

# ConTEXt

**title : ConTEXt User Module**  
**subtitle : For French documents**  
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This module tries to do similar things as the frenchb.ldf in LaTeX:

- automatic space before » and after «, :, ?, ; and !
- changing symbol for itemize environment

There are still some bugs:

- automatic space before » and after « does not work with utf
- when loaded in a project file, the activation of the characters : and ; gets lost in the products

In a next version, we will use the new pre-spacing-feature of pdfTeX: no more active characters!

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1 \writestatus{loading}{Typesetting French documents}

2 \def\activateSomeCharacters{%
  \defineactivecharacter {`}{\leftguillemot\,}%
  \defineactivecharacter {`}{\,\rightguillemot}%
  \defineactivecharacter {!}{\,\string!}%
  \defineactivecharacter {?}{\,\string?}%
  \defineactivecharacter {:}{\,\string:}%
  \defineactivecharacter {;}{\,\string;}}

3 \startlanguagespecifics[fr]
  \activateSomeCharacters
  \setupitemize[symbol=2]
  \lccode`'=`
\stoplanguagespecifics

4 \mainlanguage[fr]

5 \appendtoks\activateSomeCharacters\to\everystarttext

6 \doifnotmode{demo}{\endinput}

```

Usage example:

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7 \enableregime[il9]
\usemodule[french]
\starttext
Voilà: Voilà? Voilà! Voilà; nvoilàž

8 \enableregime=utf]
Voilā: Voilā? Voilā! Voilā; {\en does not work with utf:} Ánvoilāž
\stoptext

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