# Sample Document Illustrating the mfirstuc Package

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# 2 Title Case (No Formatting Commands)

\capitalisewords{the wind in the willows} The Wind in the Willows \capitalisewords{a small book of rhyme.} A Small Book of Rhyme.

 $\verb|\space| isn't considered a word boundary for \verb|\capitalisewords| as shown below:$ 

```
\capitalisewords{a small\space book of rhyme.}
```

A Small book of Rhyme.

No expansion is performed on the argument of \capitalisewords:

\newcommand{\mytitle}{a small book of rhyme.}

\capitalisewords{\mytitle} a small book of rhyme.

\xcapitalisewords{\mytitle} A Small Book of Rhyme.

Formatting for the entire phrase must go outside \capitalisewords (unlike \makefirstuc). Compare:

\capitalisewords{\textbf{a small book of rhyme.}}

#### A small book of rhyme.

\textbf{\capitalisewords{a small book of rhyme.}}

#### A Small Book of Rhyme.

Use \capitalisefmtwords instead. The starred form is limited to one text-block command at the start of the argument.

```
\capitalisefmtwords*{\emph{a small book of rhyme}}
```

A Small Book of Rhyme

Additional text-block commands can cause unexpected results.

\capitalisefmtwords\*{\emph{a small} book \textbf{of rhyme}}

A Small Book Of rhyme

## 3 Title Case (Contains Text-Block Formatting Commands)

The unstarred form of \capitalisefmtwords is still a bit experimental and is only designed for phrases that contain text-block commands with a single argument, which should be a word or sub-phrase.

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\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a small book of rhyme}}. A Small Book of Rhyme. \capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a small book} of rhyme}. A Small Book of Rhyme.
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 $\verb|\capitalisefmtwords{a \textbf{small book} of rhyme}|. A $\mathbf{Small Book} of Rhyme.$ 

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a} small book of rhyme}. A Small Book of Rhyme.

\capitalisefmtwords{a small book \textbf{of rhyme}}. A Small Book of Rhyme.

Be careful of trailing spaces at the end a group. They can confuse things.

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a small }book of rhyme}. A Small book of Rhyme.

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a small book } of rhyme}. A Small Book of Rhyme.

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a small book of }rhyme}. A Small Book of rhyme.

Use semantic commands for things like quotations:

```
\newcommand*{\qt}[1]{''#1''}
\capitalisefmtwords{\qt{a small book of rhyme.}}
```

"A Small Book of Rhyme."

(But make them robust if you intend using commands like \ecapitalisefmtwords.) Similarly for other types of punctuation:

\newcommand\*{\esq}[1]{'?#1?}

\capitalisefmtwords{\esq{D\'onde est\'a libro}}

¿Dónde Está Libro?

Anything more complicated than a simple one-argument text-block command requires the starred version.

 $\mbox{newcommand}*{\swap}[2]{{#2}{#1}}$ 

\capitalisefmtwords\*{\textbf{an \swap{un}{usually} small book of} rhyme}.

An usuallyUn Small Book of Rhyme.

Nested text-block commands:

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a \emph{small book} of} rhyme}.

A Small Book of Rhyme.

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a \emph{small book}} of rhyme}.

A Small Book of Rhyme.

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{\emph{a small} book of} rhyme}.

A Small Book of Rhyme.

An empty brace at the start of a word will suppress the case-changing.

\capitalisefmtwords{\textbf{a small {}book of} rhyme}.

A Small book of Rhyme.

Suppress case-changing for problematic commands by inserting an empty group in front:

\capitalisefmtwords{{}\textcolor{red}{a} small book of
{}\textcolor{red}{rhyme}}.

a Small Book of rhyme.

If possible provide semantic command instead.

\newcommand\*{\alert}[1]{\textcolor{red}{#1}}

 $\verb|\capitalisefmtwords{\alert{a} small book of \alert{rhyme}}|.$ 

A Small Book of Rhyme.

No formatting commands in the following example:

\capitalisefmtwords{a small book of rhyme}. A Small Book of Rhyme.

Avoid scoped declarations. The next example doesn't work.

\capitalisefmtwords{{\bfseries a \emph{small book} of} rhyme.}

A Small book of Rhyme.

If a command isn't followed by a grouped argument, the case-change is applied to the command (on the assumption that it's a character command, such as \ae). This can have an odd effect if case-changing has no meaning for that command. As illustrated next:

\capitalisefmtwords{\relax a book of rhyme.} A Book of Rhyme.

## 4 Compound Words

Use  $\MFU$  upphentrue to title case each part of a compound word. Default:

\capitalisewords{a fast-paced book of rhyme}.
\capitalisefmtwords{a \textbf{fast-paced} book of rhyme}.

A Fast-paced Book of Rhyme. A Fast-paced Book of Rhyme. Compare with

\MFUhyphentrue

\capitalisewords{a fast-paced book of rhyme}.
\capitalisefmtwords{a \textbf{fast-paced} book of rhyme}.

A Fast-Paced Book of Rhyme. A Fast-Paced Book of Rhyme.