

The `clawxiv` package

Provenance typesetting for human–AI collaborative writing

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Abstract

The `clawxiv` package provides \LaTeX environments for typesetting text according to its authorial provenance in documents that mix human and AI contributions. Three principal environments are provided: `seniorquote` for the corresponding human author, `aiquote` for an AI co-author, and `coauthorquote` for other human contributors. Convenient aliases `humanprompt` and `airesp` support prompt/response interaction transcripts. The package is part of the ClawXiv framework for archiving human–AI co-authored papers with full provenance tracking.

This v0.4.2 source bundle records release provenance for the documentation-build repair introduced on 2026-04-18. The package’s original design authorship remains András Kornai and Claude Sonnet 4.6 (Anthropic). The diagnosis and source-level repair of the `clawxiv.dtx` documentation build failure, together with the explicit release-provenance metadata added in this bundle, were carried out with AI assistance by *ChatGPT GPT-5.4 Thinking*. Human maintainer and releasing author: András Kornai. See Section 5.

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1 Introduction

Collaborative writing between humans and AI systems raises a question that L^AT_EX has not previously needed to answer: whose words are these? Citation and quotation mechanisms handle text from external sources, but they presuppose a clean boundary between the document’s authors and everyone else. When an AI system is a genuine co-author—contributing analysis, drafting arguments, proposing structure—that boundary dissolves.

The `clawxiv` package takes a simple, typographic approach. Each passage of text is attributed to its author at paragraph level, using visually distinct left-ruled boxes. The senior human author’s voice appears in a steel-blue box; AI contributions in amber/ochre; other human co-authors in grey. Attribution lines carry a name, a timestamp, and an optional hyperlink to the original session, making provenance claims verifiable rather than merely asserted.

This documentation is itself an example. The following passage was contributed by the AI co-author of this package:

[*Claude Sonnet 4.6*, 2026-03-29]

The design goal was to make provenance *visible without being obtrusive*. The left-rule style was chosen over a full box because it signals a shift in voice without visually interrupting the flow of reading. The color palette is intentionally muted: steel blue, ochre, and grey rather than primary colors. A reader scanning the page should notice that something changed; they should not feel assaulted by it.

And this framing is the human author’s:

[*András Kornai*, 2026-03-29]

The deeper motivation is archival. A document that records not only *what* was written but *who* wrote each part, and *when*, and from *which session*, is a more honest artifact than one that launders AI contributions into the undifferentiated authorial voice. The ClawXiv framework exists because honesty about provenance should have better tooling.

2 Usage

2.1 Loading the package

```
\usepackage{clawxiv}
```

The package loads `mdframed`, `xcolor`, `hyperref`, and `xparse`. If `hyperref` is loaded before `clawxiv`, the previously set options are respected.

2.2 Principal environments

`seniorquote` (*env.*)

```
\begin{seniorquote}{author}{timestamp}[url]  
text  
\end{seniorquote}
```

Typesets *text* in a pale-blue left-ruled box attributed to the senior (corresponding) human author. *author* is a name string; *timestamp* is a date string (no special format is enforced); *url* is an optional hyperlink for the attribution line.

`aiquote` (*env.*)

```
\begin{aiquote}{author}{timestamp}[url]  
text  
\end{aiquote}
```

Typesets *text* in a pale-amber left-ruled box attributed to an AI co-author. The *url* argument, when supplied, should point to the original AI session transcript so that provenance is independently verifiable.

`coauthorquote` (*env.*)

```
\begin{coauthorquote}{author}{timestamp}[url]  
text  
\end{coauthorquote}
```

Typesets *text* in a grey left-ruled box for contributions from human co-authors other than the senior author.

2.3 Interaction-style aliases

`humanprompt` (*env.*)

```
\begin{humanprompt}[author][timestamp]  
text  
\end{humanprompt}
```

An alias for `seniorquote` intended for prompt/response transcripts. Both arguments are optional; *author* defaults to `Senior Author` (a placeholder—supply your own name) and *timestamp* defaults to `\today`.

`airesp` (*env.*)

```
\begin{airesp}{author}[timestamp][url]  
text  
\end{airesp}
```

An alias for `aiquote`. *author* is mandatory; *timestamp* defaults to `\today`; *url* is optional.

2.4 Snip markers

`\snipinsert` `\snipinsert` is a no-op at typeset time. Its literal occurrence in the source serves as a marker for the `clawxiv-snip` command-line tool; the macro itself intentionally expands to nothing.

`\inputsnip` `\inputsnip{filename}` expands to `\input{snips/filename}`, assuming snip files are staged in a `snips/` subdirectory.

3 Color palette

All colors are defined internally with @-guarded names and are not intended for direct use in documents.

Internal name	RGB	Role
<code>cxw@SeniorBg</code>	245, 248, 252	senior box fill
<code>cxw@SeniorRule</code>	100, 140, 190	senior left rule
<code>cxw@AIBg</code>	250, 248, 240	AI box fill
<code>cxw@AIRule</code>	190, 150, 80	AI left rule (ochre)
<code>cxw@CoAuthorBg</code>	248, 248, 248	co-author fill
<code>cxw@CoAuthorRule</code>	160, 160, 160	co-author left rule
<code>cxw@LinkColor</code>	40, 80, 160	attribution links

Future versions may expose a user-facing configuration interface.

4 The ClawXiv framework

This package is the L^AT_EX component of the ClawXiv framework, a workflow for archiving human–AI co-authored papers with cryptographic provenance tracking. The full framework includes:

- A command-line tool (`clawxiv`) with subcommands for initializing bundles (`init`), capturing text snippets with provenance metadata (`snip`), integrating captures into source (`integrate-snips`), and adding figures with attribution (`fig-add`, `fig-capture`).
- A `project.yaml` schema recording bundle-level metadata: author identifiers (ORCID, VIAF, ISNI), timestamps, version history, and co-author AI model identifiers.
- A Makefile and `configure` script for reproducible builds.

The L^AT_EX package documented here can be used independently of the command-line tooling. Load `clawxiv` and use the environments manually; no other part of the framework is required.

The ClawXiv v4 white paper is available on arXiv.

5 Release provenance

Release v0.4.2 is intentionally conservative. It does not change the package interface or runtime behavior relative to the repaired v0.4.1 line. Instead, it makes the provenance of that repair explicit inside the distributed bundle.

The package’s durable authorship and maintenance roles remain human-led: András Kornai is the Current Maintainer and releasing author, and the package’s original design authorship remains shared between András Kornai and Claude Sonnet 4.6 (Anthropic). The specific 2026-04-18 repair sequence—reproducing the `pdflatex clawxiv.dtx` failure, diagnosing the malformed `macrocode` terminators in the `.dtx` source, patching the source, verifying the successful rebuild, and adding the present release metadata—was carried out with AI assistance by *ChatGPT GPT-5.4 Thinking*.

The endorsement conveyed by this bundle is textual rather than cryptographic. It should be interpreted narrowly: the AI contributor endorses the repaired source bundle to the extent actually tested in its build environment, while the human maintainer stands behind the package release over the longer archival horizon.

Machine-readable release metadata are supplied in `release_provenance.json` and `manifest.v0.4.2.json`.

6 Implementation

6.1 Identification and dependencies

```
1 (*package)
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{clawxiv}[2026/04/18 v0.4.2 ClawXiv provenance macros]
4
5 \RequirePackage{mdframed}
6 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
7 \RequirePackage{hyperref}
8 \RequirePackage{xparse}
```

6.2 Color palette

```
9 \definecolor{cxw@SeniorBg}    {RGB}{245,248,252}
10 \definecolor{cxw@SeniorRule} {RGB}{100,140,190}
11 \definecolor{cxw@AIBg}       {RGB}{250,248,240}
12 \definecolor{cxw@AIRule}     {RGB}{190,150,80}
13 \definecolor{cxw@CoAuthorBg} {RGB}{248,248,248}
14 \definecolor{cxw@CoAuthorRule}{RGB}{160,160,160}
15 \definecolor{cxw@LinkColor}  {RGB}{40,80,160}
```

6.3 Frame styles

```
16 \mdfdefinestyle{cxw@senior}{
17   backgroundcolor = cxw@SeniorBg,
18   linecolor       = cxw@SeniorRule,
19   linewidth       = 1.2pt,
20   leftline        = true,
21   rightline       = false,
22   topline         = false,
23   bottomline      = false,
24   innerleftmargin = 6pt,
25   innerrightmargin = 4pt,
26   innertopmargin  = 3pt,
27   innerbottommargin = 3pt,
28   skipabove       = 4pt,
29   skipbelow       = 4pt,
30 }
31 \mdfdefinestyle{cxw@ai}{
32   backgroundcolor = cxw@AIBg,
33   linecolor       = cxw@AIRule,
34   linewidth       = 0.8pt,
35   leftline        = true,
36   rightline       = false,
37   topline         = false,
```

```

38  bottomline      = false,
39  innerleftmargin = 6pt,
40  innerrightmargin = 4pt,
41  innertopmargin  = 3pt,
42  innerbottommargin = 3pt,
43  skipabove       = 4pt,
44  skipbelow       = 4pt,
45 }
46 \mdfdefinestyle{cxw@coauthor}{
47  backgroundcolor = cxw@CoAuthorBg,
48  linecolor       = cxw@CoAuthorRule,
49  linewidth       = 0.6pt,
50  leftline        = true,
51  rightline       = false,
52  topline         = false,
53  bottomline      = false,
54  innerleftmargin = 6pt,
55  innerrightmargin = 4pt,
56  innertopmargin  = 3pt,
57  innerbottommargin = 3pt,
58  skipabove       = 4pt,
59  skipbelow       = 4pt,
60 }

```

6.4 Internal attribution helper

`\cxw@attrib` Prints the attribution line at the top of every provenance box. #1 author name, #2 timestamp, #3 URL (empty disables link).

```

61 \newcommand{\cxw@attrib}[3]{%
62  \noindent
63  {\footnotesize\color{cxw@LinkColor}%
64   \ifx\relax#3\relax
65     [\textit{#1},\ #2]%
66   \else
67     \href{#3}{[\textit{#1},\ #2]}%
68   \fi
69 } \par \smallskip
70 }

```

6.5 Principal environments

`seniorquote` (*env.*)

```

71 \NewDocumentEnvironment{seniorquote}{m m 0{}}{%
72  \begin{mdframed}[style=cxw@senior]%
73  \cxw@attrib{#1}{#2}{#3}%
74 }{%
75  \end{mdframed}%
76 }

```

`aiquote` (*env.*)

```

77 \NewDocumentEnvironment{aiquote}{m m 0{}}{%
78  \begin{mdframed}[style=cxw@ai]%
79  \cxw@attrib{#1}{#2}{#3}%
80 }{%

```

```

81 \end{mdframed}%
82 }

```

`coauthorquote` (*env.*)

```

83 \NewDocumentEnvironment{coauthorquote}{m m O{}}{%
84 \begin{mdframed}[style=cxw@coauthor]%
85 \cxw@attrib{#1}{#2}{#3}%
86 }{%
87 \end{mdframed}%
88 }

```

6.6 Interaction-style aliases

`humanprompt` (*env.*) The default author `Senior Author` is a placeholder; users should supply their own name as the optional argument.

```

89 \NewDocumentEnvironment{humanprompt}{O{Senior Author} O{\today}}{%
90 \begin{seniorquote}{#1}{#2}%
91 }{%
92 \end{seniorquote}%
93 }

```

`airesp` (*env.*)

```

94 \NewDocumentEnvironment{airesp}{m O{\today} O{}}{%
95 \begin{aiquote}{#1}{#2}[#3]%
96 }{%
97 \end{aiquote}%
98 }

```

6.7 Snip markers

`\snipinsert`

```

99 \newcommand{\snipinsert}{}

```

`\inputsnip`

```

100 \newcommand{\inputsnip}[1]{%
101 \input{snips/#1}%
102 }

```

</package>