

The `isonums` package*

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Adapted to handle English formatted numbers:

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This package provides the macros

`\ZifferAn` (equivalent with `\ZifferPunktAn \ZifferStrichAn`)
`\ZifferAus` (equivalent with `\ZifferPunktAus\ZifferStrichAus`)
`\ZifferPunktAn`
`\ZifferPunktAus`
`\ZifferStrichAn`
`\ZifferStrichAus`

If `\ZifferAn` was used, then in numbers in math-mode the following happens:

‘.’ is used as a ‘one-thousand separator’ as common in Germany
‘,’ is used as a decimal separator as common in Germany
‘--’ generates a -- with better spacing (e. g. in 1.000,--)

You may still use the symbols ‘.’ ‘,’ and ‘-’ in other context in math mode.

The first two conversions are switched on by default, the last conversion has to be switched on explicitly (this has been changed in v2.1): You may switch on/off the conversions with

`\ZifferPunktAn/\ZifferPunktAus` (for the first two conversions)
respectively
`\ZifferStrichAn/\ZifferStrichAus` (for the last conversion).

*This manual corresponds to `isonums` v1.0, dated 2007/12/31, based on `ziffer` v2.2.

The reason why the last conversion is not on by default (and why it might be necessary to [temporarily] switch off a conversion) is that certain packages (in particular, newer versions of `amsmath`) cause problems with it.

There were some discussions which should be the correct output of the above conversions (in particular, of ‘--’). If you do not like my choice: You may customize (i. e. redefine) the macros `\ZifferLeer` and `\ZifferStrich` after loading the package to produce the ‘one-thousand separator’ respectively the ‘--’.

All above command-names are in German, because I had expected that this package is only needed for German texts. Meanwhile, I learned that also other countries use this strange convention for numbers. However, for downward compatibility, I decided to keep the name conventions anyway (after all, the name of the package is in German anyway).

The extension options (`euro`, `anglo`) define the input format, so that all numbers in math mode are displayed in ISO-31-0 format, regardless of input format. The commands `\EuroZiffer` and `\AngloZiffer` make local changes within the document body. I wrote these extensions as I use the decimal point consistently and I found convenient to make conversions to all numbers simply by adjusting a command line in the whole document.— Luis.