

# ACRO

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Typeset Acronyms

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English documentation

**ACRO** not only allows you to create acronyms in a simple way but also lets you add them to different classes of acronyms. Lists can be created of separate classes wherever you want the list to appear.

**ACRO** also provides an option **single** which ignores acronyms that are used only once in the whole document.

As an experimental feature **ACRO** also offers the option **sort** which automatically sorts the list created by `\printacronyms`.

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## 1. Licence and Requirements

Permission is granted to copy, distribute and/or modify this software under the terms of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Project Public License, version 1.3 or later (<http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt>). The package has the status “maintained.”

**ACRO** loads and needs the following packages: `expl3`,<sup>1</sup> `xparse`, `xtemplate`, `l3keys2e`<sup>2</sup> and translations.<sup>3</sup>

## 2. About

Acronyms and initialisms are abbreviations formed from the initial components in a phrase or a word. These components may be individual letters (as in CEO) or parts of words (as in Benelux and Ameslan). There is no universal agreement on the precise definition of the various terms nor on written usage. [Wik12a]

After WIKIPEDIA told us what acronyms are and we won’t confuse them with units or other kinds of abbreviations – why would we need another package for them? There are several already: `acronym`<sup>4</sup> [Oet12], `acromake`<sup>5</sup> [Tho95], `acroterm`<sup>6</sup> [Vos10], the abbreviations package `abbrevs`<sup>7</sup> [Swio1] (the current version 1.4 has a bug,<sup>8</sup> though), the nomenclature package `nomencl`<sup>9</sup> [Vey+05], and of course the mighty glossaries<sup>10</sup> [Tal12]. So there is really no *need* for a new package.

On the other hand `acronym`, the best of the acronym specific packages, has one or two shortcomings and sometimes using glossaries seems a bit of an overkill (or simply inconvenient as one has to run `makeglossaries`, `makeindex` or `xindy`, then<sup>11</sup>). So **ACRO** stands somewhere in between (but closer to `acronym`).

The main reason for the existence of **ACRO** is a question on {TeX}.SE<sup>12</sup> which intrigued me and in consequence led to **ACRO** and it’s option `single`.

**ACRO** has many similarities with the `acronym` package. In fact, quite some macros have the same name and meaning.<sup>13</sup>

Please take a minute to think and decide which package will suit your needs best. Are you planning to add a glossary to your book? You should probably go with glossaries, then. Are you planning to add a nomenclature? You may want to choose `nomencl` and so on...

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<sup>1</sup> CTAN: `l3kernel`    <sup>2</sup> All three part of the `l3packages` bundle    <sup>3</sup> Part of the `exsheets` bundle.  
<sup>4</sup> CTAN: `acronym`    <sup>5</sup> CTAN: `acromake`    <sup>6</sup> CTAN: `acroterm`    <sup>7</sup> CTAN: `abbrevs`    <sup>8</sup> see <http://tex.stackexchange.com/q/59840/5049> for solutions.    <sup>9</sup> CTAN: `nomencl`    <sup>10</sup> CTAN: `glossaries`    <sup>11</sup> Rumour has it there is going to be a version that can be used without running an external program  
<sup>12</sup> <http://tex.stackexchange.com/q/59449/5049>    <sup>13</sup> Not in the sense of `\meaning`!



### 3. Updating from Version 0.\*

Version 1.0 introduces a major syntax change. In order to keep documents using a prior version compilable **ACRO** introduces the option `version = 0`. It provides the acronym defining commands with the old syntax and also all the additional commands like `\DeclareAcronymFormat` that have been dropped in version 1.0. Also the old syntax of `\printacronyms` is restored. Versions 0.\* also set labels when an acronym was used the first time, version 1.0 doesn't do that any more. `version = 0` sets them as expected.

Note that `version = 0` *does not and will not* support new features of any kind.

With version 1.0 acronyms are declared with a key/value syntax similar to the way in package glossaries glossary entries are defined. This was made for a good reason: in the beginning the old `\DeclareAcronym` already had lots of arguments that were hard to remember. Every new feature needed to introduce further commands so that in version 0.6 there have been *four* different commands already. All this isn't necessary any more and there is only one command with only two arguments.

## 4. Basics

### 4.1. Creating New Acronyms

Changed in  
version 1.0

Acronyms are created with the command `\DeclareAcronym` that can only be used in the preamble.

```
\DeclareAcronym{<id>}{<list of keys>}
```

This command understands a number of keys which are listed below. Some of them are not described immediately but at appropriate places in the documentation.

`short = <text>`

the short form of the acronym.

`long = <text>`

the long form of the acronym.

`short-plural = <text>`

the plural ending appended to the short form.

Default: s

`long-plural = <text>`

the plural ending appended to the long form.

Default: s

`long-plural-form = <text>`

plural long form of the acronym; replaces the long form when used instead of appending the plural ending.

`long-pre = <text>`

`<text>` is prepended to the long form in the text but not in the list of acronyms.

Introduced in  
version 1.1



Introduced in  
version 1.1

`long-post = <text>`  
`<text>` is appended to the long form in the text but not in the list of acronyms.

`alt = <text>`  
alternative short form.

`extra = <text>`  
extra information to be added in the list of acronyms.

`sort = <text>`  
if used the acronym will be sorted according to this key instead of its ID.

`class = <text>`  
the class the acronym belongs to.

`cite = [<prenote>][<postnote>]{citation keys}`  
a citation that is printed to the acronym according to an option explained later.

`short-format = <TeX code>`  
the format used for the short form of the acronym.

`long-format = <TeX code>`  
the format used for the long form of the acronym.

`pdfstring = <text>/<plural ending>`  
used as PDF string replacement in bookmarks when used together with the hyperref package.  
The appended plural ending is optional. If you leave it (*and* the /) the default ending is used.

`accsupp = <text>`  
sets the ActualText key as presented by the accsupp package for the acronym.

Introduced in  
version 1.1

`index-sort = <text>`  
If you use the package option `index` every occurrence of an acronym is recorded to the index and sorted by its ID or (if set) by the value of the `sort` key. This key allows to set an individual sorting option for the index. See section 5.4 for details.

Introduced in  
version 1.1

`index = <text>`  
This key allows to overwrite the automatic index entry with an arbitrary one. See section 5.4 for details.

Introduced in  
version 1.1

`index-cmd = <text>`  
This key let's you set an individual index creating command for this acronym. It should be a command that takes one mandatory argument. See section 5.4 for details.

In its simplest form an acronym needs a short and a long form. Please note that both keys *must* be set and that the `short` key *must* always be the *first* key that is set.



```

1 % preamble:
2 \DeclareAcronym{test}{
3   short = ST ,
4   long  = Some Test
5 }

```

This creates the acronym “ST” with the ID “test” and the long form “Some Test.”

The `format` key allows you to choose a specific format for the short form of an acronym:

```

1 % preamble:
2 \DeclareAcronym{ot}{
3   short      = ot ,
4   long       = Other Test ,
5   short-format = \scshape
6 }

```

The short form now looks like this: OT.

The `cite` key needs a bit explaining. It expects arguments like the standard `\cite` command, i.e., two optional arguments setting the <prenote> and <postnote> and one mandatory argument setting the citation key.

```

1 % preamble:
2 \DeclareAcronym{ny}{
3   short      = NY ,
4   short-plural = ,
5   long       = New York ,
6   long-plural = ,
7   cite       = {NewYork}
8 }
9 % bib file for use with biber/biblatex:
10 @online{NewYork,
11   author = {Wikipedia},
12   title  = {New York City},
13   urldate = {2012-09-27},
14   url    = {http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City},
15   year   = {2012}
16 }

```

The first appearance now looks as follows<sup>14</sup>: New York (NY).

## 4.2. Using the Acronyms – the Commands

Acronyms are used with with one of the following commands:

<sup>14</sup> The appearance of the citation of course depends on the citation style you’re using.



`\ac*{<id>}`

basic command; the first output is different from subsequent ones.

`\Ac*{<id>}`

same as `\ac` but capitalizes the first letter of the long form.

`\acs*{<id>}`

short form; the actual acronym.

`\acl*{<id>}`

long form; the meaning of the acronym.

`\Acl*{<id>}`

same as `\acl` but capitalizes first letter.

`\aca*{<id>}`

alternative short form as specified in the `alt` key of `\DeclareAcronym`; if it hasn't been specified this is identical to `\acs`.

`\acf*{<id>}`

first form; output like the first time `\ac` is output.

`\Acf*{<id>}`

same as `\acf` but capitalizes first letter of the long form.

`\acp*{<id>}`

plural form of `\ac`;

`\Acp*{<id>}`

same as `\acp` but capitalizes first letter of the long form.

`\acsp*{<id>}`

plural form of `\acs`;

`\aclp*{<id>}`

plural form of `\acl`;

`\Aclp*{<id>}`

same as `\aclp` but capitalizes first letter.

`\acap*{<id>}`

plural form of `\aca`;

`\acfp*{<id>}`

plural form of `\acf`;

`\Acfp*{<id>}`

same as `\acfp` but capitalizes first letter of the long form.



If an acronym is used the first time with `\ac` its output is different from subsequent uses. To be clear on this: the first time! If the acronym has been used with *any* of the output commands before it is *not* the first time any more.

If you use the starred variant an acronym will not be marked as used. This proves useful if an acronym is typeset in a section title, for example, since then the appearance in the table of contents won't mark it as used.

<pre>1 % preamble: 2 % \DeclareAcronym{cd}{ 3 %   short      = cd , 4 %   long       = Compact Disc , 5 %   short-format = \scshape 6 % } 7 first time: \ac{cd} \\ 8 second time: \ac{cd} \\ 9 short: \acs{cd} \\ 10 alternative: \aca{cd} \\ 11 first again: \acf{cd} \\ 12 long: \acl{cd} \\ 13 short plural: \acsp{cd} \\ 14 long plural: \aclp{cd}</pre>	<p>first time: Compact Disc (cd) second time: cd short: CD alternative: CD first again: Compact Disc (cd) long: Compact Disc short plural: CDS long plural: Compact Discs</p>
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### 4.3. Plural Forms

If an acronym is defined in the standard way `ACRO` uses an 's' that's appended to both the short and the long form when one of the plural commands is used. However, that is not always the best solution. For one thing not all acronyms may have a plural form. Second, the plural form especially of the long forms may be formed differently. And third, other languages can have other plural endings.

For these reasons `\DeclareAcronym` can get the following keys:

`short-plural` = <text>

`long-plural` = <text>

`long-plural-form` = <text>

These keys are optional. If they're not used, the default setting is 's'. If you use `long-plural-form` the long form will be replaced by the specified plural form when necessary.

Suppose we define the following acronyms:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{cd}{
2   short      = cd ,
3   long       = Compact Disc ,
4   short-format = \scshape
5 }
6 \DeclareAcronym{ny}{
7   short      = NY ,
```



```

8   short-plural = ,
9   long         = New York ,
10  long-plural  =
11 }
12 \DeclareAcronym{sw}{
13   short        = SW ,
14   long         = Sammelwerk ,
15   long-plural  = e
16 }
17 \DeclareAcronym{mp}{
18   short        = MP ,
19   long         = Member of Parliament ,
20   long-plural-form = Members of Parliament
21 }

```

These acronyms now have the following plural appearances:

1	<code>\acsp{cd}</code> , <code>\aclp{cd}</code>	CDs, Compact Discs
2	<code>\acsp{ny}</code> , <code>\aclp{ny}</code>	NY, New York
3	<code>\acsp{sw}</code> , <code>\aclp{sw}</code>	SWs, Sammelwerke
4	<code>\acsp{mp}</code> , <code>\aclp{mp}</code>	MPs, Members of Parliament

#### 4.4. Alternative Short Forms

For some acronyms it might be useful to have alternative forms. For this `\DeclareAcronym` has another key:

`alt` = `<text>`

```

1 % preamble:
2 % \DeclareAcronym{jpg}{
3 %   short = JPEG ,
4 %   alt   = JPG ,
5 %   long  = Joint Photographic Experts Group
6 % }
7 default: \acs{jpg} \
8 alt.: \aca{jpg}

default: JPEG
alt.: JPG

```

The alternative form uses the same plural ending as the default short form and is formatted in the same way.

#### 4.5. Extra Information for the List Entry

Of course you can print a list of acronyms where their meaning is explained. Sometimes it can be useful to add additional information there. This is done with another key to `\DeclareAcronym`:



**extra** = <text>

These information will only be displayed in the list. See section 6 for the impact of the following example.

```
1 % preamble:
2 % \DeclareAcronym{nato}{
3 %   short      = nato ,
4 %   long       = North Atlantic Treaty Organization ,
5 %   extra      = \textit{deutsch}: Organisation des Nordatlantikvertrags
6 %   ,
7 %   short-format = \scshape
8 % }
9 The \ac{nato} is an intergovernmental military alliance based on the
10 North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4~April 1949. \ac{nato}
11 headquarters are in Brussels, Belgium, one of the 28 member states
12 across North America and Europe, the newest of which, Albania and
   Croatia, joined in April 2009.
```

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an intergovernmental military alliance based on the North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4 April 1949. NATO headquarters are in Brussels, Belgium, one of the 28 member states across North America and Europe, the newest of which, Albania and Croatia, joined in April 2009.

## 5. Additional Commands and Possibilities

### 5.1. Using Classes

The acronyms of **ACRO** can be divided into different classes. This doesn't change the output but allows different acronym lists, see section 6. For this **\DeclareAcronym** has an additional key:

**class** = <text>



```

1 % preamble:
2 % \DeclareAcronym{la}{
3 %   short      = LA ,
4 %   short-plural = ,
5 %   long       = Los Angeles ,
6 %   long-plural = ,
7 %   class      = city
8 % }
9 % \DeclareAcronym{ny}{
10 %   short      = NY ,
11 %   short-plural = ,
12 %   long       = New York ,
13 %   long-plural = ,
14 %   class      = city ,
15 %   cite       = NewYork
16 % }
17 \acl{la} (\acs{la}) \
18 \acl{ny} (\acs{ny})

Los Angeles (LA)
New York (NY)

```

This might be useful if you can and want to divide your acronyms into different types, technical and grammatical ones, say, that shall be listed in different lists.

## 5.2. Reset or Mark as Used

If you want for some reason to fool **ACRO** into thinking that an acronym is used for the first time you can call one of these commands:

Introduced in version 0.5 `\acreset{<comma separated list of ids>}`  
`\acresetall`

```

1 \acreset{ny}\ac{ny}

```

New York (NY)

Beware that both commands act *globally*! There are also commands that effectively do the opposite of `\acreset`, i.e., mark acronyms as used:

Introduced in version 0.5 `\acuse{<comma separated list of ids>}`  
 Introduced in version 0.6a `\acuseall`

## 5.3. \ac and Friends in PDF Bookmarks

Introduced in version 0.5 **ACRO**'s commands usually are not expandable which means they'd leave unallowed tokens in PDF bookmarks. `hyperref` offers `\texorpdfstring` to circumvent that issue manually but that isn't really a nice solution. What's the point of having macros to get output for you if you have to specify it manually after all?



That is why **ACRO** offers a preliminary solution for this. In a bookmark every `\ac` like command falls back to a simple text string typesetting what `\acs` would do (or `\acsp` for plural forms). These text strings both can be accessed manually and can be modified to an output reserved for PDF bookmarks.

`\acpdfstring{<id>}`

access the text string used in PDF bookmarks.

`\acpdfstringplural{<id>}`

access the plural form of the text string used in PDF bookmarks.

`pdfstring = <pdfstring>/<plural ending>`

Key for `\DeclareAcronym` to declare a custom text string for PDF bookmarks. The plural ending can be set optionally.

`accsupp = <text>`

Key for `\DeclareAcronym` to set the `ActualText` property of `\BeginAccSupp` (see `accsupp`'s documentation for details) to be used for an acronym. It only has an effect when the package option `accsupp` is used, too.

Introduced in  
version 1.0

For example the PDF acronym used in the title for this section is defined as follows:

```
1 \DeclareAcronym{pdf}
2 {
3   short      = pdf ,
4   long       = Portable Document Format ,
5   format     = \scshape ,
6   pdfstring  = PDF ,
7   accsupp    = PDF
8 }
```

This also demonstrates the `accsupp` key. For this to work you need to use the *package option* `accsupp`, too, which will load the package `accsupp`. Then the key `accsupp` will set the `ActualText` property of `\BeginAccSupp`. Please refer to `accsupp`'s documentation for details. To see its effect copy PDF and paste it into a text file. You should get uppercase letters instead of lowercase ones.

## 5.4. Adding Acronyms to the Index

**ACRO** has the package option `index`. If it is used an index entry will be recorded every time an *unstarred* acronym command is used. The index entry will be `<id>@<short>`, `<sort>@<short>` if the `sort` key has been set, `<index-sort>@<short>` if the `index-sort` has been set, or `<index>` if the key `index` has been set for the specific acronym. The short version appearing there are formatted according to the chosen format, of course.

This document demonstrates the feature. You can find every acronym that has been declared in the index. In order to allow flexibility the indexing command can be chosen both globally via

Introduced in  
version 1.1



package option and individually for every acronym. This would allow to add acronyms to a specific index if more than one index is used, for example with help of the `imakeidx`<sup>15</sup> package.

I'm not yet convinced this is a feature many people if anyone needs and if they do if it is flexible enough. If you have any thoughts on this I'd appreciate an email.

## 6. Printing the List

Changed in  
version 1.0

Printing the whole list of acronyms is easy: just place `\printacronyms` wherever you want the list to be.

`\printacronyms[<options>]`

The commands takes a few options, namely the following ones:

`include-classes` = <list of classes>

takes a comma-separated list of the classes of acronyms that should be in the list.

`exclude-classes` = <list of classes>

takes a comma-separated list of the classes of acronyms that should *not* be in the list.

`name` = <name of the list>

sets the name for the list.

`header` = <sectioning command without leading backslash>

Default: `section*`

sets the sectioning command for the header of the list.

```
1 \acsetup{extra-style=comma}
2 \printacronyms[exclude-classes=city]
3
4 \printacronyms[include-classes=city,name={City Acronyms}]
```

## Acronyms

**CD** Compact Disc

**ID** identification string

**JPEG** Joint Photographic Experts Group

**MP** Member of Parliament

**NATO** North Atlantic Treaty Organization, *deutsch*: Organisation des Nordatlantikvertrags

**PDF** Portable Document Format

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<sup>15</sup> CTAN: imakeidx



**SW** Sammelwerk

**ST** Some Test

## City Acronyms

**LA** Los Angeles

**NY** New York

You can see that the default layout is a description list with a `section*` title. Both can be changed, see section 7.

The command `\printacronyms` needs two  $\text{\LaTeX}$  runs. This is a precaution to avoid error messages with a possibly empty list. But since almost all documents need at least two runs and often are compiled much more often than that, this fact shouldn't cause too much inconvenience.

## 7. Options and Customization

### 7.1. General Options

There are a few options which change the general behaviour of **ACRO**. Underlined values are used if no value is given.

`version = 0|1` Default: 1

Provide backwards compatibility for documents set with **ACRO** in a version prior to v1.0.

`single = true|false` Default: false

If set to `true` an acronym that's used only once (with `\ac`) in a document will only print the long form and will not be printed in the list.

`hyperref = true|false` Default: false

If set to `true` the short forms of the acronyms will be linked to their list entry.

`record-pages = true|false` Default: true

Since **ACRO** can handle arabic, roman and Roman page numbers but *not* any other kind of numbering this option enables to turn the page number recording of for these cases as it would lead to errors else. This affects the whole document and can only be set in the preamble! It means you cannot have page numbers in the list of acronyms in this case.

`only-used = true|false` Default: true

This option is `true` as default. It means that only acronyms that are actually used in the document are printed in the list. If `false`, all acronyms defined with `\DeclareAcronym` will be written to the list.



`macros = true|false` Default: false  
If set to true this option will create a macro `\<id>` for each acronym as a shortcut for `\ac{<id>}`. Already existing macros will *not* be overwritten.

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version 0.6

`xspace = true|false` Default: false  
If set to true this option will append `\xspace` from the `xspace`<sup>16</sup> package to the commands created with the `macros` option.

`strict = true|false` Default: false  
If set to true and the option `macros = true` is in effect then already existing macros will be overwritten.

`sort = true|false` Default: true  
If set to true the acronym list will be sorted automatically. The entries are sorted by their ID ignoring upper and lower case. This option needs the experimental package `l3sort` (from the `l3experimental`<sup>17</sup> bundle) and can only be set in the preamble.

`cite = all|first|none` Default: first  
This option decides whether citations that are added via `\DeclareAcronymCitation` are added to each first, every or no appearance of an acronym.

`cite-cmd = <cmd>` Default: `\cite`  
This option determines which command is used for the citation. Each citation command that takes the cite key as argument is valid, for example `biblatex`'s<sup>18</sup> `\footcite`.

`cite-space = <code>` Default: `\nobreakspace`  
Depending on the citation command in use a space should be inserted before the citation or maybe not (e.g. `\footcite...`). This option allows you to set this. Actually it can be used to place arbitrary code right before the citation.

Introduced in  
version 1.1

`index = true|false` Default: false  
If set to true an index entry will be recorded every time an *unstarred* acronym command is used for the corresponding acronym.

Introduced in  
version 1.1

`index-cmd = <cmd>` Default: `\index`  
Chooses the index command that is used when option `index` has been set to true.

Introduced in  
version 1.0

`accsupp = true|false` Default: false  
Activates the access support as provided by the `accsupp` package.

`uc-cmd = <cmd>` Default: `\acro_first_upper_case:n`  
The command that is used to capitalize the first word in the `\Ac` and the like commands. You can change it to another one like for example `\makefirstuc`<sup>19</sup> or `\MakeTextUppercase`.<sup>20</sup>

All options of this and the following sections can be set up either as package options or via the `setup` command:

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<sup>16</sup> CTAN: `xspace`   <sup>17</sup> CTAN: `l3experimental`   <sup>18</sup> CTAN: `biblatex`   <sup>19</sup> from the `mfirstuc` package   <sup>20</sup> from the `textcase` package



`\acsetup{<options>}`

set up **ACRO** anywhere in the document. Or separate package loading from setup.

```
1 % with \acsetup{macros}
2 we could have used these before: \nato, \ny

we could have used these before: NATO, NY
```

## 7.2. Options Regarding Acronyms

The options described in this section all influence the layout of one of the possible output forms of the acronyms.

**short-format** = <format> (initially empty)

Sets a format for all short forms. For example **short-format** = `\scshape` would print all short forms in small caps.

**long-format** = <format> (initially empty)

The same for the long forms.

**list-short-format** = <format> (initially empty)

Introduced in  
version 1.1

An extra format for the short entries in the list. If not used this is the same as **short-format**. Please be aware that a call of **short-format** after this one will overwrite it again.

**list-long-format** = <format> (initially empty)

An extra format for the long entries in the list. If not used this is the same as **long-format**. Please be aware that a call of **long-format** after this one will overwrite it again.

**extra-format** = <format> (initially empty)

The same for the extra information.

**first-style** = default|plain|empty|square|short|reversed|plain-reversed|  
footnote|sidenote Default: default

Changed in  
version 1.1

The basic style of the first appearance of an acronym. The value `sidenote` needs the command `\sidenote` to be defined for example by the `sidenotes`<sup>21</sup> package.

**extra-style** = default|plain|comma|paren|bracket Default: default

Defines the way the extra information is printed in the list.

**plural-ending** = <tokenlist> Default: s

With this option the default plural ending can be set.

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<sup>21</sup> CTAN: sidenotes



```

1 % (Keep in mind that we're in
2 % a minipage here!)
3 \acsetup{first-style=empty}
4 \acf{ny} \\\
5 \acsetup{first-style=footnote}
6 \acf{ny} \\\
7 \acsetup{first-style=square}
8 \acf{ny} \\\
9 \acsetup{first-style=short}
10 \acf{ny} \\\
11 \acsetup{first-style=reversed}
12 \acf{ny} \\\
13 \acsetup{first-style=plain}
14 \acf{ny} \\\
15 \acsetup{first-style=plain-reversed}
16 \acf{ny}

```

NY  
 NY <sup>a</sup>  
 New York [NY]  
 NY  
 NY (New York)  
 New York – NY  
 NY – New York  


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<sup>a</sup> New York [Wik12b]

### 7.3. Options Regarding the List

**page-ref** = none|plain|comma|paren Default: none

If this option is set to a value other than none the page numbers of the an acronym appeared on are printed in the list. Please note that this is an experimental feature and might fail in quite a number of cases. If you notice anything please send me an email!

**page-name** = <page name> Default: p.\@,\,

The “name” of the page label. This is automatically translated to the active language. However for the time being there are many translations missing, yet. Please notify me if you find your language missing.

**pages-name** = <page name plural> Default: pp.\@,\,

Introduced in  
version 1.0

The “name” of the page label when there are more than one page. This is automatically translated to the active language. However for the time being there are many translations missing, yet. Please notify me if you find your language missing.

**page-ranges** = true|false Default: true

Introduced in  
version 1.0

If set to false ranges will be set by appending f or ff, respectively.

**next-page** = <text> Default: \, f.\@

Introduced in  
version 1.0

Appended to a page number when **page-ranges** is set to false and the range is only 2 pages long. This is automatically translated to the active language. However, for the time being there are many translations missing, yet. Please notify me if you find your language missing.

**next-pages** = <text> Default: \, ff.\@

Introduced in  
version 1.0

Appended to a page number when **page-ranges** is set to false and the range is more than 2 pages long. This is automatically translated to the active language. However, for the time being there are many translations missing, yet. Please notify me if you find your language missing.



**list-type** = table|<list> Default: description

This option let's you choose how the list is printed. <list> can be any valid list like itemize or description.

**list-style** = list|tabular|longtable|extra-tabular|extra-longtable|extra-tabular-rev|extra-longtable-rev Default: list

If you choose **list-type** = table you have to specify which kind of table should be used. If you choose longtable, extra-longtable or extra-longtable-rev you have to load longtable<sup>22</sup> in your preamble. The values extra-longtable and extra-longtable-rev put the extra information in a column of its own.

**list-header** = chapter|chapter\*|section|section\*|subsection|subsection\*|addchap|addsec Default: section\*

The header type of the list. The last two only work with a KOMA-Script class that also defines the appropriate command.

**list-name** = <list name> Default: Acronyms

The name of the list. This is what's written in the list-header. This is automatically translated to the active language. However, for the time being there are many translations missing, yet. Please notify me if you find your language missing.

**list-table-width** Default: .7\linewidth

This has only an effect if you chose **list-type** = table. The second column (or the third if you choose one of the -rev styles) of the table is a p column whose width can be specified with this option.

**list-caps** = true|false Default: false

Print the first letters of the long form capitalized.

If you for example have loaded enumitem<sup>23</sup> you can define a custom list for the acronym list:

```
1 % preamble:
2 % \usepackage{enumitem}
3 \newlist{acronyms}{description}{1}
4 \newcommand*\addcolon[1]{#1:}
5 \setlist[acronyms]{labelwidth=3em, leftmargin=3.5em, noitemsep,
6   itemindent=0pt, font=\addcolon}
7 \acsetup{list-type=acronyms, hyperref=false, extra-style=comma}
8 \printacronyms
```

## City Acronyms

**cd:** Compact Disc

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<sup>22</sup> CTAN: longtable    <sup>23</sup> CTAN: enumitem



<b>ID:</b>	identification string
<b>JPEG:</b>	Joint Photographic Experts Group
<b>LA:</b>	Los Angeles
<b>MP:</b>	Member of Parliament
<b>NATO:</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organization, <i>deutsch</i> : Organisation des Nordatlantikvertrags
<b>NY:</b>	New York
<b>PDF:</b>	Portable Document Format
<b>SW:</b>	Sammelwerk
<b>ST:</b>	Some Test

## 8. About Page Ranges

If you enable the `page-ref` option **ACRO** adds page numbers to the list of acronyms. In version 0.\* it would add a page reference for an acronym in the list of acronyms that used `\pageref` to refer to the first appearance of an acronym. This is retained using `version = 0`. Version 1.0 uses a different approach that doesn't use a label but instead will list *all* pages an acronym appeared on. With `hyperref` the pages are referenced using `\hyperpage`.

There are some options that control how this list will be typeset, e.g., `page-ranges`, `next-pages` or the option `page-ref` itself. It is important to mention that the page list will always take two compilation runs until changes in the options or the actual page numbers affect it. This is due to the fact that the updated sequence is first written to the aux file and only read in during the next run.

There is another important fact: **ACRO** can only handle arabic and lowercase and uppercase roman page numbering. If you happen to choose a different numbering style you either have to use the package option `record-pages = false` which means you will have to pass on page numbers in the list of acronyms, or you need to make sure that you only use the *starred* versions of the `\ac` commands on these pages so acronyms don't count as used there!

## 9. hyperref Support

The option `hyperref = true` adds internal links from all short (or alternative) forms to their respective list entries. Of course this only works if you have loaded the `hyperref` package in your preamble. You should use this option with care: if you don't use `\printacronyms` anywhere this option will result in loads of `hyperref` warnings. Also printing several lists can result in warnings if don't clearly separate the lists into different classes. If an acronym appears in more than one list there will also be more than one `hypertarget` for this acronym.

Using `hyperref` will also add `\hyperpage` to the page numbers in the list (provided they are displayed in the style chosen). Like with an index the references will thus not point to the acronyms directly but to the page they're on.



## A. Commands provided in version 0.\*

Prior to version 1.0 the following commands were available. They are still provided if you set the option `version = 0`. They will be mentioned here shortly but they won't be explained any more. If you'd like a more thorough description ask me for the documentation to version 0.6a.

```
\DeclareAcronym*{<id>}{<short>,<pl>}[<alt.>]{<long>,<pl>}{<extra>}[<class>]
% can be used only in preamble
```

```
\DeclareAcronymFormat{<id>}{<format>} % can be used only in preamble
```

```
\DeclareAcronymCitation{<id>}[<pre>][<post>]{<cite keys>}
% can be used only in preamble
```

```
\DeclareAcronymPDFString{<id>}{<pdf entry>,<plural ending>}
% can be used only in preamble
```

## B. All Acronyms Used in this Documentation

```
1 \acsetup{
2   list-type   = table,
3   list-style  = longtable,
4   list-header = subsection*,
5   extra-style = comma,
6   page-ref    = comma
7 }
8 \printacronyms[name=All Acronyms]
```

### All Acronyms

CD	Compact Disc, pp. 7, 8
ID	identification string, pp. 4, 5, 14
JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group, p. 8
LA	Los Angeles, p. 9
MP	Member of Parliament, p. 8
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization, <i>deutsch</i> : Organisation des Nordatlantikvertrags, pp. 9, 15
NY	New York, pp. 5, 8–10, 15
PDF	Portable Document Format, pp. 4, 10, 11
SW	Sammelwerk, p. 8
ST	Some Test, p. 5



```

1 \acsetup{
2   list-type   = table,
3   list-style  = longtable,
4   list-header = subsection*,
5   page-ref    = comma
6 }
7 \printacronyms[include-classes=city,name=City Acronyms]

```

## City Acronyms

LA Los Angeles, p. 9  
 NY New York, pp. 5, 8–10, 15

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