

SEATING CHARTS

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`baselineskip` and `lineskip` are set and a simple output format defined. Pat MacVicar-Whelan has the longest name and therefore controls the size of the large desks. Notice that I should have used the -- ligature.

The recurring theme through most of the macro definitions is the box from Exercise 21.3 of the TeX manual. I am not proud of the brute force approach but hopefully I will feel compelled to redeem myself by further contributions to TUGboat which will show I have progressed.

`desk` is a basic desk with a name in it. `deskcom` is the box for the com-line number. Negative glue is used to overlay into the large desk area on both sides. `odeskcom` is for the two guys who do not have to share their phones. Here the box is not balanced between two desks but set fully into the single desk. `ndeskcom` and `sdeskcom` reflect that the view is north looking, hence there are north and south desks. These two macros build the section between two desks, with the com-line box to the front of the desk whether north facing or south facing. `name` provides a box with hrules and a centered name.

`ndeskpair` and `sdeskpair` then make north facing and south facing pairs and `ndeskrow` and `sdeskrow` make rows of four desks. `vdesk` and `hdesk` are vestigial. `vpdesk` and `hpdesk` are the vertical and horizontal versions of desks with phones for the lower area. `handesk` is the horizontal desk which is annotated with the telephone number that gets answered as "manager's name's office" instead of "Guidance and Navigation Technology".

`hwall` and `vwall` do only the horizontal lines for horizontal and vertical wall sections. `firstoffice` and `secondoffice` do the offices for the two first level supervisors and the second level supervisor.

`firstoffice` `haligns` the top wall (with the door opening), the office interior and the bottom wall.

The interior has the inside vertical walls around a left justified vbox. In the vbox are the annotated desk, the phone desk and the supervisor's name centered in a funny way. `secondoffice` is much the same except that a `valign` is used to position the desks differently.

Now the engineers' desks are put together straightforwardly with only a little fooling around to give Burlison and Kolve their phones and put Kolve's desk where it belongs without a visible `ndeskrow` to his left. The `varunit` is changed to scale the office layouts to fit on the same page. These were done separately first with the units used representing measurements taken from a blueprint. The `save9` is used to force evaluation of the nested alignments in the office area to allow the title to be aligned with the offices without exceeding nesting depth restrictions. `halign` and `valign` are used to put the secretaries' names by their desks.

This chart has proven much more useful than simple typewritten lists of com-line assignments and separate simple seating layouts. The secretaries also appreciate not having to type up new lists every couple weeks as personnel changes are made. One complaint I have received about the chart has been from a "south facer" who thinks that the north facing chart discriminates unfairly against his class. As a "north facer" myself I find it hard to sympathize.

Editor's note: A few minor changes were made in order to set this chart for TUGboat: two fonts were given new letter codes because of conflicts with codes already assigned to preloaded fonts, and `cmr18` (the largest font currently available on the Math Society's Alphatype) was substituted for `cmr22`; it was also necessary to substitute "`\&\l`" for the ordinary `&`, since that character is by convention used as an alignment tab (see the errata list, page 21, regarding changes for TeX82). It should also be obvious that the chart was prepared separately and stripped in broadside: rotated fonts do not yet exist for the Alphatype.

Getch	23	Rush	24	Cunningham
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M. Nielsen	21	Keith	22	Uitich
Koser	21	Harvey	22	Berman

Berison	23	Terminal	Terminal	Terminal
Kelvo	20			

Madine

Sharon

3-2045	3-2215	2-2810
33	7	8
L. B. Keese	W. F. Havens	A. J. Witmeer

Linder	22	Maldahl	24	Drake
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Melnar	23	Kee	26	Yarbrough
Wiemer	23	Kennarick	28	Slack

Savel	26	Nogoo	27	MacVicar-Whelan
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\input basic
\font b=cmr9
\font e=cmr8           % \font c=cmr6
\font G=cmr18          % \font s=cmr22
\curfont f
\baselineskip Opt \lineskip Opt
\output{\hbox to 8in{\hfill\page\hfill}}

\save0\hbox{MacVicar-Whelan}\varunit.024wd0

\null\vskip .15 in

\def\desk#1{\vbox{\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 22vu{
\hrule\vfill\hbox to 43.2vu{\hfill#1\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\vrule\hskip1pt}
\vskip1pt}}

\def\deskcom#1{\vbox{
\hbox to 1.8pt{\hss\vrule\vbox to 5.5vu{\hrule\vfill
\hbox to 8vu{\hfill{\curfont f #1}\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\vrule\hss}}}

\def\odeskcom#1{\vbox{
\hbox to Opt{\hss\vrule\vbox to 5.5vu{\hrule\vfill
\hbox to 8vu{\hfill{\curfont f #1}\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\vrule\hskip2pt}}}

\def\ndeskcom#1{\vbox{\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 14.5vu{\vfill}\hskip1pt\vrule}
\deskcom{#1}\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 2vu{\vfill}\hskip1pt\vrule}}}

\def\sdeskcom#1{\vbox{\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 2vu{\vfill}\hskip1pt\vrule}
\deskcom{#1}\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 14.5vu{\vfill}\hskip1pt\vrule}}}

\def\name#1{\vbox to 22vu{
\hrule\vfill\hbox to 43.2vu{\hfill#1\hfill}\vfill\hrule}}

\def\ndeskpair#1#2#3{\vbox{\hbox{\vrule\!
\name{#1}\ndeskcom{#2}\name{#3}\vrule\hskip1pt}\vskip1pt}}

\def\sdeskpair#1#2#3{\vbox{\hbox{\vrule\!
\name{#1}\sdeskcom{#2}\name{#3}\vrule\hskip1pt}\vskip1pt}}

\def\ndeskrow#1#2#3#4#5#6{\hbox{\ndeskpair{#1}{#2}{#3}\ndeskpair{#4}{#5}{#6}}}

\def\sdeskrow#1#2#3#4#5#6{\hbox{\sdeskpair{#1}{#2}{#3}\sdeskpair{#4}{#5}{#6}}}
\def\vdesk{\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 19vu{
\hrule\vfill\hbox to 9vu{\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\vrule}}

\def\hdesk{\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 9vu{
\hrule\vfill\hbox to 19vu{\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\vrule}}

\def\vpdesk#1{\hbox{\valign{#}\cr
\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 19vu{\hrule\vfill\hbox to 9vu{\hfill}
\vfill\hrule}\vrule}\cr
\vfill\hbox to Opt{\hss\vrule\vbox to 3.6667vu{
\hrule\vfill\hbox to 5.3333vu{\hfill{\curfont f #1}\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\!
\vrule\hskip.7vu}\vskip1vu\cr}}}

\def\hpdesk#1{\hbox{\valign{#}\cr
\hbox{\vrule\vbox to 9vu{\hrule\vfill\hbox to 19vu{\hfill}
\vfill\hrule}\vrule}\cr
\vfill\hbox to Opt{\hss\vrule\vbox to 3.6667vu{
\hrule\vfill\hbox to 5.3333vu{\hfill{\curfont f #1}\hfill}\vfill\hrule}\!
\vrule\hskip.7vu}\vskip1vu\cr}}}

\def\handesk#1{\hbox{\vbox{\vbox to Opt{\vskipOpt minus 1000cm

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