

The (obsolete) caption2 package*

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THIS PACKAGE IS OBSOLETE!

The caption2 package used to be an experimental side-version of the regular caption package. It was made public as beta test version without documentation in 1995 because of the strong demand for new features and adaptations to other packages like the longtable and subfigure one.

But within the next years I found no time to reintegrate some of the well-tried features into the regular caption package. So I decided to release a version 2.1 of the caption2 package in 2002 instead, which included some minor bug fixes and adaptations to the new version 2.1 of the subfigure package. Furthermore I started to write a documentation for this package, but unfortunately did not get very far with this. . .

In 2003 I finally found some (more) time, so a new regular release 3.0 of the caption package could be build in cooperation with Frank Mittelbach and Steven Cochran. It was released in December 2003 and superseded the neglected caption2 package.

(In parallel, Steven Cochran released the subfig package which superseded the subfigure package.)

So please don't use this package for new documents. It's old, it's obsolete and it starts to begin smell bad! Please ignore all hints in books or other documents which try to tell you that the caption2 package should be used instead of the caption package – these hints are outdated since December 2003.

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How to migrate to the regular caption package?

Usually replacing caption2 by caption is sufficient because the caption package emulates most of the options and commands offered by the caption2 package. If you get some errors or wired results afterwards, please take a closer look at the caption package documentation which will hopefully help you clearing these problems. You will also find a section called ‘Compatibility to older versions’ there which should help you with the migration process. If all this should fail you can write me an e-mail asking for help.

What will happen to this package?

The caption2 package is still some kind of supported, that means it will be part of future releases of the caption package bundle, and bugs will still be fixed so existing documents using this package will still compile. But it will *not* be enhanced in the future.

This means migrating to the actual caption package should not be necessary for old documents – they should still compile fine as they are. If not, please don’t hesitate to write me an e-mail asking for maintainance.