\space}\@sanitize\@wrindex{#1}}
```
- @wrindex** `\@wrindex` checks to make sure that the requested file is available, and writes an entry into the file or emits an error message.
- ```

14 \renewcommand{\@wrindex}[2]{%
15   \let\thepage\relax
16   \xdef\@tempa{%
17     \@ifundefined{#1@idxfile}{%
18       \PackageError{\packagename}{%
19         The requested file, #1@idxfile.idx, does not exist;\MessageBreak
20         index term #2 will not be written out.%
21       }%
22     }%
23     \expandafter\write\csname #1@idxfile\endcsname
24     {\string\indexentry{#2}{\thepage}}%
25   }%
26 }
27 \endgroup\@tempa
28 \if@nobreak \ifvmode\nobreak\fi\fi
29 \esphack
30 }
```
- printindex** Redefine `\printindex` to specify the file to be included; provide an alternate command `\Printindex` that specifies both the file and the index title to be printed. Argument #1 identifies the file, #2 provides the title. Also modify some formatting commands to improve the appearance of index entries, especially long ones in the presence of three index levels.
- ```

31 \renewcommand{\printindex}[1]{\@input{#1.ind}}
32 \newcommand{\Printindex}[2]{%
33   \begingroup
34     \cleardoublepage
35     \def\indexname{#2}%
36     \raggedright
37     \hyphenpenalty=10000
38     \renewcommand{\seename}{see-also}
39     \renewcommand{\subitem}{\par\hangindent 3em\hspace*{1em}}
40     \@input{#1.ind}%
41   \endgroup
42 }
```
- indexcomment** Format comments in a block somewhat narrower than the full page width, and redefine `\indexchap` to insert the block below the title, before starting the
- indexchap**

two-column index. Clear out \indexcomment after use.

```

43 \newdimen\@indexcommentwidth
44 \@indexcommentwidth=\textwidth
45 \ifdim\@indexcommentwidth > 26pc
46   \advance\@indexcommentwidth-6pc
47 \else
48   \advance\@indexcommentwidth-4pc
49 \fi
50 \newcommand{\indexcomment}[1]{%
51   \def\theindexcomment{%
52     \vskip\baselineskip
53     \parbox[t]{\@indexcommentwidth}{\normalsize\mdseries#1}%
54   }%
55 }
56 \let\theindexcomment\empty
57 \renewcommand{\indexchap}[1]{%
58   \global\topskip 7.5pc\relax
59   \twocolumn[\fontsize{\@xivpt}{18}%
60     \vskip\topskip\vskip-\baselineskip\hbox{}% adjust top space
61     \bfseries\centering #1\par
62     \ifx\theindexcomment\empty
63     \else \theindexcomment
64       \global\let\theindexcomment\empty
65     \fi
66   ]%
67   \global\topskip 34\p@
68 }

```

The usual \endinput to ensure that random garbage at the end of the file doesn't get copied by docstrip.

```
69 \endinput
```

## Index

Numbers written in italic refer to the page where the corresponding entry is described; numbers underlined refer to the code line of the definition; numbers in roman refer to the code lines where the entry is used.

Symbols	C	
.idx . . . . . <i>1, 1, 1, 2</i>	\centering . . . . . <i>61</i>	\indexchap . . . <i>2, 43, 57</i>
.ind . . . . . <i>1</i>	\cleardoublepage . . . <i>34</i>	. . . <i>1, 1, 3, 43, 50</i>
\@gtempa . . . . . <i>16, 27</i>		\indexentry . . . . . <i>24</i>
\@indexcommentwidth . . . . . <i>43,</i>	\docstrip . . . . . <i>3</i>	\indexname . . . . . <i>35</i>
<i>44, 45, 46, 48, 53</i>		
\@packagename . . . . . <i>18</i>		M
\@sanitize . . . . . <i>13</i>	E	\makeindex . . . <i>1, 2, 3, 3</i>
\@wrindex . . <i>2, 13, 14, 14</i>	\endinput . . . . . <i>3</i>	\mdseries . . . . . <i>53</i>
\@xivpt . . . . . <i>59</i>	F	\MessageBreak . . . . . <i>19</i>
	filename-a.idx . . . . . <i>1</i>	multind.sty package . <i>1</i>
A	\fontsize . . . . . <i>59</i>	N
amsbook . . . . . <i>1</i>	H	\NeedsTeXFormat . . . . . <i>1</i>
AMSMIDX package . . . . . <i>2</i>	\hbox . . . . . <i>60</i>	\newdimen . . . . . <i>43</i>
amsidx package . . . . . <i>1</i>	\hspace . . . . . <i>39</i>	\normalsize . . . . . <i>53</i>
	\hyphenpenalty . . . . . <i>37</i>	P
B	I	\PackageError . . . . . <i>18</i>
\backmatter . . . . . <i>1</i>	\index . . . . . <i>1, 2, 10, 10</i>	\parbox . . . . . <i>53</i>
\bfseries . . . . . <i>61</i>		\Printindex . . . . . <i>1</i>

	<b>R</b>	<b>T</b>
\Printindex . . . . .		
... <i>1</i> , <i>1</i> , <i>2</i> , <u>31</u> , <i>32</i>	\raggedright . . . . . 36	\textwidth . . . . . 44 \theindexcomment . . . . .
\printindex . . . <i>2</i> , <u>31</u> , <i>31</i>	S	. . . . . 51, 56, 62, 63, 64
\ProvidesPackage . . . 2	\seename . . . . . 38 \subitem . . . . . 39	\topskip . . . . . 58, 60, 67 \typeout . . . . . 8