

# The `accsupp` package

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## Abstract

Since PDF 1.5 portions of a page can be marked for better accessibility support. For example, replacement texts or expansions of abbreviations can be provided. Package `accsupp` starts with providing a minimal low-level interface for programmers. Status is experimental.

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# 1 Documentation

## 1.1 Macros

Section “10.8 Accessibility Support” of the PDF reference [1] lists some features that can be added by operators for marked content.

`\BeginAccSupp {<options>}`

It puts the operator `BDC` in the page stream:

```
/Span
<<...>>      % property dictionary
BDC
```

The contents of the dictionary is controlled by `<options>`. See sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.2.

`\EndAccSupp {<options>}`

It puts the operator `EMC` in the page stream. The only option is `pdfliteral`, see section 1.2.1.

**Note:** The caller is responsible for the placement of `\BeginAccSupp` and `\EndAccSupp` pairs. Especially page breaks are not allowed in between.

### 1.1.1 Feature options

The PDF reference [1] describes and explains the different features. The names of the feature options are the same as the key names for the property dictionary for operator `BDC`, see `\BeginAccSupp`.

**ActualText:** Provides a replacement text, see examples in section 2.

**Alt:** Provides an alternate description.

**E:** Provides the expansion of an abbreviation or an acronym.

**Lang:** Specifies the language.

### 1.1.2 Input methods

Except for `Lang` option `method` controls how the argument for `ActualText`, `Alt`, and `E` are interpreted.

**method=plain:** The string is only expanded and written without further treatment. Special characters are not protected, thus this method may result in an invalid PDF file.

**method=escape:** The string is expanded and special characters are escaped. The result is a valid PDF string.

**method=hex:** The string is given in hexadecimal notation. Section 2.1 shows an example.

**method=pdfstringdef:** If package `hyperref` is loaded, then its `\pdfstringdef` is used. This method is slow, but useful if the string contains arbitrary `TEX` code.

**unicode:** This option is needed, if the string is given as Unicode string (16 bit). Internally it adds the string prefix for Unicode. In case of `method=pdfstringdef` it passes the option to `\hypersetup`.

## 1.2 Driver options

Driver options are package options only. The special `TEX` compilers `pdftEX` and `XeTEX` are detected automatically. The default for unrecognized drivers can be set by defining `\ActualTextDriverDefault`. This can be done in the configuration file `accsupp.cfg`.

### 1.2.1 Option `pdftex`

Package option `pdftex` is used for `pdftEX` in PDF mode. Additionally `\BeginAccSupp` and `\EndAccSupp` understand option `pdfliteral`. It controls the modifier keyword for `\pdfliteral`:

```
pdfliteral=direct ⇒ \pdfliteral direct{...}
```

### 1.2.2 Option `dvipdfm`

Package option `dvipdfm` and its aliases `dvipdfmx` `xetex` are used for drivers that support `dvipdfm` specials.

### 1.2.3 Option `dvips`

Package option `dvips` and its alias `dvipsone` write pdfmark specials in the output. Unhappily these pdfmark operators are ignored by `ghostscript` (latest tested version is 8.54). Perhaps they are recognized by commercial distiller applications.

### 1.2.4 Turning off page stream compression

For debugging it is useful to have uncompressed page stream objects. This can be done afterwards via `pdftk`:

```
pdftk file.pdf output file-uncompressed.pdf uncompress
```

Or the PDF file is generated uncompressed:

`pdfTEX:` `\pdfcompresslevel=0`

`dvipdfm:` `dvipdfm -z0 ...`

`dvipdfmx:` `dvipdfmx -z0 ...`

`ghostscript/ps2pdf:` `ps2pdf -dCompressPages=false input.ps output.pdf`

## 2 Example

### 2.1 Example `\notparallel`

```
1 ⟨*example1⟩
2 %<<END
3 \documentclass{article}
4 \usepackage{accsupp}[2007/11/14]
5 \usepackage{centernot}
6 % U+2226 NOT PARALLEL
7 % \mathrel{...} prevents page break in between
```

```

8 \newcommand*\notparallel{%
9   \ensuremath{%
10    \mathrel{%
11      \begin{AccSupp}[method=hex,unicode,ActualText=2226]{%
12        \centernot{\parallel}%
13      }\end{AccSupp}}%
14    }%
15  }%
16 }%
17 \begin{document}%
18 \begin{equation}%
19 A\notparallel B%
20 \end{equation}%
21 \end{document}%
22 %END
23 </example1>

```

## 2.2 Example with `pdfstringdef`

```

24 <example2>
25 %%<<END
26 \documentclass{article}%
27 \usepackage[unicode]{hyperref}%
28 \usepackage{accsupp}[2007/11/14]%
29 \begin{document}%
30  \begin{equation}%
31   \begin{AccSupp}{%
32     method=pdfstringdef,
33     unicode,
34     ActualText={%
35       a\textttwosuperior +b\textttwosuperior
36       =c\textttwosuperior
37     }%
38   }%
39   a^2 + b^2 = c^2
40   \end{AccSupp}%
41  \end{equation}%
42 \end{document}%
43 %END
44 </example2>

```

## 3 Implementation

### 3.1 Package

```

45 <package>
46 \begingroup
47  \catcode123 1 % {
48  \catcode125 2 % }
49  \def\x{\endgroup
50  \expandafter\edef\csname ACCSUPP@AtEnd\endcsname{%
51    \catcode35 \the\catcode35\relax
52    \catcode64 \the\catcode64\relax
53    \catcode123 \the\catcode123\relax
54    \catcode125 \the\catcode125\relax
55  }%
56 }%
57 \x
58 \catcode35 6 % #
59 \catcode64 11 % @
60 \catcode123 1 % {
61 \catcode125 2 % }

```

```

62 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
63   \edef\ACCSUPP@AtEnd{%
64     \ACCSUPP@AtEnd
65     \catcode#1 \the\catcode#1\relax
66   }%
67   \catcode#1 #2\relax
68 }
69 \TMP@EnsureCode{10}{12}%
70 \TMP@EnsureCode{33}{12}%
71 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}%
72 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}%
73 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}%
74 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}%
75 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}%
76 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}%
77 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}%
78 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}%
79 \TMP@EnsureCode{58}{12}%
80 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}%
81 \TMP@EnsureCode{61}{12}%
82 \TMP@EnsureCode{62}{12}%
83 \TMP@EnsureCode{94}{7}%
84 \TMP@EnsureCode{96}{12}%
85 \TMP@EnsureCode{254}{12}%
86 \TMP@EnsureCode{255}{12}%
87 \g@addto@macro\ACCSUPP@AtEnd{\endinput}

    Package identification.
88 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
89 \ProvidesPackage{accsupp}%
90   [2007/11/14 v0.2 Accessibility support by marked content (HO)]
91 \RequirePackage{pdfescape}[2007/02/25]
92 \RequirePackage{ifpdf}
93 \RequirePackage{ifxetex}
94 \RequirePackage{kvoptions}

95 \SetupKeyvalOptions{%
96   family=ACCSUPP,%
97   prefix=ACCSUPP@%
98 }

```

### 3.2 Driver detection and setup

Driver declarations.

```

99 \def\ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey{%
100   @_dblarg\ACCSUPP@@DefineDriverKey
101 }
102 \def\ACCSUPP@@DefineDriverKey[#1]#2{%
103   \define@key{ACCSUPP}{#2}[]{%
104     \def\ACCSUPP@driver{#1}%
105   }%
106   \g@addto@macro\ACCSUPP@DisableOptions{%
107     \DisableKeyvalOption{ACCSUPP}{#2}%
108   }%
109 }
110 \let\ACCSUPP@DisableOptions\empty
111 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey{pdftex}
112 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey{dvips}
113 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey[dvips]{dvipsone}
114 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey{dvipdfm}
115 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey[dvipdfm]{dvipdfmx}
116 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey[dvipdfm]{xetex}
117 \let\ACCSUPP@driver\relax
118 \InputIfFileExists{accsupp.cfg}{}{}
```

```

119 \providecommand*\{ActualTextDriverDefault\}{dvips}
120 \ifpdf
121   \def\ACCSUPP@driver{pdftex}%
122 \else
123   \ifxetex
124     \def\ACCSUPP@driver{dvipdfm}%
125 \else
126   \ifx\ACCSUPP@driver\relax
127     \let\ACCSUPP@driver\ActualTextDriverDefault
128   \fi
129 \fi
130 \fi

```

### Process options.

```

131 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*
132 \ACCSUPP@DisableOptions

```

### Driver validation and loading.

```

133 \def\ACCSUPP@temp{pdftex}%
134 \ifpdf
135   \ifx\ACCSUPP@temp\ACCSUPP@driver
136   \else
137     \PackageWarningNoLine{accsupp}%
138     Wrong driver '\ACCSUPP@driver', using 'pdftex' instead%
139   }%
140   \let\ACCSUPP@driver\ACCSUPP@temp
141 \fi
142 \else
143   \ifx\ACCSUPP@temp\ACCSUPP@driver
144     \PackageError{accsupp}%
145     Wrong driver, pdfTeX is not running in PDF mode.\MessageBreak
146     Package loading is aborted%
147   }@\ehc
148   \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\ACCSUPP@AtEnd
149 \fi
150 \def\ACCSUPP@temp{dvipdfm}%
151 \ifxetex
152   \ifx\ACCSUPP@temp\ACCSUPP@driver
153   \else
154     \PackageWarningNoLine{accsupp}%
155     Wrong driver '\ACCSUPP@driver', \MessageBreak
156     using 'dvipdfm' for XeTeX instead%
157   }%
158   \let\ACCSUPP@driver\ACCSUPP@temp
159 \fi
160 \fi
161 \fi
162 \ifx\ACCSUPP@driver\relax
163   \PackageError{accsupp}%
164   Missing driver option.\MessageBreak
165   Package loading is aborted%
166 }@\ehc
167 \expandafter\ACCSUPP@AtEnd
168 \fi
169 \InputIfFileExists{accsupp-\ACCSUPP@driver.def}{}{%
170   \PackageError{accsupp}%
171   Unsupported driver '\ACCSUPP@driver'.\MessageBreak
172   Package loading is aborted%
173 }@\ehc
174 \ACCSUPP@AtEnd
175 }

```

### 3.3 Main macro

```
176 \DeclareBoolOption{unicode}
177 \DeclareStringOption[page]{pdfliteral}
178 \DeclareStringOption[Lang]
179 \def\ACCSUPP@method{escape}
180 \define@key{ACCSUPP}{method}{%
181   \@ifundefined{ACCSUPP@method@#1}{%
182     \PackageError{accsupp}{%
183       Ignoring unknown method '#1'}%
184   }{\@ehc
185 }{%
186   \edef\ACCSUPP@method{#1}%
187 }%
188 }
189 \let\ACCSUPP@Lang\relax
190 \def\ACCSUPP@temp#1{%
191   \expandafter\ACCSUPP@temp\csname ACCSUPP@#1\endcsname{#1}%
192 }
193 \def\ACCSUPP@temp#1#2{%
194   \let#1\relax
195   \define@key{ACCSUPP}{#2}{%
196     \def#1{##1}%
197     \ifx#1\empty
198       \def#1{}%
199     \else
200       \csname ACCSUPP@method@\ACCSUPP@method\endcsname#1%
201     \fi
202   }%
203 }
204 \ACCSUPP@temp{Alt}
205 \ACCSUPP@temp{ActualText}
206 \ACCSUPP@temp{E}
207 \newcommand*{\BeginAccSupp}[1]{%
208   \begingroup
209   \setkeys{ACCSUPP}{#1}%
210   \edef\ACCSUPP@span{%
211     /Span<<%
212     \ifx\ACCSUPP@Lang\relax
213     \else
214       /Lang\ACCSUPP@Lang
215     \fi
216     \ifx\ACCSUPP@Alt\relax
217     \else
218       /Alt\ACCSUPP@Alt
219     \fi
220     \ifx\ACCSUPP@ActualText\relax
221     \else
222       /ActualText\ACCSUPP@ActualText
223     \fi
224     \ifx\ACCSUPP@E\relax
225     \else
226       /E\ACCSUPP@E
227     \fi
228   >>%
229 }%
230   \ACCSUPP@bdc
231   \endgroup
232 }
233 \newcommand*{\EndAccSupp}[1]{%
234   \begingroup
235   \setkeys{ACCSUPP}{#1}%
236   \ACCSUPP@emc
```

```

237   \endgroup
238 }

3.3.1 Input methods

239 \def\ACCSUPP@method@plain#1{%
240   \csname @safe@activestrue\endcsname
241   \edef#1{%
242     (%
243     \ifACCSUPP@unicode
244       \string\376\string\377%
245     \fi
246     #1%
247     )%
248   }%
249   \onelevel@sanitize#1%
250 }

251 \def\ACCSUPP@method@escape#1{%
252   \EdefEscapeString#1{%
253     \ifACCSUPP@unicode
254       ^^fe^^ff%
255     \fi
256     #1%
257   }%
258   \edef#1{(#1)}%
259 }%

260 \def\ACCSUPP@method@hex#1{%
261   \edef#1{%
262     <%
263     \ifACCSUPP@unicode
264       FFFF%
265     \fi
266     #1%
267     >%
268   }%
269 }

270 \def\ACCSUPP@method@pdfstringdef#1{%
271   \ifACCSUPP@unicode
272     @ifundefined{hypersetup}{}{%
273       \hypersetup{unicode}%
274     }%
275   \fi
276   @ifundefined{pdfstringdef}{}{%
277     \PackageError{accsupp}{%
278       Method ‘pdfstringdef’ requires package ‘hyperref’%
279     }@\ehc
280     \let\ACCSUPP@temp\@empty
281   }%
282   \begingroup
283     \setbox0=\hbox{%
284       \pdfstringdef\ACCSUPP@temp#1%
285       \global\let\ACCSUPP@temp\ACCSUPP@temp
286     }%
287   \endgroup
288 }%
289 \edef#1{(\ACCSUPP@temp)}%
290 }

291 \ACCSUPP@AtEnd
292 
```

## 3.4 Drivers

### 3.4.1 Driver pdftex

```
293 <*pdftex>
294 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
295 \ProvidesFile{accsupp-pdftex.def}%
296 [2007/11/14 v0.2 accsupp driver for pdfTeX (HO)]%
297 \def\ACCSUPP@bdc{%
298   \pdfliteral\ACCSUPP@pdfliteral{\ACCSUPP@span BDC}%
299 }
300 \def\ACCSUPP@emc{%
301   \pdfliteral\ACCSUPP@pdfliteral{EMC}%
302 }
303 </pdftex>
```

### 3.4.2 Driver dvipdfm

```
304 <*dvipdfm>
305 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
306 \ProvidesFile{accsupp-dvipdfm.def}%
307 [2007/11/14 v0.2 accsupp driver for dvipdfm (HO)]%
308 \def\ACCSUPP@bdc{%
309   \special{pdf:content \ACCSUPP@span BDC}%
310 }
311 \def\ACCSUPP@emc{%
312   \special{pdf:content EMC}%
313 }
314 </dvipdfm>
```

### 3.4.3 Driver dvips

```
315 <*dvips>
316 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
317 \ProvidesFile{accsupp-dvips.def}%
318 [2007/11/14 v0.2 accsupp driver for dvips (HO)]%
319 \def\ACCSUPP@bdc{%
320   \special{ps:[\ACCSUPP@span/BDC pdfmark]}%
321 }
322 \def\ACCSUPP@emc{%
323   \special{ps:[/EMC pdfmark]}%
324 }
325 </dvips>
```

## 4 Test

### 4.1 Catcode checks for loading

```
326 <*test1>
327 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
328 \documentclass{minimal}
329 \makeatletter
330 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}%
331 \count@=0 %
332 \loop
333   \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
334     \RestoreCatcodes
335     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
336   }%
337 \ifnum\count@<255 %
338   \advance\count@\@ne
339 \repeat
```

```

340
341 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{%
342   \count@=#1\relax
343   \loop
344     \catcode\count@=15 %
345   \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
346     \advance\count@\@ne
347   \repeat
348 }
349 \def\Test{%
350   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
351   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
352   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
353   \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{127}%
354   \catcode`\@=12 %
355   \catcode`\\=0 %
356   \catcode`\{=1 %
357   \catcode`\}=2 %
358   \catcode`\#=6 %
359   \catcode`\[=12 %
360   \catcode`\]=12 %
361   \catcode`\%=14 %
362   \catcode`\ =10 %
363   \catcode13=5 %
364   \RequirePackage{accsupp}[2007/11/14]\relax
365   \RestoreCatcodes
366 }
367 \Test
368 \csname @@end\endcsname
369 \end
370 </test1>

```

## 5 Installation

### 5.1 Download

**Package.** This package is available on CTAN<sup>1</sup>:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/accsupp.dtx](http://CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/accsupp.dtx) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/accsupp.pdf](http://CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/accsupp.pdf) Documentation.

**Bundle.** All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip](http://CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip)

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for T<sub>E</sub>X Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](http://CTAN:tds/tds.pdf)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

### 5.2 Bundle installation

**Unpacking.** Unpack the `oberdiek.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

---

<sup>1</sup>[ftp://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/](http://ftp.ctan.org/tex-archive/)

**Script installation.** Check the directory `TDS:scripts/oberdiek/` for scripts that need further installation steps. Package `attachfile2` comes with the Perl script `pdfatfi.pl` that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as `pdfatfi`. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

### 5.3 Package installation

**Unpacking.** The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain-T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
tex accsupp.dtx
```

**TDS.** Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

<code>accsupp.sty</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>tex/latex/oberdiek/accsupp.sty</code>
<code>accsupp-pdf.tex</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>tex/latex/oberdiek/accsupp-pdf.tex</code>
<code>accsupp-dvipdfm.def</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>tex/latex/oberdiek/accsupp-dvipdfm.def</code>
<code>accsupp-dvips.def</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>tex/latex/oberdiek/accsupp-dvips.def</code>
<code>accsupp.pdf</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/accsupp.pdf</code>
<code>accsupp-example1.tex</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/accsupp-example1.tex</code>
<code>accsupp-example2.tex</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/accsupp-example2.tex</code>
<code>test/accsupp-test1.tex</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>doc/latex/oberdiek/test/accsupp-test1.tex</code>
<code>accsupp.dtx</code>	$\rightarrow$ <code>source/latex/oberdiek/accsupp.dtx</code>

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

### 5.4 Refresh file name databases

If your T<sub>E</sub>X distribution (teT<sub>E</sub>X, mikT<sub>E</sub>X, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, teT<sub>E</sub>X users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

### 5.5 Some details for the interested

**Attached source.** The PDF documentation on CTAN also includes the `.dtx` source file. It can be extracted by AcrobatReader 6 or higher. Another option is `pdftk`, e.g. unpack the file into the current directory:

```
pdftk accsupp.pdf unpack_files output .
```

**Unpacking with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.** The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

**plain-T<sub>E</sub>X:** Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:** Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=\input{accsupp.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

**Generating the documentation.** You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:

```
pdflatex accsupp.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist accsupp.idx
pdflatex accsupp.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist accsupp.idx
pdflatex accsupp.dtx
```

## 6 References

- [1] Adobe Systems Incorporated, *PDF Reference*, 6th edition, 2006. [http://www.adobe.com/devnet/acrobat/pdfs/pdf\\_reference.pdf](http://www.adobe.com/devnet/acrobat/pdfs/pdf_reference.pdf)

## 7 History

[2007/03/21 v0.1]

- First version.

[2007/11/14 v0.2]

- Various bug fixes.
- Catcode section rewritten, test added.

## 8 Index

Numbers written in italic refer to the page where the corresponding entry is described; numbers underlined refer to the code line of the definition; numbers in roman refer to the code lines where the entry is used.

Symbols	A
\# . . . . .	358 \ACCSUPP@DefineDriverKey . . 100, 102
\% . . . . .	361 \ACCSUPP@temp . . . . . 191, 193
\@ . . . . .	354 \ACCSUPP@ActualText . . . . . 220, 222
\@dblarg . . . . .	100 \ACCSUPP@Alt . . . . . 216, 218
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