

# The magaz package\*

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This version is just a single tool from a larger body of tools I might try to implement if I ever have the spare time. I'm writing this part now [1999] in response to a request on `comp.text.tex`.

- Yes Special formatting for first line of text in a paragraph
- No Special formatting for for first  $n$  lines (allow each different)
- No Also for first character (drop caps) (working together)
- No “Continued on”/“continued from” markers
- No wrapfig spanning columns
- No wrapfig placed at fixed location on page
- NO! Piecing together fragments of gallies to fit page

## Instructions:

The “`\FirstLine`” command takes one argument: Some text.

The first line of this text will be formatted according to “`\FirstLineFont`”; but if the text occupies less than a line, all that text (and no more) will be affected by “`\FirstLineFont`”. The argument should be ordinary text, not lists and displayed equations. Such things will give you a ‘Bad text’ error.

This command is intended to be used in a replacement for a normal sectioning command in a document class; “`\paragraph`” would be appropriate. In particular, this “`\paragraph`” (or whatever) should insert vertical space and penalties etc., and probably “`\noindent`” at the start of the argument. The document class should also define “`\FirstLineFont`” appropriately as either a switch or a text-command; as in “`\renewcommand\FirstLineFont{\MakeUppercase}`”. The default definition is “`\providecommand\FirstLineFont{\scshape}`”.

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