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**In memoriam: Jean-Pierre Drucbert  
(1947–2009)**

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**Jean-Pierre Drucbert**

GUTenberg, the French  $\text{\TeX}$  user group, has learned with great sadness that Jean-Pierre F. Drucbert passed away on January 25, 2009. Jean-Pierre wrote several notable  $\text{\LaTeX}$  packages, including `minitoc` and `xr`; a complete list can be found at <http://www.ctan.org/author/drucbert>.

We asked colleagues of Jean-Pierre about his wishes concerning his packages, but they don't know. Their license (LPPL) allows anybody of good will to undertake their development.

Born in Lille, France, in 1947, Jean-Pierre Drucbert earned a degree in 1970 in engineering at the *École Nationale Supérieure de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace* (National School of Aeronautics and Space).

After majoring in computer science, he joined the Centre d'Études et de Recherches de Toulouse" (now ONERA) as a systems engineer, mainly in the field of IT applied to scientific computing. Jean-Pierre set up and administered several generations of computers (including an CII-Iris 80 and Cray XMP), particularly for scheduled computational jobs. Moreover, he provided IT support to hundreds of users, mostly scientists, especially in the field of parallel computing.

Meanwhile, fascinated by the sciences of language and typography, Jean-Pierre showed an early interest in  $\text{\TeX}$  and  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . He compiled and installed them on several different systems, from Multics to GNU/Linux through various proprietary Unix systems. He offered to ONERA users a very complete  $\text{\LaTeX}$  manual, including French translation of many packages' documentation. He contributed for more than twenty years to the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  community by developing packages.

He will be missed.