The **show2e** package

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Important note for French readers: the file `show2e-fr.pdf` contains the same documenation in French.

1   Introduction

This small package aims at making debugging (esp. in an interactive way) easier, by providing \show variants suited to LaTeX 2$_\varepsilon$'s commands (with optional arguments or robust) and environments.

2   Usage

\showcmd   The \showcmd command displays a command like TeX's \show, but with a little bonus: it also checks if the macros takes an optional argument (like some commands defined with \newcommand do), or was made robust by using \DeclareRobustCommand or fixltx2e's \MakeRobust. Such commands use other(s) internal command(s), which \showcmd will also display for you.

\showcs   The \showcs command does the same thing as \showcmd, but takes the com-
\showenv   mand's *name* as its argument: \showcmd\truc is equivalent to \showcs{truc}. Finally, the \showenv command does the same for environments.

The previous commands will only work on simple commands defined with standard LaTeX 2$_\varepsilon$ commands (or, by the way, with xargs): they do not try to guess such things as a direct use of \@ifnextchar, or even \@ifstar (at the moment).

3   Implementation

\showcmd   The \showcmd macro just checks to beginning of the meaning of is argument, in order to decide if there are any internal macro to show too. It also sets a default value for \escapechar for sake of readability.

```
1 \newcommand* \showcmd [1] {%
2   \begingroup \escapechar92
3   \show#1%
4   \showe@if@meaning@prefix@NnT #1 {\x@protect}
5     {\showe@show@space@macro@N #1}%
6   \showe@if@meaning@prefix@NnT #1 {\protect}
7     {\showe@show@space@macro@N #1}%
```

```
8    \showe@if@meaning@prefix@NoT #1 {\string\@protected@testopt}
9      {\showe@show@backslash@macro@N #1}%
10   \endgroup}
```

\showcs The two variants are only wrappers for \showcmd.
\showenv
```
11 \newcommand* \showcs [1] {%
12   \expandafter \showcmd \csname#1\endcsname}
```

```
13 \newcommand* \showenv [1] {%
14   \showcs{#1}%
15   \expandafter \show\csname end#1\endcsname}
```

\showe@show@backslash@macro@N Macros for showing the internal macros found, either with \show or with \showcmd.
\showe@show@space@macro@N
```
16 \newcommand* \showe@show@backslash@macro@N [1] {%
17   \expandafter \show \csname\string#1\endcsname}
```

```
18 \newcommand* \showe@show@space@macro@N [1] {%
19   \begingroup \escapechar\m@ne \expandafter\endgroup
20   \expandafter \showcmd \csname\string#1 \endcsname}
```

\showe@if@meaning@prefix@NnT Check if the second argument is a prefix for the meaning of the first. Variant
\showe@if@meaning@prefix@NoT expanding the second argument once before (named in l3 style).
```
21 \newcommand* \showe@if@meaning@prefix@NnT [2] {%
22   \def \@tempa {#2}%
23   \showe@if@prefix@ooT {\meaning #1} {\meaning \@tempa}}
```

```
24 \newcommand* \showe@if@meaning@prefix@NoT [2] {%
25   \expandafter \showe@if@meaning@prefix@NnT
26   \expandafter #1%
27   \expandafter {#2}}
```

\showe@if@prefix@nnT Check if string 2 is a prefix of string 1. Variant expanding the two arguments once
\showe@if@prefix@ooT before checking.
```
28 \newcommand* \showe@if@prefix@nnT [2] {%
29   \def \@tempa ##1#2##2\@nil {%
30     \ifx\empty##2\empty
31       \expandafter\@gobble
32     \else
33       \expandafter\@firstofone
34     \fi}%
35   \@tempa#1#2\@nil}
```

```
36 \newcommand* \showe@if@prefix@ooT [2] {%
37   \edef \@tempa {{#1}{#2}}%
38   \expandafter \showe@if@prefix@nnT\@tempa}
```

That's all folks!
Happy TeXing!